

# **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**

# NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 417 CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN 2024-2030

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### **SEPA 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.

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### A. BACKGROUND

## 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable:

Northshore School District No. 417 (the "NSD" or "District") submits an updated, annual, Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, the codes of King and Snohomish counties, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville. The Washington State Growth Management Act outlines thirteen broad goals including the adequate provision of necessary public facilities and services. Public schools are among these necessary facilities and services. Public school districts adopt capital facilities plans to satisfy the requirements of RCW 36.70A.070 and to identify additional school facilities necessary to meet the educational needs of the growing student population in their districts. The

CFP is a non-project planning document. Proposals, including plans, ordinances, programs, and administrative rule actions, are subject to SEPA review. These "nonproject" actions typically:

- Establish standards for environmental use or modification.
- Govern a range of interconnected activities, such as adopting or adjusting comprehensive plans, transportation plans, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

The 2024-2030 CFP covers a required six-year planning period, and its purpose is to provide these jurisdictions with a snapshot of projected student enrollment and school capacities over the required six-year planning period 2024-2030 to determine whether future school facilities may be needed to accommodate growth from new development. If eligible, the plan also includes potential projects to address school capacity deficits and school impact fee calculations. The plan is updated annually and submitted to jurisdictions as a basis for adoption and collection of school impact fees. The District updates its CFP on an annual basis. The most recent update previous to this version was adopted by the Board of Directors in August 2023.

Required elements to be included in the annual NSD Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) are:

- 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.

Once the 2024-30 CFP has been approved and adopted by the School Board, it will be sent to King County, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plans.

Snohomish County conducts a biennial update School District CFP Adoption Process. The current Snohomish County process is under review for the 2024-30 CFP. The County reviews school district's CFP every two years, as they lapse either two years after adoption by the County Council or upon the Council's approval of a revised CFP.

A copy of the 2024-30 CFP is available for review in the District's office or electronically.

2. Name of applicant: Northshore School District No. 417

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

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4. Date checklist prepared: May 2024

5. Agency requesting checklist: The Northshore School District (District) is acting as the lead agency for environmental review and SEPA compliance for this proposal. This document has been prepared by Brent Planning Solutions, LLC (BPS) and has been reviewed and authorized by the District. The SEPA determination for the 2024-30 CFP would be consistent with Northshore School District's Board Policy #9280, State Environmental Policy Act Compliance. Project-specific approval would be conducted by the appropriate permitting agency after review of the project-level details.

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

The Northshore School District's 2024 CFP is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the Northshore School Board in June 2024. If the Board adopts the 2024-30 CFP, it would be sent to King County, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plans.

Snohomish County conducts a biennial School District CFP Adoption Process, and the scheduled CFP review includes an August 13, 2024 Planning Commission Briefing and August 27, 2024 Planning Commission Hearing. County Council review timing has yet to be determined.

The potential projects included in the CFP would 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 non-project planning action. The 2024-2030 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.

The \$425 million 2022 Capital Bond approved by the District's voters includes eight new projects to add permanent capacity across the District at all grade levels. The District would be replacing outdated portable classrooms with permanent space for student learning, communal area and administrative function. The District has been working with selected teams of architects and contractors developing specific plans for each site identified in the 2022 Capital Bond. These projects are currently under planning and permitting. The majority of these projects have been through the SEPA process and are currently under land use review. In developing the scope

for each project, the District utilizes data calculating the forecast enrollment and potential need for classroom space, incorporating recent and future growth within each school's boundaries.

Projects from passage of a February 2022 bond measure by voters include:

- \$100m Phase I replacement of Inglemoor High School
- \$62m Phase I replacement of Leota Middle School
- \$49.4m for the expansion and modernization of Maywood Hills Elementary
- \$35.5m for the expansion and modernization of Kenmore Elementary School
- \$36.5m for the expansion and modernization of Crystal Springs Elementary School
- \$37.8m for the expansion and modernization of Fernwood Elementary School
- \$32m for the expansion and modernization of Woodin Elementary School
- \$19.5m for the expansion of Sorenson Early Childhood Center

In addition to the bond-funded projects listed above, the District plans to construct two modular buildings, one on the North Creek High School campus and one on the Bothell High School campus. Funded from bond allocations and impact fees, both are designed to mitigate accelerating growth at the high school level. Each building is a permanent structure and not designed to be moved.

# 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 2024-30 CFP requiring environmental review would undergo review at the time of formal proposal and process when full details of the projects are known and able to be analyzed and identification and evaluation of probable impacts for elements of the environment.

The District completed acquisition of the Wellington Hills site, which is a 140-acre site located at 240<sup>th</sup> Street SE, east of Snohomish-Woodinville Rd. As part of the acquisition process the District conducted a feasibility study and an environmental assessment of the site. These studies did not propose any future development but were used to evaluate the potential for siting school facilities on the site. There is no proposal pending for the site development; however, the studies conducted for the feasibility of the site are incorporated by reference herein and available for review at the District. These studies include: Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1, Northshore School District No. 417, Wellington Hills Site, Woodinville (August 2015) and Feasibility Study, Northshore School District No. 417, Wellington Hills Site, Woodinville (August 2015).

The District acquired property at 15215 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in Kenmore. As part of the acquisition process a feasibility study and environmental assessment was completed. There is no proposal for site development; however, the studies conducted on the site are incorporated into this review by reference herein. These studies include: Property Research & Feasibility Study, Hickel Property – Kenmore (January 2018) and Environmental Site Assessment, Hickel Property – Kenmore (January 2018).

The District acquired property at 19827 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE in Bothell. As part of the acquisition process a feasibility study and environmental assessment were completed. There is no proposal for site development; however, the studies conducted on the site are incorporated into this review by reference herein. These studies include: Property Research & Feasibility Study, Sorensen

Property – Bothell (November 2018) and Environmental Site Assessment, Sorensen Property – Bothell (December 2019 Final), which includes Sorensen and Trinity North parcels.

The District acquired the property at 15226 Simonds Rd NE in Kenmore, WA 98028, on August 10, 2023 (Parcel 3578700035). This lot is 32,025 square feet and is located next to Inglemoor High School. This property is planned to be incorporated into the Inglemoor Phase 1 Construction project for the 2022 Bond. The studies conducted on the site are incorporated into this review by reference herein. These studies include Environmental Site Assessment Phase 1 and Hazardous Materials Study.

Information included in this environmental checklist is from the 2024-2030 Capital Facilities Plan, which is incorporated into this review. This information is available for review in person at the District or electronically if requested.

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.

As a non-project planning document, the 2024-2030 CFP addresses educational planning for the entirety of the Northshore School District. There are no known applications covering the entirety of the District or any of the sites for which a specific development project is anticipated (except those related to the February 2022 bond measure and the construction two modular buildings; one on the North Creek High School campus and one on the Bothell High School campus, which are under individual permitting and environmental review). The District anticipates that its jurisdictions would consider incorporation of the 2024-2030 CFP by reference in the Capital Facilities Element of each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan.

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

As a non-project planning document, the 2024-2030 CFP itself does not require permitting. The District anticipates that its jurisdictions would consider incorporation of the 2024-2030 CFP by reference in the Capital Facilities Element of each jurisdiction's Comprehensive Plan. Any specific projects referenced in the CFP, if proposed for action, would be subject to project-level permitting and review.

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.

This is a non-project planning document. This proposal involves the adoption of a six-year Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) by the Northshore School District No. 417 (the "NSD" or "District") to comply with the Washington State Growth Management Act (RCW 36.70A.070) and the codes of Snohomish County, King County, City of Bothell, City of Brier, City of Kenmore, City of Kirkland, and City of Woodinville. 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 2024-30 to determine whether future school facilities may be needed to accommodate growth from new development. If the District's Board of Directors approves the 2024-30 CFP, it will be sent to King County, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore,

Kirkland and Woodinville for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Snohomish County conducts a biennial School District CFP Adoption Process, which is currently under review. Potential projects included in the CFP would 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 and evaluated for probable impacts to the environment.

The District updates the CFP 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.

The impact fees requested in this year's CFP are based on growth-related construction projects, including:

- \$100m Phase I replacement of Inglemoor High School
- \$62m Phase I replacement of Leota Middle School
- \$49.4m for the expansion and modernization of Maywood Hills Elementary
- \$35.5m for the expansion and modernization of Kenmore Elementary School
- \$36.5m for the expansion and modernization of Crystal Springs Elementary School
- \$37.8m for the expansion and modernization of Fernwood Elementary School
- \$32m for the expansion and modernization of Woodin Elementary School
- 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 2024-30 CFP applies to the facilities within Northshore School District boundaries. The District boundaries include an area of approximately 60 square miles. The cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland, and Woodinville and parts of unincorporated King and Snohomish counties fall within the District's boundaries, as depicted in the inset map (see *Figure 1*). There are some addresses located in the cities of Brier, Kirkland and Redmond, but they are either in areas not expected to experience any new residential development or in very small areas with previously developed residential areas. For the purposes of the District's CFP and long-term projections, those areas are considered de minimis impacts on NSD's grade bands. The King-Snohomish County line divides NSD such that roughly two-thirds of the District's geographic area is in King County and one-third lies within Snohomish County.

# 2023 Northshore School District Map

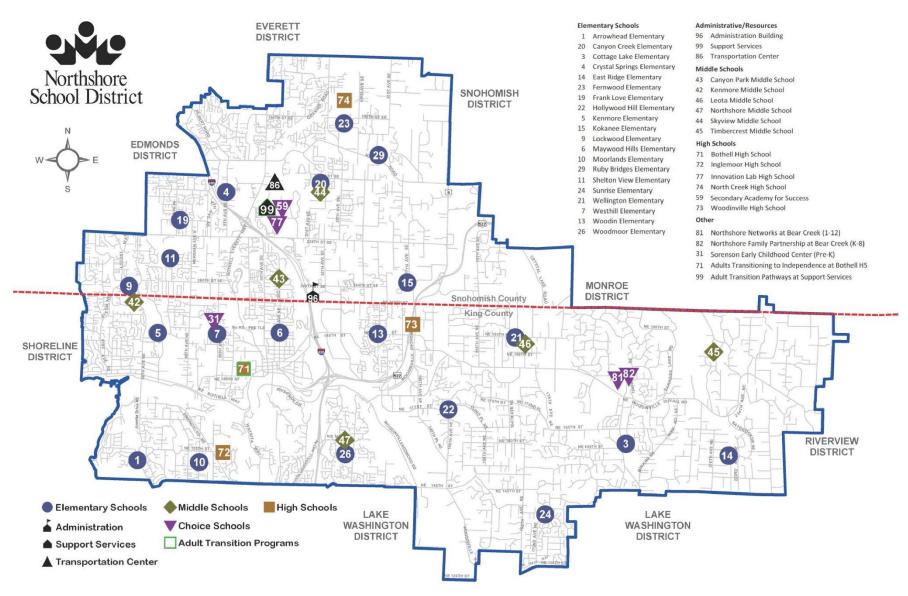


Figure 1 – District Map

### **B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS**

#### 1. Earth

### a. General description of the site:

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

This is a non-project action. The District is comprised of a variety of topographic landforms and gradients. Specific topographic characteristics of the sites at which potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP are located would be identified during the project-level environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. Specific slope characteristics of the sites at which potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP are located would be identified during the project-level environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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.

This is a non-project action. Specific soil types found at the sites of potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-level environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 District. Specific soil limitations on individual sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-level environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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.

This is a non-project action. Individual, potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be subject to project-specific environmental review and local approval at the time of formal proposal. Proposed grading projects, as well as the purpose, type, quantity, and source of any fill materials to be used would be identified at that time.

## 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 2024-30 CFP. The erosion impacts of the individual projects would be evaluated on a site-specific basis at the time of project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. The erosion potential of the proposed projects included in the 2024-30 CFP and appropriate control measures would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Relevant erosion reduction and control requirements would be met.

### 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 2024-30 CFP and appropriate control measures would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Relevant erosion reduction and control requirements would be met.

### 2. Air

# 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 2024-30 CFP. The air-quality impacts of each potential project would be evaluated during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Also, see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), in connection with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE), conducts air quality monitoring at numerous sites around Puget Sound (including Lake Forest Park). According to the 2017 Air Quality Data Summary from the PSCAA, over the last two decades, many pollutant levels have declined, and air quality has improved within the region. There were times in 2017 when air quality was impacted by wildfire smoke. Achieving significant reductions in particulate matter is a top priority of the Agency. Not all Snohomish/King/Pierce County monitoring areas are in attainment with the standards for fine particle levels, which pose the greatest air quality challenge in local jurisdictions. Of the six criteria air pollutants monitored in the Puget Sound

area, PM2.5 is associated with the most serious health effects. Auto/diesel emissions and wood burning smoke continue to be the focus for reduction by the PSCAA and DOE.

In 2021, the air quality health in Snohomish and King Counties were overall, most days, in the 'good' air quality category with some 'moderate' days. The few days that were observed as 'unhealthy for sensitive groups' were related to wildfire smoke. Also, in September and October 2022, wildfires impacted the air quality. Because of the proximity of certain wildfires in the area, such as the Bolt Creek and White River fires, the air quality in King and Snohomish counties deteriorated to levels classified as very unhealthy and hazardous. This year has also experienced poor air quality due to wildfires.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Proposed control measures would be identified at that time. The District would be required to comply with all applicable air regulations and air permit requirements. Construction contractor(s) would comply with any air quality requirements. Contractor(s) would be required to take all reasonable precautions to avoid or minimize fugitive dust emissions during construction.

### 3. Water

### a. Surface:

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 within the District boundaries. The surface water bodies that are in the immediate vicinity of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. When necessary, the surface water regimes and flow patterns would 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 2024-30 CFP may require work near the surface waters located within or near District properties. Applicable local and/or state approval requirements would 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 2024-30 CFP would be provided during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. Review of potential projects within a 100-year floodplain included in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP would be provided during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Also, see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

### b. Ground:

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 2024-30 CFP may impact groundwater resources. Those impacts would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point

project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations. Also, see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### c. Water Runoff (including stormwater):

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 2024-30 CFP may have stormwater runoff consequences. Specific information regarding the stormwater impacts of each project would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would 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 2024-30 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 would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would be subject to all applicable regulations regarding the discharge of waste materials into ground and surface waters. Also, see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

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 would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would be subject to regulations related to altering or diverting drainage patterns.

# d. 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 4. Plants

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, bulrush, 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 each of the District properties. Inventories of the vegetation located on the sites of potential projects proposed in the 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP may require the removal or alteration of vegetation. The specific impacts on vegetation of the projects included in the CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

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 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

An investigation of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species on the Web database would be conducted at the project-specific environmental review to determine if threatened or endangered species are known to exist on or adjacent to the site.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would be subject to applicable jurisdictional 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 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

#### 5. Animals

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. An investigation of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species on the Web database would be conducted at the project-specific environmental review to determine if threatened or endangered species are known to exist on or adjacent to the site.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP on migration routes would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when

the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

The District is located along the Pacific Flyway, which includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and those portions of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming west of the Continental Divide. Every year, migratory birds travel some or all of this distance both in spring and in fall, following food sources, heading to breeding grounds, or travelling to overwintering sites.

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

This is a non-project action. Appropriate measures to preserve or enhance wildlife would be determined during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## 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 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 6. Energy and Natural Resources

# 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 Board of Education requires the completion of a life-cycle cost analysis of all heating, lighting, and insulation systems before it permits specific school projects to proceed. A Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) is a complex but important analytical technique capable of comparing the present value of upfront capital cost to future operational costs. LCCA helps decision makers determine which project designs are likely to deliver the lowest total Life Cycle Cost (LCC). The energy needs of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be determined at the time of specific engineering and site design planning at the appropriate time when project details are known. Also, see Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

# 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 probable projects included in the 2024-30 CFP on the solar potential of adjacent properties would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP would be considered during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 7. Environmental Health

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.

This is a non-project action. Health hazards in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be considered during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. Possible contamination in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be considered during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Also, see the Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

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.

This is a non-project action. The potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would comply with all current codes, standards, rules and regulations. Individual projects would 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 2024-30 CFP would be subject to project-specific environmental review. Health hazards in connection with the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be considered during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project

details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Such projects would 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 2024-30 CFP would be subject to project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. Individual potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would 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 2024-30 CFP would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

# 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 2024-30 CFP may create typical construction noises that would exist on a short-term basis. The projects could increase construction-related traffic around the construction sites on a short-term basis. Specifics of noise level changes would be evaluated during project-specific review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed. Also, see Supplemental Sheet for Non-Project Actions.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be evaluated and mitigated during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Each project would be subject to applicable local and/or state regulations.

### 8. Land and Shoreline Use

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 adjacent properties would be evaluated as part of the project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP as working farmlands or working forest land would be identified and described during project-level environmental review.

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 effects to surrounding working farms or forest lands would be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

c. Describe any structures on the site.

This is a non-project action. Any structures located on the proposed sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be identified and described during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. Any structures that would be demolished as a result of the projects included in the CFP, if any, have been or would be identified during project-level environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately

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

This is a non-project action. All sites for potential projects proposed in the 2024-30 CFP are currently zoned for the intended school purpose. Numerous jurisdictions do require additional

land use approvals such as conditional use permits and site development review. Permitting requirements would be identified when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## 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 cities of Bothell, Kenmore, Woodinville, and unincorporated areas of King and Snohomish counties. The sites for the potential projects proposed in the 2024-30 CFP are located among these jurisdictions and subject to the respective codes and comprehensive plans. All sites for potential projects proposed in the 2024-30 CFP are currently designated in the relevant comprehensive plan 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 2024-30 CFP would 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 2024-30 CFP would 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. NSD works with professional demographers to combine the cohort survival enrollment projection methodology with other information about births, housing, regional population trends, mobility, and trends in service area, homeschooling, and private school enrollment. The District's enrollment projections were updated in February 2023, with the demographers' report detailing these findings and methodologies on file with the District for review and reference.

The modified cohort survival methodology shows continued enrollment increases within the District through the six-year planning period. The methodology uses a high range "projection." In total, the projected K-12 increase in enrollment is 1,906 students over the six-year period. However, the forecast does not include the impact of Motion 24-030 within the *Snohomish County Comprehensive Plan Update* (see Section A.6. response). If the adopted Comprehensive Plan implements the motion in its current form, the District expects to see an expansion of the Southwest County Urban Growth Area to include zoning changes for approximately 378 acres lying within the Northshore School District boundary. For this reason, NSD is using high enrollment forecast figures in planning for future capacity needs.

NSD intends to watch enrollment closely and will update the projections and related planning as necessary based on actual results. However, given recent trends and knowledge of potential UGA expansion, and current residential development within the pipeline, the District expects

to see continued growth throughout the six-year planning period and beyond, especially at the secondary level.

The Snohomish County portion of the district had a total population of 65,566 people, with a 1,087 (1.69%) increase in population from the previous year. Annual growth continues more in Snohomish County (1.19%) than in King (0.77%). County population projections also call for continued growth across both counties. The Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) forecasted the Snohomish County population for the year of 2029 at 943,590 residents, an increase of 83,790 (9.7%) over six years. OFM forecasts a similar picture for King County over the same 5-year period. In 2029, the population is forecasted to be 2,465,936 (3.71%), an increase of 88,199 residents.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would permanently displace any people from the sites. Final determination of any displacement caused by any potential project would be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP would permanently displace any people from the sites. Individual projects included in this CFP would be subject to project-specific environmental review and local approval when appropriate. Proposed mitigating measures would be determined at that time, if necessary.

# 1. 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 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.

The 2024-30 CFP has been developed consistent with RCW 36.70A and RCW 82.02.020. Once the 2024-30 CFP has been approved and adopted by the School Board, it will be sent to King County, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Snohomish County conducts a biennial School District CFP Adoption Process, which is currently under review. Compatibility of individual projects included in the 2024-30 CFP with existing land uses and plans would be assessed during project-specific environmental review.

Snohomish County's Countywide Planning Policies mandate that jurisdictions within the county "ensure the availability of sufficient land and services for future K-12 school needs." This directive is outlined in Policy ED-11. The District remains committed to monitoring the

developments of *The Snohomish County 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update* and Motion 22-134, evaluating opportunities for accommodating anticipated growth.

The District participates in regular conversations regarding school facilities planning with jurisdictions in King County pursuant to regular meetings held to comply with Policy PF-22 (formerly PF-19A) of the King County Countywide Planning Policies. The District also appreciates opportunities to discuss school facilities with other jurisdictions within the District boundaries.

SEPA compliance for individual projects is the responsibility of the District and would be conducted consistent with SEPA Rules, WAC 197-11 and SEPA, RCW 43.21C and the Northshore School District Board Policy on SEPA.

# m. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts to agricultural and forest lands of longterm commercial significance, if any.

This is a non-project action. Any necessary control measures would be identified during project-specific environmental review when appropriate.

## 9. Housing

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

This is a non-project action. No housing units would be provided in connection with the completion of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP.

The District CFP is consistent with RCW 36.70A.020 Planning goals, as stated in the following:

The following goals are adopted to guide the development and adoption of comprehensive plans and development regulations of those counties and cities that are required or choose to plan under RCW 36.70A.040 and, where specified, also guide the development of regional policies, plans, and strategies adopted under RCW 36.70A.210 and chapter 47.80 RCW.

- (1) Urban growth. Encourage development in urban areas where adequate public facilities and services exist or can be provided in an efficient manner.
- (12) Public facilities and services. Ensure that those public facilities and services necessary to support development shall be adequate to serve the development at the time the development is available for occupancy and use without decreasing current service levels below locally established minimum standards.

The CFP does identify minimum level of service established for school use.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would eliminate any housing units. The impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP on existing housing would be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 10. Aesthetics

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review, when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP would be determined on a project-specific basis, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 11. Light and Glare

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

This is a non-project action. The probable light or glare impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review

when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

# 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## 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 2024-30 CFP would be evaluated during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 12. Recreation

## 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 recreational facilities. These facilities would be identified at the project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and probable impacts can be analyzed appropriately.

## 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 2024-30 CFP may enhance recreational opportunities and uses. Specific recreational impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

# 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. Probable recreational impacts of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be subject project-specific environmental review. A school site

typically provides recreational facilities to the community in the form of playfields and gymnasiums that may be made available outside of school hours.

### 13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

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 2024-30 CFP. The existence of historic and cultural resources on or next to the sites would 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. There are no known landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation on the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP. An inventory of historical sites at or near the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review. Research would 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 Archaeology and Historic Preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc.

This is a non-project action. Research would 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. Appropriate methods would be proposed as needed on a project-specific basis.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## 14. Transportation

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 the individual potential projects in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Currently projects within the CFP would not directly use water, rail or air transportation.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately. Approved data models would be used to evaluate trips generated by individual projects and evaluate probable impacts.

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 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This is a non-project action. The evaluation of probable impacts and mitigation of traffic impacts associated with individual potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

### 15. Public Services

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:

This is a non-project action. The impact associated with individual potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be addressed during project-specific reviews with the appropriate public service agency.

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 would 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

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

This is a non-project action. Storm, power, and water are currently available to the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP. Other utilities are either available or the District would apply for approval of alternative sewage disposal systems/procedures. The types of utilities available at specific project sites would be addressed in detail during project-specific environmental review at the time of formal proposal when project details are fully known.

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, extensions and construction needs would be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

## C. SIGNATURE

Signature:

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.

Dri Ralph

**Executive Director of Support Services** 

Date: May 23, 2024

### D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTION

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.

# 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 proposal is a non-project planning document. Northshore School District No. 417 ("NSD" or "District") submits an updated, annual, Capital Facilities Plan ("CFP") in accordance with the Washington State Growth Management Act, the codes of King and Snohomish counties, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville. The 2024-30 CFP covers a required six-year planning period and its purpose is to provide these jurisdictions with a snapshot of projected student enrollment and school capacities over the required six-year planning period 2024-2030 to determine whether future school facilities may be needed to accommodate new growth. If eligible, the plan also includes potential projects to address school capacity deficits and school impact fee calculations. The plan is updated annually and submitted to jurisdictions as a basis for adoption and collection of school impact fees. Required elements to be included in the annual NSD CFP are:

- 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.

Once the 2024-30 CFP has been approved and adopted by the School Board, it will be sent to King County, and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville for consideration of inclusion into the Capital Facilities Element of their respective Comprehensive Plan. Snohomish County conducts a biennial School District CFP Adoption Process, which is currently underway. A copy of the 2024-30 CFP is available for review in the District's office or electronically.

To the extent the CFP includes the potential that school facilities will be constructed and/or modernized, some of these environmental impacts will be more likely. Additional impermeable surfaces (such as roofs, parking lots, sidewalks, access roads, and playgrounds) could increase stormwater runoff, which could enter surface or ground waters. Heating systems, emergency generators, and other school equipment that is installed could result in air emissions. The potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP 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, as a result of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP.

## • Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document. Should potential projects included in it proceed through formal proposal and environmental review, proposed measures to mitigate any such increases previously described will be addressed during said project-specific environmental review when appropriate. Compliance with stormwater detention and runoff standards mandated by County and/or City regulations will be ensured, potentially including adherence to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Noise levels will conform to local and/or state statutes, while discharges to the air will meet relevant air pollution control mandates. Storage of fuel oil will be in accordance with both local and state regulations.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, will not have an impact on these elements itself. The potential projects included in the CFP may require clearing vegetation from the relevant sites and potential loss of animal habitat. Because sites for potential modernization projects included in the 2024-30 CFP are already developed, lost habitat resulting from these projects should be minimal. These probable impacts will be addressed in more detail during project-specific environmental review at the appropriate time during formal proposal when project details are known and able to be analyzed.

The potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP are not likely to generate severe impacts on fish or marine life. Because this 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document, specific measures to protect and conserve plants, animals, and fish will be identified during project-specific environmental review when the formal proposal stage is reached, at which point project details are known and can be analyzed appropriately.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document. When potential projects included in it proceed through formal and environmental review, proposed measures to mitigate effects to plants, animals, fish or marine life will be addressed during project-specific environmental review.

An inventory of species (both plants and animals) that have been observed on or near the sites of the potential projects would be developed during project-specific environmental review. An investigation of the Washington State Department of Fisheries and Wildlife's Priority Habitats and Species on the Web database would be conducted at the project-specific environmental review to determine if threatened or endangered species are known to exist on or adjacent to the site.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document. Potential projects included in the CFP that would be constructed will require the consumption of energy. Short-term energy consumption will be related to construction. The energy consumption required for construction can vary significantly depending on factors such as the size of the project, the materials used, the construction methods employed, and the equipment utilized.

The State Board of Education requires the completion of a life-cycle cost analysis of all heating, lighting, and insulation systems before it permits specific school projects to proceed. A Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) is a complex but important analytical technique capable of comparing the present value of upfront capital cost to future operational costs. LCCA helps decision makers determine which project designs are likely to deliver the lowest total Life Cycle Cost (LCC). The energy needs of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be determined at the time of specific engineering and site design planning at the appropriate time when project details are known.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document. The potential projects included in the CFP will be constructed in accordance with applicable energy efficiency standards and requirements.

Implementing energy-conserving measures in school projects is crucial for reducing environmental impacts and operational costs. Here are some strategies that could be considered:

- 1. Energy-Efficient Building Design: Incorporate passive design strategies such as proper orientation, shading, and natural ventilation to minimize the need for mechanical heating and cooling.
- **2. High-Performance Building Envelope:** Use high-quality insulation, efficient windows, and weather sealing to reduce heat gain in summer and heat loss in winter.
- **3. Energy-Efficient Lighting:** Install LED lighting fixtures and incorporate daylighting strategies to maximize natural light and minimize electricity usage for lighting.
- **4. Energy-Efficient HVAC Systems:** Install energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems with programmable thermostats, energy recovery ventilation, and zoning to optimize energy usage.
- **5.** Renewable Energy Sources: Consider integrating renewable energy systems such as solar panels, wind turbines, or geothermal heat pumps to generate clean energy on-site.
- **6.** Energy Management Systems (EMS): Implement EMS to monitor and control energy usage, optimize system performance, and identify areas for improvement.
- 7. Occupancy Sensors and Timers: Install occupancy sensors, timers, and smart controls for lighting, HVAC, and other electrical devices to automatically adjust usage based on occupancy patterns.

- **8.** Energy-Efficient Appliances and Equipment: Choose energy efficient rated appliances and equipment for classrooms, kitchens, and other facilities to minimize energy consumption.
- **9. Behavioral Awareness Programs:** Educate students, staff, and faculty about energy conservation practices and encourage them to adopt behaviors such as turning off lights and equipment when not in use.
- **10. Regular Maintenance and Upgrades:** Conduct regular maintenance of building systems to ensure optimal performance and efficiency. Consider upgrading outdated equipment and systems to newer, more energy-efficient models.

By implementing these energy-conserving measures, school projects can significantly reduce energy consumption, lower operating costs, and create healthier and more sustainable learning environments for students and staff.

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?

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document 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.

An inventory of historical sites at or near the sites of the potential projects included in the 2024-30 CFP would be developed during project-specific environmental review. Research would 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.

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

This 2023-29 CFP is a non-project planning document. Updates of the CFP will be coordinated with King and Snohomish counties and the cities of Bothell, Brier, Kenmore, Kirkland and Woodinville as part of the Growth Management Act process; one of the purposes of which is to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Appropriate measures 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.

If evidence of any on-site historic, archeological, scientific or cultural significance were found during site activity, construction would be halted in that area and the State Historical Preservation Officer would be notified.

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?

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, will not have any impact on land or shoreline use that is incompatible with existing comprehensive plans, land use codes,

or shoreline management plans, itself. The potential projects included in the CFP are compatible with existing land use plans. Compatibility of potential proposals would be measured by consistency with the existing school use, adopted comprehensive plan, zoning code, capital facilities plans and environmental review.

## • Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, will not have any impact on land or shoreline use that is incompatible with existing comprehensive plans, land use codes, or shoreline management plans, itself. Future proposals would be consistent with adopted comprehensive plan polices that address schools, community use of schools, maintaining a high quality of neighborhood schools and the capital facilities element.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, does not create substantial new demands for transportation itself. 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 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document and, as such, does not create substantial new demands for transportation itself. Therefore, no measures to reduce or respond to such demands are proposed at this time. The projects included in the CFP will be reviewed for probable transportation impacts at the project-level review. Transportation impacts of the project will include any net change in vehicle trips and parking demand, site access and circulation, student loading/unloading, and non-motorized impacts. Probable impacts to public services and utilities will be reviewed. Public services will include review of life safety requirements by the permitting jurisdictions. The need for new, replaced or extension of utilities to sites will be evaluated and discussed with utility providers.

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

This 2024-30 CFP is a non-project planning document. The CFP will not conflict with any laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

To evaluate if a proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment, the following steps will take place:

1. Research Applicable Laws and Regulations: Begin by researching the relevant environmental laws and regulations at the local, state, and federal levels. These may include laws related to air quality, water quality, land use, endangered species protection, wetlands conservation, and hazardous waste management.

- 2. Review Proposal Details: Carefully review the details of the proposal, including the project scope, location, activities involved, and potential environmental impacts. Identify specific aspects of the proposal that could potentially conflict with environmental laws or regulations.
- **3.** Consult with Experts: Seek input from environmental experts, consultants, and/or legal advisors who are knowledgeable about local, state, and federal environmental laws. They can provide insights into potential areas of conflict and offer guidance on compliance requirements.
- **4. Environmental Review:** Conduct an environmental review to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the proposal. This assessment should consider factors such as air and water pollution, habitat disruption, soil erosion, noise pollution, and visual impacts.
- 5. Compare Proposal to Regulatory Requirements: Compare the details of the proposal to the specific requirements outlined in applicable environmental laws and regulations. Identify any discrepancies or potential conflicts between the proposal and regulatory requirements.
- **6. Mitigation Measures:** If potential conflicts are identified, propose mitigation measures to address and minimize environmental impacts. These measures may include implementing pollution control technologies, habitat restoration efforts, minimizing land disturbance, or adopting alternative project designs or locations.
- 7. Seek Regulatory Guidance: If there are uncertainties or questions regarding compliance with environmental laws and regulations, consider reaching out to the appropriate regulatory agencies for guidance. They can provide clarification on regulatory requirements and help ensure compliance.

By following these steps, the District can effectively evaluate whether a proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment and take appropriate actions to ensure compliance.