

8.0 Relationship between Local Short-Term Use of the Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long-Term Productivity

The proposed project entails the construction of a new school facility that would replace the existing PS 133 elementary school on the site. The new facility will provide approximately 960 seats for Pre-K through Fifth grades in two school organizations serving CSD 13 and CSD 15.

During the construction phase, as discussed in Section 3.15: Construction Impacts, there would be some short-term adverse effects on the environment. These would include temporary disruptive effects due to increased traffic and noise levels associated with construction activities, and diminution of air quality due to fugitive dust and vehicular emissions.

Longer-term negative impacts would include changes to traffic and noise conditions, and the negative effect resulting from the removal of the historic PS 133 building. However, as described in Chapter 4: Mitigation Measures, measures are available to fully mitigate the project's traffic and noise impacts, and mitigate or minimize the project's impact on historic resources. These negative effects of the project would not be expected to adversely affect long-term productivity.

Positive consequences of the proposed project would include the provision of additional public school capacity on the site to meet the needs of the area's current and projected future elementary school students. The proposed project would provide more space and upgraded facilities to accommodate the two school organizations' educational programs, and would result in a net incremental increase of approximately 696 seats over the capacity of the existing PS 133 facility.