

**Evaluation of Projects, and Adoption of Environmental Impact Reports and Negative Declarations**

The Superintendent shall determine whether any proposed construction project, including the construction, expansion, or alteration of school sites, is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). If a project is subject to CEQA, the Superintendent shall ensure that the District complies with CEQA in evaluating the project, and the District will follow the CEQA guidelines adopted by the California Secretary for Natural Resources in preparing and adopting environmental impact reports and negative declarations.

(Pub. Resources Code § 21082.)

[NOTE – a school district may adopt a local city or county’s objectives, criteria, and procedures for evaluating projects and preparing environmental impact reports and negative declarations. The policy above is a general statement that a school district will comply with CEQA and follow CEQA guidelines prepared by the California Natural Resources Agency, but if you wish to adopt a local city or county’s municipal ordinance as your own, you may replace the policy above with the following template:

The Superintendent shall determine whether any proposed construction project, including the construction, expansion, or alteration of school sites, is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). The District adopts [name of city or county] municipal codes regarding the evaluation of projects under the California Environment Quality Act and the preparation of environmental impact reports and negative declarations. These codes are available at the District Office and [identify the city or county’s online code database or direct readers to city hall or the equivalent].

If possible, you may wish to identify the particular sections of the city or county’s municipal code.]