

**Valley Region
Blythe Elementary School Addition
City of Los Angeles
Reseda Area**

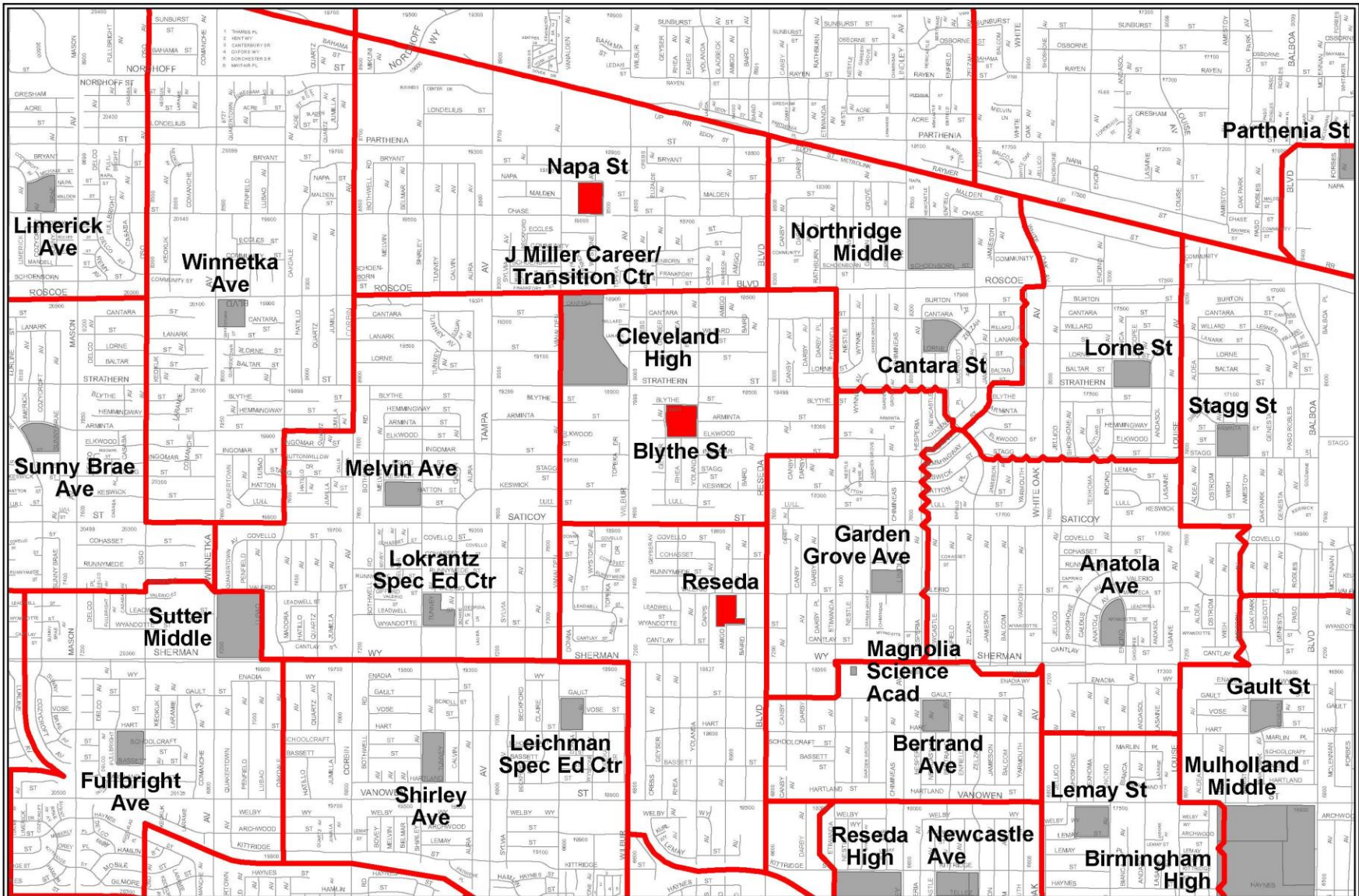
New Construction
Facilities Services Division
September 2008



Valley Region Blythe ES Addition Overview

■ Project Description	
■ Site Area	A portion of Blythe ES campus
■ Two-Semester Seats	400 New / 850 Total
■ Classrooms	16 new, 13 net after construction and library expansion
■ Program Area	approx. 20,000 square feet
■ Facilities	Classrooms, expanded library and new lunch shelter
■ ES Schools Relieved	Napa Elementary School Reseda Elementary School
■ Required for Williams Compliance	No
■ Architect	R.L. Binder Architecture & Planning





- Relieved School
- Existing School
- ES Attendance Boundary



VALLEY REGION BLYTHE ES ADDITION PROPOSED PROJECT AREA MAP



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Valley Region Blythe ES Addition Site Plan



Valley Region Blythe ES Addition Elevation of New Classroom Building



2007 – 2008 Demographic Data

PROJECT /RELIEVED SCHOOLS	SITE ACREAGE	2007-08 CALENDAR	2007-08 2- SEMESTER CAPACITY	2007-08 OPERATING CAPACITY	2007-08 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT	2007-08 RESIDENT ENROLLMENT	PLANNING 2- SEMESTER CAPACITY	PORTABLE CLASSROOMS
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PROJECT /RELIEVED SCHOOLS	PLANNING 2- SEMESTER CAPACITY	2012-13 PROJECTED RESIDENT AREA ENROLLMENT PRIOR TO RELIEF FROM BUILDING PROGRAM	PLANNED RELIEF FROM NEW SCHOOLS IN PHASES I - IV	PLANNED RELIEF FROM NEW SCHOOLS IN PHASES I – IV	2012-13 ADJUSTED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTION	ESTIMATED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 2- SEMESTER CAPACITY AND ADJUSTED RESIDENT ENROLLMENT PROJECTION	QEIA SCHOOL	ESTIMATED CAPACITY DIFF DUE TO QEIA
VALLEY REGION BLYTHE ADDITION								
BLYTHE ES	827	493	0	310	803	24	NO	NONE
NAPA ES	647	622	0	-50	572	75	YES	-32
RESEDA ES	458	601	0	-170	431	27	NO	NONE

QEIA – Quality Education Improvement Act





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Board of Education Report

Report Number:	59-08/09
Date:	September 9, 2008
Subject:	Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition
Responsible Staff:	
Name	Yi Hwa Kim, Interim Director
Office/Division	Office of Environmental Health & Safety
Telephone No.	(213) 241-3199

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action Proposed: Board of Education review and determination on proposed Resolution (attached) that would certify the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), adopt the Findings of Fact, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale: Staff recommends that the Board review the Final EIR and make a determination on the attached Resolution. This action is required in order for the Board to consider proposed project approval as recommended in Facilities Service Division Board Report No. 60-08/09.

Background: The proposed Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition project site is located on the existing 6.7-acre Blythe Elementary School, 18730 Blythe Street, in the community of Reseda, in the City of Los Angeles. The proposed project will provide 16 classrooms in one two-story building which would provide 400 new seats for students in grades one through five. The proposed project also includes the expansion of the existing library, a new lunch shelter and approximately 30 surface parking spaces for faculty and staff.

The proposed project is located in Local District 1 and Board Member District 3 (Galatzan).

Policy Implications: This action does not change District policy.

Budget Impact: The estimated costs for environmental assessment and proposed mitigation measures are contained in the budget of the defined project.

Issues/Considerations: As described in the Final EIR, the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to noise during construction at the existing Blythe Elementary School and John R. Wooden



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Continuation High School.

Effect of “yes” vote: A “yes” vote for certification of the Final EIR would enable the Board to approve the proposed project as brought forth by the Facilities Services Division in Board Report No. 60-08/09.

Effect of “no” vote: A vote of “no” for the certification of the Final EIR would prevent the Board from approving the proposed project.



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B. BOARD REPORT

Action Proposed: The Facilities Services Division has proposed development of the Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition project (proposed project). The proposed project is located on the existing Blythe Elementary School, 18730 Blythe Street, in the community of Reseda, in the City of Los Angeles. The project site is bound by Blythe Street to the north, John R. Wooden Continuation High School to the south, Yolanda Avenue to the east, and Geyser Avenue to the west.

The proposed project consists of approximately 20,000 square feet of development. The proposed project will provide 16 classrooms in one two-story building which would provide 400 new seats for students grades one through five. The proposed project will also include restrooms, a data room, a teacher's workroom, storage room, and small group instruction room. The proposed project would also include a new lunch shelter, minor interior renovations to existing buildings to allow for the expansion of the library, and the addition of 30 parking spaces for faculty and staff. The proposed project is currently planned to relieve overcrowding at Napa Street Elementary School and Reseda Elementary School.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) evaluated the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. This evaluation, as documented in an Initial Study, resulted in the preparation of an EIR. As documented in the EIR and the attached Resolution, the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to noise during construction at the existing Blythe Elementary School and John R. Wooden Continuation High School.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted for the Site in December, 2007. The Phase I ESA recommended further action to evaluate the potential presence of residual arsenic and organochlorine pesticides due to previous agricultural uses.

Based on the Phase I ESA findings, a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) was performed to determine if the historical agricultural uses adversely impacted the site. The PEA investigation identified residual arsenic on the Site. The DTSC approved the PEA and recommended further action in the form of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW). The RAW includes excavation and removal of approximately 500 cubic yards of arsenic-impacted soil.



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Staff proposes that the Board of Education, as “Lead Agency” for the proposed project, review and make a determination on the proposed Resolution to certify the Final EIR and to adopt Findings of Fact, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations pursuant to CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines. Subsequent to the certification of the EIR and approval of the Resolution, the Facilities Services Division will request the Board to approve the proposed project (Board Report No. 60-08/09).

Expected Outcomes: This action is required in order for the Board to consider proposed project approval.

Board Options and Consequences: A “yes” vote for certification of the Final EIR would enable the Board to approve the proposed project as brought forth by the Facilities Services Division in Board Report No. 60-08/09. A vote of “no” for the certification of the Final EIR would prevent the Board from approving the proposed project.

Policy Implications: There are no policy implications.

Budget Impact: The estimated cost for environmental assessment and proposed mitigation measures are contained in the budget of the defined project, currently estimated at \$18,556,468 as stated in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan.

Issues and Analysis: The EIR and associated studies have been reviewed by legal staff. There are no appreciable issues.

No legal issues

Legal informative attached

Committee Information: This item is on the agenda for the September 4, 2008 Facilities Committee Meeting.

Reporting Requirements and Benchmarks: Not applicable.

Accountable Staff: Patrick Schanen, Deputy Director, OEHS
Randi Cooper, CEQA Manager, OEHS

Applicable Board Delegations: None.



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Superintendent's Comments: None.

Miscellaneous Issues and Matters: See attached Site Environmental Review (SER).

Desegregation Impact Statement attached

Division of Accountability and Systemwide Performance

Informative

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. BREWER III
Superintendent of School

APPROVED &
PRESENTED BY:

YI HWA KIM
Interim Director
Office of Environmental Health & Safety

APPROVED BY:

DR. JAMES MORRIS
Chief of Staff



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RESOLUTION OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION CERTIFYING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT, A MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN, AND A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED VALLEY REGION BLYTHE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION PROJECT

Whereas, the proposed project includes the development of the Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition Project within Local District 1; is located on the existing Blythe Elementary school campus, in the community of Reseda, in the City of Los Angeles on approximately 6.7-acres; is bound by Blythe Street to the north, John R. Wooden Continuation High School to the south, Yolanda Avenue to the east, and Geyser Avenue to the west; consists of approximately 20,000 square feet of development; will provide an additional 16 classrooms in one building which will serve approximately 400 students in grades one through five; includes restrooms, a data room, a teacher's workroom, storage room, and small group instruction room, a new lunch shelter, minor interior renovations to allow for the expansion of the existing library, and 30 parking spaces for faculty and staff; and

Whereas, prior to approving the proposed project (State Clearinghouse Number 2008021130), the District is required to comply with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000, *et seq.*, and State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14 California Code of Regulations §15000 *et seq.*; and

Whereas, the District, on February 26, 2008, circulated for a 30-day public review period an Initial Study (IS)/Notice of Preparation (NOP) informing the public of the intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR); beginning May 20, 2008 circulated for a 45-day public review period a Draft EIR; and circulated the Final EIR for a 10-day agency review period beginning on August 15, 2008; and

Whereas, the District published the NOP and a Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIR in the Daily News and La Opinión newspapers and held public meetings during the NOP and Draft EIR public comment periods; and

Whereas, in compliance with CEQA Guidelines, the District filed the NOP and NOA with the Los Angeles County Clerk, submitted copies of the NOP and Draft EIR to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to potentially affected state agencies, and submitted copies of the NOP and NOA directly to State and local agencies, organizations, and interested parties known to the District; and

Whereas, the Final EIR determined that the proposed project would result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to construction noise at the existing Blythe Elementary School and John R. Wooden Continuation High School; and

Whereas, the Final EIR evaluated Alternatives to the proposed project including: No Project/No Development, one Reasonably Foreseeable Development, and one Reduced Project Alternative; and whereas the Reduced Project Alternative Site was identified as environmentally superior to the proposed project, resulting in fewer environmental impacts than the proposed project; but would not meet the objectives of the project; and



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Whereas, the project's benefits have been balanced against the project's significant unavoidable impact to noise during construction and the Board of Education finds that the project's benefits outweigh this impact, which is therefore considered acceptable; and

Whereas, pursuant to Education Code §17213.1(a) and Public Resources Code §21151.8(a), the District consulted with appropriate agencies and determined that: (A) the property in question is not the site of a current or former hazardous waste disposal site or solid waste disposal site; (B) the property is not a hazardous substance release site identified in a list of sites for which removal or remedial action is planned, compiled by the California Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to Health and Safety Code §25356; and (C) the property is not a site which contains one or more pipelines, situated underground or above ground, which carries hazardous substances, acutely hazardous materials, or hazardous wastes, unless the pipeline is a natural gas line which is used only to supply natural gas to that school or neighborhood; and (D) the property is not within 500 feet of a freeway; and

Whereas, pursuant to Education Code §17213(b) and Public Resources Code §21151.8(b), the District (A) consulted with administering agencies with jurisdiction over the proposed project for the purpose of investigating the potential for permitted and non-permitted hazardous or acutely hazardous air emissions within one-quarter mile of the project site; (B) performed a risk assessment in compliance with State and federal guidelines; and (C) determined that two facilities are located within one-quarter mile of the proposed school site and do not present a potential endangerment to the health of persons who will occupy the proposed school; and

Whereas, the District, pursuant to Education Code §17213.1 prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the proposed project site, and the Department of Toxic Substances Control concurred with the findings of the PEA, and concurred with the District that further action is warranted for the proposed project site; and

Whereas, the District Board of Education (Board) is a "Lead Agency" as defined in CEQA Guidelines, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations §§ 15050 – 15053, and the Board reviewed and considered the Final EIR, its supporting documents, and comments received by affected governmental agencies and other interested persons; and now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Board finds that:

The District complied with Education Code §17213.1(a) and Public Resources Code §21151.8 with respect to the proposed school site; and

The project will not pose a significant health risk to students or staff due to potential risks such as air toxics or other chemical exposures, proximity to pipelines, railroad easements or to overhead or underground powerlines; and

The project will not have an adverse effect on fish and wildlife, as referenced in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code; and

The presumption of adverse effect set forth in 14 California Code of Regulations §753.5(d) does not apply; and be it



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Resolved further, that the Board hereby:

1. Finds that the Final EIR was completed in compliance with CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines, as amended; and
2. Finds that the Final EIR reflects the District's independent judgment and analysis; and
3. Finds that mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR for noise during construction would reduce impacts but not to below a level of significance and therefore impacts would remain significant and unavoidable; and
4. Finds that the mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR would avoid or substantially lessen all other environmental effects to levels below significance; and
5. Finds that the Board reviewed and considered the information in the Final EIR before making a decision to approve the project; and
6. Certifies the Final EIR; and
7. Adopts the Findings of Fact; and
8. Adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for mitigation measures identified in the Final EIR; and
9. Adopts the Statement of Overriding Considerations, indicating that the benefits of the proposed project outweigh the environmental effects; and be it

Resolved further, that the Board specifies that the record of proceedings on which the Board's decision is based is located at the Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 1055 West 7th Street, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, California and the custodian of the record of proceedings is the Office of Environmental Health and Safety.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jefferson Crain
Executive Officer of the Board of Education

Date



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
OEHS SITE REVIEW

Project:	Proposed Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition
Site:	Located on the existing Blythe Elementary School, 18730 Blythe Street, Community of Reseda, City of Los Angeles
Date:	August 14, 2008
Issuer:	Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Contact:	Pat Schanen, Deputy Director <i>EAM</i>
OEHS Determination:	80% of the required environmental reviews have been completed. Based on the data collected to date, no environmental factors have been identified which would preclude the use of the Site for a school.
Key Findings:	<p>The proposed site was identified by the Board as the Preferred Site on 6/21/2005. The Site Comparison Matrix, which provides a summary of environmental health and safety factors associated with the use of the Site is attached. Following are the key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposed project would result in a potentially significant and unavoidable noise impact during construction to the existing Blythe Elementary School and John R. Wooden Continuation High School.• Approximately 500 cubic yards of arsenic-impacted soil will require removal.
Site Description:	The proposed project site is located on the existing 6.7 acre Blythe Elementary School campus. The proposed project consists of approximately 20,000 square feet of development and will provide an additional 16 classrooms in a two-story building. The proposed project includes minor renovations to the existing library and new lunch shelter.
Geo-hazard Assessment:	The Site is not located within an Earthquake Fault Zone (formerly the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone), a City of Los Angeles Fault Rupture Study Area, or a known methane zone, and is not located within an area susceptible to liquefaction, landslides or flooding.
Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment (PSHA):	The PSHA completed for the proposed project determined that the site is located approximately 725 feet east of two high-pressure natural gas pipelines. The PSHA determined that the pipelines, hazard footprints did not reach the proposed project site, and that the risk to students or staff was below established thresholds.
Air Toxics Health Risk Assessment (HRA):	An HRA conducted in May 2007 identified two potential sources of hazardous emissions within one-quarter mile of the proposed Site including a gas station and an emergency generator. Subsequent investigation did not reveal any additional potentially significant sources between one-quarter and one-half mile of the Site. The HRA determined that carcinogenic and noncarcinogenic health risks are anticipated to be less than significant for both students and staff.



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**Electro-Magnetic
Fields (EMF)
Assessment:**

The Site is not located within the California Department of Education (CDE) specified setback distances for high voltage power lines, hence impacts from EMF are less than significant.

**Rail Safety
Assessment (RSA):**

The Site is not located within 1,500 feet of a railroad easement.

**Traffic Impact And
Pedestrian Safety
Risk:**

Traffic

Impacts related to increased traffic and circulation due to implementation of the project would not rise to a level of significance. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated occur.

Pedestrian Safety

Potential impacts related to pedestrian safety would be mitigated to below levels of significance. The mitigation measure consists of the installation of an east/west crosswalk at the intersection of Yolanda Avenue and Blythe street, south of Blythe Street.

**Department Of
Toxic Substances
Control (DTSC) Site
Assessment:**

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted for the Site in December, 2007. The Phase I ESA recommended further action to evaluate the potential presence of residual arsenic and organochlorine pesticides due to previous agricultural uses.

Based on the Phase I ESA findings, a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) was performed to determine if the historical agricultural uses adversely impacted the site. The PEA investigation identified residual arsenic on the Site. The DTSC approved the PEA and recommended further action in the form of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW). The RAW includes excavation and removal of approximately 500 cubic yards of arsenic-impacted soil. The cost range of this removal action is estimated to be between \$108,500 and \$232,500.

**California
Environmental
Quality Act (CEQA)
Project Review:**

An EIR was prepared for the proposed Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition and circulated for public and agency review from May 20, 2008 through July 3, 2008. The Final EIR concluded that construction of the proposed project would generate noise levels at the existing Blythe Elementary School and John R. Wooden Continuation High School above LAUSD noise standards. With the implementation of all feasible mitigation, noise levels would remain above LAUSD's standards and impacts from noise during construction would remain significant and unavoidable.

Certification of the Final EIR will require the adoption of Findings of Fact, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan, and a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

OEHS Site Comparison Matrix for Valley Region Blythe Addition

Factors	VR Blythe	VRHS #4	VRHS #7	VRHS #9	VRHS #8
Active Faults	●	●	●	●	●
Liquefaction/Landslide	●	●	●	★	★
Inundation Hazard	●	●	●	●	●
Traffic Circulation	●	▼	★	★	▼
Pedestrian Risk	★	★	★	★	▼
Derailment Hazard	●	●	●	●	●
High Power Lines	●	●	●	●	●
Air Emissions Risk	●	●	★	●	●
Accidental Chemical Release	●	●	●	●	●
Hazardous Material Pipelines/Tanks	●	●	●	●	●
Oil Wells (on-site)	●	●	●	●	●
Methane Migration	●	●	●	●	●
Soil Contamination	★	●	●	★	★
Groundwater Contamination	●	●	●	●	●
Asbestos / Lead	●	●	●	★	★
Historical Resources	●	●	●	●	▼
Biological Resources	●	●	●	●	●
Noise/Vibration	▼	★	★	●	▼
Air Quality – Regional Impact	●	★	★	★	●
Air Quality – Localized Impact	●	★	★	★	●

- = Risk/impact is less than significant
- ★ = Risk/impact is significant, but can be mitigated to below a level of significance
- ▼ = Risk/impact is significant, mitigation that would reduce risk/impact to a less-than-significant level may be infeasible
- = Factor requires further assessment



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Reseda Blvd

Srathern St

Blythe St

Arminia St

Elmered St

Ingomar St

Yolanda Ave

Site
(Blythe ES)

John R. Wooden. HS

Wilbur Ave

Natural Gas
Pipelines

Cleveland HS

1000 ft

Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Site Environmental Review
Valley Region Blythe ES Addition



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Board of Education Report

Report Number:	60-08/09
Date:	September 9, 2008
Subject:	Project Approval for Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition
Responsible Staff:	
Name	Joseph A. Mehula, Chief Facilities Executive
Office/Division	Facilities Services Division
Telephone No.	(213) 241-4811

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action Proposed: Approval of the Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition which authorizes staff to proceed with the construction of the project.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale: Staff recommends that the Board of Education approve the Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition project.

The proposed Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition project will provide educational facilities for students in kindergarten to fifth grades with the addition of 16 classrooms, expansion of the existing library, lunch shelter, and reconfiguration of the existing playground. The Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition project is defined to provide relief to Napa and Reseda Elementary Schools.

Background: The original project definition for Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition called for a ten classroom addition, as well as, the renovation of the existing library and a new lunch shelter to be located on the existing Blythe Elementary School campus. In a review of state funding deadlines and cost saving opportunities, the District concluded it would be prudent to “site adapt” a complete set of State Architect approved construction plans for a 16 classroom, 23,000 square foot addition. In order to accommodate the new addition, the District will remove two existing portable classroom buildings and convert an existing classroom to expand the library. Therefore, this project would add a net of thirteen new classrooms to the Blythe Elementary School campus by “site-adapting” an existing design to the Blythe Elementary School campus and receiving DSA and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) approval by October 2008. The District will be eligible for approximately \$5,182,000 in state bond matching funds under the Critically Overcrowded Schools (COS) Program. When the



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addition is constructed, the campus will operate as a kindergarten through fifth grade elementary school providing a total of 875 two-semester seats in 35 classrooms.

This project is located in Local District 1 and Board District 3 (Tamar Galatzan).

Policy Implications: This action helps facilitate the Board-adopted New Construction Strategic Execution Plan.

Budget Impact: The original ten classroom addition project was included in the New Construction Two-Semester Neighborhood School Program Definition list adopted by the Board on October 23, 2007. The current estimated project budget for Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition, as stated in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan, is \$18,556,468. Funding will be from both state and local bonds.

Issues/Considerations: The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) have simultaneously submitted Board Report No. 59-08/09 that recommends that the Board of Education consider the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and make a determination for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the state CEQA guidelines. Certification of the EIR must occur prior to approval of the addition project.

Independent of the CEQA process, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on July 21, 2008 approved the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report, which recommends further action in the form of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to remove shallow soils impacted with arsenic at the site.

Effect of “yes” vote: Approval of the project authorizes staff to proceed with the construction of the project.

Effect of “no” vote: Failure to certify the EIR and approve the project could potentially delay construction of the school addition. Delay of this project approval would defer overcrowding relief for Napa and Reseda Elementary Schools.



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B. BOARD REPORT

- Action Proposed:** Approval of the Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition authorizes staff proceed with the construction of the project.
- Expected Outcomes:** The addition is scheduled to be available for occupancy in the 2011 school year.
- Board Options and Consequences:** Project approval will allow the District to achieve the goal of providing two-semester neighborhood elementary school seats in this region of the District.
- If the project is not approved, school construction cannot proceed. Delay of project approval would defer overcrowding relief for Napa and Reseda Elementary Schools.
- Policy Implications:** This action helps facilitate the Board-adopted New Construction Strategic Execution Plan.
- Budget Impact:** The ten classroom addition project was included in the New Construction Two-Semester Neighborhood School Program definition list adopted by the Board on October 23, 2007. The current estimated project budget for Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition, as stated in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan, is \$18,556,468. Funding for this project will come from both state and local bonds.
- Issues and Analysis:**
- Property Description: The proposed 16 classroom addition project is situated on a portion of the existing Blythe Elementary School campus located at 18730 Blythe Street, Reseda, CA. 91335. Blythe Elementary School is currently providing academic instruction for kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Community Outreach Process: Staff held five community meetings since the Board designated Blythe Elementary School as the preferred site on June 21, 2005.
- The first community meeting was held to introduce the architect to the community and an additional design meeting was held to solicit community input regarding the design of



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the addition. Two meetings were to discuss the CEQA process and findings. The final community meeting was to present the results of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA).

Alternatives Considered: The Board of Education approved the project definition and site for Valley Region Blythe Elementary School Addition on June 21, 2005. Prior to Board action, Facilities staff, the Local District Superintendent, School Management Services, and Master Planning and Demographics determined the best location to accommodate the relief needed for Napa and Reseda Elementary Schools was an addition on the existing Blythe campus. The staff recommendation of an addition to Blythe Elementary School was presented to the community for their input. Using this alternative, the District avoids the need to acquire additional private property and ultimately provide elementary school relief in a more efficient and cost effective manner.

Environmental Analysis: As documented in the EIR, the proposed project would result in significant unavoidable project-level impacts related to noise during construction. Impacts to pedestrian safety during school operation would be reduced to less than significant level after incorporation of mitigation measures. All other environmental issues were found to be less than significant.

Independent of the CEQA process, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) on July 21, 2008 approved the Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) Report, which recommends further action in the form of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to address identified soil impacts.

Demographic Data

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- Committee Information:** This item was on the agenda for the September 4, 2008 Facilities Committee.
- Reporting Requirements and Benchmarks:** Progress is reported monthly in the New Construction Monthly Status Report and updated annually, in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan. Facilities Services Division status reports are posted on www.laschools.org
- Accountable Staff:** Thomas Calhoun, Real Estate Development Manager
- Applicable Board Delegations:**
- Superintendent's Comments:** The Superintendent recommends approval of this action.
- Miscellaneous Issues and Matters:** N/A
- Desegregation Impact Statement attached** This action does not require a Desegregation Impact Report.
- Division of Accountability and Systemwide Performance**
- Informative**

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. BREWER III
Superintendent of School

APPROVED &
PRESENTED BY:

JOSEPH A. MEHULA
Chief Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

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