

## LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### ***PLAN FOR HOUSING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADE PUPILS BEING UTILIZED FOR FUNDING OF HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOMS AT LODI HIGH SCHOOL***

The Lodi Unified School District (District) re-constructed a portion of Lodi High School in 2021 with 29 re-built classrooms and 36 new classrooms. The District applied for state new construction grants in January 2022 and it is expected to receive funding under the State's School Facilities Program (SFP) this year.

The District has updated its eligibility for new construction grants as required under the SFP regulations and has determined that it does *not* have sufficient eligibility at the high school level (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade). However, it has sufficient eligibility at the elementary school (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade) level to support the construction of more than 36 classrooms at the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade level. Under the provisions of the SFP *Use of New Construction Grants*, Regulation Section 1859.77.3(b), the District may request new construction grant eligibility determined at a different grade category/level than the proposed classrooms in the Project, provided the grant request does not exceed the capacity of the Project. Therefore, the District may choose to use elementary school grade level pupil eligibility to fund the construction up to 36 of the high school classrooms that are not supported by 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade eligibility, to receive SFP funding for the full Project.

The District is proposing to utilize eligibility available for elementary school pupils to assist with the construction of the high school classrooms in the Project, subject to the Office of Public School Construction's (as staff to the State Allocation Board) approval of the District's eligibility for new construction grants. The District can accomplish the housing of the additional elementary school pupils by loading its 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms at the maximum loading standard of 31 pupils per classroom pursuant to the collective bargaining *Contractual Agreement between Lodi Unified School District and Lodi Education Association (7.1.23 - 6.30.26)*. These loading standards exceed the State loading standard of 25 for 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. In effect, the District can house on average and if needed, six additional pupils per 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom at its existing elementary schools.

The District currently has approximately 379 elementary school classrooms that serve fourth through sixth grade as shown on its *2016 Facilities Master Plan (FMP)*, which are available to house the additional pupils. Thus, these classrooms provide the following additional housing capacity:

<b>Grade Category</b>	<b>Number of existing classrooms</b>	<b>Additional pupils that can be housed in each classroom</b>	<b>Additional pupil capacity</b>
K-3rd	493	0	0
4th-6th	379	$31 - 25 = 6$	2,274
7th-8th	216	$30 - 27 = 3$	648
9th-12th	404	$30 - 27 = 3$	n/a
Total number of additional pupils that can be housed:			<b>2,922</b>

In conclusion, this excess capacity of 2,274 students for grades 4-6 is more than enough to house the elementary school pupils that may require housing under this plan to fund the high school project.