

Fresno County Office of Education

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Violet Heintz Education Academy Site Acquisition and Improvement Project

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to California Education Code Section 17211, the Fresno County Board of Education will hold a public hearing to evaluate the Violet Heintz Education Academy site based on site selection standards established by the California Department of Education, and make a determination as to conformity with said standards. The public hearing will be held at the August 18, 2011, Board meeting at 2:05 p.m. (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Fresno County Board of Education Board Room at 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California. The public is invited to attend and participate in the hearing.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of the acquisition of a 3.08 acre parcel containing a 21,000 square foot building by the Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) to facilitate the continued operation of the Violet Heintz Education Academy (VHEA) on the site. The building has been leased by FCOE for the operation of VHEA since 2008. The property is located on the north side of E. Yale Avenue between N. Winery and N. Fine Avenues (4939 E. Yale Avenue; APN 494-231-03).

VHEA operates as a community school for up to 120 students in grades 9-12. The educational program provides educational services for students referred by the probation department or courts. The program is tailored to meet the individual needs of the students and the curriculum is designed to provide for differences in ages and academic abilities.

No changes will be made to the size of the building or the building facade. Various interior alterations will be made to enhance the educational program and the functionality of the building. Alterations to outdoor areas will be made to improve student circulation and safety and to enhance opportunities for physical education.

Further Information: Questions regarding the public hearing or project may be directed to Jeff Becker, Director of Facilities, Fresno County Office of Education, telephone (559) 497-3705.