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**SMMUSD Community Meeting Planned to Present the Draft
Environmental Impact Report Findings for the Malibu Middle and
High School Specific Plan Project**

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) is holding a virtual and in-person meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 from 6 - 8 p.m. to present the Malibu Middle and High School (MMHS) Specific Plan project and the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The purpose of the meeting is for staff, parents, students and community members to learn about and discuss the findings of the DEIR. The meeting will be held in the multipurpose room at the former Juan Cabrillo Elementary School (JCES) campus at 30237 Morning View Drive, in Malibu.

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide written comments via email or U.S. Postal Service during the 45-day comment period. The public review period is from Oct. 15 through Nov. 29, 2021.

The meeting will feature a presentation followed by audience questions and feedback. The meeting may also be viewed virtually via Zoom website or Zoom call in.

Meeting URL: <https://bit.ly/3B0B8hi> Phone: 669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 884 3565 9261 Passcode: 797355

The Proposed Project will redevelop and modernize the former JCES site and the existing MMHS campus with the goal of creating three separate and distinct areas: middle school core, high school core, and shared amenities.

Implementation of the proposed project would occur over four phases resulting in demolition of all buildings on the former JCES campus including portables, and six buildings and associated amenities on the MMHS campus. The recently completed administration, library, classroom and lab building, along with the middle school building, will remain.

No major changes will be made to the existing football field, track, baseball or softball fields. However, there will be minor improvements such as the development of new field houses and additional parking adjacent to the softball field.

Overall, project buildout will result in 32 new classrooms, eight labs, minor field improvements, and parking additions. The campus will also receive a new drop-off and pick-up area, bus loop, gymnasiums, performing arts theater, and aquatics center, as part of the project.

Additionally, the adjacent Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area. (ESHA) will be restored as part of the project, pedestrian trails throughout the site will be extended to improve circulation and accessibility and the existing Bus Barn will be relocated to a dirt area adjacent to the District-owned Malibu Equestrian Park.

While the MMHS Specific Plan reflects the anticipated buildout condition of the MMHS campus, only phase 1 of the plan is designed and funded for construction by Measure M, passed by Malibu voters in 2018. Construction of subsequent phases will require additional financial resources before they can proceed. More information about Measure M can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3n61IRa>.

Notice of availability of DEIR is accessible here: <https://bit.ly/3jkH92f>.

The DEIR is accessible online at: <https://bit.ly/2Z00q1J>. The presentation will be recorded and available for viewing the following day.

Please submit all comments pertaining to the content of the DEIR in writing with the subject heading “Malibu Middle and High School Specific Plan Project” to Carey Upton, Chief Operations Officer via email at cupton@smmusd.org or via mail at:

Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District
Attn: Carey Upton - FIP Department
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The deadline to submit comments is Nov. 29, 2021.

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