

RESOLUTION NO. 18/19-35

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING OF THE USE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL PUPIL GRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE CASTAIC HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District (“District”) has been approved, and will be reviewed and updated, for new construction grant eligibility under the Leroy F. Greene School Facility Program (SFP) by the Office of Public School Construction and State Allocation Board (SAB), and

WHEREAS, the District identified a need for a new high school in Castaic (Project) and applied for state grants under the SFP in December 2016, and

WHEREAS, Education Code 17072.35 stipulates how SFP grant funds can be expended and SFP Regulation Section 1859.77.3 stipulates that a district may request new construction grants based on eligibility derived at a different grade level than the proposed Project, and

WHEREAS, the District has utilized all of its current high school eligibility for a majority of the pupil grants requested to construct the Project to maximize the state grants, leaving zero high school pupil grant eligibility for a portion of the Project, and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to utilize middle school pupil grants which have not been applied to other middle school projects for the construction of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board does hereby affirm the following:

- The filing of revised application under Chapter 12.5, Part 10, Division 1, commencing with Education Code 17070.10; and
- The District acknowledges that funds for the purpose of housing pupils at the middle school level are being diverted to fund high school classrooms in this Project; and
- The District’s plan to house these middle school students will be to accommodate them in existing middle school classrooms throughout the District as sufficient teaching stations exist. By approval of the Governing Board, these students can be housed in existing middle schools at a District loading standard of 32 students per classroom for the 7-8th grades versus the State loading standard of 27. The plan is further delineated in the attached housing plan; and
- The District acknowledges that the State has satisfied its obligation, pursuant to Regulation Section 1859.50, to house the pupils receiving grants in the Project.

APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED this 12th day of June, 2019.

**GOVERNING BOARD OF THE WILLIAM S. HART
UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By: _____

Robert Jensen, Jr.
President of the Governing Board of the
William S. Hart Union High School District

By: _____

Linda Storli
Clerk of the Governing Board
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EXHIBIT "A"

**[PLAN FOR HOUSING MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE PUPILS AS A RESULT OF
MIDDLE SCHOOL PUPIL GRANT ELIGIBILITY BEING UTILIZED FOR
FUNDING OF SOME OF THE NEW CLASSROOMS AT CASTAIC HIGH SCHOOL]**

WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**PLAN FOR HOUSING MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE PUPILS AS A RESULT OF
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OF SOME OF THE NEW CLASSROOMS
AT CASTAIC HIGH SCHOOL**

The William S. Hart Union High School District (District) is currently constructing the new Castaic High School. The District applied for State School Facilities Program (SFP) funding to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) in December 2016. The rules of the SFP in December 2016 required that districts demonstrate eligibility for new construction grants at the time of application. The District was able to demonstrate eligibility for the entire project at that time. However, in June 2017 the State Allocation Board (the board responsible for allocating state school facility general obligation bonds) changed the SFP eligibility rules by requiring districts to demonstrate eligibility at the time the OPSC reviews an application. The OPSC notified the District at the end of April 2019 that it would be reviewing the Castaic High School application within 90 days of the notification and the District had to update its eligibility. The District is now able to demonstrate eligibility for approximately 92 percent of the high school grants requested.

Under the provisions of the SFP Use of New Construction Grants Regulation Section 1859.77.3(b), the District may request new construction grant funding utilizing eligibility determined at a different grade level than the proposed project as long as the request does not exceed the capacity of the project.

In order to maximize the state grants for the project, the District is therefore proposing to utilize eligibility available for approximately 194 middle school pupil grants (or as approved by OPSC) to assist with the construction of the high school project. The District can accomplish the housing of the additional middle school pupils by loading these classrooms at the District loading standard of 32 pupils per classroom for all middle school grades. This loading standard exceeds the State loading standard of 27 for 7-8th grades. In effect, the District is proposing to house 5 additional pupils per 7-8th grade level classroom at the District’s existing middle schools. The District currently has approximately 176 middle school grade level classrooms identified on its *Existing School Building Capacity* (state Form SAB 50-02) and an additional 112 middle school grade level classrooms constructed with state funds under the SFP after the baseline was established that are available to house the additional pupils, providing the following additional housing capacity:

Approximate total number of existing middle school grade level classrooms:	288
<u>Additional pupils that can be housed in each classroom:</u>	<u>5</u>
Total number of additional pupils that can be housed or total “excess” pupil capacity based on District loading standards:	1,440

In conclusion, this excess capacity is more than enough to house the minimum of 194 middle school pupils that require housing under this plan.