BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Regarding Approval of a
Categorical Exemption from the California
Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the
Portable Classroom Replacement Project
No. C2022-25

Resolution No. 2024-03 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2023-79 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) is proposing to replace one
relocatable classroom building at the Teague Elementary School campus and one relocatable
classroom at the Central Elementary School campus in Central Unified School District and three
relocatable classrooms at the Beth Ramacher Educational Complex (Project); and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines are set forth in Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3 of the California
Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15367, the FCSS is the Lead Agency
for the Teague Elementary School and Central Elementary School sites, and the Fresno County
Board of Education is the Lead Agency for the Beth Ramacher Educational Complex site; 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 15301 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for
the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or
private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving
negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's
determination; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for
replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be
located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose
and capacity as the structure replaced; and

WHEREAS, CEQA Guidelines Section 15314 sets forth a categorical exemption from CEQA for
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; and
WHEREAS, the Project does not involve any of the following and so is eligible for categorical exemptions as described above under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2:

(a) the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, which over time are significant;
(b) an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;
(c) a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway;
(d) a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to section 65962.5 of the Government Code; and
(e) a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

WHEREAS, the Project satisfies the conditions specified in Sections 15301, 15302, and 15314 as described in the Notice of Exemption for the Portable Classroom Replacement Project No. C2022-25, attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools adopt the foregoing recitals as true and correct, determine that the Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15302, and 15314, approve the Project, and authorize the Executive Director of Facilities & Operations 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 January 18, 2024 by the following votes:

President James Martinez: Yes □ No □ Abstain □ Absent □
Vice President Allen Clyde: Yes □ No □ Abstain □ Absent □
Member Bryan Burton: Yes □ No □ Abstain □ Absent □
Member Marcy Masumoto: Yes □ No □ Abstain □ Absent □
Member Kimberly Tapscoot-Murson: Yes □ No □ Abstain □ Absent □

James Martinez, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:

Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 1/18/24
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: ___________________________ Date: ____________
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

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