

JUDGE RULES IN FAVOR OF HERMOSA BEACH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT ON NORTH SCHOOL LAWSUIT

Hermosa Beach, CA – March 12, 2018 – A challenge by Hermosa Beach Resident Blair Smith against Hermosa Beach City School District (HBCSD) has been defeated in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

The action of the lawsuit was to block the building of a new school on the site of the old North School. Mr. Smith filed the complaint claiming the school district was improperly using funds from the Measure S bond “to destroy historic North School.”

The court’s final ruling is that the North School project was authorized by the voters under Measure S and can proceed as planned.

“This is a validation of the North School project that was authorized by the voters of Hermosa Beach through the passage of Measure S,” stated Patricia Escalante, Superintendent for the Hermosa Beach City School District. “It is a win for the entire community and the children of Hermosa Beach, now and for future generations-

Hermosa Beach voters approved School Bond Measure S allowing for the district to raise \$59 million through a facilities improvement bond to address overcrowded, underfunded, and outdated schools. The measure was developed over many years and reflects extensive input from the community. The approved project includes the reconstruction of what used to be North School, along with renovations to Valley School and modernization/new construction at View School.

HBCSD will file with the court for a reimbursement of costs and fees as allowable under the appropriate codes.

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