



# Fresno County Board of Education

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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Regarding Approval of a  
Categorical Exemption from the California  
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the  
Caruthers Elementary School Special  
Education Classroom Project No. C2025-13

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 45

WHEREAS, The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) is proposing to add a building to the Caruthers Elementary School campus to serve as a Special Education Classroom (Project); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines are set forth in Article 19 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15367, The Fresno County Board of Education (FCBE) is the Lead Agency for the Project; and

WHEREAS, prior to construction of the Project, the Lead Agency must ensure the Project complies with the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for minor additions to schools that do not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less; and

WHEREAS, the Project satisfies the conditions specified in Section 15314, as described in the Notice of Exemption for the Caruthers Elem Special Education Classroom Project No. C2025-13, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education adopts the foregoing recitals as true and correct, determines that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15314, approves the Project, and authorizes a designee to file a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Project.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of November 20, 2025 by the following votes:

|                                  |     |                                     |    |                          |         |                          |        |                          |
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| President Allen Clyde:           | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vice President Marcy Masumoto:   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Member Bryan Burton:             | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Member Itzi Robles:              | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson: | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | Abstain | <input type="checkbox"/> | Absent | <input type="checkbox"/> |

  
Allen Clyde, President

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By:   
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher  
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the  
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 11/20/25

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## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Fresno

2220 Tulare Street

Fresno, CA 93721

From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fresno County Board of Education  
1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, CA 93721

(Address)

Project Title: Caruthers Elementary School Special Education Classroom Project No. C2025-13

Project Applicant: Fresno County Board of Education

Project Location - Specific:

**Please see attached.**

Project Location - City: Caruthers Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

**Please see attached.**

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Fresno County Board Of Education

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fresno County Board of Education

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15314. Minor Additions to Schools
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Please see attached.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Jeff Becker Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 497-3705

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Executive Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit

A

**Attachment to Notice of Exemption for  
Caruthers Elem Special Education Classroom  
Project No. C2025-13**

**Project Location.** The Caruthers Elementary School Special Education Classroom Project No. C2025-13 is located on the south-west portion of the Caruthers Elementary School campus at 13699 Quince, in the City of Caruthers, Fresno County, California, 93609.

**Project Description.** The Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) proposes to operate a Special Education Classroom located at Caruthers Elementary School. Services provided at the Special Education Classroom include education, programming and support for students with disabilities. The FCSS proposes to construct a single classroom building to house a Special Education class.

All existing buildings and structures on the site will be retained. The proposed Special Education Classroom will be approximately 1,440 square feet. The Project will also include site work around the proposed classroom consisting of sidewalks and minor improvements to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

15314. MINOR ADDITIONS TO SCHOOLS. Class 14 consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25% or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

This project adds a single Special Education classroom building that will not add more than 25% student capacity to the campus.