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DATE: December 20, 2019

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EMERSON AND DA VINCI JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEXTGEN SCIENCE PROJECT**

The Davis Joint Unified School District (District) is the Lead Agency for the proposed Emerson and Da Vinci Junior High School NextGen Science Project (Project). In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was prepared for the Project. The purpose of an IS/MND is to provide decision makers, public agencies, and the general public with an objective and informative document that facilitates a basic understanding of the Project and fully discloses the potential environmental effects associated with the Project, including direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects.

**Project Location:** The Project site is located at the southeast corner of the Ralph Waldo Emerson Junior High School campus at 2121 Calaveras Ave, Davis, CA 95616 (County Assessor's Parcel Number 036-440-009).

**Project Description:** The project would include two new single-story, modular, relocatable buildings. Each building would contain two 1,440 square foot science classrooms and one 480 square foot science preparation room. One of the buildings would also include a 480 square foot restroom module. The total project would total 7,200 square feet.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology, and noise were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study.

**CEQA Public Review Period:** In compliance with CEQA, the Davis Joint Unified School District has established a 20-day public review period beginning **December 20, 2019** to solicit comments and input on the Draft IS/MND.

To ensure that all environmental issues are identified and adequately addressed, written comments are invited from all interested parties. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the Draft IS/MND should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on **January 9, 2020** to: David Burke, Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations, Davis Joint Unified School District, (530) 759-2182. Comments may also be submitted to David Burke at [dburke@djUSD.net](mailto:dburke@djUSD.net).

**Document Availability:** The Draft IS/MND is available for review Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the District office at 1919 5th Street, Davis, CA 95616, except for holiday closures on the following days: December 23 through 27, December 31, and January 1. The Draft IS/MND is also available online at the District website at [https://www.djUSD.net/departments/facilities/capital\\_improvement](https://www.djUSD.net/departments/facilities/capital_improvement).