

SEPA¹ Environmental Checklist

Purpose of checklist

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization, or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

Instructions for applicants

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. **You may use “not applicable” or “does not apply” only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown.** You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to **all parts of your proposal**, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Instructions for lead agencies

Please adjust the format of this template as needed. Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B, plus the Supplemental Sheet for Nonproject Actions (Part D). Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in “Part B: Environmental Elements” that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/Checklist-guidance>

A. Background

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1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

The adoption of the Issaquah School District's (the "District") 2024 Capital Facilities Plan ("CFP") for the purposes of planning for the District's facilities needs. Adoption of the CFP is a nonproject proposal.

The District prepares annual updates to the CFP in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, and the codes of King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish. The CFP is a nonproject planning document, covers a six-year planning period, and includes:

- Future enrollment forecasts for each grade span (elementary, middle and high school).
- An inventory of existing capital facilities owned by the District, showing the locations and capacities of those facilities
- A forecast of the future needs for capital facilities and the proposed capacities of expanded or new capital facilities.
- A six-year plan for financing capital facilities within projected funding capacities which identifies sources of public money for such purposes.
- A calculation of school impact fees to be assessed pursuant to RCW 82.02

The District's Board of Directors will review and consider approval and adoption of the 2024 CFP. If approved and adopted, the District will send the CFP to King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish for consideration of inclusion into their respective Comprehensive Plans. A copy of the District's draft Capital Facilities Plan is available for review in the District's office.

2. Name of applicant:

Issaquah School District No. 411

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

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4. Date checklist prepared:

May 1, 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist:

² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-A-Background>

Issaquah School District No. 411, acting as the lead agency for environmental review and SEPA compliance for this nonproject proposal.

6. Proposed timing of schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

The District's 2024 CFP is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the District School Board on or about June 13, 2024. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP, it will be sent to King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plans. The potential projects included in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

This is a nonproject planning action. The 2024 CFP includes required six-year enrollment projections and related school capacities to determine whether additional school capacity may be needed to accommodate enrollment growth from new development. During the six-year planning period, the District plans to construct a new high school and new elementary school to address student capacity needs. Portables may also be added at existing school sites within the next six years.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

All potential projects included in the 2024 CFP requiring threshold determinations will undergo environmental review at the time of formal proposal and process when full details of the projects are known and able to be analyzed.

The following environmental information relates to planned projects included in the Capital Facilities Plan for which environmental review is complete:

A Mitigated Determination of Nonsignificance was issued for ES #17 and HS #4 on January 17, 2022, with an Addendum issued February 25, 2022, with the Environmental Checklist for that property referencing additional environmental information therein.

Information included in this environmental checklist is from the Capital Facilities Plan 2024, which is incorporated into this review.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

This is a nonproject action and addresses educational planning for the entirety of the Issaquah School District. There are no known applications covering the entire District.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

As a non-project planning document, the 2024 CFP itself does not require permitting. The District anticipates that, following any Board approval and adoption of the CFP, its jurisdictions will consider incorporation of the 2024 CFP by reference in the Capital Facilities

Element of each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan to inform student enrollment capacity planning related to existing and planned residential development.

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This is a non-project planning document. This proposal involves the adoption of a six-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) by the Issaquah School District to comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.070) and the codes of King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish. The purpose of the CFP is to provide these jurisdictions with a description of enrollment projections and school capacities over the required six-year planning period 2024-2029 to determine whether future school facilities may be needed to accommodate growth from new development. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP, it will be sent to King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Potential projects included in the CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the time of formal proposal and process when full details of the projects are known and able to be analyzed.

The District updates the Capital Facilities Plan on an annual basis and carefully monitors enrollment projections against capacity needs. If legally supportable, the District requests its local jurisdictions to collect impact fees on behalf of the District, with the CFP providing a basis for such collection.

The impact fees requested in this year's Capital Facilities Plan are based on growth related construction projects including New High School #4.

A copy of the 2024 CFP is available for review upon request to the District.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The 2024 CFP applies to educational planning within the Issaquah School District boundaries. The District boundaries include an area of approximately 110 square miles. Portions of unincorporated King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish fall within the District's boundaries. The District's CFP contains a map of the District's boundaries. A detailed map of the District's boundaries can be viewed at the District's offices.

B.Environmental Elements

1. Earth

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a. General description of the site:

Circle or highlight one: Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other:

This is a non-project action. The geographic area comprising the Issaquah School District includes a variety of topographic land forms and gradients. Specific topographic characteristics of the sites at which potential projects included in the 2024 CFP are located will be identified during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

N/A. See WAC 197-11-960.

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them, and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

N/A. See WAC 197-11-960.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. Unstable soils may exist within the geographic area comprising the District. Specific soil limitations on individual sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-level environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

N/A. See WAC 197-11-960.

f. Could erosion occur because of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. It is possible that erosion could occur as a result of the construction of potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP. The erosion impacts of the individual projects will be evaluated on a site-specific basis at the time of project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when

³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-earth>

project specifics are known and able to be analyzed. Individual projects will be subject to all local approval processes.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

N/A. See WAC 197-11-960.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any.

This is a non-project action. The erosion potential of the proposed projects included in the 2024 CFP and appropriate control measures will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project specifics are known and able to be analyzed. Relevant erosion reduction and control requirements will be met.

2. Air

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a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. Various emissions, many construction-related, may result from individual projects proposed in the 2024 CFP. The air-quality impacts of each potential project will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Please see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

This is a non-project action. Any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect the individual projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

This is a non-project action. The individual potential projects in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed and will be subject to local approval processes. Proposed measures will be identified at that time. The District will be required to comply with all applicable air regulations and air permit requirements.

⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-Air>

3. Water

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a. Surface:

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- 1. Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.**

This is a non-project action. There is a network of surface water bodies in the geographic area comprising District. The surface water bodies that are in the immediate vicinity of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. When necessary, the surface water regimes and flow patterns will be researched and incorporated into the designs of the individual projects.

- 2. Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.**

This is a non-project action. The potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may require work near the surface waters located within the District. Applicable local and/or state approval requirements will be satisfied.

- 3. Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.**

This is a non-project action. Information with respect to the placement or removal of fill and dredge material as a component of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be provided during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- 4. Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.**

This is a non-project action. Any surface water withdrawals or diversions required in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water>

⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Surface-water>

5. Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

This is a non-project action. The geographic area comprising the District includes 100-year floodplain areas. Review of potential projects within a 100-year floodplain included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

6. Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

This is a non-project action. Specific information regarding the discharge of waste materials that may be required as a result of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be provided during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Ground:

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1. Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give a general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This is a non-project action. Individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may impact groundwater resources. Those impacts will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations.

2. Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals...; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

This is a non-project action. The discharge of waste material that may take place in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-3-Water/Environmental-elements-Groundwater>

- 1. Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action. Individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may have stormwater runoff consequences. Specific information regarding the stormwater impacts of each project will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state stormwater regulations.

- 2. Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action. The potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may result in the discharge of waste materials into ground or surface waters. The specific impacts of each potential project on ground and surface waters will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to all applicable regulations regarding the discharge of waste materials into ground and surface waters.

- 3. Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.**

This is a non-project action. The specific impacts of each potential project on drainage patterns will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to regulations related to altering or diverting drainage patterns.

- 4. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action. Specific measures to reduce or control runoff impacts associated with the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

4. Plants

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- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:**

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other
- evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other
- shrubs
- grass

- pasture
- crop or grain
- orchards, vineyards, or other permanent crops.
- wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other
- water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other
- other types of vegetation

This is a non-project planning document. A variety of vegetative zones are located within the District. Inventories of the vegetation located on the sites of potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

This is a non-project planning document. Some of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may require the removal or alteration of vegetation. The specific impacts on vegetation of the projects included in the CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project planning document. The geographic area comprising the District may include threatened and endangered species. An inventory of species that have been observed on or near the sites of the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

Investigation will include use of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Specifies on the Web database.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.

This is a non-project action. Measures to preserve or enhance vegetation at the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local landscaping requirements.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

This is a non-project action. Noxious weeds and invasive species observed on or near the sites of the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

5. Animals

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- a. **List any birds and other animals that have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site.**

Examples include:

- **Birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:**
- **Mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:**
- **Fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:**

This is a non-project planning document. An inventory of species that have been observed on or near the sites of the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- b. **List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site.**

This is a non-project action. Inventories of threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the sites of the projects included in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Investigation will include use of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species on the Web database.

- c. **Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.**

This is a non-project action. The impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP on migration routes will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- d. **Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any.**

This is a non-project action. Appropriate measures to preserve or enhance wildlife will be determined during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- e. **List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.**

This is a non-project action. Invasive animal species observed on or near the sites of potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-5-Animals>

6. Energy and natural resources

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- a. **What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.**

This is a non-project action. The State's Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction requires the completion of a life-cycle cost analysis of all heating, lighting, and insulation systems before it will permit specific school projects to proceed. The energy needs of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be determined at the time of specific engineering and site design planning at the appropriate time when project details are known.

- b. **Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action. The impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP on the solar potential of adjacent properties will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- c. **What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any.**

This is a non-project action. Energy conservation measures proposed in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be considered during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

7. Environmental health

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- a. **Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur because of this proposal? If so, describe.**

N/A. This is a non-project action.

1. **Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.**

N/A. This is a non-project action.

2. **Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.**

⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-6-Energy-natural-resou>

¹⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-7-Environmental-health>

This is a non-project action. The potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will comply with all current codes, standards, rules and regulations. Individual projects will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local and/or state approval at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

3. Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project.

This is a non-project action. Toxic and hazardous chemicals that may be stored or produced by the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Such projects will comply with all current codes, standards, rules and regulations related to hazardous materials.

4. Describe special emergency services that might be required.

This is a non-project action. The need for special emergency services for the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

5. Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any.

This is a non-project action. Individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review impacts for related environmental health hazards at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Noise

1. What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This is a non-project action. A variety of noises from traffic, construction, residential, commercial and industrial areas exist within the District. The specific noise sources that may affect the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

2. What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site)?

This is a non-project action. The potential projects included in the 2024 CFP may create typical construction noises that will exist on a short-term basis. The projects could increase construction-related traffic around the construction sites on a short-term basis. Because the projects will increase the capacity of the District's school facilities, the projects may increase traffic-related or operations-related noise on a

longer-term basis once the new facilities are constructed and opened. Specifics of noise level changes will be evaluated during project-specific review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

3. Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. The projected noise impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be evaluated and mitigated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Each project will be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations.

8. Land and shoreline use

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a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. There are a variety of land uses within the District, including residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, utility, open space, recreational, etc. Impacts to nearby or adjacent properties will be evaluated as part of the project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses because of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

This is a non-project action. Identification of the use of sites intended for any projects included in the CFP as working farmlands or working forest land will be identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate. The proposed projects in the 2024 CFP do not involve sites used for working farmlands or working forest lands.

1. Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how?

This is a non-project action. Any possible affects to surrounding farms or forest lands will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate during when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

¹¹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-8-Land-shoreline-use>

This is a non-project action. Any structures located on the proposed sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified and described during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

This is a non-project action. Any structures that will be demolished as a result of the projects included in the CFP, if any, have been or will be identified during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

This is a non-project action and not specific to any site. There are a variety of zoning classifications throughout the District. Projects proposed in the 2024 Capital Facilities Plan are zoned under applicable zoning codes and identification of the proposed projects or sites does not in itself direct land uses or serve as a basis for project-specific approvals. Rather, site-specific zoning information and requirements for projects proposed for construction activity in the 2024 CFP will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when appropriate. All sites for potential school capacity projects proposed in the 2024 CFP are currently zoned for the intended school purpose.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. District boundaries span multiple jurisdictions and the District owns facilities or properties in the unincorporated areas of King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish. The sites for the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP are located among these jurisdictions and subject to the respective codes and comprehensive plans. All sites for potential school capacity projects proposed in the 2024 CFP are permitted by the underlying comprehensive plan designations for the intended school purpose.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

This is a non-project action. Shoreline master program designations of the sites for the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review when appropriate.

h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify.

This is a non-project action. Any environmentally sensitive areas located on the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be identified during project-specific environmental review.

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

This is a non-project action. The current Issaquah School District student enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is 18,458. Enrollment is expected to decrease to approximately 18,060 by the 2029-2030 school year. The District employs approximately 2,000 people.

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

This is a non-project action. It is not anticipated that any of the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will displace any people from the sites. Final determination of any displacement caused by any potential project will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any.

This is a non-project action. It is not anticipated that any of the potential projects proposed in the 2024 CFP will displace any people from the sites. Individual projects included in this CFP will be subject to project-specific environmental review and local approval when appropriate. Proposed mitigating measures will be determined at that time, if necessary.

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any.

This is a non-project planning document. The purpose of a school district Capital Facilities Plan is to provide local jurisdictions with a six-year projection of enrollment and school capacity to determine the need for new school facilities to accommodate growth from new development, and to provide a basis for the assessment of school impact fees, if appropriate.

The 2024 CFP has been developed consistent with RCW 36.70A and RCW 82.02.020. If the Board of Directors approves and adopts the 2024 CFP it will be sent to King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Compatibility of individual projects included in the 2024 CFP with existing land uses and plans will be assessed during project-specific environmental and permit review.

m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

This is a non-project action. The compatibility of the specific projects included in the Capital Facilities Plan with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance has been or will be identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

9. Housing

[Find help answering housing questions](#)¹²

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

¹² <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-9-Housing>

This is a non-project action. No housing units will be provided in connection with the completion of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.**

This is a non-project action. It is not anticipated that the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will eliminate any housing units. The impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP on existing housing will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action. Measures to reduce or control any housing impacts caused by the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time.

10. Aesthetics

[Find help answering aesthetics questions](#)¹³

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?**

This is a non-project action. Related aesthetic impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when appropriate.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?**

This is a non-project action. Related aesthetic impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when appropriate.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action. Appropriate measures to reduce or control the aesthetic impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be determined on a project-specific basis, when appropriate.

11. Light and glare

[Find help answering light and glare questions](#)¹⁴

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?**

¹³ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-10-Aesthetics>

¹⁴ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-11-Light-glare>

This is a non-project action. The light or glare impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

This is a non-project action. The light or glare impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

This is a non-project action. Off-site sources of light or glare that may affect the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

This is a non-project action. Proposed measures to mitigate the light or glare impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

12. Recreation

[Find help answering recreation questions](#)

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

This is a non-project action. There are a variety of formal and informal recreational facilities within the District boundaries. These include both District-owned facilities and other public and private recreational facilities.

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

This is a non-project action. Proposed new school facilities and modernizations to existing school facilities included in the 2024 CFP may enhance recreational opportunities and uses. Specific recreational impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

This is a non-project action. Adverse recreational impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be subject to mitigation during project-specific environmental review. A school site usually provides recreational facilities to the community in the form of playfields and gymnasiums that may be used outside of school hours.

13. Historic and cultural preservation

[Find help answering historic and cultural preservation questions](#)¹⁵

- a. **Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers? If so, specifically describe.**

This is a non-project action. There are no known places or objects listed on, or proposed for, such registers on the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP. The existence of historic and cultural resources on or next to the sites will be addressed in more detail during project-specific environmental review.

- b. **Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources.**

This is a non-project action. The geographic area comprising the District may include landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation. An inventory of historical sites at or near the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be developed during project-specific environmental review. At a minimum, research will be conducted on the web using the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) resource.

- c. **Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.**

This is a non-project action. Any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation, or material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance, on or near sites intended for any projects included in the Capital Facilities Plan have been or will be identified and described during project-level environmental review when appropriate. Appropriate methods will be proposed on a project-specific basis. At a minimum, research will be conducted on the web using the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation's Washington Information System for Architectural and Archaeological Records Data (WISAARD) resource.

- d. **Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.**

This is a non-project action. The impact on cultural or historic resources of the individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review when project details are known.

¹⁵ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-13-Historic-cultural-p>

14. Transportation

[Find help with answering transportation questions](#)¹⁶

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.**

This is a non-project action. The impact on public streets and highways of the individual, potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?**

This is a non-project action. The relationship between public transit and individual potential projects in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. District schools are regularly served by District transportation service (yellow bus).

- c. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle, or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).**

This is a non-project action. The need for new streets or roads, or improvements to existing streets and roads associated with individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- d. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action. Use of water, rail or air transportation associated with individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- e. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates?**

This is a non-project action. The traffic impacts of individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the

¹⁶ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-B-Environmental-elements/Environmental-elements-14-Transportation>

appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Approved data models will be used to evaluate trips generated by individual projects.

- f. Will the proposal interfere with, affect, or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.**

This is a non-project action. The traffic impacts of individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:**

This is a non-project action. The mitigation of traffic impacts associated with individual potential projects included in the 2024 CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

15. Public services

[Find help answering public service questions¹⁷](#)

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.**

The District does not anticipate that the projects identified in the CFP or the CFP itself will significantly increase the need for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.**

This is a non-project action. Any proposed new school facilities will be code compliant and constructed with automatic security systems, fire alarms, smoke alarms, heat sensors, and sprinkler systems consistent with local and/or state requirements.

16. Utilities

[Find help answering utilities questions¹⁸](#)

- a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other:**

This is a non-project action. Storm, power, and water are currently available to the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP. Other utilities are either available or the District will apply for approval of alternative sewage disposal systems/procedures. The types of utilities available at specific project sites will be addressed in detail during project-specific environmental review at the time of formal proposal when project details are fully known.

¹⁷ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-15-public-services>

¹⁸ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-b-environmental-elements/environmental-elements-16-utilities>

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

This is a non-project action. Utility revisions and construction needs will be identified during project-specific environmental review when project details are fully known.

C. Signature

[Find help about who should sign](#)¹⁹

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.



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Date submitted: 05/24/24

¹⁹ <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/SEPA/Environmental-review/SEPA-guidance/SEPA-checklist-guidance/SEPA-Checklist-Section-C-Signature>

D. Supplemental sheet for nonproject actions

[Find help for the nonproject actions worksheet²⁰](#)

Do not use this section for project actions.

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

APPLICANT/AGENCY ADDED NOTE: The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval of any particular use. To the extent the Capital Facilities Plan makes it more likely that school facilities will be constructed, some of these environmental impacts may be more likely. However, neither approval of the CFP itself nor its inclusion as a part of any jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Element serves as the basis for approval of any potential project referenced in the CFP that may be proposed for action, nor does it direct a land use approval of any site referenced in the CFP.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use. To the extent the Capital Facilities Plan makes it more likely that school facilities will be constructed, some of these environmental impacts may be more likely. Additional impermeable surfaces, such as roofs, access roads, and sidewalks could increase stormwater runoff, which could enter surface or ground waters. Heating systems, emergency generators, and other school equipment that is installed pursuant to the Capital Facilities Plan could result in air emissions. The projects included in the Capital Facilities Plan should not require the production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances, with the possible exception of the storage of diesel fuel or gasoline for emergency generating equipment. The District does not anticipate a significant increase in the production of noise from its facilities, with the possible exception of noise production due to short-term construction activities or the presences of additional students/school operations on a site. Construction impacts related to noise and air would be short term and are not anticipated to be significant.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:**

²⁰ <https://ecology.wa.gov/regulations-permits/sepa/environmental-review/sepa-guidance/sepa-checklist-guidance/sepa-checklist-section-d-non-project-actions>

Proposed measures to mitigate any such increases described above have been or will be addressed during project-level environmental review when appropriate. Stormwater detention and runoff will meet applicable County and/or City requirements and may be subject to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permitting requirements. Discharges to air will meet applicable air pollution control requirements. Fuel oil will be stored in accordance with local and state requirements.

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use. The potential projects included in the 2024 CFP are not likely to generate significant impacts to plants, animals, fish, or marine life.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

As needed, specific measures to protect and conserve plants, animals, and fish will be identified during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Applicable code and regulatory provisions protecting/conserving plants, animals, fish, or marine life will be followed.

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use. Should the potential projects included in the 2024 CFP be constructed, they will require the consumption of energy.

- **Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:**

The potential projects included in the CFP will be constructed in accordance with applicable energy efficiency standards and requirements, and proposed measures needed to protect or conserve energy and natural resources have been or will be addressed during project-level environmental review when appropriate.

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection, such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use and, as such, will not have an impact on these elements itself. Environmentally sensitive areas will be identified during project-specific environmental review and will be consistently addressed with local and/or state requirements.

- **Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:**

Updates of the CFP will be coordinated with King County and the cities of Issaquah, Renton, Bellevue, Newcastle, and Sammamish, with at least one of the above

jurisdictions being the lead permitting agency for any project proposed in the CFP. Appropriate measures as identified in collaboration with regulatory agencies will be proposed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time of formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use and, as such, does not in itself dictate certain shoreline and land uses. Any projects included within the CFP and subsequently proposed for project-specific review and permitting will be reviewed for compliance with existing plans.

- **Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:**

This 2024 CFP is a non-project planning document and does not in itself dictate certain shoreline and land uses. Any projects included within the CFP and subsequently proposed for project-specific review and permitting will be reviewed and conditioned appropriately to avoid or reduce land use impacts.

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use and, as such, does not itself create substantial new demands for transportation. The potential projects included in the CFP may create an increase in traffic near District facilities during the school year and during school start/end times. Impacts on transportation, public services, and utilities related to the potential projects included in the CFP will be addressed during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

- **Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:**

This 2024 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, does not itself create substantial new demands for transportation, public services, or utilities. Therefore, no measures to reduce or respond to such demands are proposed at this time. Any proposed measures to reduce demands on transportation, public services or utilities have been or would be done at the project-specific level. Requirements of the permitting jurisdiction would be complied with as a part of the project.

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

The 2024 CFP is an educational facilities non-project planning document and will not itself direct regulation or serve as the basis for approval any particular use and does not conflict with any laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Specific projects included in the Capital Facilities Plan have been or will be reviewed under project-level environmental review requirements. The Washington Growth Management Act (the GMA)

outlines 13 broad goals, including adequate provision of necessary public facilities and services. Schools are among these necessary facilities and services. The Capital Facilities Plan satisfies the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070, and to identify additional school facilities necessary to meet the educational needs of the growing student populations anticipated in the District.