

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETING

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## Norwalk High School New Stadium and Athletic Fields Improvement Project

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties **DATE:** January 23, 2018

**FROM:** Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District (Lead Agency)

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations and Notice of Public Meeting

The Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District (District) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Norwalk High School Athletic Fields Improvement Project (project) as described below. The District has prepared a Draft EIR to evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting with the project and has identified appropriate mitigation measures to reduce potential project impacts to less than significant or to the extent feasible.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Norwalk High School New Stadium and Athletic Fields Improvement Project

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** January 23, 2018 - March 8, 2018 (45 days)

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please send your responses and comments to: Edith C. Florence, Director; Facilities, Planning & Construction. Phone Number: (562) 868-9014. Mailing Address: Norwalk - La Mirada Unified School District, 15711 Pioneer Boulevard, Bldg. G, Norwalk, CA 90650, or via email at [EFlorence@nlmusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:EFlorence@nlmusd.k12.ca.us), with the subject heading: **Norwalk High School New Stadium and Athletic Fields Project**. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted.

**SCOPING MEETING:** The District will host a Project Information Meeting for the project to receive public comments on the Draft EIR. The meeting is scheduled for:

**Date:** March 1, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Norwalk High School Library  
11356 Leffingwell Road  
Norwalk, CA 90650

**AGENCIES:** The District requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the District when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

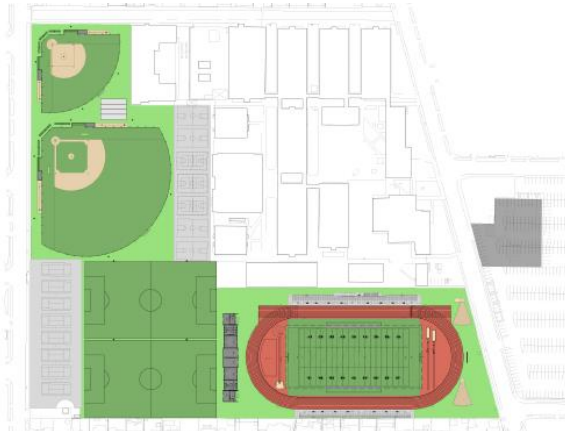
**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Norwalk High School campus is located at 11356 Leffingwell Road in the City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County, California. The proposed project would be located at the existing on-site athletic fields of the high school, which are located in an L-shaped area along the northeastern, eastern, and southern perimeter of the Norwalk campus. The campus is approximately one mile east of Interstate 605. Roadways surrounding the school are Longworth Avenue to the west, Leffingwell Road to the north, Taddy Street to the south, and Gard Avenue to the east. The project site is surrounded by single-family residential uses along the west, east, and south sides of the campus; the backyards of the homes along Gard Avenue and Longworth Avenue border the campus. The campus is approximately 29 acres in size, with an additional 4.5 acres of surface parking with 344 parking spaces located across Leffingwell Road to the north of the site.

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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of replacing the existing grass field with synthetic turf and developing new athletic fields for football, soccer, baseball, softball, and track and field. The project proposes a new 2,500-seat lighted football/soccer and track and field stadium that meets all California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) standards; a practice soccer field; a practice football field; a lighted baseball field that meets all CIF standards; a lighted softball field that meets all CIF standards; eight tennis courts; and seven basketball courts. Approximately 8,162 square feet of support buildings would be constructed, containing concession stands, team rooms, restrooms, and storage facilities. In addition, the project would result in approximately 91,643 square feet of unprogrammed recreational space within the athletic field footprint. Project implementation includes demolition of an existing aquatic center located to the north of the campus, across Leffingwell Road, to allow for expansion of the existing surface parking lot to provide an additional 197 new parking spaces; overall, a total of 541 parking spaces will be provided in this parking lot in support of the high school operations. The existing General Plan land use designation for the project site is Open Space/Schools/Public Facilities and the existing zoning is R1, Single Family Residential. The project as proposed is consistent with these designations.



**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** A Draft EIR has been prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze project alternatives. The topics analyzed in the Draft EIR include aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, transportation/traffic, and utilities and service systems. All environmental impacts can be reduced to less than significant with exception of noise (resulting periodically from stadium events), aesthetics (light or glare), and on-street neighborhood parking during home football events which will remain significant and unavoidable.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft EIR is available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours):

- Norwalk High School, 11356 Leffingwell Road, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District Offices, 12820 Pioneer Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
- Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District Facilities, Planning & Construction Offices, 15711 Pioneer Boulevard, Bldg. G Norwalk, CA 90650
- Norwalk – La Mirada Unified School District website: <http://www.nlmusd.org>
- City of Norwalk City Hall, Planning Department, 12700 Norwalk Boulevard, Norwalk, CA 90650
- City of Norwalk website: <http://www.ci.norwalk.ca.us>

If you require additional information, please contact Edith C. Florence at (562) 868-9014 or [EFlorence@nlmusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:EFlorence@nlmusd.k12.ca.us).

All public comments received will be addressed in the Final EIR prepared for the Norwalk High School New Stadium and Athletic Fields Improvement Project. It is anticipated that the Norwalk - La Mirada Unified High School District Board of Directors will certify the Final EIR for the project at a future public hearing.