

February 29, 2012



To: Public Agencies, Indian Tribes and Interested Persons

From: Noel Treat, Deputy Superintendent and SEPA Responsible Official

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Re: Determination of Significance (DS) and request for comments on scope for Building Excellence IV Levy Program

Determination of Significance and Preparation of EIS: Pursuant to WAC 197-11-360, as the SEPA Responsible Official for Seattle School District No. 1 ("District"), I have determined that the proposal for a Building Excellence IV Levy ("Proposal") may have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement ("EIS") will be prepared.

Description of the Proposal, Proposal Location, Proponent and Lead Agency: The Proposal is a non-project action for a capital construction program, to meet the needs of the District. The Proposal includes new construction, renovations of and additions to school buildings located within Seattle. The District has not determined which specific projects will be included in the Proposal, and may select from five to twenty projects. The proponent of the Proposal ("Proponent") is the District Director of Capital Projects and Planning. The lead agency is Seattle School District No. 1.

School Board Policy No. 6901 on Capital Planning can be found at:

<http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/1583136/File/Policies/Board/series6000/6901.pdf?sessionid=8dd03253e9494ab2700a78a31b532ff9>.

Guiding Principles for the BEX IV Program can be found at:

[http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/1583136/File/Departmental%20Content/school%20board/11-](http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/1583136/File/Departmental%20Content/school%20board/11-12%20agendas/120711agenda/20111207_BEXIV_guidingprinciples.pdf)

[12%20agendas/120711agenda/20111207_BEXIV_guidingprinciples.pdf](http://www.seattleschools.org/modules/groups/homepagefiles/cms/1583136/File/Departmental%20Content/school%20board/11-12%20agendas/120711agenda/20111207_BEXIV_guidingprinciples.pdf).

Scoping: The lead agency has identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS: Land use, noise, water, plants, animals, energy and natural resources, aesthetics, light and glare, recreation, historic and cultural preservation, transportation, public services and utilities. The EIS will consider alternatives of five, twelve and twenty major projects, as well as a "no action" alternative.

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Phased Review: The District will conduct a phased environmental review. Specific environmental impacts for each individual site will be evaluated when the District begins project-specific planning, design and construction activities as to a specific site.

Public Comment: Comments may be submitted on the alternatives, mitigation measures, probable adverse impacts and licenses or permits that may be required. Comments may be submitted not later than March 22, 2012 to Joe Wolf, Capital Projects and Planning, by mail at Seattle Public Schools, PO Box 34165, Mail Stop 22-336, Seattle, WA 98124-1165 or by email to: jawolf@seattleschools.org .

No Agency Appeal: There is no agency appeal of this Determination and Scoping Notice.