# FOOTHILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Facility Feasibility Study

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## SITE VISITS/OBSERVATIONS

August 9, 2021: A site visit was conducted on this date prior to the opening of school for the 2021/22 school year. Several staff members were on campus and their input was solicited, as necessary. The principal, Ashley Vette, was on campus at Loma Rica ES, and included in the initial information gathering.

#### Initial observation included the following:

- Lack of curb appeal landscaping, driveway, parking lot, architectural (elevations)
- Septic system impacts site planning
- Dirt parking lot adjacent to site
- Field space was recently renovated and in good condition
- Property had elevation change from school site to outdoor facilities
- Yuba County Office of Education has facility adjacent to Foothill IS

## SITE VISITS/OBSERVATIONS - continued

August 9<sup>th:</sup> Travis Barnett, Director of Buildings and Grounds, indicated the site has been tested for possible Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA). This condition can be mitigated to allow for new construction on the site, but a soils engineer will need to be engaged to develop a plan.

The following observations were observed and staff input included the following:

- The administration office is not conducive to necessary administrative functions
- Social distancing is not possible
- Demountable wall system is now affixed
- Building lacks several code requirements as it relates to egress
- Kitchen and multi-purpose room are functional spaces
- Lack of necessary core facilities, especially restrooms

## SITE VISITS/OBSERVATIONS - continued

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Additional deficiencies as noted below:

- Ceiling tiles stained indicating water intrusion
- Lack of emergency lighting
- Vinyl composition tile (VCT) needs upgrading
- Lack of natural lighting

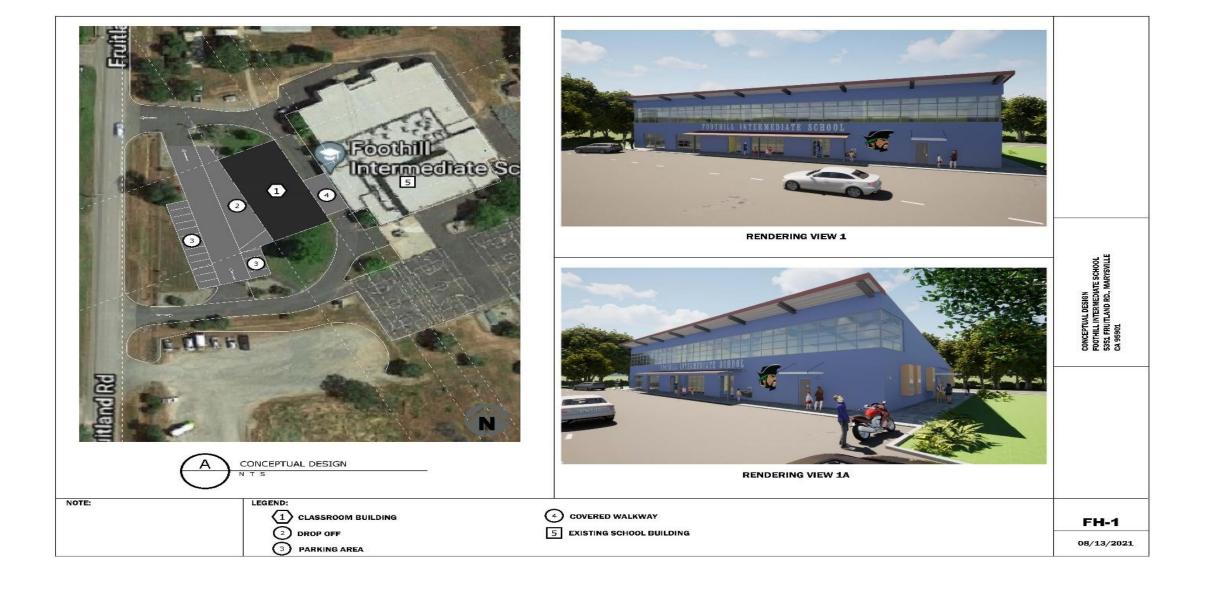
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#### August 18:

#### Additional steps to develop feasibility study:

- 1. Discussed initial findings and recommendations with Mr. Barnett.
- 2. Verified the information as reported above and discussed potential solutions.
- 3. Inspected the as-built architectural plans for the school.
- 4. Researched NOA issue (although it would be standard to have a soils testing report, it is assumed NOA is present, and mitigation will be necessary if additional capacity is added to the site).

# Potential improvements . . .



## Funding Sources To Consider

Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds

Recommended funding source

State School Facility Program

- \$1,500,000 (approximately)
  - Will require a new state bond or other state facility funding

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- Approve further study of NOA issue (hire soils engineer)
- Prepare a Facility Hardship Application (if NOA is discovered) and Modernization Application - State School Facility Program
- 3) Utilize ESSER Funds Conduct a Public Hearing and Board Resolution to adopt use
- 4) Notify California Department of Education of the project/project goals
- 5) Arrange meeting with Yuba County Office of Education to discuss project

## QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

## THANK YOU