

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JANUARY 6, 2021

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In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Bond Counsel to the Issuer, under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas. Interest on the Bonds is included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. See “TAX MATTERS – Opinion of Bond Counsel” in this Official Statement.

\$2,950,000*
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS (GIRARD)
TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2021

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: September 1, as shown on inside cover

The Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the “Bonds” or the “Series 2021 Bonds”) will be issued by the Unified School District No. 248, Crawford County, Kansas (Girard) (the “District” or the “Issuer”), as fully registered bonds, without coupons, and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of the Bonds will be made in book-entry form, in the denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (the “Authorized Denomination”). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interests in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bond owners or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Bonds. Principal of the Bonds will be payable annually on September 1, beginning in 2021. Semiannual interest on the Bonds will be payable on March 1 and September 1, beginning on September 1, 2021 (the “Interest Payment Dates”). Principal will be payable upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds by the registered owners thereof at the office of the Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas, as paying agent and bond registrar (the “Paying Agent” and “Bond Registrar”). Interest payable on each Bond shall be paid to the persons who are the registered owners of the Bonds as of the close of business on the fifteenth day (whether or not a business day) of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date by check or draft of the Paying Agent mailed to such registered owner or, in the case of an interest payment to a registered owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by electronic transfer. So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Owner of the Bonds, such payments will be made directly to DTC. DTC is expected, in turn, to remit such principal and interest to the DTC Participants (herein defined) for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners.

The Bonds and the interest thereon will constitute general obligations of the Issuer, payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. See “THE BONDS – Security for the Bonds” herein.

The Bonds will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer. See “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions” herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the Issuer, subject to the approval of legality by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas, Bond Counsel to the Issuer. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in New York, New York on or about January 27, 2021.

RAYMOND JAMES

THE COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR QUICK REFERENCE ONLY. THE COVER PAGE IS NOT A SUMMARY OF THIS ISSUE. INVESTORS MUST READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO THE MAKING OF AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION. “APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS” CONTAINS DEFINITIONS USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The date of this Official Statement is January __, 2021.

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion and amendment. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. As of this date, this Preliminary Official Statement has been deemed “final” by the City for purposes of SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1) except for the omission of certain information permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(1).

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS (GIRARD)
TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2021

MATURITY SCHEDULE

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: September 1, as shown below

SERIAL BONDS

<u>Stated Maturity</u> <u>September 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP⁽¹⁾</u>
2021	\$280,000			
2022	300,000			
2023	315,000			
2024	635,000			
2025	1,155,000			
2026	265,000			

[TERM BONDS

<u>Stated Maturity</u> <u>September 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP⁽¹⁾</u>
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(1) CUSIP data is provided by CUSIP Global Services, which is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by S&P Capital IQ, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and is included solely for the convenience of the Owners of the Bonds. Neither the Issuer nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVERALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES OF THE BONDS AT LEVELS ABOVE THOSE WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED. THE BONDS ARE OFFERED PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE JURISDICTIONS NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE GUARANTEED OR PASSED UPON THE SAFETY OF THE BONDS AS AN INVESTMENT, UPON THE PROBABILITY OF ANY EARNINGS THEREON OR UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS STATEMENTS THAT ARE "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" AS DEFINED IN THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. WHEN USED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT, THE WORDS "ESTIMATE," "INTEND," "EXPECT" AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS ARE INTENDED TO IDENTIFY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SUCH STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES THAT COULD CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS TO DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTEMPLATED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. READERS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO PLACE UNDUE RELIANCE ON THESE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, WHICH SPEAK ONLY AS OF THE DATE HEREOF.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS DEEMED TO BE FINAL (EXCEPT FOR PERMITTED OMISSIONS) BY THE ISSUER FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLYING WITH RULE 15c2-12 OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR OWN EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUER AND THE TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS (GIRARD)
TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2021

INTRODUCTION

General Matters

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to the Unified School District No. 248, Crawford County, Kansas (Girard) (the "Issuer" or the "District"), and the Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 (the "Bonds" or "Series 2021 Bonds") of the Issuer, dated as of January 27, 2021 (the "Dated Date"), to be issued in the principal amount of \$2,950,000*.

The Appendices to this Official Statement are integral parts of this document, to be read in their entirety.

The District is a unified school district duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas. Additional information regarding the District is contained in *APPENDIX A* to this Official Statement.

The materials contained on the cover page, in the body and in the Appendices to this Official Statement are to be read in their entirety. Except for the information expressly attributed to other sources deemed to be reliable, all information has been provided by the Issuer. The presentation of information herein, including tables of receipts from various taxes, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the Issuer. No representation is made that past experience, as might be shown by such financial or other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. Except to the extent described under the section captioned "LEGAL MATTERS," Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or sufficiency of any other information contained herein.

Definitions

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in "*APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS*."

Continuing Disclosure

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") has promulgated amendments to Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), requiring continuous secondary market disclosure. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the Issuer will enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking (the "Disclosure Undertaking") wherein the Issuer covenants to provide annually certain financial information and operating data (collectively, the "Annual Report") and other information necessary to comply with the Rule, and to transmit the same to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Pursuant to the Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer has agreed to file its Annual Report with the national repository ("EMMA") not later than the last day of the sixth month after the end of the Issuer's Fiscal Year, commencing with the year ending June 30, 2021. In the Bond Resolution, hereinafter defined, the Issuer covenants with the Underwriter and the Beneficial Owners to apply the provisions of the Disclosure Undertaking to the Bonds. This covenant is for the benefit of and is enforceable by the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

The Issuer has previously entered into disclosure undertakings pursuant to the Rule (the "Prior Undertakings"). In certain prior years, the Issuer has failed to file its Annual Report within the time period prescribed by the Prior Undertakings, and did not timely file notices on EMMA that the Annual Report was missing or late. In 2019, the Issuer hired a third-party firm to assist the Issuer in meeting its continuing disclosure obligations. The Issuer's filings for the previous five years are set forth on the table below.

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Fiscal Year <u>Ending June 30</u>	Filing Time <u>Period (Days)</u>	Financial Information <u>Filing Date</u>	Operating Data <u>Filing Date</u>
2016	180	03/06/2019	Never Filed
2017	180	03/06/2019	Never Filed
2018	180	03/06/2019	05/14/2019
2019	180	12/06/2019	12/06/2019
2020	180	12/29/2020	12/29/2020

During the past five years, the Issuer has made some filings of event notices on EMMA with respect to bond calls, defeasances, rating changes or other events, however, during said time period, the Issuer may not have made timely filings of all event notices on EMMA relating to all bond calls, defeasances, rating changes or other events. The Issuer believes this information was disseminated or available through other sources.

For more information regarding the Disclosure Undertaking, see “**APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS – THE DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING.**”

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the District or the Bonds may be obtained from the District at the address set forth in the preface to this Official Statement, or from the Underwriter, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., 1201 Walnut Street, 21st Floor, Kansas City, Missouri 64106 (816) 391-4120.

THE BONDS

Authority for the Bonds

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Kansas (the “State”), including K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, K.S.A. 10-620 *et seq.*, and K.S.A. 10-427 *et seq.*, all as amended and supplemented from time to time (the “Act”) and a resolution adopted by the governing body of the District (the “Bond Resolution”).

Security for the Bonds

The Bonds shall be general obligations of the District payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. The full faith, credit and resources of the District are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

Levy and Collection of Annual Tax, Transfer to Debt Service Account

The governing body of the Issuer shall annually make provision for the payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds as the same become due by, to the extent necessary, levying and collecting the necessary taxes upon all of the taxable tangible property within the Issuer in the manner provided by law. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each of the several years, respectively, and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the Issuer are levied and collected. The proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Bond and Interest Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the Issuer, shall thereafter be transferred to the Debt Service Account and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, taking into account any scheduled mandatory redemptions, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds shall consist of fully registered book-entry-only bonds in an Authorized Denomination and shall be numbered in such manner as the Bond Registrar shall determine. All of the Bonds shall be dated as of the Dated Date, become due in the amounts on the Stated Maturities, without option of prior redemption and payment and shall bear interest at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement (computed on the basis of twelve 30-day months)

from the later of the Dated Date or the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid, on the Interest Payment Dates in the manner hereinafter set forth.

Designation of Paying Agent and Bond Registrar

The Issuer will at all times maintain a paying agent and Bond registrar meeting the qualifications set forth in the Bond Resolution. The Issuer reserves the right to appoint a successor paying agent or Bond registrar. No resignation or removal of the paying agent or Bond registrar shall become effective until a successor has been appointed and has accepted the duties of paying agent or Bond registrar. Every paying agent or Bond registrar appointed by the Issuer shall at all times meet the requirements of Kansas law.

The Treasurer of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kansas (the "Bond Registrar" and "Paying Agent") has been designated by the Issuer as paying agent for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds and Bond registrar with respect to the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds.

Method and Place of Payment of the Bonds

The principal of, or Redemption Price, and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in any coin or currency which, on the respective dates of payment thereof, is legal tender for the payment of public and private debts. The principal or Redemption Price of each Bond shall be paid at Maturity to the person in whose name such Bond is registered on the Bond Register at the maturity thereof, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the principal office of the Paying Agent.

The interest payable on each Bond on any Interest Payment Date shall be paid to the Owner of such Bond as shown on the Bond Register at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by the Paying Agent to the address of such Owner shown on the Bond Register or at such other address as is furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Owner; or (b) in the case of an interest payment to Cede & Co. or any Owner of \$500,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of Bonds, by electronic transfer to such Owner upon written notice given to the Bond Registrar by such Owner, not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the bank, ABA routing number and account number to which such Owner wishes to have such transfer directed.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Defaulted Interest with respect to any Bond shall cease to be payable to the Owner of such Bond on the relevant Record Date and shall be payable to the Owner in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest, which Special Record Date shall be fixed as hereinafter specified. The Issuer shall notify the Paying Agent in writing of the amount of Defaulted Interest proposed to be paid on each Bond and the date of the proposed payment (which date shall be at least 30 days after receipt of such notice by the Paying Agent) and shall deposit with the Paying Agent an amount of money equal to the aggregate amount proposed to be paid in respect of such Defaulted Interest. Following receipt of such funds the Paying Agent shall fix a Special Record Date for the payment of such Defaulted Interest which shall be not more than 15 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the proposed payment. The Paying Agent shall notify the Issuer of such Special Record Date and shall cause notice of the proposed payment of such Defaulted Interest and the Special Record Date therefor to be mailed, by first class mail, postage prepaid, to each Owner of a Bond entitled to such notice not less than 10 days prior to such Special Record Date.

SO LONG AS CEDE & CO., REMAINS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, THE PAYING AGENT SHALL TRANSMIT PAYMENTS TO THE SECURITIES DEPOSITORY, WHICH SHALL REMIT SUCH PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PROCEDURES. See "THE BONDS – Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository."

Payments Due on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

In any case where a Bond Payment Date is not a Business Day, then payment of principal, Redemption Price or interest need not be made on such Bond Payment Date but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day with the same force and effect as if made on such Bond Payment Date, and no interest shall accrue for the period after such Bond Payment Date.

Book-Entry Bonds; Securities Depository

The Bonds shall initially be registered to Cede & Co., the nominee for the Securities Depository, and no Beneficial Owner will receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds, except in the event the Bond Registrar issues Replacement Bonds. It is anticipated that during the term of the Bonds, the Securities Depository will make book-

entry transfers among its Participants and receive and transmit payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the Bonds to the Participants until and unless the Bond Registrar authenticates and delivers Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners as described in the following paragraphs.

The Issuer may decide, subject to the requirements of the Operational Arrangements of DTC (or a successor Securities Depository), and the following provisions of this section to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor Securities Depository):

(a) If the Issuer determines (1) that the Securities Depository is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or (2) that the Securities Depository is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or (3) that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; or

(b) if the Bond Registrar receives written notice from Participants having interest in not less than 50% of the Bonds Outstanding, as shown on the records of the Securities Depository (and certified to such effect by the Securities Depository), that the continuation of a book-entry system to the exclusion of any Bonds being issued to any Owner other than Cede & Co. is no longer in the best interests of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, then the Bond Registrar shall notify the Owners of such determination or such notice and of the availability of certificates to owners requesting the same, and the Bond Registrar shall register in the name of and authenticate and deliver Replacement Bonds to the Beneficial Owners or their nominees in principal amounts representing the interest of each, making such adjustments as it may find necessary or appropriate as to accrued interest and previous calls for redemption; provided, that in the case of a determination under (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this paragraph, the Issuer, with the consent of the Bond Registrar, may select a successor securities depository in accordance with the following paragraph to effect book-entry transfers.

In such event, all references to the Securities Depository herein shall relate to the period of time when the Securities Depository has possession of at least one Bond. Upon the issuance of Replacement Bonds, all references herein to obligations imposed upon or to be performed by the Securities Depository shall be deemed to be imposed upon and performed by the Bond Registrar, to the extent applicable with respect to such Replacement Bonds. If the Securities Depository resigns and the Issuer, the Bond Registrar or Owners are unable to locate a qualified successor of the Securities Depository, then the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and cause delivery of Replacement Bonds to Owners, as provided herein. The Bond Registrar may rely on information from the Securities Depository and its Participants as to the names of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The cost of printing, registration, authentication, and delivery of Replacement Bonds shall be paid for by the Issuer.

In the event the Securities Depository resigns, is unable to properly discharge its responsibilities, or is no longer qualified to act as a securities depository and registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Issuer may appoint a successor Securities Depository provided the Bond Registrar receives written evidence satisfactory to the Bond Registrar with respect to the ability of the successor Securities Depository to discharge its responsibilities. Any such successor Securities Depository shall be a securities depository which is a registered clearing agency under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or other applicable statute or regulation that operates a securities depository upon reasonable and customary terms. The Bond Registrar upon its receipt of a Bond or Bonds for cancellation shall cause the delivery of the Bonds to the successor Securities Depository in appropriate denominations and form as provided in the Bond Resolution.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds

As long as any of the Bonds remain Outstanding, each Bond when issued shall be registered in the name of the Owner thereof on the Bond Register. Bonds may be transferred and exchanged only on the Bond Register as hereinafter provided. Upon surrender of any Bond at the principal office of the Bond Registrar, the Bond Registrar shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any Authorized Denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond that was presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Bond Registrar, duly executed by the Owner thereof or by the Owner's duly authorized agent.

In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The Issuer shall pay the fees and expenses of the Bond Registrar for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Bond Registrar, are the responsibility of the Owners of the Bonds. In the event any Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure.

The Issuer and the Bond Registrar shall not be required (a) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond that has been called for redemption after notice of such redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption; or (b) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the Issuer of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest.

Mutilated, Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Bonds

If (a) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Bond Registrar or the Bond Registrar receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Bond, and (b) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Bond Registrar such security or indemnity as may be required by each of them, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Bond Registrar that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and, upon the Issuer's request, the Bond Registrar shall authenticate and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same Stated Maturity and of like tenor and principal amount. If any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer, in its discretion, may pay such Bond instead of issuing a new Bond. Upon the issuance of any new Bond, the Issuer may require the payment by the Owner of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent) connected therewith.

Nonpresentment of Bonds

If any Bond is not presented for payment when the principal thereof becomes due at Maturity, if funds sufficient to pay such Bond have been made available to the Paying Agent all liability of the Issuer to the Owner thereof for the payment of such Bond shall forthwith cease, determine and be completely discharged, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the Paying Agent to hold such funds, without liability for interest thereon, for the benefit of the Owner of such Bond, who shall thereafter be restricted exclusively to such funds for any claim of whatever nature on his part under this Bond Resolution or on, or with respect to, said Bond. If any Bond is not presented for payment within four (4) years following the date when such Bond becomes due at Maturity, the Paying Agent shall repay to the Issuer the funds theretofore held by it for payment of such Bond, and such Bond shall, subject to the defense of any applicable statute of limitation, thereafter be an unsecured obligation of the Issuer, and the Owner thereof shall be entitled to look only to the Issuer for payment, and then only to the extent of the amount so repaid to it by the Paying Agent, and the Issuer shall not be liable for any interest thereon and shall not be regarded as a trustee of such money.

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity.

THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY

1. The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered bond certificate will be issued for each scheduled maturity of the Bonds, and will be deposited with DTC.

2. DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.6 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through

electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of "AA+." The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

3. Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

4. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

5. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

6. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

7. Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

8. Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Paying Agent, on the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, the Paying Agent, or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

9. A Beneficial Owner shall give notice to elect to have its Bonds purchased or tendered, through its Participant, to the Paying Agent, and shall effect delivery of such Bonds by causing the Direct Participant to transfer the Participant's interest in the Bonds, on DTC's records, to the Paying Agent. The requirement for physical delivery of the Bonds in connection with an optional tender or a mandatory purchase will be deemed satisfied when the ownership rights in the Bonds are transferred by Direct Participants on DTC's records and followed by a book-entry credit of tendered Bonds to the Paying Agent's DTC account.

10. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

11. The Issuer may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

12. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC’s book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

THE REFUNDING PLAN

The District has adopted a plan to advance refund the following portion of the District’s outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (the “Refunded Bonds”):

<u>Series</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Par Amount</u>	<u>Redemption Date</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
2014	2024-2027	\$2,715,000	September 1, 2022	100%

An Escrow Fund will be established for the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of the Escrow Trust Agreement dated as of the Dated Date, by and between the Issuer and Security Bank of Kansas City, Kansas City, Kansas (the “Escrow Agent”). See “**APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS – The Escrow Trust Agreement**” for a discussion of the manner in which the Escrow Fund is administered. The Escrow Fund and the cash and Escrowed Securities held therein will be pledged to: (a) payment of interest on the Refunded Bonds to the Refunded Bonds Redemption Date, and (b) redeeming the Refunded Bonds on the Refunded Bonds Redemption Date.

VERIFICATION OF ESCROW

The accuracy of the mathematical computations of: (a) the adequacy of cash and certain Escrowed Securities to be held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, together with the interest to be earned thereon, to pay the interest on the Refunded Bonds to and including the Refunded Bonds Redemption Date, and to pay the principal of and premium, if any, due on the Refunded Bonds on the Refunded Bonds Redemption Date and (b) certain yield calculations relating to the Bonds and the Escrowed Securities made in accordance with Code §148, will be verified by Robert Thomas CPA, LLC, Certified Public Accountant, Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Such verification of the accuracy of such mathematical computations will be based upon information supplied by the Underwriter and on interpretations of the Code provided by Bond Counsel.

SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table summarizes the sources and uses of funds associated with the issuance of the Bonds:

Sources of Funds:	
Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$2,950,000.00*
Total	
Uses of Funds:	
Deposit to Escrow Fund	
Underwriter’s Discount	
Costs of Issuance	
Total	

**Preliminary, subject to change.*

RISK FACTORS AND INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS

A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OF THE BONDS DESCRIBED HEREIN SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE BONDS WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REGARDING CERTAIN RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OFFERING SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF ALL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE DECISION TO PURCHASE THE BONDS. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD ANALYZE CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF THE COMPLETE DOCUMENTS SUMMARIZED HEREIN, COPIES OF WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE ISSUER OR THE UNDERWRITER.

State Aid

As described in "**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Property Tax Levies and Collections – School District Funding Formula**" and the sections following in **APPENDIX A**, the State provides a substantial portion of the money for the operation of school districts in the State. As with other states, declining State revenues have resulted in reductions in the amount of State aid to school districts for operating purposes. However, the District is obligated to levy unlimited ad valorem taxes to provide for debt service payments on the Bonds regardless of the amount of State aid received. Further, State Aid may be adversely affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19 (see "Impact of the Spread of COVID-19" below).

Kansas Public Employees Retirement System

As described in "**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Pension and Employee Retirement Plans**," the Issuer participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System ("KPERs"), as an instrumentality of the State to provide retirement and related benefits to public employees in Kansas. KPERs administers three statewide defined benefit retirement plans for public employees which are separate and distinct with different membership groups, actuarial assumptions, experience, contribution rates and benefit options. The Issuer participates in the Public Employees Retirement System – State/School Group (the "Plan"). Under existing law, employees make contributions and the State makes all employer contributions to the Plan; the Issuer is not responsible for supplemental contributions or any unfunded accrued actuarial liability ("UAAL"). According to KPERs' Valuation Report, the State/School Group had an UAAL of approximately \$6.545 billion in calendar year 2019. No assurance can be given by the Issuer that future legislative action may require Issuer contributions to the Plan or mandated Issuer responsibility for a portion of the UAAL. The spread of COVID-19 has significantly impacted investment markets, which may impact the funded status of the Plan and future contribution requirements for employers as a result (see "Impact of the Spread of COVID-19" below).

Market for the Bonds

Bond Rating. The Bonds have been assigned the financial rating set forth in the section hereof entitled "BOND RATING." There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, if in the judgment of the agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse affect on the market price of the Bonds.

Secondary Market. There is no assurance that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds. It is the present practice of the Underwriter, however, to make a secondary market as dealers in issues of municipal bonds which the Underwriter distributes. The Underwriter intends to continue this practice with respect to the Bonds, but is not obligated to do so. Prices of bonds traded in the secondary market, though, are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets. From time to time it may be necessary for the Underwriter to suspend indefinitely secondary market trading in the Bonds as a result of the financial condition or market position of the Underwriter, prevailing market conditions, lack of adequate current financial information about the Issuer, or a material adverse change in the financial condition of the Issuer, whether or not the Bonds are in default as to principal and interest payments, and other factors which in the opinion of the Underwriter may give rise to uncertainty concerning prudent secondary market practices.

Premium on Bonds

Any person who purchases a Bond in excess of its principal amount, whether during the initial offering or in a secondary market transaction, should consider that the Bonds are subject to redemption at par under the various circumstances described under "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions."

Legal Matters

Various state and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the obligations created by the Bonds. There is no assurance that there will not be any change in, interpretation of, or addition to such applicable laws, provisions and regulations which would have a material effect, either directly or indirectly, on the Issuer or the taxing authority of the Issuer.

Limitations on Remedies Available to Owners of Bonds

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of Bonds, and the obligations incurred by the Issuer in issuing the Bonds, are subject to the following: the federal Bankruptcy Code and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, now or hereafter in effect; usual equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under state law of certain remedies; the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the United States Constitution; and the reasonable and necessary exercise, in certain unusual situations, of the police power inherent in the State of Kansas and its governmental subdivisions in the interest of serving a legitimate and significant public purpose. Bankruptcy proceedings, or the exercise of powers by the federal or state government, if initiated, could subject the owners of the Bonds to judicial discretion and interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy and otherwise, and consequently may involve risks of delay, limitation or modification of their rights.

Taxation of Interest on the Bonds

The interest earned on the Bonds is **included** in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The interest earned on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas.

No Additional Interest or Mandatory Redemption upon Event of Taxability

The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest or penalty on the Bonds if the interest thereon becomes subject to income taxation by the State.

Suitability of Investment

Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement, including the Appendices hereto, and its own financial condition to make a judgment as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such an investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment.

Debt Service Source

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer payable as to both principal and interest, if necessary, from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the Issuer. The Legislature may from time to time adopt changes in the property tax system or method of imposing and collecting property taxes within the State. Taxpayers may also challenge the fair market value of property assigned by the county appraiser. The effects of such legislative changes and successful challenges to the appraiser's determination of fair market value could affect the Issuer's property tax collections. If a taxpayer valuation challenge is successful, the liability of the Issuer to refund property taxes previously paid under protest may have a material impact on the Issuer's financial situation. See "**APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION – Property Valuations and Property Tax Levies and Collections.**"

Cybersecurity Risks

Security breaches, including electronic break-ins, computer viruses, attacks by hackers and similar breaches could create disruptions or shutdowns of the Issuer and the services it provides, or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. If a security breach occurs, the Issuer may incur significant costs to remediate possible injury to the affected persons, and the Issuer may be subject to sanctions and civil penalties. Any failure to maintain proper functionality and security of information systems could interrupt the Issuer's operations, delay receipt of

revenues, damage its reputation, subject it to liability claims or regulatory penalties and could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and results of operations.

Natural Disasters or Terrorist Attacks

The occurrence of a terrorist attack or cyber security breach in the Issuer, or natural disasters, such as fires, tornados, earthquakes, floods or droughts, could damage the Issuer and its systems and infrastructure, and interrupt services or otherwise impair operations of the Issuer.

Impact of the Spread of COVID-19

The recent outbreak of the novel strain of coronavirus called COVID-19, which has been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organization, is impacting local and global economies, as governments, businesses, and citizens react to, plan for, and try to prevent or slow further transmission of the virus. Financial markets, including the stock market in the United States and globally, have seen significant recent volatility and decline that have been attributed to coronavirus concerns. On March 13, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency, freeing up funding for federal assistance to state and local governments. On March 17, 2020.

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly ordered all K-12 schools to close through the end of the 2019-20 school year. On March 19, 2020, Governor Kelly signed Senate Bill 142, which gave authority to the State Board of Education to grant waivers to the minimum number of school hours required each school year. On March 23, 2020, Governor Kelly signed an executive order that extends the State income tax filing to July 15, 2020. On March 28, 2020, Governor Kelly issued a statewide "stay home" order, which directs individuals in the State to stay in their residences unless performing an essential activity; the order was extended to May 3, 2020. Beginning May 4, 2020, a new executive order of the Governor became effective, outlining a phased plan to reopen businesses and activities in the State.

However, on May 26, 2020, the Governor issued a new State disaster declaration that shifted management and enforcement of reopening to counties in the State. In addition, on June 8, 2020, the Governor signed House Bill 2016 ("HB 2016"), which, among other things, allows counties to issue public health orders less stringent than State orders, requires the State Board of Education to approve any executive orders that would close K-12 schools and places certain limitations on the closure or cessation of business or commercial activity for more than 15 days during any state of emergency declared by the Governor. On July 2, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order requiring face coverings in public, which was renewed with an executive order effective November 25, 2020. HB 2016 allows counties to effectively opt out of such requirements, but Crawford County has approved such order. The Issuer cannot predict whether any future executive orders or legislation will be enacted. On July 20, 2020, the Governor signed an executive order effective August 10, 2020 that requires certain mitigation procedures to be followed for K-12 schools.

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. House of Representatives approved and President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (the "Cares Act"). The Cares Act provides \$30 billion to education, specifically \$3 billion allocated to state governors to be used at their discretion to address the emergency, \$13.5 billion for K-12 education, and \$14.25 billion for postsecondary institutions. School districts will be able to use their share of the \$13.5 billion K-12 education allocation under the Cares Act, which will be based on the proportion of Title I funding received for the most recent fiscal year, for purposes authorized by federal law and other specified uses. K-12 schools in the State will receive \$89.5 million under the Cares Act. On December 27, 2020, a \$900 billion COVID relief package was approved by the federal government, which includes an additional \$54.3 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund, and \$4.1 billion for the Governors Emergency Education Relief Fund. It is unclear what the State's and District's allocation of such funds will be.

The effects of the spread of COVID-19 and the government and private responses to the spread continue to rapidly evolve. COVID-19 has caused significant disruptions to the global, national and State economy. The State's finances may materially be adversely affected by the continued spread of COVID-19, which could affect the amount appropriated and timing of the distribution of State aid to school districts. On June 25, 2020, Governor Kelly released a plan to cut nearly \$700 million from the State budget, which did not include any cuts in education funding; however, no guarantee can be made regarding future cuts in educating funding. Further, the Issuer cannot predict costs associated with a potential infectious disease outbreak like COVID-19 such as operational costs to clean, sanitize and maintain its facilities, or costs to hire substitute employees, or costs to operate remotely and support students, faculty, and staff during an outbreak, or any resulting impact those costs could have on the Issuer's operations. The extent to which the coronavirus impacts the Issuer and its

financial condition will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted by the Issuer, including the duration of the outbreak and measures taken to address the outbreak.

BOND RATING

The Issuer has applied to S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc., for a rating on the Bonds. S&P Global Ratings, a division of the S&P Global Inc. has assigned an independent rating of "___" to the Bonds. Such rating reflects only the view of such rating agency, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained therefrom. No such rating constitutes a recommendation to buy, sell, or hold any bonds, including the Bonds, or as to the market price or suitability thereof for a particular investor. The Issuer furnished such rating agency with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds that have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will remain in effect for any given period of time or that it will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, if in the judgment of the agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

ABSENCE OF LITIGATION

The Issuer, in the ordinary course of business, is a party to various legal proceedings. In the opinion of management of the Issuer, any judgment rendered against the Issuer in such proceedings would not materially adversely affect the financial position of the Issuer.

There is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the Issuer or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act or the constitutionality or validity of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds or the validity of said Bonds, or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof.

LEGAL MATTERS

Approval of Bonds

All matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas, bond counsel to the Issuer ("Bond Counsel"). The factual and financial information appearing herein has been supplied or reviewed by certain officials of the Issuer and its certified public accountants, as referred to herein. Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the matters appearing in the sections of this Official Statement captioned "THE BONDS," "LEGAL MATTERS," "TAX MATTERS" and "*APPENDIX C – SUMMARY OF FINANCING DOCUMENTS.*" Payment of the legal fee of Bond Counsel is contingent upon the delivery of the Bonds.

Certain Relationships

Bond Counsel has represented the Underwriter in transactions unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, but is not representing the Underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Kansas income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of holders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Kansas, does not

discuss the consequences to an owner under state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market at a premium or a discount. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

Kansas Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds is exempt from income taxation by the State of Kansas.

Other Tax Consequences

Interest Taxable. Interest on the Bonds is included in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

[***Original Issue Discount.*** For Federal income tax purposes, original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than “qualified stated interest” (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. If the original issue discount on a Bond is more than a *de minimis* amount (generally $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of the stated redemption price at maturity of the Bond multiplied by either (a) the number of complete years to the maturity date of the Bond, or (b) the weighted average maturity of the Bond, in the case of a Bond providing for the mandatory, or in certain cases optional, payment prior to its maturity date), then that Bond will be treated as issued with original issue discount. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), minus (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner’s tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of original issue discount.]

[***Original Issue Premium.*** For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than “qualified stated interest” (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 171 of the Code, the owner of a Bond having bond premium may elect to amortize the premium over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser’s yield to maturity. An owner of a Bond amortizes bond premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to an accrual period with the bond premium allocable to that accrual period. This offset occurs when the owner takes the qualified stated interest into income under the owner’s regular method of accounting. If the premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest for that period, the excess is treated by the owner as a deduction under Section 171(a)(1) of the Code. As premium is amortized, the owner’s basis in the Bond will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to the owner. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium..]

Sale, Exchange, Legal Defeasance or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange, legal defeasance or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property actually or constructively received on the sale, exchange, legal defeasance or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner’s adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent a Bond is held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased for reoffering by Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri (the "Underwriter") at the purchase price of 100% of the principal amount of the Bonds plus a net reoffering premium of \$ _____ less an underwriter's discount of \$ _____. The Bond Purchase Agreement provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased. The obligation of the Underwriter to accept delivery of the Bonds is subject to various conditions contained in the Bond Purchase Agreement.

The Bonds will be offered to the public initially at the price determined to produce the yields set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing the Bonds into investment trusts) at prices other than the price stated on the inside cover page hereof and may change the initial offering price from time to time subsequent to the date hereof. In connection with the offering, the Underwriter may over allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Bonds at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

AUTHORIZATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The preparation of this Official Statement and its distribution has been authorized by the governing body of the Issuer as of the date on the cover page hereof. This Official Statement is submitted in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and may not be reproduced or used as a whole or in part for any other purpose. This Official Statement does not constitute a contract between the Issuer or the Underwriter and any one or more of the purchasers, Owners or Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

**UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 248
CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS (GIRARD)**

By: _____
President, Board of Education