

**BRIGHTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEGATIVE
DECLARATION PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Brighton Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the “District”) proposes the following capital improvement project to be completed at the Brighton High School, the French Road Elementary School and the Twelve Corners Middle School (collectively referred to as the “Project Sites”): building improvements to be completed at the Project Sites including exterior/interior upgrades for education programming, infrastructure, HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing; site improvements at the Brighton High School including vehicular/pedestrian circulation improvements such as redesign of parking lots and relocation/adjustments to curb cuts, ADA compliance upgrades, athletic upgrades including new synthetic turf baseball and softball fields, and improvements to stormwater management systems; vehicular/pedestrian circulation improvements such as redesign of parking lots and relocation/adjustments to curb cuts at the French Road Elementary School; and building improvements to be completed at the Twelve Corners Middle School including exterior/interior upgrades for education programming, infrastructure, HVAC, mechanical, electrical and plumbing (collectively referred to as the “Project”); and

WHEREAS pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the regulations promulgated thereto at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively referred to as “SEQRA”), the District is required to undertake a review of the potential significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to SEQRA, the District has reviewed and completed Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“EAF”) and reviewed the plans associated with the Project, the results of the EAF Mapper completed for the locations of the proposed Project sites, as well as additional pertinent documents and information; and

WHEREAS, the District resolves, based upon the information contained in the EAF and the accompanying Project documents, as well as based on the other information summarized herein comprising the administrative record of this matter, that the Project for the reasons set forth below will not result in a potential significant potential adverse impact to the environment and hereby issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 617.7 of the SEQRA regulations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Upon a thorough review and due consideration by the District of the completed EAF for the Project, and in consideration of other information associated with the Project including the documents information contained in the administrative record in this matter, the District makes the following findings:

1. The District has duly considered the Project, including identifying the reasonable impacts associated with the Project, and compared the same to the parameters and criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR §§ 617.1 and 617.3 of the SEQRA regulations in order to assess such impacts pursuant to SEQRA as required for the Project.

2. The District classifies the Project as a Type 1 Action pursuant to § 617.4 of the SEQRA regulations.

3. The District adopts each of the matters set forth in the Whereas clauses herein as part of this resolution and each shall have the same force and effect as each of the other findings made in this resolution.

4. The District has considered the significance of the potential significant adverse environmental impacts of the proposed Project by: (i) carefully reviewing and examining the responses to the EAF, including the information in the completed Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the EAF together with examining other available supporting information and documents concerning the Project and the EAF Mapper results for the Project, and the District has reviewed the Project's potential impacts to land, stormwater and groundwater, wetlands, other water resources, and analyzed any impacts associated with agricultural uses, as well as potential impacts associated with or to historic, archaeological and other recognized and/or protected resources, threatened or endangered plant and animal species, transportation, traffic, community character and cumulative impacts, if any, and considered each of the potential impacts as required by the applicable SEQRA regulations; (ii) considered the criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c) in light of such potential impacts; and (iii) thoroughly analyzed the identified areas of relevant environmental concern.

5. The District finds that the Project will not result in a potential significant adverse impact to the environment for the following reasons:

Impacts to Land, Geological Features Agricultural Uses, Community Character, as well as Potential Cumulative Impacts:

There will be no significant adverse impact to land as a result of the Project. The Project work largely entails renovations and reconstruction of and certain additions to existing facilities and facility components including to existing buildings and structures located on land that is

currently devoted to educational and school uses, including but not limited to, expansion and additions to parking areas, as well as athletic facility upgrades and improvements. The Project sites, after the Project is completed, will have the same use as it does now, including educational uses.

The work to be completed that is outside of structures at Project sites is limited for the most part to reconstruction and renovation of existing facilities, including parking areas, associated drainage features and the like as well as upgrades to certain athletic facilities and play areas. Additional/supplemental drainage containment and stormwater features to be constructed will be located on the Project sites and, as detailed below, will be constructed and operated in accordance with applicable regulations. As such, no significant adverse impact to land from such work being completed outside of existing buildings or structures is anticipated.

No potential significant adverse impact to any geological features of significance is anticipated as no such geological features on the Project sites have been identified. In addition, the Project is consistent with adopted land use plans as most of the Project sites have for some time been developed for educational uses.

For the reasons set forth above, no significant adverse impact is anticipated to community character as the Project sites consist of educational uses, and there will be no change in the uses associated with the Project work to be completed on the Project sites. Furthermore, no impact on community character is anticipated in light of the foregoing as there will be no change in use, and no material change in the intensity of such use associated with the construction or operation of the Project.

In addition, no potentially significant adverse impacts from cumulative impacts are anticipated. The Project will be constructed in multiple phases over several years, but ground disturbance is limited to the Project sites; work will largely occur during the summer months and school breaks. The Project sites have been developed with the same uses for many years and such uses will continue after the Project work is completed. Further, the development associated with the Project is not anticipated to be an inducement for any additional development in the area of the Project sites. Lastly, the Project will not impact agricultural uses or resources.

Impacts to Groundwater, Stormwater, Wetlands, Surface Water and Designated Floodplains:

The Project will not have any significant adverse environmental impact on water or from water, including surface or ground water, or from stormwater, and there will be no significant adverse impact to wetlands.

The Project will not cause soil erosion nor otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that could lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies. Soil erosion during construction will be controlled and mitigated by stormwater management practices. As

such, no significant adverse impacts to surface waters due to potential soil erosion will be created by the Project.

Furthermore, the Project will not be significantly impacted in a negative way by or have a significant adverse impact in the form of construction on lands subject to flooding or located in designated floodplains. All potential stormwater runoff will be directed to existing, on-site stormwater management structures. As a result, no potentially significant adverse impacts from the Project being constructed (including any such impacts after it is operational) shall occur in such areas.

Air Quality, Health, and Safety Impacts:

The Project will not result in any significant adverse impact to air quality from traffic or operations associated with construction, including from construction vehicles. Development associated with the Project will not create a State regulated air emissions source and while construction will have an impact on air emissions including those from construction equipment and material delivery vehicles, such impacts are not anticipated to be significant, but rather short-term and discreet.

The Project will not result in a material increase in the production of solid waste. All existing recycling and disposal practices at Project sites will continue as is. Construction and debris materials will occur in accordance with applicable State and County regulations.

Further, no increase in vehicular traffic associated with the Project is expected as a result of the work to be completed as none of the improvements or measures to be constructed to parking areas are being undertaken to facilitate more vehicle trips or attract significantly larger numbers of attendees to events, but rather are being undertaken to better serve current needs and demands.

Impacts to Plants and Animals Including to Threatened or Endangered Species:

The Project will not impact any known habitats of threatened or endangered species. The Project will also not impact any species of plants or animals that are listed by the State of New York as rare, or as species of special concern. As such, the Project will not result in significant adverse impacts to plants or animals.

Impacts to Aesthetic Resources:

The Project will not have a significant adverse impact on aesthetic resources associated with the Project sites. As discussed in detail above regarding impacts to land, the Project will not have a significant impact because the uses associated with the Project sites will remain the same after the Project is completed as they are now, educational uses. Further, no significant

increase to the intensity of uses is proposed for the Project sites, which further demonstrates there will be no potentially significant adverse impact to aesthetic resources.

Impacts to Archeological and Historical Resources:

The Project will not have a significant adverse impact on archeological or historic resources. The Project Sites have buildings which are listed as historic buildings by the State of New York. However, the majority of the Project work applicable to these particular buildings will be largely interior renovation and upgrade work. Nevertheless, the Project will be subject to review by the New York State Historic Preservation Office and OPHRP to ensure such historical resources are protected.

Impacts on Open Space and Recreation:

The Project will not have a significant adverse impact on existing open space and recreation, as the Project sites have been developed and used for educational uses for many years, and the Project work will not change such use. To the extent District facilities are available for use by the public, the Project is not anticipated to have any impact on such policies.

Impacts on Critical Environmental Areas:

The Project will not have a potential significant adverse impact on a Critical Environmental Area (CEA) as no such CEA has been identified on or near the Project sites.

Impacts on Transportation (Traffic):

The Project is not anticipated to have any significant adverse impact on transportation or on existing traffic patterns and flow. The Project work is not being undertaken to facilitate additional vehicle trips or materially increase the use of such facilities, but improve internal traffic circulation, parking capacities, and ingress and egress traffic flows. As a result, the Project will have a significant benefit to existing traffic flows and patterns.

Impacts Related to Noise, Odor and Light:

The Project will not create a significant adverse impact from objectionable noise and odor. While the Project will result in an increase in noise from construction, including from equipment and construction operations above ambient noise levels, the impact will be relatively short in duration and discrete, because the noise will be limited to typical construction times. In addition, any such noise from construction will be undertaken during work hours and as such is not anticipated to be significant. No undue odors are anticipated from construction of the Project. Although new pole mounted lights for the turf fields and the parking lots will be installed, no significant adverse light impacts to the surrounding areas will result from the Project.

Impacts on Local Utilities and Energy:

The Project will not result in a significant adverse impact relating to utility and energy usage. The Project will not require a change in energy demand or use and, as such, no significant adverse impacts on local utilities or energy use will occur.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Based on the foregoing, the District finds that the Project will not have a potential significant adverse impact on the environment in accordance with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law and, in particular, pursuant to the criteria set forth at 6 NYCRR § 617.7(b)-(c) of the SEQRA regulations. The District therefore issues a Negative Declaration pursuant to § 617.7 of the SEQRA regulations, and directs that the following actions be undertaken and makes the following additional findings:

1. A notice of this Negative Declaration shall be filed and/or published to the extent required by the SEQRA regulations and as the District may deem advisable.
2. This Resolution has been prepared in accordance with Article 8 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law by the Brighton Central School District Board of Education with offices located at 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Moved by: Eleanor Oi

Seconded by: Carrielyn Bertino

Aye 7 Nay 0 Absent 0

Larry Davis, President	YES
Christina Lee, VP	YES
Karen Hatch	YES
Dr. Susan Gasparino	YES
Esther Winter	YES
Eleanor Oi	YES
Carrielyn Bertino	YES

Accepted 7 Denied 0

Dated: December 12, 2023
 Brighton, New York

For further information contact: Brighton Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Administration Louis Alaimo; email: lou_alaimo@bcsd.org; telephone number: 585-242-5200.

A copy of this Negative Declaration resolution and any notices, as well as the documents on which it is based upon, will be kept on file with the Brighton Central School District Board of Education with offices located at 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF MONROE) ss.:

I, the undersigned, the District Clerk of the Brighton Central School District, DO
HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed extract of minutes of the meeting of the Brighton Central School District Board of Education, including the resolution contained therein, held on December 12, 2023, with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Brighton Central School District Board of Education and of such resolution set forth therein and of the whole of said original insofar as the same related to the subject matters therein referred to.

FURTHER CERTIFY that all members of the Brighton Central School District Board of Education had due notice of said meeting, that the meeting was in all respects duly held, said meeting was open to the general public, and that public notice of the time and place of said meeting was duly given.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that there was a quorum of the members of the Brighton Central School District Board of Education present throughout said meeting.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that as of the date hereof, the attached resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended, repealed, or modified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said District this 12th day of December 2023.



Kim Lanzafame
District Clerk