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STATE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Determination of NonSignificance

Description of Proposal: Skyline Elementary School Replacement

The Tacoma School District proposes to construct a replacement for Skyline Elementary School on the Skyline Elementary School property. The project would be funded from the Capital Projects Bond, which was approved by voters in February 2020.

The replacement Skyline Elementary School consists of a new PreK-5 facility, to be built on the eastern portion of the 20-acre project site (Parcel #0221352000, 6501 N 23rd St). The two-parcel site currently houses the existing Skyline Elementary School as well as the Professional Development Center. The location of the new school will allow the existing buildings to remain operational during and after construction. The new building will be designed to hold approximately 421 students and will include 14 general education classrooms, a gymnasium, cafeteria, library, stage, specialty programs (art, music, etc.), and administrative and health/wellness support. As a regional special education facility, it will likewise include 2 developmental classrooms along with associated OT/PT space. Additional programs include a peer inclusion preschool classroom and learning support programs. Site improvements consist of parking, a covered play area, uncovered play area, play equipment, and walking path.

Location of proposal: Skyline Elementary School, 6501 N 23rd St., Tacoma Washington 98406

Proponent/Applicant: Tacoma Public Schools

Contact Person: Morris Aldridge, Executive Director

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Action(s) Requested:

Tacoma Public Schools, under Tacoma School District Policy 6890 and the State Environmental Policy Act, determine that the project has no significant effect on the environment and issue a threshold Determination of Non-significance (DNS).

Lead Agency: <u>Tacoma School District No. 10</u>

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under WAC 43.21C030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available at: https://www.tacomaschools.org/departments/pc/school-construction/skyline

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) for agency consideration. The comment period will end on January 6, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Responsible Official: Morris Aldridge

Position/Title: Executive Director of Planning and Construction

Department/Division: Tacoma School District No. 10

Signature: ______ Date: 12/9/2020_____

Appeal Process: If you wish to appeal this determination, please submit a written statement requesting an appeal, specifying (a) the determination being appealed; (b) the errors complained of; (c) the corrective action being sought (d) the reasons why the determination should be changed; and (e) whether further oral or written comment or a hearing is requested to planning@tacoma.k12.wa.us.