

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 27, 2026

**NEW ISSUE
Book-Entry Only
Bank-Qualified**

**S&P GLOBAL RATINGS: Program Rating: "AA+"
Underlying Rating: "A+"
See "BOND RATINGS" herein.**

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as Bond Counsel to the District, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) (1) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax and (2) is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri. The Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. See "TAX MATTERS" in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel notes that interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. See the section captioned "TAX MATTERS" in this Official Statement.



\$3,000,000*
**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-XIV
OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
(MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM)
SERIES 2026**

Dated: Date of Issuance

Due: March 1, as shown on the inside cover

The General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026 (the "Bonds"), will be issued by Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri (the "District"), for the purpose of providing funds to (1) pay the costs of the Project (defined herein), as further described herein under the caption "PLAN OF FINANCING – Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds" and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be available for purchase in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, under the book-entry system maintained by DTC. DTC will receive all payments with respect to the Bonds from UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri, as paying agent for the Bonds. DTC is required to remit such payments to DTC Participants (defined herein) for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Semiannual interest will be payable on March 1 and September 1, beginning on March 1, 2027.

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein under the caption "THE BONDS - Redemption Provisions."

THE BONDS AND INTEREST THEREON WILL CONSTITUTE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE DISTRICT, PAYABLE FROM AD VALOREM TAXES WHICH MAY BE LEVIED WITHOUT LIMITATION AS TO RATE OR AMOUNT UPON ALL OF THE TAXABLE TANGIBLE PROPERTY, REAL AND PERSONAL, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT. See the caption "SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS" herein.

See inside cover for maturities, principal amounts, interest rates, yields and CUSIP numbers.

THE BONDS ARE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RISKS. SEE THE CAPTION "RISK FACTORS" IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District, subject to the approval of legality by Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, as Bond Counsel to the District. Certain legal matters related to the Official Statement will be passed upon by Gilmore & Bell, P. C., Kansas City, Missouri, as disclosure counsel to the District. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery in book-entry form through DTC, New York, New York on or about June [], 2026.

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MATURITY SCHEDULE*

<u>Serial Bonds</u>				
<u>Maturity</u> <u>March 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP</u> ⁽¹⁾
2042	\$210,000			
2043	245,000			
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2045	1,200,000			
2046	1,345,000			

⁽¹⁾ CUSIP Numbers have been assigned to this issue by CUSIP Global Services managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems Inc., and are included solely for the convenience of the Bondowners. Neither the District nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth above.

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**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-XIV
OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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Administration

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Kansas City, Missouri

PAYING AGENT

UMB Bank, N.A.
Kansas City, Missouri

REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been furnished by the District and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation, by the Underwriter. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof.

The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of that information.

In connection with this offering, the Underwriter may overallocate or effect transactions that 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.

The Bonds have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under any state securities or “blue sky” laws. The Bonds are offered pursuant to an exemption from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Certain statements included in or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement that are not purely historical are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and reflect the District’s current expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Such statements may be identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “budget,” “intend” or other similar words.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INCLUDED IN SUCH RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ARE (i) THOSE RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE INVALIDITY OF THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS AND ESTIMATES, (ii) POSSIBLE CHANGES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, MARKET, LEGAL AND REGULATORY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (iii) CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS, AND LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS. ASSUMPTIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING INVOLVE JUDGMENTS WITH RESPECT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FUTURE ECONOMIC, COMPETITIVE, AND MARKET CONDITIONS AND FUTURE BUSINESS DECISIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT ACCURATELY. FOR THESE REASONS, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL PROVE TO BE ACCURATE.

UNDUE RELIANCE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ALL FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT ON THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE DISTRICT ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR OR FAIL TO OCCUR, OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH IN *APPENDIX C*

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BOND ISSUE SUMMARY

This Bond Issue Summary is expressly qualified by the entire Official Statement, which is provided for the convenience of potential investors and which should be reviewed in its entirety by potential investors.

District:	Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri.
Issue:	\$3,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026.
Dated Date:	Date of issuance of the Bonds.
Interest Payment Dates:	March 1 and September 1, beginning March 1, 2027.
Principal Due:	On March 1 in the years and amounts as detailed on the inside cover page of this Official Statement.
Redemption:	The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to their Stated Maturity. See the section captioned “ THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions ” herein.
Authorization:	The Bonds are authorized by a resolution of the Board of Education of the District pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Section 26 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapters 108 and 164 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and an election duly held in the District on April 7, 2026.
Security:	The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitations as to rate or amount upon all taxable property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See also the section captioned “ SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS ” herein.
Credit Ratings:	<p>Program Rating: S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services, LLC (“S&P”), has assigned the Bonds the program rating shown on the cover page hereof based on the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the section captioned “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments” herein.</p> <p>Underlying Rating: S&P has also assigned the Bonds the underlying rating shown on the cover page hereof based upon the underlying credit worthiness of the District without regard to the Direct Deposit Agreement. See also the section captioned “BOND RATINGS” herein.</p>
Purpose:	The Bonds are being issued to provide funds to (1) pay the costs of the Project (defined herein) utilizing all \$3,000,000* principal amount of general obligation bonds approved by the required number of qualified voters of the District voting on the general obligation bond question at an election held in the District on April 7, 2026, and (2) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. See also the section captioned “ PLAN OF FINANCING ” herein.
Tax Exemption:	Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as Bond Counsel to the District, will provide an opinion as to the tax exemption of the interest on the Bonds as discussed under the section captioned “ TAX MATTERS ” in this Official Statement.
Bank-Qualified:	The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. See the caption “ TAX MATTERS ” in this Official Statement.
Paying Agent:	UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri.
Book-Entry Form:	The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$3,000,000*

**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-XIV
OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS
(MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM)
SERIES 2026**

INTRODUCTION

This introduction is only a brief description and summary of certain information contained in this Official Statement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement.

Purpose of the Official Statement

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to (1) Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri (the “**District**”), and (2) the General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026 (the “**Bonds**”), of the District to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000* and dated the date of issuance and delivery.

The District

The District is a seven-director school district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. The District encompasses approximately 100 square miles and is located in the northwest portion of Ray County, Missouri, the southwest portion of Clinton County, Missouri, and the northeast portion of Clay County, Missouri. The District’s three schools are located in the City of Lawson, Missouri, which is approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area. See the section captioned “**GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement for further information regarding the District.

Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds (in the principal amount of \$3,000,000*) constitute the entire \$3,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds that were authorized by the required majority of the qualified voters of the District voting on a general obligation bond question at an election held in the District on April 7, 2026 (the “**2026 Election**”).

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the authority approved by the voters of the District at the 2026 Election and a resolution approved by the Board of Education of the District on April 15, 2026, as supplemented by a Certificate of Final Terms expected to be dated June 9, 2026, executed by the President of the Board of Education and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Education (collectively, the “**Bond Resolution**”), for the purpose of (1) paying the acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, extending, remodeling, renovating, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities, as further described under the section captioned “**PLAN OF FINANCING**” herein and (2) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. *All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Bond Resolution.*

* Preliminary, subject to change

Security and Source of Payment for the Bonds

The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to principal of and interest on the Bonds from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all of the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – General**” in this Official Statement. In addition, the District will enter into a Direct Deposit Agreement whereby the District will pledge its State Aid (hereinafter defined) to the payment of the Bonds. The Direct Deposit Agreement will require that a portion of the District’s State Aid payments be transferred directly to the Deposit Trustee (hereinafter defined) which will, in turn, transfer amounts as needed to Paying Agent (hereinafter defined) for the Bonds in order to provide for payment of debt service on the Bonds. See the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” herein.

Other Outstanding Obligations Payable

In addition to the Bonds, the District is obligated to meet from ad valorem property taxes the principal and interest requirements on the District’s other outstanding general obligation bonds as set forth in *Appendix A* of this Official Statement under the section captioned “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness.**”

Financial Statements

Audited financial statements of the District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, are included in *Appendix B* to this Official Statement. These financial statements have been audited by Clevenger & Associates, CPA, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, Chillicothe, Missouri, to the extent and for the period indicated in their report which is also included in *Appendix B* to this Official Statement

Continuing Disclosure Information

The District will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking dated as of the date of issuance of the Bonds (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”), to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events relating to the Bonds. The financial information, operating data and notice of events will be filed in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. See the section herein captioned “**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” and the form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking included as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

Bond Ratings

The District has received the program rating set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement from S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services, LLC (“**S&P**”), based upon the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” in this Official Statement. The District has also received the underlying rating on the Bonds set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement from S&P based upon the underlying credit worthiness of the District without regard to the Direct Deposit Agreement. See also the section captioned “**BOND RATINGS**” in this Official Statement.

Description of Documents

Brief descriptions of the Bonds, the security for the Bonds and certain other matters are included in this Official Statement. Such information, summaries and descriptions do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references herein to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents.

THE BONDS

The following is a summary of certain terms and provisions of the Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the Bonds and the provisions with respect thereto in the Bond Resolution for the detailed terms and provisions thereof.

General

The Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000*. The Bonds are dated as of the date of original delivery of and payment for such Bonds. Principal is payable on March 1 in the years and in the principal amount set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity upon the terms and conditions described under the section below captioned **“Redemption Provisions.”** Interest on the Bonds is calculated at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds shall consist of fully-registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable from the date thereof or the most recent date to which interest has been paid and is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 (each an **“Interest Payment Date”**), beginning March 1, 2027.

The interest payable on each Bond on any Interest Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name such Bond is registered (the **“Registered Owner”**) as shown on the registration books (the **“Bond Register”**) at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the **“Record Date”**) for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri (the **“Paying Agent”**), to the address of such Registered Owner shown on the Bond Register or such other address furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Registered Owner, or (b) by electronic transfer to such Registered Owner upon written notice given to the Paying Agent by such Registered Owner, not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest payment, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the name and address of the bank, its ABA routing number and the account number to which such Registered Owner wishes to have such transfer directed, and an acknowledgement that an electronic transfer fee may be applicable.

The principal or Redemption Price (as defined herein) of each Bond will be paid by check or draft to the Registered Owner at the Maturity thereof, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the payment office of the Paying Agent, or such other office designated by the Paying Agent.

While the Bonds remain in book-entry only form, payments to Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) are governed by the rules of DTC as described in *Appendix D* to this Official Statement. If DTC ceases to act as securities depository for the Bonds, payment may be made as described in the Bond Resolution. See also the caption **“Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System.”**

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Book-Entry Only System

Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry only system (the “**Book-Entry Only System**”) described in *Appendix D* to this Official Statement.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System

The District will cause the Bond Register to be kept at the payment office of the Paying Agent or such other office designated by the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of the Bonds as provided in the Bond Resolution. Upon surrender of any Bond at the payment office of the Paying Agent, or at such other office designated by the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond as provided in the Bond Resolution.

The Paying Agent 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 or 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 Paying Agent, duly executed by the Registered Owner thereof or by the Registered Owner’s duly authorized agent. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The District shall pay the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds provided for by the Bond Resolution and the cost of printing a reasonable supply of registered bond blanks. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Paying Agent, are the responsibility of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. If any Registered Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Registered Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure. The District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (i) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond after notice calling such bond or portion thereof for redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent in accordance with the Bond Resolution and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption, or (ii) 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 District of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

Redemption Provisions

Optional Redemption. At the option of the District, the Bonds or portions thereof maturing on March 1, 2042, and thereafter, may be called for redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on March 1, 2035, and thereafter, in whole or in part, at any time at the Redemption Price (as defined herein) of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date (as defined herein).

Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. When less than all of the Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, such Bonds shall be redeemed from Stated Maturities selected by the District, and Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Paying Agent in \$5,000 units of principal amount by lot or in such other equitable manner as the Paying Agent may determine.

In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds at the time Outstanding in denominations greater than \$5,000, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each \$5,000 of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the \$5,000 units of face value represented by any Bond are selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such \$5,000 unit or units, the Registered Owner of such Bond or the Registered Owner’s duly authorized agent shall present and surrender such Bond to the Paying Agent (1) for payment of the price

which such Bonds are to be redeemed (the “**Redemption Price**”) and interest to the date fixed for redemption (the “**Redemption Date**”) of such \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption, and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Registered Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Registered Owner of any such Bond shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the Redemption Date to the extent of the \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption (and to that extent only).

Notice of Redemption. Unless waived by any Registered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent on behalf of the District by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least 20 days prior to the Redemption Date to the State Auditor of Missouri and each Registered Owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register.

With respect to optional redemptions, such notice may be conditioned upon moneys being on deposit with the Paying Agent on or prior to the Redemption Date in an amount sufficient to pay the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date. If such notice is conditional and either the Paying Agent receives written notice from the District that moneys sufficient to pay the Redemption Price will not be on deposit on the Redemption Date, or such moneys are not received on the Redemption Date, then such notice shall be of no force and effect, the Paying Agent shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent shall give notice, in the same manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not or will not be so received and that such Bonds will not be redeemed.

The failure of any Registered Owner to receive the foregoing notice or any defect therein shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the call for redemption.

So long as DTC is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Paying Agent shall provide the notices specified in the Bond Resolution to DTC. It is expected that DTC will, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of DTC or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Paying Agent, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.

Effect of Call for Redemption. Official notice of redemption having been given as provided in the Bond Resolution, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date, at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after the Redemption Date (unless the District defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portion of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with such notice, the Redemption Price of such Bonds shall be paid by the Paying Agent. Installments of interest due on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable as provided in the Bond Resolution for payment of interest. Upon surrender for any partial redemption of any Bond, the Paying Agent shall prepare for the Registered Owner a new Bond or Bonds of the same Stated Maturity in the amount of the unpaid principal as provided in the Bond Resolution. All Bonds that have been surrendered for redemption shall be canceled and destroyed by the Paying Agent pursuant to the Bond Resolution and shall not be reissued.

The failure of any Registered Owner to receive the foregoing notice or any immaterial defect therein shall not invalidate any redemption.

CUSIP Numbers

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds, nor any error in the printing of such numbers shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and payment for any Bonds.

SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS

General

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal of and interest on the Bonds 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. Under the Bond Resolution, there is levied upon all of the taxable tangible property within the District a direct annual tax sufficient to produce the amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable in each year. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each year and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the District are levied and collected. Except as otherwise provided under the heading “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments,**” the proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, taking into account scheduled mandatory redemptions, if any, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments

Pursuant to Section 360.111 *et seq.* of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and related statutes (the “**Deposit Law**”), the State of Missouri (the “**State**”) and the District may agree to transfer to a Missouri bank, as direct deposit trustee (the “**Deposit Trustee**”), a portion of the District’s State aid payments and distributions normally used for operational purposes (“**State Aid**”) in order to provide for payment of debt service on the Bonds. On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the District will enter into a Direct Deposit Agreement (the “**Direct Deposit Agreement**”) with the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Missouri (“**Treasurer’s Office**”), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State of Missouri (“**DESE**”), the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri (the “**Authority**”) and the Deposit Trustee.

Under the Direct Deposit Agreement, the District will pledge its State Aid to the payment of the Bonds. The Direct Deposit Agreement will provide that (a) one-sixth (1/6th) of the annual debt service to be paid on the Bonds during the bond year ending March 1, 2027, will be deposited with the Deposit Trustee in each of the six (6) months of July 2026 through September 2026 (excluding October 2026 and November 2026) and December 2026 through February 2027, (b) one-tenth (1/10th) of the annual debt service to be paid on the Bonds in the bond year ending March 1, 2028, will be deposited with the Deposit Trustee in each of the ten (10) months of March 2027 through September 2027 (excluding October 2027 and November 2027) and December 2027 through February 2028 and (c) for each bond year thereafter, one-tenth (1/10th) of the annual debt service to be paid on the Bonds during each bond year will be deposited with the Deposit Trustee in each of the ten similar months of March through September (excluding October and November) and December through February as long as the Bonds are outstanding. Amounts of State Aid to the District in excess of the amounts required to be deposited with the Deposit Trustee will be transferred directly to the District as has historically been the case with all State Aid.

Each month, pursuant to the terms of the Direct Deposit Agreement, DESE will advise the Treasurer’s Office of the amount of the District’s State Aid to be deposited with the Deposit Trustee for the purpose of paying the Bonds, as specified in the Direct Deposit Agreement. If there is a shortfall in a monthly payment, it is to be made up in the succeeding monthly payment of State Aid. Following receipt of the deposits, the Deposit Trustee will invest the amounts for the benefit of the District. The Deposit Trustee will transfer to the Paying Agent the amount necessary for payment of debt service on the Bonds not later than the day prior to each payment

date with respect to the Bonds. The District remains obligated to provide funds to the Paying Agent for debt service on the Bonds if the amounts of State Aid transferred are not sufficient to pay the Bonds when due.

Nothing in the Deposit Law or the Direct Deposit Agreement relieves the District of its obligation to make payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds, or to impose any debt service levy sufficient to retire the Bonds. Moneys of the District which would otherwise be used to pay the Bonds on each payment date may be transferred to the District's operational funds to replace State Aid funds used to pay the Bonds. The State has not committed pursuant to the Deposit Law, the Direct Deposit Agreement or otherwise to maintain any particular level of State Aid on behalf of the District, and the State is not obligated in any manner, contractually or morally, to make payments of debt service on the Bonds, other than its obligation to make transfers to the Deposit Trustee as described above. No assurance can be made that the amount of annual State Aid to the District will not in the future drop below that of the annual debt service requirements on the Bonds.

PLAN OF FINANCING

Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Section 26 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapters 108 and 164 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

At the 2026 Election, the qualified voters of the District voting on the general obligation bond question approved by 88.91% (409 voting "yes" to 51 voting "no") the question authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, repairing, improving, extending, remodeling, renovating, furnishing and equipping new and existing school facilities, including but not limited to the following: (a) constructing an Agriculture Education Learning Lab space, including an agriculture mechanics shop and classroom, and (b) parking lot pavement repair and overlay (collectively, the "**Project**"). The District has not issued any of the general obligation bonds authorized by the voters at the 2026 Election and the Bonds in the principal amount of \$3,000,000* will constitute the entire authorized principal amount of general obligation bonds approved by the voters at the 2026 Election.

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Bond Resolution for the purpose of (1) paying the costs of the Project and (2) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Project

The major components of the Project expected to be financed with proceeds of the Bonds include the following:

- Constructing a 4,000 sq. ft. Agricultural Education Learning Lab with dedicated shop space for agricultural construction, carpentry, woodworking, and metalworking.
- Renovating existing classrooms to provide additional agriculture lab and classroom space.
- Complete paving of the home football and student parking lots to improve safety and accessibility.

The District expects construction of most components of the Project to be completed by June 2028.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The estimated sources and uses of the proceeds of the Bonds are as follows:

Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$3,000,000.00*
Plus [Net] Original Issue [Premium]	
Total	\$ _____

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Capital Projects Fund	\$ _____
Costs of issuance, including Underwriter's Discount	_____
Total	\$ _____

RISK FACTORS

*The following is a discussion of certain risks that could affect the payments to be made by the District with respect to the Bonds. In order to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement (including its appendices) in order to make a judgment as to whether the Bonds are an appropriate investment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consider carefully all possible factors that may result in a default in the payment of the Bonds, a determination that the interest on the Bonds might be deemed taxable for purposes of federal and Missouri income taxation, or that may affect the market price or liquidity of the Bonds. **This discussion of risk factors is not, and is not intended to be, comprehensive or exhaustive.***

Ad Valorem Property Taxes

The Bond Resolution levies a direct annual tax on all taxable tangible property within the District sufficient to produce amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds each year. Declining property values in the District, whether caused by national or global financial crises, natural disasters, local economic downturns, or other reasons, may require higher levy rates, which may increase the burden on local taxpayers and affect certain taxpayers' willingness or ability to continue timely paying property taxes. See the section captioned "**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations – History of Property Valuations**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. In addition, the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the District or by other political subdivisions in the District would increase the tax burden on taxpayers in the District. See the section captioned "**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Debt**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. Missouri law limits the amount of general obligation debt issuable by the District to 15% of the assessed valuation of taxable tangible property in the District. See the section captioned "**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Legal Debt Capacity**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. Other political subdivisions in the District are subject to similar limitations on general obligation debt imposed by Missouri law, including cities, counties and certain other political subdivisions, which are limited to general obligation debt of 20%, 10% and 5% of assessed valuation of taxable tangible property, respectively.

Concentration of property ownership in the District would expose the District's ability to collect ad valorem property taxes to the financial strength and ability and willingness of major taxpayers to pay property

* Preliminary, subject to change.

taxes. See the section captioned “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Major Property Taxpayers**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Secondary Market Prices and Liquidity

The Underwriter will not be obligated to repurchase any of the Bonds, and no representation is made concerning the existence of any secondary market for the Bonds. No assurance is given that any secondary market will develop following the completion of the offering of the Bonds and no assurance is given that the initial offering price for the Bonds will continue for any period of time.

Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and changes in the operating performance or tax collection patterns of issuers. Particularly, prices of outstanding municipal securities should be expected to decline if prevailing market interest rates rise. Municipal securities are generally viewed as long-term investments, subject to material unforeseen changes in the investor’s or the issuer’s circumstances and may require commitment of the investor’s funds for an indefinite period of time, perhaps until maturity.

No Reserve Fund or Credit Enhancement

No debt service reserve fund will be funded and no financial guaranty insurance policy, letter of credit or other credit enhancement will be issued to ensure payment of the Bonds. Accordingly, any potential purchaser of the Bonds should consider the financial ability of the District to pay the Bonds. As described under “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS**” in this Official Statement, the District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and resources for the prompt payment of the Bonds and levied a direct annual tax, without limitation, sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds on all taxable tangible property in the District.

Ratings

S&P has assigned the Bonds the program rating, and the District the underlying rating, set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement as further reflected under the section captioned “**BOND RATINGS**” in this Official Statement. Such ratings reflect only the view of S&P, and an explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained therefrom. There is no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that the ratings will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, by S&P if, in their judgment, circumstances warrant. Any such downward revisions or withdrawal of the ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Bankruptcy

In addition to the limitations on remedies contained in the Bond Resolution, the rights and remedies provided by the Bonds may be limited by and are subject to (1) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws affecting creditors’ rights, (2) the application of equitable principles, and (3) the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against political subdivisions in the State of Missouri. Section 108.180 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, requires that any interest and sinking fund moneys only be used to pay principal and interest on the Bonds. The District, like all other Missouri political subdivisions, is specifically authorized by Missouri law to institute proceedings under Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Such proceedings, if commenced, are likely to have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits

The District contributes to two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans on behalf of its employees: (1) The Public School Retirement System of Missouri and (2) The Public Education Employee

Retirement System of Missouri. See the sections captioned “**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Pension and Employee Retirement Plans**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. The District also provides other post-employment benefits as part of the total compensation offered to attract and retain the services of qualified employees. See “**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Other Postemployment Benefits**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. Future required contribution increases beyond the current fiscal year may require the District to increase its revenues, reduce its expenditures, or some combination thereof, which may impact the District’s operations or limit the District’s ability to generate additional revenues in the future.

State Aid and Direct Deposit Agreement

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, approximately 37.2% of the District’s revenue was derived from moneys provided by the State of Missouri as State Aid. See the sections captioned “**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Sources of Revenue**” and “**– State Revenue**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. A portion of the District’s State Aid is currently pledged to the payment of the Bonds and will be directly deposited by the State with the Deposit Trustee for payment of the Bonds. See “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” in this Official Statement. Reductions in State Aid could occur in the future if, for example, the State of Missouri faces fiscal problems in the future or the District experiences a decline in enrollment. Reductions in State Aid could force the District to make budget cuts or operational adjustments and may adversely affect the rating on the Bonds or the market price of the Bonds.

Enrollment

Significant portions of the revenue the District receives are directly affected by the District’s enrollment. A significant decrease in enrollment could reduce the amount of future revenue the District receives, which may adversely affect the District’s financial position and results of operations. No assurance can be given that economic, social, legislative and other factors beyond the control of the District will not negatively impact student enrollment and revenues dependent thereon. Increased competition from other educational facilities, including virtual facilities and charter schools, which may offer comparable programs at lower prices, could adversely affect the ability of the District to maintain enrollment, or could adversely affect the ability of the District to attract faculty and other staff. Under the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program, eligible students may enroll in virtual courses, and the school district will have to pay for that course if certain criteria are met. Charter schools are allowed in certain limited areas of Missouri provided certain criteria are met; there are or may be pending in the General Assembly of Missouri legislative proposals that, if enacted, could expand the prevalence of charter schools. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any proposed legislation might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would negatively impact the District’s enrollment, financial position or operations. For information about the historical enrollment of the District, see the section captioned “**GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – History of Enrollment**” in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Amendment of the Bond Resolution

Certain amendments, effected by resolution of the District, to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution may be made with the written consent of the Registered Owners of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding. Such amendments may adversely affect the security of the owners of the Bonds; provided that, no amendments may (1) extend the maturity of any payment of principal or interest due upon any Bond; (2) alter the optional redemption provisions of any Bond; (3) effect a reduction in the amount which the District is required to pay as principal of or interest on any Bond; (4) permit preference or priority of any Bond over any other Bond; or (5) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Bonds required for the written consent to any modification or alteration of the provisions of the Bond Resolution without the written consent of the Registered Owners of all of the Bonds at the time outstanding. The District may also amend or supplement the Bond Resolution, without notice to or the consent of any Registered Owners, for the purpose of curing any

formal defect, omission, inconsistency or ambiguity therein or in connection with any other change therein that is not materially adverse to the security of the Registered Owners.

Loss of Premium from Redemption

Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See the section captioned “**THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions**” in this Official Statement.

Tax-Exempt Status and Risk of Audit

The failure of the District to comply with certain covenants set forth in the Bond Resolution could cause the interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest, redemption premium or penalty if the interest on the Bonds becomes included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes. See the section captioned “**TAX MATTERS**” in this Official Statement.

The Internal Revenue Service (the “**IRS**”) has established an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether interest on such obligations should be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Owners of the Bonds are advised that, if an audit of the Bonds were commenced, the IRS, in accordance with its current published procedures, is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer, and the owners of the Bonds may not have a right to participate in such audit. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

Defeasance Risks

When all Bonds are deemed paid and discharged as provided in the Bond Resolution, the requirements contained in the Bond Resolution and the pledge of the District’s faith and credit thereunder and all other rights granted thereby will terminate with respect to the Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon so paid and discharged. Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of the Bond Resolution if there has been deposited with the Paying Agent, or other commercial bank or trust company moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations that, together with the interest to be earned on any such Defeasance Obligations, will be sufficient for the payment of the Bonds to the stated maturity or prior redemption date. There is no legal requirement in the Bond Resolution that Defeasance Obligations be rated in the highest rating category by any rating agency. Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets, and that could include the rating of Bonds defeased with Defeasance Obligations to the extent the Defeasance Obligations have a change or downgrade in rating.

Cybersecurity Risks

The District relies on its information systems to provide security for processing, transmission and storage of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. It is possible that the District’s security measures will not prevent improper or unauthorized access or disclosure of personally identifiable information resulting from cyber-attacks. Security breaches, including electronic break-ins, computer viruses, attacks by hackers and similar breaches can create disruptions or shutdowns of the District and the services it provides or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. If personal or otherwise protected information is improperly accessed, tampered with or distributed, the District may incur significant costs to remediate possible injury to the affected persons, and the District may be subject to sanctions and civil penalties if it is found to be in violation of federal or state laws or regulations. Any failure

to maintain proper functionality and security of information systems could interrupt the District'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.

Senior Property Tax Credit Program

The Missouri General Assembly enacted legislation in 2023 (subsequently amended in 2024) that authorizes counties to grant property tax credits to each "eligible taxpayer" equal to the difference between the real property tax liability on the eligible taxpayer's homestead in the current year minus the real property tax liability on the homestead either (1) in the year the county initially authorizes the credit or (2) when the person becomes an "eligible taxpayer" (as codified in Section 137.1050 RSMo, the "**Senior Property Tax Credit Program**"). "Eligible taxpayer" means a Missouri resident who (1) is at least 62 years old, (2) owns real property used as the taxpayer's primary residence and (3) is liable for the payment of property taxes on that property. Implementation of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program requires either adoption of an ordinance by a county or an initiative petition and voter approval process. Property tax bills within counties that participate in the Senior Property Tax Credit Program will reflect the tax credit on property tax bills for eligible taxpayers, thereby reducing the amount of property taxes that the eligible taxpayer would otherwise pay.

The County Commission of Ray County, Missouri, passed an order in January 2026 (the "**Ray County Senior Property Tax Order**") implementing the Senior Property Tax Credit Program in Ray County. The Ray County Senior Property Tax Order does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to pay the tax liability of the State Blind Pension Fund or dedicated ad valorem taxes levied for the payment of bonded indebtedness, such as the District's debt service levy for the Bonds or its other outstanding general obligation bonds. Such exceptions are not included in Section 137.1050 RSMo. The County Commission of Clay County, Missouri, passed an ordinance in November 2023 (the "**Clay County Senior Property Tax Ordinance**") implementing the Senior Property Tax Credit Program in Clay County. The Clay County Senior Property Tax Ordinance does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to pay the tax liability of the State Blind Pension Fund or dedicated ad valorem taxes levied for the payment of bonded indebtedness, such as the District's debt service levy for the Bonds or its other outstanding general obligation bonds. Such exceptions are not included in Section 137.1050 RSMo. The County Commission of Clinton County, Missouri, passed an ordinance in 2025 (the "**Clinton County Senior Property Tax Ordinance**") implementing the Senior Property Tax Credit Program in Clinton County. The Clinton County Senior Property Tax Ordinance does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to pay the tax liability of the State Blind Pension Fund or dedicated ad valorem taxes levied for the payment of bonded indebtedness, such as the District's debt service levy for the Bonds or its other outstanding general obligation bonds. Such exceptions are not included in Section 137.1050 RSMo.

Due to the exclusion of the debt service levy from the Senior Property Tax Credit Program implemented in Ray County, Clay County and Clinton County, the District does not anticipate a reduction in its property tax revenues available to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. However, if the exclusion of the debt service levy from the Senior Property Tax Credit Program is challenged or modified by either Ray County, Clay County or Clinton County then the District's property tax revenues may be reduced in a given year as a result of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program and there may be less property tax revenues available to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District is permitted to retain in its debt service fund up to one year's debt service payments and can increase the debt service levy for future years to address the potential decrease from implementation of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program and to ensure continued payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. See "**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Homestead Property Tax Credit Program

In June 2025, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 3 (as codified in Section 137.1055 RSMo., the “**Homestead Property Tax Credit Program**”), which authorizes counties to grant property tax credits in the form of a cap on increases to residential real property tax bills. For certain counties, including Ray County and Clinton County, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer’s home may be increased by no more than five percent per year or the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater. For other counties, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer’s home may not be increased above the liability incurred during the initial credit year. The City of St. Louis and 17 counties, including Clay County, are exempt from the bill. The initial credit year is 2024 or, if the eligible taxpayer’s real property tax liability is lower in a subsequent year, the initial credit year is that subsequent calendar year. All non-exempt counties were required to place a question of whether to enact this real property tax cap on the ballot by no later than the April 2026 general election. In Clinton County, a majority of the votes cast on the question were in favor of the cap and the credit shall be in effect and Clinton County shall grant the property tax credit to eligible taxpayers. The Clinton County Collector will note the amount of any credit on the real property tax bills sent to eligible taxpayers. Ray County has not yet placed a tax cap question on the ballot in April 2026.

For all counties, an eligible taxpayer’s real property tax liability shall be increased to reflect any increase in tax liability derived from any new property tax levy or an increase in an existing property tax levy approved by the voters subsequent to an eligible taxpayer’s initial credit year; provided that, for five percent counties, such increase shall not be considered for the purposes of calculating the allowable increase in an eligible taxpayer’s real property tax liability.

When the District’s property tax revenues are capped as a result of the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program, there may be less property tax revenues available to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District is permitted to retain in its debt service fund up to one year’s debt service payments. However, as described under the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS**” in this Official Statement, the District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and resources for the prompt payment of the Bonds and levied a direct annual tax, without limitation, sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds on all taxable tangible property in the District. Further, the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program could impact the District’s ability to levy a property tax that would be transferred to the District’s operational funds in an amount sufficient to replace State Aid funds used to pay the Bonds. See the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” herein. The potential financial impact of the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program on the District is not yet ascertainable.

No taxpayer is authorized to claim a property tax credit under the Senior Property Tax Credit Program and the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program for the same homestead.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Proceedings

As of the date hereof, there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or, to the District’s knowledge, threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the District or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act in connection with the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the 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, or which might affect the District’s ability to meet its obligations to pay the Bonds.

Approval of Legality

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, as bond counsel to the District (“**Bond Counsel**”). Gilmore & Bell, P.C., will also pass upon certain legal matters relating to this Official Statement, as disclosure counsel to the District.

The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. By rendering a legal opinion, the opinion giver does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transactions opined upon or of the future performance of parties to such transaction, and the rendering of an opinion does not guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

BOND RATINGS

S&P has assigned the Bonds the program rating as shown on the cover page of this Official Statement based upon the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” herein. In addition, S&P has assigned the Bonds an underlying rating shown on the cover page of this Official Statement based on S&P’s evaluation of the credit worthiness of the District without regard to the Direct Deposit Agreement and the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program.

The District has furnished S&P with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds and the District 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 made by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the rating agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Neither the Underwriter nor the District has undertaken any responsibility to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any proposed revision or withdrawal of the ratings of the Bonds or to oppose any such proposed revision or withdrawal. Any such revision or withdrawal of the ratings could have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Bonds. Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District is required to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any change of the ratings of the Bonds but has not undertaken any responsibility to oppose any such change. See the “**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” attached as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Missouri 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 owners 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 Missouri, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under any 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. 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

In the opinion of Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as Bond Counsel to the District, under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

Federal and State of Missouri Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri.

Alternative Minimum Tax. The interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

Bank Qualification. The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Bond Counsel’s opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal and State of Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, but has reviewed the discussion under the section captioned “**TAX MATTERS**” in this Official Statement.

Other Tax Consequences

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 generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 1288 of the Code, original issue discount on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. 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 excludable from 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, if any.

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, premium on tax-exempt bonds amortizes over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser’s yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner’s basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner, which will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner’s basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium, if any.

Sale, Exchange or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange 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 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.

Reporting Requirements. In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on the Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of the Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities). A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner's federal income tax liability.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, certain applicable corporations subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with "excess net passive income," foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

Bond Counsel notes that interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax.

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be entered into by the District in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Rule**”), the District has agreed to provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “**MSRB**”), *via* the EMMA system, not later than **December 31st** after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, (1) the audited financial statements of the District for that fiscal year and (2) certain operating data of the District (the “**Annual Report**”). The financial statements of the District are audited by the District’s independent certified public accountants. The District has also agreed to provide prompt notice of the occurrence of certain enumerated events with respect to the Bonds. See “**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” attached as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

The District has previously entered into similar undertakings under the Rule. The District believes it has complied in all material respects with its prior undertakings under the Rule during the past five years, except as follows:

- The District did not timely file on EMMA its audited financial statements and operating data for fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The District also did not file unaudited financial statements by the applicable deadline when the audited financial statements were not then available, and did not file a failure-to-file notice relating to the late filing of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, audited financial statements and operating data.

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Underwriting

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Leawood, Kansas (the “**Underwriter**”), has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$[_____] (which is equal to the aggregate original principal amount of the Bonds of \$3,000,000.00, plus a[n] [net] original issue premium of \$[_____] , less an underwriting discount of \$[_____]). The Underwriter is purchasing the Bonds for resale in the normal course of the Underwriter’s business activities. The Underwriter reserves the right to offer any of the Bonds to one or more purchasers on such terms and conditions and at such price or prices as the Underwriter, in its discretion, shall determine.

Certain Relationships

Gilmore & Bell, P.C., as Bond Counsel to the District, has represented the Underwriter and the Paying Agent in transactions unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, but is not representing either the Underwriter or the Paying Agent in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Certification and Other Matters Regarding Official Statement

Information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished or reviewed by certain officials of the District, certified public accountants, and other sources, as referred to herein, which are believed to be reliable. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, estimates or projections, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates or projections will be realized. The descriptions contained in this Official Statement of the Bonds and the Bond Resolution do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference thereto.

The form of this Official Statement, and its distribution and use by the Underwriter, has been approved by the District. Neither the District nor any of its officers, directors or employees, in either their official or personal capacities, has made any warranties, representations or guarantees regarding the financial condition of the District

or the District's ability to make payments required of it; and further, neither the District nor its officers, directors or employees assumes any duties, responsibilities or obligations in relation to the issuance of the Bonds other than those either expressly or by fair implication imposed on the District by the Bond Resolution.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding the District or the Bonds may be obtained from the District, Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri, 401 N. Allison Street, Lawson, Missouri 64062, (816) 580-7277, Attn: Superintendent, or from the Underwriter, Raymond James & Associates, Inc., 11551 Ash Street, Suite 250, Leawood, Kansas 66211, Attn: Dr. Michael Reik (email: Mike.Reik@RaymondJames.com; phone: 913-374-3348).

**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. R-XIV OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI**

By: _____
President of the Board of Education

APPENDIX A

**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-XIV
OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI**

GENERAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

General Description

Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri (the “**District**”), encompasses approximately 100 square miles and is located in the northwest portion of Ray County, Missouri (“**Ray County**”), the southwest portion of Clinton County, Missouri (“**Clinton County**”), and the northeast portion of Clay County, Missouri (“**Clay County**”). The District’s three schools are located in the City of Lawson, Missouri (the “**City of Lawson**”), which is approximately 15 miles northeast of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area. The U.S. Census Bureau has estimated the 2024 population of the District at 6,128.

Organization and Board of Education

The District is a school district formed pursuant to Chapter 162 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (“**RSMo**”). The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Education (the “**Board**” or “**Board of Education**”). The members of the Board are elected by the voters of the District for three-year staggered terms. All Board members are elected at-large and serve without compensation. The Board is responsible for all policy decisions. The President of the Board is elected by the Board from among its members for a term of one year and has no regular administrative duties. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Board and may or may not be members of the Board.

The current members and officers of the Board are listed below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Current Term Began</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Rob Kellam	President and Member	2025	2028
Ashley Sullard	Vice President and Member	2023	2026
John Weir	Member	2024	2027
Bill Gamber	Member	2026	2029
Taylor Akey	Member	2026	2029
Brian Yarbrough	Member	2024	2027
Amber Brice	Member	2025	2028

The Board has appointed Kayla Anderson to serve as Secretary of the Board of Education and Sharon Joy as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Superintendent

Dr. Michael Stephenson has served as Superintendent of the District since July 1, 2022. Prior to being appointed as Superintendent of the District, Dr. Stephenson was Superintendent of Stewartsville C-2 for three (3) years. Dr. Stephenson has a total of 23 years of experience in public education. Dr. Stephenson received his bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Education from Northwest Missouri State University and his doctorate in educational leadership from William Woods University.

Professional Staff

On average, teachers employed by the District have 15 years of teaching experience, compared to a statewide average of 12.8 years, and 53.3% of the District’s teachers hold advanced degrees. For the 2024-2025 school year, the average salary for all teaching staff was \$54,887, compared to a statewide average salary for teaching staff of \$59,795.

As of May 1, 2026, the District had a total of 136 full-time employees, including 8 administrative personnel, 87 certified employees and 41 non-certified employees.

Educational Facilities

The District operates three schools as described in the table below.

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Lawson High School	9-12
Lawson Middle School	5-8
Southwest Elementary School	Pre K-4

The replacement cost of the current physical facilities of the District (excluding contents) as most recently determined for insurance purposes is \$51,126,434.

History of Enrollment

The following table shows student enrollment in the District as of the last Wednesday in September, for each of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022, through June 30, 2025, and the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
1,076	1,078	1,119	1,104	1,146

Source: The District.

Other District Statistics

The following table shows additional information about the District compiled by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”) for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Average Daily Attendance (ADA)	1,023	1,046	1,050	1,060	1,055
Proportional Attendance Rate ⁽¹⁾	87.3%	85.2%	85.4%	85.9%	84.1%
Students per Teacher	14	14	14	14	13
Students per Classroom Teacher	17	16	16	15	14

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

⁽¹⁾ Proportional student attendance rates reflect the percentage of District students who had an individual attendance rate of 90% or higher.

District Accreditation

DESE administers the Missouri School Improvement Program (“MSIP”), the state’s school accountability system for reviewing and accrediting public school districts in Missouri. Since MSIP was established in 1990, five review cycles have been completed, each cycle lasting from five to six years. The sixth cycle, referred to as MSIP 6, began in the 2020-2021 school year.

The District is “accredited” under DESE’s MSIP system. The MSIP classification is not a bond or debt rating but is solely an evaluation made by DESE.

ECONOMIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Population

The following table sets forth population estimates for the City of Lawson, Ray County, Clinton County, Clay County and the State of Missouri for the years indicated.

	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2025</u> ⁽¹⁾
City of Lawson	1,876	2,194	2,473	2,542	2,523 ⁽¹⁾
Ray County	21,971	23,354	23,494	23,158	21,661
Clinton County	16,595	18,979	20,743	21,184	23,398
Clay County	153,411	184,006	221,939	253,335	265,032
State of Missouri	5,117,073	5,595,211	5,988,927	6,154,913	6,270,541

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

⁽¹⁾ Estimate as of July 2024.

Employment

Major Employers. Because of the District’s location, employment opportunities for residents of the District are available both within the District and throughout the Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area. Listed below are some of the major employers located in the Kansas City, Missouri, metropolitan area.

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Approximate No. of Employees</u>
Federal Government	Government	28,373
The University of Kansas Health System	Health care	17,394
Saint Luke’s Health System	Health care	12,822
HCA Midwest Health	Health care	9,981
Ford Kansas City Assembly Plant	Manufacturing	9,044
Children’s Mercy Hospital	Health care	7,817
Honeywell Federal Mfg & Tech	Engineering, manufacturing	6,897
Cerner Corporation (Oracle Cerner)	Health care information systems	6,400
Amazon	Retail, distribution	6,000
Olathe Public Schools	Education	5,406

Source: Kansas City Business Journal Book of List (*October 2025 and January 2026*)

Employment Data. The following table shows employment data for Ray County, Clinton County and Clay County for the last four calendar years and a portion of this current calendar year.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u> ⁽¹⁾
Ray County					
Average Total Labor Force	11,261	11,398	11,563	11,741	11,556
Average Unemployed	376	365	416	499	443
Average Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	3.6%	4.2%	3.8%
Clinton County					
Average Total Labor Force	10,119	10,373	10,530	10,694	10,617
Average Unemployed	314	338	388	452	431
Average Unemployment Rate	3.1%	3.3%	3.7%	4.2%	4.1%
Clay County					
Average Total Labor Force	137,148	140,828	143,066	145,383	145,216
Average Unemployed	3,608	3,934	4,601	5,567	5,290
Average Unemployment Rate	2.6%	2.8%	3.2%	3.8%	3.6%

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (Local Area Unemployment Statistics).

⁽¹⁾ January 2026.

Income and Home Values

The following tables show the latest available data reflecting (1) per capita personal income and median household income and (2) the median value of owner-occupied housing units in the District, Ray County, Clinton County, Clay County and the State of Missouri:

Per Capita Income and Median Household Income (2020-2024 Estimate)

	<u>Per Capita Personal Income</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Median Household Income</u>
District	\$46,016	\$85,236
Ray County	38,510	74,573
Clinton County	35,789	70,627
Clay County	43,986	88,468
State of Missouri	39,695	70,702

⁽¹⁾ Per Capita Personal Income is the annual total personal income of residents divided by resident population as of July 1. “**Personal Income**” is the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income and transfer payments. “**Net Earnings**” is earnings by place of work — the sum of wage and salary disbursements (payrolls), other labor income and proprietors’ income — less personal contributions for social insurance, plus an adjustment to convert earnings by place of work to a place-of-residence basis. Personal Income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes and is reported in current dollars (no adjustment is made for price changes).

Median Housing Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units (2020-2024 Estimate)

District	\$280,100
Ray County	198,800
Clinton County	226,800
Clay County	275,600
State of Missouri	230,300

Source: Missouri Census Data Center – 2020-2024 American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Municipal Services and Facilities

Services provided by the City include streets, water, sewer, public safety (police), recreation, public improvements and general administration.

Natural gas is supplied by Missouri Gas Energy. Electricity is supplied by Ameren-Union Electric, Missouri Public Service and Platte-Clay Electric Co-Op. Telephone service is supplied by various providers including Century Tel. Fire protection is provided by the Lawson Fire & Rescue Protection District including the services of approximately 38 volunteers.

Medical and Health Facilities

Health care facilities in or near the District are the Excelsior Springs Medical Center located five miles south of the City, Ray County Memorial Hospital located in nearby Richmond, Missouri, and Smithview Manor nursing home facilities in the City.

Transportation and Communication Facilities

The nearest public airport is located within 27 miles of the City in Cameron, Missouri, and has a 4,000-foot hard-surface, lighted runway. Kansas City International Airport is located approximately 40 miles from the City. Regular bus and truck line service is available in the City. The City has one local newspaper, *The Lawson Review*, and has access to all television stations and cable television service providers that serve the greater Kansas City area.

Agriculture

The principal agricultural activity in the District is production of hay and row crops, including soybeans, corn, wheat and milo.

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DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT

Overview

The following table summarizes certain financial information concerning the District as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds (June [], 2026). This information should be reviewed in conjunction with the information contained in this section and the audited financial statements of the District for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, attached as *Appendix B* to this Official Statement.

2025 Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾	\$110,854,868
2025 Estimated Actual Valuation ⁽²⁾	\$517,215,582
Outstanding General Obligation Bonds (“ Direct Debt ”) ⁽³⁾	\$14,740,000*
Capital Lease Obligations (“ Leases ”) ⁽⁴⁾	\$0
Total Direct Debt and Leases	\$14,740,000*
Estimated Population (2024)	6,128
Per Capita Direct Debt	\$2,405.35*
Ratio of Direct Debt to Assessed Valuation	13.30%*
Ratio of Direct Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation	2.85%*
Ratio of Direct Debt and Leases to Assessed Valuation	13.30%*
Ratio of Direct Debt and Leases to Estimated Actual Valuation	2.85%*
Overlapping and Underlying General Obligation Debt (“ Indirect Debt ”) ⁽⁵⁾	\$5,964,400
Total Direct Debt, Leases, and Indirect Debt	\$20,704,400*
Per Capita Direct Debt, Leases, and Indirect Debt	\$3,378.66*
Ratio of Direct Debt, Leases, and Indirect Debt to Assessed Valuation	18.68%*
Ratio of Direct Debt, Leases, and Indirect Debt to Estimated Valuation	4.00%*

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- (1) Includes 2025 real and personal property valuations as provided by the County Clerks of Ray County, Clinton County and Clay County, after Board of Equalization adjustments, but excludes assessed valuations attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property. For further details, see the section captioned “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT**” herein.
- (2) Estimated actual valuation is calculated by dividing different classes of property by their corresponding assessment ratios. For a detail of these different classes and ratios, see the section captioned “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT**” herein.
- (3) Includes the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,000,000* to be issued, plus \$11,740,000 aggregate principal amount of the District’s other outstanding general obligation bonds as of June [], 2026 (the date of issuance of the Bonds). See the section captioned “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness**” herein.
- (4) As of the date of issuance of the Bonds (June [], 2026), the District does not have any capital lease obligations outstanding. For further details see the section captioned “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Other Long-Term Obligations of the District**” herein.
- (5) For further details, see the section captioned “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT - Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Debt**” herein.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the outstanding principal amount of general obligation indebtedness of the District following issuance of the Bonds.

<u>Category of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Date of Bonds</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	12/28/2017	\$2,205,000
General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2020	12/1/2020	4,075,000
General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2024	06/04/2024	5,460,000
General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026	06/[]/2026	<u>3,000,000*</u>
	Total:	\$14,740,000*

History of General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table shows the outstanding general obligation debt of the District for each of the last five fiscal years.

<u>As of June 30</u>	<u>Total Outstanding Debt</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Debt as % of Assessed Valuation⁽²⁾</u>
2025	\$12,410,000	\$101,965,058	12.17%
2024	13,400,000	98,960,311	13.54
2023	8,065,000	93,255,661	8.65
2022	8,695,000	87,890,580	9.89
2021	9,285,000	78,226,451	11.87

⁽¹⁾ The assessed valuation of the District as adjusted through December 31 of the calendar year prior to the fiscal year shown. Excludes state assessed railroad and utility property.

⁽²⁾ If state assessed railroad and utility property were taken into account, the debt as a percentage of total assessed valuation would be lower than the percentages shown. For more information, see **“DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Legal Debt Capacity.”**

The District has never defaulted on the payment of any of its debt obligations.

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* Preliminary, subject to change.

Legal Debt Capacity

Under Article VI, Section 26(b) of the Constitution of Missouri, the District may incur indebtedness for authorized school district purposes not to exceed 15% of the valuation of taxable tangible property in the District according to the last completed assessment upon the approval of four-sevenths of the qualified voters in the District voting on the proposition at any municipal, primary or general election or two-thirds voter approval on any other election date.

The current legal debt limitation and debt margin of the District are as follows:

Legal Debt Limitation and Debt Margin

Constitutional Debt Limitation under Article VI, Section 26(b) (<i>15% of 2025 assessed valuation of \$110,854,868</i>)	\$16,628,230
<i>Less</i> General Obligation Bonds Outstanding, including the Bonds	(14,740,000) ^{*(1)}
Legal Debt Margin under Article VI, Sections 26(b)	\$1,888,230*

⁽¹⁾ Includes the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds (\$3,000,000*) being issued on June [], 2026, plus the aggregate principal amount of the District's other outstanding general obligation bonds (\$11,740,000).

The District's legal debt limit and debt margin would be higher if (1) the amount in the Debt Service Fund available to pay principal of the general obligation bonds, and (2) the valuation of state assessed railroad and utility property that is physically located within the bounds of the District were both taken into account. Neither amount was included in the calculations of debt limit or debt margin.

Because of the manner in which tax collections are distributed to school districts from assessments of state assessed railroad and utility property (see "**FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – County Revenue**"), the cumbersome task of determining the valuation of such property physically located within a school district is not normally undertaken unless, without the value of such property included in the calculation, the school district would exceed its legal debt limit.

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* Preliminary, subject to change.

General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Requirements

The following schedule shows the yearly principal and interest requirements for all outstanding general obligation bonds of the District, including the Bonds.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Outstanding Bonds		Series 2026 Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal*	Interest	
2027	\$430,000.00	\$457,950.00	--	--	
2028	450,000.00	445,050.00	--	--	
2029	470,000.00	431,550.00	--	--	
2030	490,000.00	417,450.00	--	--	
2031	540,000.00	402,750.00	--	--	
2032	565,000.00	386,550.00	--	--	
2033	590,000.00	364,250.00	--	--	
2034	645,000.00	340,950.00	--	--	
2035	710,000.00	315,300.00	--	--	
2036	780,000.00	285,200.00	--	--	
2037	550,000.00	252,800.00	--	--	
2038	570,000.00	232,300.00	--	--	
2039	765,000.00	211,200.00	--	--	
2040	835,000.00	180,750.00	--	--	
2041	910,000.00	143,100.00	--	--	
2042	640,000.00	97,600.00	\$210,000.00	--	
2043	710,000.00	72,000.00	245,000.00	--	
2044	1,090,000.00	43,600.00	--	--	
2045	--	--	1,200,000.00	--	
2046	--	--	1,345,000.00	--	
Total Outstanding	\$11,740,000.00	\$5,080,350.00	\$3,000,000.00*		

The principal and interest requirements on the District’s general obligation bonds (including the Bonds) are payable from amounts in the District’s Debt Service Fund generated by a levy on all taxable tangible property in the District. The Debt Service Fund levy may be set, without limitation as to rate or amount, at the level required to make payments on the general obligation bonds. See the section captioned “FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT” herein.

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* Preliminary, subject to change.

Other Long-Term Obligations of the District

As of the date of issuance of the Bonds (June [___], 2026), the District does not have any long-term capital leases or other obligations outstanding.

Future Borrowing Plans

Currently, the District does not have any plans to issue additional general obligation bonds or enter into any capital lease purchase transactions to finance additional capital improvements within the next three to five years.

Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Debt

The following table sets forth the approximate overlapping and underlying general obligation indebtedness of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District as of May 1, 2026, unless otherwise noted, and the percent attributable (on the basis of assessed valuation figures for calendar year 2025) to the District. The table was compiled from publicly available information furnished by the jurisdictions responsible for the debt, and the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information. Furthermore, political subdivisions may have ongoing programs requiring the issuance of substantial additional bonds or other long-term obligations such as leases, the amounts of which may be unknown to the District at this time and are not included below.

Jurisdiction	Outstanding General Obligation Debt	Approx. Percent Attributable to the District	Approx. Amount Attributable to the District
City of Lawson	\$5,944,400	100.0%	\$5,944,400
Holt Community Fire Protection District	400,000	5.0	20,000
		Total:	\$5,964,400

Source: State Auditor of Missouri – Bond Registration Reports; State Auditor of Missouri – 2025 Property Tax Rate Report; most recent information available from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board’s Electronic Municipal Market Access system.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

The District presents its governmental activities in fund financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in conformity with the requirements of Missouri law and DESE. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net assets/fund equity, revenues and expenditures when they result from cash transactions.

The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. District resources are allocated to, and accounted for in, individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Transactions have been recorded in the following funds for the accounting of all District funds:

- **General (Incidental) Fund:** The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for general activities of the District, including expenditures for non-

certificated employees, pupil transportation costs, plant operation, fringe benefits, student body activities, community services, food service and any expenditures not required or permitted to be accounted for in other funds.

- **Special Revenue (Teachers’) Fund:** The Special Revenue Fund accounts for expenditures for certificated employees involved in administration and instruction. It includes revenues restricted by the State and the local tax levy for the payment of teachers’ salaries and certain employee benefits.
- **Debt Service Fund:** The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of principal, interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt.
- **Capital Projects Fund:** The Capital Projects Fund accounts for resources restricted for the acquisition or construction of specific capital projects or items. It accounts for the proceeds of long-term debt, taxes and other receipts, including the proceeds of the Bonds, designated for construction of major capital assets and all other capital outlay.

The Treasurer of the District is responsible for handling all moneys of the District and administering the above funds. All moneys received by the District from whatever source are credited to the appropriate fund. Moneys may be disbursed from such funds by the Treasurer only for the purpose for which they were levied, collected or received and only upon checks drawn by the Treasurer pursuant to orders of the Board or upon orders for payment issued by the Treasurer pursuant to orders of the Board.

An annual budget of estimated receipts and disbursements for the coming fiscal year is prepared by the Superintendent and is presented to the Board prior to July 1 for approval. The District’s fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. The budget lists estimated receipts by funds and sources and estimated disbursements by funds and purposes and includes a statement of the rate of levy per \$100 of assessed valuation required to raise each amount shown on the budget as coming from District property taxes.

The financial records of the District are audited annually by an independent public accountant according to the cash basis of accounting. The most recent annual audit has been performed by Clevenger & Associates, CPA, P.C., Chillicothe, Missouri. The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, together with the independent auditor’s report thereon, are included in this Official Statement as *Appendix B*. A summary of significant accounting policies of the District is contained in the notes accompanying the financial statements in *Appendix B*. The audited financial statements for earlier years with reports by the certified public accountants are available for examination in the District’s office.

Sources of Revenue

The District finances its operations through the local property tax levy, state sales tax, State Aid (as defined below), federal grant programs and miscellaneous sources, including without limitation State Aid for transportation, a state sales tax on cigarettes and a pro rata share of interest income from the counties in which each school district operates. Debt service on general obligation bonds is paid from amounts in the District’s Debt Service Fund. The primary source of money in the Debt Service Fund is local property taxes derived from a debt service levy. As discussed below, the Debt Service Fund may, however, also contain money derived from transfers from the Incidental Fund, from the State Aid in the Classroom Trust Fund and from certain other taxes or payments-in-lieu-of-taxes that may be placed in the Debt Service Fund at the discretion of the Board. See **“Certain Permitted Fund Transfers – Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service Fund and/or the Capital Projects Fund.”**

State and federal revenue, as well as “Proposition C” sales tax revenue (included in the **“Local Revenue”** category below), are received on a continuous monthly basis throughout the fiscal year. Local taxes, however, are received primarily in January, over six months into a district’s fiscal year. Districts that

receive a smaller percentage of revenue from state and federal aid and depend more on local revenues will typically carry a larger fund balance than other districts that may be receiving a larger percent of their revenue from state and federal aid amounts rather than local taxes.

Current. For the District’s most current fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District’s sources of revenue were as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Local Revenue:		
Property Taxes	\$4,919,421	30.53%
Proposition C Sales Tax	1,605,054	9.96
Other	1,408,191	8.74
County Revenue	1,440,887	8.94
State Revenue	5,994,208	37.20
Federal Revenue	746,538	4.63
Other Revenue	--	--
Total Revenue	\$16,114,299	100.00%

Source: District’s Annual Secretary of the Board Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

Historical. The table below shows the allocation of revenues received by the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025:

<u>Source</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Local Revenue	\$5,450,454	\$5,428,337	\$6,949,662	\$8,050,372	\$7,932,666
County Revenue	1,027,091	1,028,587	1,118,636	1,270,642	1,440,887
State Revenue	4,891,721	5,128,651	5,396,768	5,827,639	5,994,208
Federal Revenue	1,462,812	1,538,495	2,482,452	1,703,548	746,538
Other Revenue ⁽¹⁾	17,234	7,776	140,370	81,447	--
Total	\$12,849,312	\$13,131,846	\$16,087,888	\$16,933,648	\$16,114,299

Source: District’s Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

⁽¹⁾ Excludes proceeds received from the sale of general obligation bonds.

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Local Revenue

The primary sources of “local revenue” are (1) taxes upon real and personal property within a district, excluding railroad and utility property taxes, which are more fully described below, and (2) receipts from a 1% State sales tax (commonly referred to as “**Proposition C revenues**”) approved by the voters in 1982.

Proposition C revenues are deemed to be “local” revenues for school district accounting purposes. Proposition C revenues are distributed to each school district based on the district’s weighted average daily attendance (see “**Weighted ADA**” under “**State Revenue**” below). Proposition C payments vary each month due to cash availability, which is based on sales taxes paid during the second preceding month.

The table below shows the approximate amount each school district received per pupil from Proposition C revenues for the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ended	Proposition C Revenue
June 30	(Per Pupil)
2025	\$1,514
2024	1,475
2023	1,287
2022	1,214
2021	1,046

Source: DESE

According to DESE’s March 2026 Finance Memo, for the current 2025-2026 fiscal year, each school district is expected to receive approximately \$1,465 per pupil from Proposition C revenues; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

County Revenue

For school taxation purposes, all state assessed railroad and utility property within a county is taxed uniformly at a rate determined by averaging the tax rates of all school districts in the county. No determination is made of the assessed value of the railroad and utility property that is physically located within the boundaries of each school district. Such tax collections for each county are distributed to the school districts within that county according to a formula based in part on total student enrollments in each district and in part on the taxes levied by each district. County revenue also includes certain fines and forfeitures collected with respect to violations within the boundaries of the school district.

State Revenue

The primary source of state revenue or “**State Aid**” is provided under a formula enacted under Chapter 163, RSMo. The amount of State Aid for school districts in Missouri is calculated using a formula that is primarily student-needs-based.

Property Tax Levy Requirements. The sum of a district’s local property tax levies in its Incidental and Teachers’ Funds must be at least \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation in order for the district to receive increases in State Aid above the level of State Aid it received in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Levy reductions required as a result of a “Hancock rollback” (See “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Tax Rates – Operating Levy**” below) will not affect a district’s eligibility for State Aid increases.

The Formula. A district’s State Aid is determined by first multiplying the district’s weighted average daily attendance (“**Weighted ADA**”) by the state adequacy target (“**State Adequacy Target**”). This figure

may be adjusted upward by a dollar value modifier (“**DVM**”). The product of the Weighted ADA multiplied by the State Adequacy Target multiplied by the DVM is then reduced by a district’s local effort (“**Local Effort**”) to calculate a district’s final State Aid amount. The State Aid amount is distributed to the districts on a monthly basis.

Weighted ADA. Weighted ADA is based upon regular term ADA plus summer school ADA, with additional weight assigned in certain circumstances for students who qualify for free and reduced price lunch (“**FRL**”), receive special education services (“**IEP**”) or possess limited English language proficiency (“**LEP**”). These FRL, IEP and LEP students are weighted to the extent they exceed certain thresholds (based on the percentage of students in each of the categories) in certain high performing districts (“**Performance Districts**”), which thresholds can change every two years. For fiscal years 2017 and 2018, DESE revised the thresholds downward as required under Senate Bill 586, which modified the definition of State Adequacy Target to require that a future recalculation of the State Adequacy Target never result in a decrease from the State Adequacy Target as calculated for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. For fiscal years 2019 and 2020, DESE revised the thresholds downward for FRL and IEP and upward for LEP. Beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year, certain school districts who operate early childhood education programs will also be able to claim a portion of their pre-kindergarten FRL students in their calculation of ADA; however, the portion of pre-kindergarten FRL students included in the calculation of ADA cannot exceed 4% of the total number of FRL students between the ages of 5 and 18 who are included in the school district’s calculation of ADA. The District’s State Aid revenues would be adversely affected by decreases in its Weighted ADA resulting from decreased enrollment generally and, specifically, decreased enrollment of FRL, IEP and LEP students. However, in the event that the District’s Weighted ADA is substantially reduced for any current fiscal year, the District may use the higher of the District’s Weighted ADA for the immediately preceding fiscal year or the second preceding fiscal year. This process is designed to absorb a one-year attendance irregularity.

Section 163.021 RSMo provides that “whenever there has existed within the school district an infectious disease, contagion, epidemic, plague or similar condition” (like COVID-19), the apportionment of school funds and all other distribution of school moneys, such as Proposition C revenues, shall be made on the basis of the school district’s ADA (or Weighted ADA) for the next preceding fiscal year in which such condition existed. Therefore, if the District’s ADA (or Weighted ADA) for any future fiscal year is substantially reduced as a result of an infectious disease, contagion, epidemic, plague or similar condition, the District will be allowed to base its revenue distributions on its ADA (or Weighted ADA) for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the condition existed.

State Adequacy Target. The State Aid formula requires DESE to calculate a “**State Adequacy Target**,” which is intended to be the minimum amount of funds a school district needs in order to educate each student. DESE’s calculation of the State Adequacy Target is based upon amounts spent, excluding federal and state transportation revenues, by Performance Districts. Every two years, using the most current list of Performance Districts, DESE will recalculate the State Adequacy Target. The recalculation can never result in a decrease from the State Adequacy Target as calculated for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 and any State Adequacy Target figure calculated subsequent to fiscal year 2018.

The table below shows the approximate State Adequacy Target per pupil for the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ended	State Adequacy Target
<u>June 30</u>	<u>(Per Pupil)</u>
2025	\$6,760
2024	6,375
2023	6,375
2022	6,375
2021	6,375

Source: DESE

According to DESE’s March 2026 Finance Memo, the State Adequacy Target for the current 2025-2026 fiscal year is expected to be approximately \$6,900 per pupil; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

Dollar Value Modifier. The DVM is an index of the relative purchasing power of a dollar in different areas of the state. The DVM is calculated as one plus 15% of the difference of the regional wage ratio (the ratio of the regional wage per job divided by the state median wage per job) minus one. The law provides that the DVM can never be less than 1.000. DESE revises the DVM for each district on an annual basis. The DVM for the District for fiscal year 2024-2025 was 1.0760, and the DVM for the District for the current 2025-2026 fiscal year is 1.0750.

Local Effort. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Local Effort figure utilized in a district’s State Aid calculation was the amount of locally generated revenue that the district would have received in the 2004-2005 fiscal year if its operating levy was set at \$3.43. The \$3.43 amount is called the “performance levy.” For all years subsequent to the 2006-2007 fiscal year, a district’s Local Effort amount has been frozen at the 2006-2007 amount, except for adjustments due to increased locally collected fines or decreased assessed valuation in the district. Growth in assessed valuation and operating levy increases will result in additional local revenue to the district, without affecting State Aid payments.

Categorical-Source Add-Ons. In addition to State Aid distributed pursuant to the formula as described above, the formula provides for the distribution of certain categorical sources of State Aid to school districts. These include (1) 75% of allowable transportation costs, (2) the career ladder entitlement, (3) the vocational education entitlement and (4) educational and screening program entitlements.

Classroom Trust Fund (Gambling Revenue) Distributions. A portion of the State Aid received under the formula will be in the form of a distribution from the “Classroom Trust Fund,” a fund in the state treasury containing a portion of the state’s gambling revenues. This money is distributed to school districts on the basis of ADA (versus *Weighted* ADA, which applies to the basic formula distribution). The funds deposited into the Classroom Trust Fund are not earmarked for a particular fund or expense and may be spent at the discretion of the local school district except that, beginning with the 2010-2011 fiscal year, all proceeds of the Classroom Trust Fund in excess of amounts received in the 2009-2010 fiscal year must be placed in the Teachers’ or Incidental Funds.

The table below shows the approximate amount each school district received per pupil from the Classroom Trust Fund for the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Classroom Trust Fund (Per Pupil)
2025	\$601
2024	472
2023	425
2022	430
2021	435

Source: DESE

According to DESE’s March 2026 Finance Memo, the estimated Classroom Trust Fund distributions to school districts during the current 2025-2026 fiscal year are expected to be equal to approximately \$506 per pupil; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

Classroom Trust Fund dollars do not increase the amount of State Aid.

Mandatory Deposit and Expenditures of Certain Amounts in the Teachers' Fund. The following state and local revenues must be deposited in the Teachers' Fund: (1) 75% of basic formula State Aid, excluding State Aid distributed from the Classroom Trust Fund (gambling revenues); (2) 75% of one-half of the district's local share of Proposition C revenues; (3) 100% of the career ladder state matching payments; and (4) 100% of local revenue from fines and escheats based on violations or abandoned property within the district's boundaries.

In addition to these mandatory deposits, school districts are also required to spend for certificated staff compensation and tuition expenditures each year the amounts described in clauses (1) and (2) of the preceding paragraph. Since the 2007-2008 fiscal year, school districts are further required to spend for certificated staff compensation and tuition expenditures each year, per the second preceding year's Weighted ADA, as much as was spent in the previous year from local and county tax revenues deposited in the Teachers' Fund, plus the amount of any transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund that are calculated to be local and county tax sources. This amount is to be determined by dividing local and county tax sources in the Incidental Fund by total revenue in the Incidental Fund. Commencing with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the formula provides that certificated staff compensation now includes the costs of public school retirement and Medicare for those staff members. These items were previously paid from the Incidental Fund.

Failure to satisfy the deposit and expenditure requirements applicable to the Teachers' Fund will result in a deduction of the amount of the expenditure shortfall from a district's basic formula State Aid for the following year, unless the district receives an exemption from the State Board of Education.

A school board may transfer any portion of the unrestricted balance remaining in the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund. Any district that uses a transfer from the Incidental Fund to pay for more than 25% of the annual certificated compensation obligation of the district, and has an Incidental Fund balance on June 30 in any year in excess of 50% of the combined Incidental and Teachers' Fund expenditures for the fiscal year just ended, will be required to transfer the excess from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund.

Federal Revenue

School districts receive certain grants and other revenue from the federal government that are required to be used for the specified purposes of the grant or funding program.

The federal "No Child Left Behind" law required that every public school student score at a "proficient" level or higher in math and reading by 2014. Each state established its own proficiency levels. Federal sanctions for school districts that failed to meet established proficiency standards included allowing parents and students in underperforming schools within a district to request a transfer to a school within the district that met proficiency standards. In addition, schools that continued to fail to meet proficiency standards were required to make additional changes in staffing, curriculum and management. Federal sanctions applied only to public schools that received Title I federal money.

The federal "Every Student Succeeds Act" ("**ESSA**") was signed into law on December 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the "No Child Left Behind Act." Each state education agency must develop a state accountability plan ("**ESSA Plan**") that incorporates testing based on challenging academic standards. The ESSA Plans were required to be submitted to the United States Department of Education (the "**DOE**") in 2017. Under ESSA, states can decide how much weight to give standardized tests in their accountability systems and determine what consequences, if any, should attach to poor performance. However, at least 95% of eligible students are required to take the state-chosen standardized tests, and federal funding can be withheld if states fall below the 95% threshold.

The State submitted its plan to the DOE on September 13, 2017, in order to meet the September 18, 2017, deadline. The DOE approved the State's plan on January 16, 2018. Under ESSA, the State will continue to test students through the Missouri Assessment Program.

Certain Permitted Fund Transfers

Limited Sources of Funds for Capital Expenditures. School districts may only pay for capital outlays from the Capital Projects Fund. Sources of revenues in the Capital Projects Fund are limited to: (1) proceeds of general obligation bonds, such as the Bonds (which are repaid from a Debt Service Fund levy), and lease financings; (2) revenue from the school district's local property tax levy for the Capital Projects Fund; (3) certain permitted transfers from the Incidental Fund; and (4) a portion of the funds distributed to school districts from the Classroom Trust Fund.

Capital Projects Fund Levy. Prior to setting tax rates for the Teachers' and Incidental Funds, each school district must annually set the tax rate for the Capital Projects Fund as necessary to meet the expenditures of the Capital Projects Fund for capital outlays, except that the tax rate set for the Capital Projects Fund may not be in an amount that would result in the reduction of the equalized combined tax rates for the Teachers' and Incidental Funds to an amount below \$2.75. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the District did not levy a separate property tax for its Capital Projects Fund.

Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. In addition to money generated from the Capital Projects Fund levy, each school district may transfer money from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for certain purposes, including: (1) the amount to be expended for transportation equipment that is considered an allowable cost under the State Board of Education rules for transportation reimbursements during the current year; (2) the amount necessary to satisfy obligations of the Capital Projects Fund for state-approved area vocational-technical schools; (3) current year obligations for lease-purchase obligations entered into prior to January 1, 1997; (4) the amount necessary to repay costs of one or more guaranteed energy savings performance contracts to renovate buildings in the school district, provided that the contract specified that no payment or total of payments shall be required from the school district until at least an equal total amount of energy and energy-related operating savings and payments from the vendor pursuant to the contract have been realized; and (5) to satisfy current year capital project expenditures, an amount not to exceed the greater of (a) \$162,326 or (b) seven percent (7%) of the State Adequacy Target (see "**State Adequacy Target**" above) times the school district's Weighted ADA. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District did not transfer any moneys from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund under this provision.

Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service Fund and/or the Capital Projects Fund. If a school district is not using the \$162,326 or seven percent (7%) transfer discussed in parts (5)(a) and (5)(b) of the prior paragraph and is not making payments on lease purchases pursuant to Section 177.088, RSMo, then the school district may transfer from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service and/or the Capital Projects Fund the greater of (1) the State Aid received in the 2005-2006 school year as a result of no more than eighteen (18) cents of the sum of the Debt Service Fund levy and Capital Projects Fund levy used in the foundation formula and placed in the Capital Projects Fund or Debt Service Fund, or (2) Five percent (5%) of the State Adequacy Target (see "**State Adequacy Target**" above) times the district's Weighted ADA. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District did not transfer any moneys from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund or Debt Service Fund under this provision.

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Fund Balances Summary

The following Summary Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances was prepared from the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025. The statement set forth below should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, set forth in **Appendix B** of this Official Statement and the audited financial statements for prior fiscal years on file at the District's office.

	Fiscal Years Ended June 30				
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
General (Incidental) Fund					
Balance—Beginning of Year	\$4,721,662	\$4,573,886	\$4,555,430	\$4,878,099	\$5,868,703
Revenues	4,935,285	5,706,866	6,745,141	7,726,154	7,839,148
Expenditures	3,990,655	4,644,071	5,109,862	5,903,025	5,430,079
Transfers In (Out)	(1,092,431)	(1,081,251)	(1,312,610)	(832,525)	(1,395,365)
Balance—End of Year	\$4,573,861	\$4,555,430	\$4,878,099	\$5,868,703	\$6,882,407
Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund					
Balance—Beginning of Year	\$--	\$--	\$6,737	\$--	\$--
Revenues	5,815,956	6,066,433	6,026,868	6,668,765	6,555,934
Expenditures	6,611,091	6,966,783	7,171,215	7,501,290	7,951,299
Transfers In (Out)	795,135	907,087	1,137,610	832,525	1,395,365
Balance—End of Year	\$--	\$6,737	\$--	\$--	\$--
Debt Service Fund					
Balance—Beginning of Year	\$3,079,096	\$841,681	\$870,630	\$1,032,419	\$1,293,223
Revenues	2,739,264 ⁽²⁾	1,026,305	1,114,757	1,267,822	1,271,312
Expenditures	4,976,679	997,356	952,968	1,007,018	1,458,289
Balance—End of Year	\$841,681	\$870,630	\$1,032,419	\$1,293,223	\$1,106,246
Capital Projects Fund					
Balance—Beginning of Year	\$2,525,576	\$3,842,412	\$3,906,650	\$1,393,379	\$6,777,501
Revenues ⁽¹⁾	3,433,806 ⁽²⁾	332,241	2,201,122	7,270,906 ⁽³⁾	447,906
Expenditures	2,414,266	442,168	4,889,392	1,886,784	4,098,310
Transfers In (Out)	297,296	174,165	175,000	--	--
Balance—End of Year	\$3,842,412	\$3,906,650	\$1,393,380	\$6,777,501	\$3,127,097
Total Governmental Funds					
Balance—Beginning of Year	\$10,326,333	\$9,257,978	\$9,339,445	\$7,303,898	\$13,939,428
Revenues	16,924,311	13,131,845	16,087,888	22,933,647	16,114,300
Expenditures	17,992,691	13,050,378	18,123,437	16,298,117	18,937,977
Balance—End of Year	\$9,257,953	\$9,339,445	\$7,303,896	\$13,939,428	\$11,115,751

Source: District's audited financial statements for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

⁽¹⁾ Includes funds received from the sale of District property.

⁽²⁾ Includes proceeds received from the sale of the District's General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2020, issued on December 1, 2020, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$4,075,000.

⁽³⁾ Includes proceeds received from the sale of the District's General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2024, issued on June 4, 2024, in the original aggregate principal amount of \$6,000,000.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance to protect itself from such risks.

Pension and Employee Retirement Plans

General. The District contributes to two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans on behalf of its employees: (i) The Public School Retirement System of Missouri (“**PSRS**”), which provides retirement, disability and death benefits to full-time (and certain part-time) certificated employees of school districts and certain other educational entities in Missouri and employees of certain related employers; and (ii) The Public Education Employee Retirement System of Missouri (“**PEERS**”), which provides retirement and disability benefits to employees of school districts and certain other educational entities in Missouri and of certain related employers who work 20 or more hours per week and do not contribute to PSRS. Benefit provisions relating to both PSRS and PEERS are set forth in Chapter 169 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended. The statutes assign responsibility for the administration of both plans to a seven member Board of Trustees of PSRS (the “**PSRS Board**”). PSRS and PEERS had 534 and 531 contributing employers, respectively, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

PSRS and PEERS issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The PSRS/PEERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 (the “**2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report**”), the comprehensive financial report for the plans, is available at <https://www.psr-peers.org/About-Us>. The link to the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report is provided for general background information only, and the information in the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report is not incorporated by reference herein. The 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report provides detailed information about PSRS and PEERS, including their respective financial positions, investment policy and performance information, actuarial information and assumptions affecting plan design and policies, and certain statistical information about the plans.

PSRS and PEERS Contributions. Employees who contribute to PSRS are not eligible to make Social Security contributions, except in limited circumstances. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, PSRS contributing employees were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary and their employers, including the District, were required to contribute a matching amount of 14.5% of each contributing employee’s covered salary. The contribution requirements of members and the District are established (and may be amended) by the PSRS Board based on the recommendation of an independent actuary. State statute prohibits the PSRS Board from approving an increase greater than 1.0% in aggregate of PSRS contributing member covered pay of the previous year.

Employees who contribute to PEERS are eligible to make Social Security contributions. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, PEERS contributing employees were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary and their employers, including the District, were required to contribute a matching amount of 6.86% of each contributing employee’s covered salary. The contribution requirements of members and the District are established (and may be amended) by the PSRS Board based on the recommendation of an independent actuary. State statute prohibits the PSRS Board from approving an increase greater than 0.5% in aggregate of PEERS contributing member covered pay of the previous year.

PSRS and PEERS Funded Status. PSRS and PEERS reported funded ratios of 89.1% and 89.9%, respectively, as of June 30, 2025, according to the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report. Funded ratios are intended to estimate the ability of current plan assets to satisfy projected future liabilities. The PSRS and PEERS funded ratios are determined by dividing the smoothed actuarial value of plan assets by the plan’s actuarial accrued liability determined under the entry age normal cost method with normal costs calculated as a

level percentage of payrolls, along with certain actuarial assumptions based on an experience study conducted in 2016. PSRS and PEERS amortize unfunded actuarial liabilities using a closed 30-year method. Additional assumptions and methods used to determine the actuarial funded status of PSRS and PEERS are set forth in the Actuarial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report. The funding objective of each plan, as stated in each plan’s Actuarial Funding Policy, is to achieve a funded ratio of 100% over a closed 30-year period.

The following provides a historical comparison of actual employer contributions to actuarially determined contributions and the historical funded status for the plans for the years shown:

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended June 30	PSRS			PEERS		
	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contributions	Contribution Excess/ (Deficiency) ⁽¹⁾	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Employer Contributions	Contribution Excess/ (Deficiency) ⁽¹⁾
2025	\$835,236,887	\$848,104,682	\$12,867,795	\$172,711,373	\$173,979,445	\$1,268,072
2024	832,366,273	819,926,016	(12,440,257)	163,252,197	162,777,627	(474,570)
2023	771,873,895	792,646,705	20,772,810	145,744,095	147,463,789	1,719,694
2022	756,968,491	764,348,407	7,379,916	134,786,669	135,180,782	394,113
2021	702,442,650	745,638,245	43,195,595	123,733,066	126,877,255	3,144,189

Source: “Schedules of Employer Contributions” in the Financial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report.

⁽¹⁾ The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay for PSRS and 0.5% of pay for PEERS. The limitation on contribution increases resulted in a deficiency for some of the years presented. Contributions were funded to the maximum statutory limit each year.

Schedule of Funding Progress

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Year Ended June 30	PSRS			PEERS		
	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio
2025	\$54,466,041	\$61,144,573	89.1%	\$7,414,008	\$8,250,244	89.9%
2024	51,430,822	58,971,485	87.2	6,881,439	7,810,188	88.1
2023	49,122,410	57,193,631	85.9	6,459,684	7,401,637	87.3
2022	47,185,300	55,405,260	85.2	6,113,154	6,998,708	87.3
2021	45,033,548	52,834,297	85.2	5,756,526	6,560,854	87.7

Source: “Schedule of Funding Progress” in the Actuarial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report.

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As stated in the District’s audited financial statements and the GASB 68 footnote disclosure prepared by PSRS and PEERS and provided to the District for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through 2025, the District’s contributions to PSRS and PEERS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through 2025, were as follows:

District Contributions to PSRS and PEERS

Year Ended June 30	PSRS		PEERS	
	Annual Contribution ⁽¹⁾	Contribution (% of Payroll)	Annual Contribution ⁽¹⁾	Contribution (% of Payroll)
2025	\$912,292	14.50%	\$114,462	6.86%
2024	871,006	14.50	110,369	6.86
2023	839,800	14.50	100,727	6.86
2022	795,906	14.50	88,752	6.86
2021	775,815	14.50	84,579	6.86

Source: Audited financial statements of the District for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025; Financial Statement Information Related to the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri, prepared by PSRS and PEERS in about June 2025 for the District (Unaudited).

⁽¹⁾ The annual contributions equaled the amounts required by the PSRS Board for each year.

The District’s contribution to PSRS and PEERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, constituted approximately 5.45% of the District’s total expenditures during the fiscal year. The District will be required to contribute 14.50% of covered payroll for PSRS contributing employees and 6.86% of covered payroll for PEERS contributing employees during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, equal to the contribution percentages for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, and June 30, 2025.

Estimated Proportionate Share of PSRS/PEERS Liability. The District has not implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, because the District’s financial statements are prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. PSRS and PEERS, however, have implemented GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*. Accordingly, PSRS and PEERS are required annually to provide each contributing Missouri school district reports estimating each district’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS as of the end of the prior fiscal year. The estimate is computed for each district by multiplying the net pension liability of a plan (calculated by determining the difference between the plan’s total pension liability and fiduciary net position) by a percentage reflecting the district’s proportionate share of contributions to the plan during the fiscal year (calculated by dividing the District’s actual contributions by the actual contributions of all participating employers for PSRS and PEERS, respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025). At June 30, 2026 (measured as of June 30, 2025), the District’s proportionate share of the net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS was \$6,001,928 and \$463,410, respectively, as determined by PSRS and PEERS on an accrual basis of accounting. At June 30, 2025, the District’s contribution to PSRS and PEERS represented 0.1077% and 0.0664%, respectively, of the overall contributions to PSRS and PEERS during the fiscal year. In addition, for the year ended June 30, 2026, the District recognized pension expense of \$112,796 for PSRS and \$58,128 for PEERS, its proportionate share of the total pension expense. Detailed information about the calculation of the net pension liability of the plans, including information about the assumptions used, is available in the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report.

The net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS is based on a 7.3% discount rate, which was also the assumed investment rate of return for the plans effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. PSRS and PEERS further advised the District that its proportionate share of the net pension liability using a 1.0% higher or lower discount rate at June 30, 2026 (measured as of June 30, 2025), would be as follows:

Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Sensitivity

	1.0% Decrease (6.3%)	Current Discount Rate (7.3%)	1.0% Increase (8.3%)
District’s proportionate share of PSRS net pension liability	\$14,300,413	\$6,001,928	\$(868,486)
District’s proportionate share of PEERS net pension liability / (asset)	\$1,134,858	\$463,410	\$(95,648)

For additional information regarding the District’s pensions and employee retirement plans, see *Note G* to the District’s financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, included in **Appendix B** to this Official Statement. For additional information regarding PSRS and PEERS, see the 2025 PSRS/PEERS Annual Financial Report.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The District provides an OPEB defined benefit plan in which it provides medical and dental benefits to retirees and their beneficiaries. Benefits continue for the life of the participant. Retirees are entitled to benefits if they qualify for benefits from PSRS. The District’s plan is updated each year to reflect the current insurance cost pool. The retirees are required to contribute the full premium for each plan, which is determined based on a blended rate between active and retired employees. The retirees reimbursement charge to the District is updated annually to equal the cost to the District. As of fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, there were 130 active employees eligible for benefits and 41 retired employees eligible for benefits under the OPEB plan. During fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District’s expenses to the OPEB plan for the year exceeding the amounts reimbursed by the participants was \$2,371. See *Note O* to the District’s financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, included in **Appendix B** to this Official Statement.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Property Valuations

Assessment Procedure. All taxable real and personal property within the District is assessed annually by the County Assessor. Missouri law requires that personal property be assessed at various levels up to 33-1/3% of true value and that real property be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

Residential real property	19%
Agricultural and horticultural real property.....	12%
Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and all other real property	32%

A general reassessment of real property occurred statewide in 1985. In order to maintain equalized assessed valuations following this reassessment, the state legislature adopted a maintenance law in 1986. On January 1 in every odd-numbered year, the County Assessor must adjust the assessed valuation of all real

property located within the county in accordance with a two-year assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the State Tax Commission.

The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax rolls each year and for submitting the tax rolls to the County Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust and equalize the values of individual properties appearing on the tax rolls.

Current Assessed Valuation. The following table shows the total locally assessed valuation and the estimated actual valuation, by category, of all taxable tangible property situated in the District (excluding assessed valuation amounts attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District) according to the assessment for calendar year 2025 for property owned as of January 1, 2025, after Board of Equalization adjustments.

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Estimated Actual Valuation</u>	<u>% of Actual Valuation</u>
Real:				
Residential	\$72,980,311	19.00%	\$384,106,900	74.26%
Agricultural	3,486,881	12.00%	29,057,342	5.62
Commercial ⁽¹⁾	<u>7,040,858</u>	32.00%	<u>22,002,681</u>	<u>4.25</u>
Total Real	\$83,508,050		\$435,166,923	84.14%
Personal⁽¹⁾	<u>27,346,818</u>	33.33%⁽²⁾	<u>82,048,659</u>	<u>15.86</u>
Total Real & Personal	\$110,854,868		\$517,215,582	100.00%

Source: County Clerks of Ray County, Clinton County and Clay County, after Board of Equalization adjustments.

⁽¹⁾ Includes locally assessed railroad and utility property.

⁽²⁾ Assumes all personal property is assessed at 33 1/3%; because certain subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at less than 33 1/3%, the estimated actual valuation for personal property would likely be greater than that shown above. See “*Assessment Procedure*” discussed above.

History of Property Valuations. The total assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property situated in the District (excluding assessed valuation amounts attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District) according to the assessments of January 1, as adjusted through December 31 (except for the 2023 calendar year, which reflects the total assessed valuation after Board of Equalization adjustments), in each of the following years has been as follows:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2025	110,854,868	8.72%
2024	101,965,058	3.04
2023	98,960,311	6.12
2022	93,255,661	6.10
2021	87,890,580	12.35

Source: For calendar year 2025, Notices of Assessed Valuation, after Board of Equalization adjustments, provided by the County Clerks of Ray, Clay and Clinton Counties for calendar year 2025; for calendar years 2021 through 2024, Annual Reports of the County Clerks of Ray County, Clay County and Clinton County to the State Board of Education for the District’s fiscal years ended June 30, 2022, through June 30, 2025.

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Generally. Property taxes are levied and collected for the District by Ray County, Clinton County and Clay County, for which the Counties receive a collection fee of approximately 1.5% of the gross tax collections made.

The District is required by law to prepare an annual budget, which includes an estimate of the amount of revenues to be received from all sources for the budget year, including an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised from property taxes and the tax levy rates required to produce such amounts. The budget must also include proposed expenditures and must state the amount required for the payment of interest, amortization and redemption charges on the District's debt for the ensuing budget year. Such estimates are based on the assessed valuation figures provided by the County Clerk. As required under SB 711 (discussed below), the District must informally project nonbinding tax levies for the year and return such projected tax levies to the County Clerk in April. The District must fix its ad valorem property tax rates and certify them to the County Clerk no later than October 1 for entry in the tax books. Taxes are levied at the District's tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Missouri State Auditor is responsible for reviewing the rate of tax to ensure that it does not exceed constitutional rate limits.

Real and personal property within the District is assessed by the County Assessor. The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax rolls each year and for submitting tax rolls to the Board of Equalization of the County. The Board of Equalization has the authority to question and determine the proper value of property and then adjust and equalize individual properties appearing on the tax rolls. After local appeal procedures have been completed, the books are finalized and sent to the County Collector. The County Collector extends the taxes on the tax rolls and issues the tax statements in early December.

The County Collector is required to make disbursements of collected taxes to the District each month. Because of the tax collection procedure described above, the District receives the bulk of its moneys from local property taxes in the months of December, January and February.

District's Rights in Event of Tax Delinquency. Taxes are due by December 31 and become delinquent if not paid to the County Collector by that time. All tracts of land and city lots on which delinquent taxes are due are charged with a penalty of 18% of each year's delinquency. Taxes on real estate become delinquent on January 1, and the County Collector is required to enforce the State's lien by offering the property for sale in August. If the offering does not produce a bid equal to the delinquent taxes plus interest, penalty and costs, the property is offered for sale again the following year. If the second offering also does not produce a bid adequate to cover the amount due, the property is sold the following year to the highest bidder. Tax sales at the first or second offerings are subject to the owner's redemption rights. Delinquent personal property taxes constitute a debt of the person assessed with the taxes, and a personal judgment can be rendered for such taxes against the debtor. Personal property taxes become delinquent on January 1. Collection suits may be commenced on or after February 1 and must be commenced within three years.

Tax Abatement and Tax Increment Financing

Under state law, tax abatement is available for redevelopers of areas determined by the governing body of a city to be "blighted." The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law authorizes ten-year tax abatement pursuant to Sections 99.700 to 99.715, RSMo. In lieu of ten-year tax abatement, a redeveloper that is an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353, RSMo, may seek real property tax abatement for a total period of 25 years. In addition, Chapter 100, RSMo and Article VI Section 27(b) of the Missouri Constitution authorize real and personal property tax abatement for corporations for certain projects.

In addition, the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, makes available tax increment financing for redevelopment projects in certain areas

determined by the governing body of a city or county to be a “blighted area,” “conservation area” or “economic development area,” each as defined in such statute.

While currently no portions of the District are located in tax increment financing redevelopment areas (“**TIF Redevelopment Areas**”), this could change in the future. Tax increment financing does not diminish the amount of property tax revenues collected by the District in an affected area compared to prior to the establishment of a TIF Redevelopment Area but instead acts to freeze such revenues at current levels (the “**Base**”) and deprives the District and other taxing districts of all or part of future increases in ad valorem real property tax revenues that otherwise would have resulted from increases in assessed valuation above the Base (the “**TIF Increment**”). The TIF Increment is captured by the TIF Redevelopment Areas until the tax increment financing obligations issued are repaid or the tax increment financing period terminates.

Tax Rates

Debt Service Levy. The District’s debt service levy for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, is \$1.0051 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Once indebtedness has been approved by the requisite number of voters voting therefor and bonds are issued, the District is required under Article VI, Section 26(f) of the Missouri Constitution to levy an annual tax on all taxable tangible property therein sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the indebtedness as they fall due and to retire the same within 20 years from the date of issue. The Board of Education may set the tax rate for debt service, without limitation as to rate or amount, at the level required to make such payments.

Operating Levy. The operating tax levy of a school district (consisting of all ad valorem taxes levied except the debt service levy) cannot exceed the “**tax rate ceiling**” for the current year without voter approval. The tax rate ceiling, determined annually, is the rate of levy that, when charged against a district’s assessed valuation for the current year, excluding new construction and improvements, will produce an amount of tax revenues equal to tax revenues for the previous year increased by the lesser of actual assessment growth, 5% or the Consumer Price Index.

Under Article X, Section 11(b) of the Missouri Constitution, a school district may increase its operating levy up to \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation without voter approval. Any increase above \$2.75, however, must be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposition. Further, pursuant to Article X, Section 11(c) of the Missouri Constitution, any increase above \$6.00 must be approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition. Without the required percentage of voter approval, the tax rate ceiling cannot at any time exceed the greater of the tax rate in effect in 1980 or the most recent voter-approved tax rate (as adjusted pursuant to the provisions of the Hancock Amendment and SB 711, more fully explained below). The tax levy for debt service on a school district’s general obligation bonds is exempt from these limitations upon the tax rate ceiling.

Article X, Section 22(a) of the Missouri Constitution (commonly known as the “**Hancock Amendment**”), approved in 1980, places limitations on total state revenues and the levying or increasing of taxes without voter approval. The Missouri Supreme Court has interpreted the definition of “total state revenues” to exclude voter-approved tax increases. The Hancock Amendment also includes provisions for rolling back tax rates. If the assessed valuation of property, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the Consumer Price Index from the previous year (or 5%, if greater), the maximum authorized current levy must be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from existing property, adjusted for changes in the Consumer Price Index, as could have been collected at the existing authorized levy on the prior assessed value. This reduction is often referred to as a “**Hancock rollback**.” The limitation on local governmental units does not apply to taxes levied in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

In 2008, through the enactment of Senate Bill 711 (“**SB 711**”), the Missouri General Assembly approved further limitations on the amount of property taxes that can be imposed by a local governmental unit. Prior to the enactment of SB 711, a Hancock rollback would not necessarily result in a reduction of a district’s *actual* operating tax levy if its current tax levy was less than its current tax levy *ceiling*, due to the district’s voluntary rollback from the maximum authorized tax levy. Under SB 711, in reassessment years (odd-numbered years), the Hancock rollback is applied to a district’s *actual* operating tax levy, regardless of whether that levy is at the district’s tax levy *ceiling*. This further reduction is sometimes referred to as an “**SB 711 rollback.**” In non-reassessment years (even-numbered years), the operating levy may be increased to the district’s tax levy ceiling (as adjusted by the Hancock rollback), only after a public hearing and adoption of a resolution or policy statement justifying the action.

Under the provisions of an initiative petition adopted by the voters of Missouri on November 2, 1982, commonly known as “**Proposition C,**” revenues generated by a 1% state sales tax are credited to a special trust fund for school districts and are deemed to be “local” revenues for school district accounting purposes. Proposition C revenues are distributed to each school district within the State on the basis of eligible pupils. Under Proposition C, after determining its budget and the levy rate needed to produce required revenues to fund the budget, a school district must reduce the operating levy by an amount sufficient to decrease the revenues it would have received therefrom by an amount equal to 50% of the revenues received through Proposition C during the prior year. School districts may submit propositions to voters to forgo all or a part of the reduction in the operating levy that would otherwise be required under the terms of Proposition C. The District’s voters previously approved a proposition to forgo all of the reduction in the operating levy which would otherwise be required under the terms of Proposition C which allows the District to levy up to its tax rate ceiling.

For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the District’s operating levy (all funds except the debt service fund levy) is \$3.7522 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which is equal to the District’s tax rate ceiling for said fiscal year.

The tax levy for debt service on the District’s general obligation bonds is exempt from the calculations of and limitations upon the tax rate ceiling.

History of Tax Levies

The following table shows the District’s tax levies (per \$100 of assessed valuation) for each of the last five fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025, and the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	General Incidental Fund	Special Revenue Teachers’ Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Levy
2026	\$3.7522	\$0.0000	\$1.0051	\$0.0000	\$4.7573
2025	3.8073	0.0000	0.9500	0.0000	4.7573
2024	3.8093	0.0000	0.9500	0.0000	4.7593
2023	3.7572	0.0000	0.9500	0.0000	4.7072
2022	2.8707	0.0000	0.9500	0.0000	3.8207
2021	2.9547	0.0000	0.9500	0.0000	3.9047

Source: For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, Missouri State Auditor Property Tax Rate Report for the calendar year 2025 property tax rates; for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025, District’s Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

Tax Collection Record

Taxes are levied based on the assessed valuation following Board of Equalization review, which typically occurs in August. As a result of resolution of tax cases, the addition of undeclared personal property and other changes in assessment following Board of Equalization review, tax bills may be changed following the original levy and some taxpayers may be obligated to pay additional taxes or pay less taxes. The following table sets forth tax collection information for the District for each of the last five fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Total Levy (per \$100 of Assessed Value)	Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾	Total Taxes Levied⁽²⁾	Current Taxes Collected		Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected⁽³⁾	
				Amount	%	Amount	%
2025	\$4.7573	\$101,965,058	\$4,850,784	\$4,529,517	93.38%	\$4,919,421	101.41%
2024	4.7593	98,960,311	4,709,818	4,493,386	95.40	4,828,483	102.52
2023	4.7072	93,255,661	4,389,730	4,152,322	94.59	4,411,795	100.50
2022	3.8207	87,890,580	3,358,035	3,155,114	93.96	3,400,497	101.26
2021	3.9047	78,226,451	3,054,508	2,909,299	95.25	3,153,483	103.24

Source: District's Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, through June 30, 2025.

- (1) Assessed valuation of the District as adjusted through December 31 of the calendar year prior to the fiscal year shown. Excludes state assessed railroad and utility property.
- (2) Total Taxes Levied are based on assessed valuation as of December 31 of each year and are calculated by dividing Assessed Valuation by 100 and multiplying by the Total Levy. Excludes taxes against state-assessed railroads and utilities.
- (3) Delinquent taxes are shown in the year payment is actually received, which may cause the percentage of Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected to exceed 100%.

Major Property Taxpayers

The following table sets forth a list of the largest property taxpayers in the District based on the 2025 assessed valuation. The District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Owner	Type of Use	Percentage of District's Total 2025 Assessed Valuation	
		2025 Assessed Valuation	Assessed Valuation
Missouri American Water Company	Water utility	\$1,776,631	1.60%
Platte-Clay Electric Coop Inc.	Electric utility	499,019	0.45
J Starr Inc.	Shipping services	379,940	0.34
Lawson Hidden Valley Golf Course	Golf course	345,950	0.31
Ross Mechanical	Commercial HVAC	321,640	0.29
Smith, Timoth & Elaine Lee	Individual	309,310	0.28
Laclede Gas Co.	Gas utility	239,230	0.22
Willis, James & Debbie	Individual	237,700	0.21
Goppert Financial Bank	Bank institution	193,730	0.17
Morrow & Sons Inc	Hardware and lumber	187,460	0.17
Total:		\$4,490,610	4.05%

Source: Ray, Clay and Clinton County Assessors' Office.

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Exhibit B

Audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025

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LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

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November 19, 2025

To the Board of Education

Lawson R-XIV School District

We have audited the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Lawson R-XIV School District (the District) for the year ended June 30, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 3, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Matters

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Lawson R-XIV School District are described in Note A to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year. We noted no transactions entered into by the District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper accounting period.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosures affecting the financial statements were:

The disclosures of long-term debt and bonds payable in Notes L and M to the financial statements summarize the outstanding debt of the District.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated November 19, 2025.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We were not engaged to report on the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and statistical sections which accompany the financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the administration and the Board of Education of Lawson R-XIV School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The discussion and analysis of the Lawson R-XIV School District's financial performance provides an overview of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole; readers should review the basic financial statements, notes to the financial statements, and other supplemental information to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

The total fund balances for the District (General, Special, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Funds) were \$11,115,749.85 on June 30, 2025. This is a decrease of \$2,823,677.91 in comparison to the prior fiscal year.

The total revenues of the governmental funds for the fiscal year were \$16,114,299.22. This is a decrease of \$6,819,347.86 compared to prior year mainly due to bond proceeds received in the prior year.

Expenditures for the year were \$18,937,977.13. This is an increase of \$2,639,859.64 over the prior year due to construction of capital assets in the current year.

Expenditures for debt of the District were \$1,458,289.33 for the year. \$990,000.00 was paid on principal and \$468,289.33 was paid for interest and fees.

Outlays for new capital assets were \$4,098,310.11 during the year, including repairs and upgrades to all facilities with the main focus on the elementary school.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of two distinct series of financial statements: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements, notes to the financial statements, other financial information, other reporting requirements, and supplementary state information.

- **Government-Wide Financial Reports:** Provide both short-term and long-term information about the District's overall financial status. Government-wide statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.
- **Fund Financial Statements:** Focus on individual funds of the District, reporting activities in more detail. These statements show how services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending.
- **Other Information:** Reports information where limited procedures are applied to budgetary and historical comparisons which are presented to provide perspective for the user of the financial statements.

Reporting on the District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The District's financial transactions as a whole for the year are summarized on the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. The statements include all assets and liabilities using the modified cash basis of accounting.

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The financial statements are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting, under which revenues are recorded when received rather than when susceptible to accrual, and expenditures are recorded when paid rather than when the fund liability is incurred, except for teachers' salaries as explained in Note A to the financial statements.

These two statements report the District's change in net position. The change in net position is important because it tells the reader that, for the District as a whole, the financial position of the District has improved or diminished. The causes of this change may be the result of many factors, some financial, some not. Non-financial factors include the District's property tax base, facility conditions, required educational programs, and other factors.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the District reports governmental activities. Governmental Activities are the activities where most of the District's programs and services are reported including, instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transport, food service, and student activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund financial reports provide detailed information about the District's major funds. District resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following types of funds are used by the District:

General Fund – Accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – Accounts for and reports the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt Service Fund – Accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

Capital Projects Fund – Accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for capital outlay, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The District as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position provides the perspective of the District as a whole. Table 1 provides a summary and comparison of the District's net position for 2025 and 2024:

TABLE 1	Governmental Activities	
	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,989,721.90	\$ 6,286,236.97
Investments	3,499,892.98	2,246,750.53
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,161,549.97	5,017,570.60
Restricted investments	464,585.00	388,869.66
Total assets	<u>11,115,749.85</u>	<u>13,939,427.76</u>
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Capital projects	14,906.23	4,113,216.34
Special revenue	-	0.20
Debt service	3,611,228.74	1,293,223.72
Unrestricted	7,489,614.88	8,532,987.50
Total net position	<u>\$ 11,115,749.85</u>	<u>\$ 13,939,427.76</u>

Total assets at June 30, 2025, were \$11,115,749.85.

Unrestricted net position that can be used to finance day-to-day activities without constraints established by grants or legal requirements was \$7,489,614.88 and restricted net position was \$3,626,134.97.

Governmental Activities

Revenues – General revenues and special items totaled \$13,602,901.10. The three largest sources of general revenue for the District are generated through property taxes of \$4,919,421.83, the Basic Foundation Formula of \$4,849,613.38 and State assessed utilities of \$1,324,587.01. Program specific revenues in the form of operating grants totaled \$1,890,983.81. The largest portion of this revenue was from transportation grants. State and Federal reimbursement for food service and transportation were \$180,243.99 and \$618,836.00, respectively.

Expenditures – Expenditures for governmental activities totaled \$18,937,977.13 offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions of \$2,511,398.12. General revenues, primarily property taxes, the basic formula, and to a lesser extent state assessed utilities, fines and earnings on investments were adequate to provide for program activities.

The Statement of Activities shows the costs of program services and the charges for services and grants offsetting those services. Table 2 (below) shows the total cost of services and the net cost of services. That is, it identifies the costs of these services supported by tax revenues and unrestricted State entitlements.

TABLE 2	2025		2024	
	Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
EXPENDITURES:				
Instruction	\$ 7,774,196.05	\$ 6,543,678.18	\$ 7,681,136.60	\$ 5,688,136.24
Student support services	639,165.69	638,457.77	714,828.16	688,707.67
Instructional staff support	264,876.68	264,876.68	308,660.35	308,660.35
General administration	865,864.73	865,864.73	809,348.68	809,348.68
Building level administration	843,425.26	843,425.26	840,782.62	840,782.62
Operation of plant	1,508,664.69	1,508,664.69	2,145,306.67	1,995,306.67
Transportation	1,026,808.43	407,972.43	1,040,552.49	571,504.57
Food services	533,602.64	62,900.77	567,573.48	82,316.13
Internal services	31,709.48	31,709.48	12,945.63	12,945.63
Community service	5,951.64	4,151.64	93,754.84	59,036.16
Early childhood programs	140,577.82	(48,256.64)	50,766.54	(7,675.00)
Architecture, engineering and legal	-	-	1,009.84	1,009.84
Building acquisition	3,844,844.69	3,844,844.69	964,383.59	662,842.87
Payments:				
Principal retirements	990,000.00	990,000.00	665,000.00	665,000.00
Interest and fees	468,289.33	468,289.33	402,068.00	402,068.00
Total expenditures	\$ 18,937,977.13	\$ 16,426,579.01	\$ 16,298,117.49	\$ 12,779,990.43

Instruction includes activities directly dealing with the teaching of pupils and the interaction between teacher and pupil.

Student support services includes health, psychology, and speech instruction.

Instructional staff support includes the activities involved with assisting staff with the content and process of teaching pupils.

General administration includes the expenses associated with administrative and financial supervision of the district and office support staff. It also includes expenses related to planning, research, development, and evaluation of instructional and support services, as well as reporting this information internally and to the public.

Building level administration includes the cost of salaries and benefits for building level principals and office support staff.

Operation of plant activities involves keeping school grounds, buildings, and equipment in an effective working condition.

Transportation involves the conveyance of students to and from school, as well as to and from school activities, as provided by State law.

Food service includes the preparation, delivery, and servicing of meals to students and school staff in connection with school activities.

Internal services include printing and publishing of district information to the public and providing services to the staff.

Community service includes expenses related to student activities provided by the District which are designed to provide opportunities for pupils to participate in school events, public events, or a combination of these for the purpose of motivation, enjoyment, and skill development.

Early childhood programs include resources that can be useful to parents, child care providers, teachers, and administrators about learning and development of our Pre-K learners.

Architecture, engineering and legal services include payments to professionals during the preliminary portion of capital project improvements and/or construction.

Building acquisition includes the actual project costs associated with the capital project improvements and construction including labor and materials.

Debt service involves the transactions associated with payments of principal, interest and fees for the debt of the District.

The District's Funds

The District's funds are accounted for using the modified cash basis of accounting. All governmental funds had total revenues of \$16,114,299.22 and total expenditures of \$18,937,977.13. The net change in fund balance for the year was (\$2,823,677.91).

The General Fund had a balance of \$6,882,407.06 at the end of the year.

The Special Revenue Fund had a balance of \$0 at the end of the year. The District transferred \$1,395,365.03 to avoid deficit spending.

The Debt Service Fund had a balance of \$1,106,246.03 at the end of the year.

The Capital Projects Fund balance was \$3,127,096.76 at the end of the year.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

During the course of the year, the District amended the annual operating budget as the Board approved changes. The primary reason for the amendments were minimal fluctuations in actual expenditures made and due to uncertainty of revenues from the State of Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

"The budget for the year ending June 30, 2026, has been prepared and approved by the Board of Education. This budget includes the assumption of economic conditions that will play a significant role in the District's financial health. For FY26, the District expects to receive continuous full funding of transportation costs along with added dollars for participation in the Career Ladder Grant program. These dollars will aid the District's financial strength and the added revenue generated from passing a local operating levy increase in the spring of 2022. The SAT has increased state aid to the District beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. We, as a District, continue to work on increasing our overall student attendance percentages, which have a direct correlation to the number of state dollars we receive. In the past 3 years, we have continued to see our percentages and overall student enrollment grow as we move beyond the pandemic, which negatively impacted student attendance and enrollment. The District remains optimistic that projected budgets in FY26 and beyond will remain solid, and we will be able to continue to provide high-quality learning opportunities for our students."

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information contact the office of the Superintendent at: 307 W Moss Street, Lawson, MO 64062.

**LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Education
Lawson R-XIV School District
Lawson, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lawson R-XIV School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Lawson R-XIV School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lawson R-XIV School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note A.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Lawson R-XIV School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note A of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note A, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lawson R-XIV School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lawson R-XIV School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Lawson R-XIV School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 19, 2025, on our consideration of the Lawson R-XIV School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lawson R-XIV School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Clevenger & Associates, CPA, PC

Chillicothe, Missouri
November 19, 2025

GOVERNMENT - WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
 June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,989,721.90
Investments	3,499,892.98
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,161,549.97
Restricted investments	464,585.00
TOTAL ASSETS	11,115,749.85
 NET POSITION:	
Restricted for:	
Debt service	3,611,228.74
Capital projects	14,906.23
Unrestricted	7,489,614.88
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 11,115,749.85

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Program Cash Receipts				Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Regular instruction	\$ (4,987,568.59)	\$ -	\$ 345,796.87	\$ -	\$ (4,641,771.72)
Special instruction	(1,161,735.46)	-	554,954.07	-	(606,781.39)
Vocational instruction	(369,499.11)	-	1,610.50	-	(367,888.61)
Student activities	(998,370.36)	328,156.43	-	-	(670,213.93)
Tuition paid to other districts	(257,022.53)	-	-	-	(257,022.53)
Student support services	(639,165.69)	-	707.92	-	(638,457.77)
Instructional support services	(264,876.68)	-	-	-	(264,876.68)
Board of education services	(61,571.75)	-	-	-	(61,571.75)
Executive administration	(804,292.98)	-	-	-	(804,292.98)
Building level administration	(843,425.26)	-	-	-	(843,425.26)
Operation of plant	(1,508,664.69)	-	-	-	(1,508,664.69)
Transportation	(1,026,808.43)	-	618,836.00	-	(407,972.43)
Food services	(533,602.64)	290,457.88	180,243.99	-	(62,900.77)
Internal services	(31,709.48)	-	-	-	(31,709.48)
Community services	(5,951.64)	1,800.00	-	-	(4,151.64)
Early childhood programs	(140,577.82)	-	188,834.46	-	48,256.64
Building, acquisition	(3,844,844.69)	-	-	-	(3,844,844.69)
Principal on debt	(990,000.00)	-	-	-	(990,000.00)
Interest and fees on debt	(468,289.33)	-	-	-	(468,289.33)
NET PROGRAM (DISBURSEMENTS) RECEIPTS	\$ (18,937,977.13)	\$ 620,414.31	\$ 1,890,983.81	\$ -	(16,426,579.01)

General Receipts:	
Basic formula	4,849,613.38
Property taxes	4,919,421.83
Other taxes	1,638,562.14
Earnings on investments	550,071.02
Fines and escheats	114,800.34
State assessed utilities	1,324,587.01
Other revenue	205,845.38
TOTAL GENERAL RECEIPTS	13,602,901.10
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION	(2,823,677.91)
NET POSITION - beginning of year	13,939,427.76
NET POSITION - end of year	\$ 11,115,749.85

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

Fund
Financial Statements

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
June 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,382,514.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 607,207.82	\$ 3,989,721.90
Investments	3,499,892.98	-	-	-	3,499,892.98
Restricted cash	-	-	641,661.03	2,519,888.94	3,161,549.97
Restricted investments	-	-	464,585.00	-	464,585.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,882,407.06</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,106,246.03</u>	<u>3,127,096.76</u>	<u>11,115,749.85</u>
FUND BALANCES					
Restricted for:					
Capital projects	-	-	-	14,906.23	14,906.23
Debt service	-	-	1,106,246.03	2,504,982.71	3,611,228.74
Assigned for capital projects	-	-	-	607,207.82	607,207.82
Unassigned	6,882,407.06	-	-	-	6,882,407.06
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 6,882,407.06</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,246.03</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,096.76</u>	<u>\$ 11,115,749.85</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
RECEIPTS					
Local	\$ 4,831,474.78	\$ 1,607,060.89	\$ 1,046,224.66	\$ 447,905.91	\$ 7,932,666.24
County	1,101,000.06	114,800.34	225,086.98	-	1,440,887.38
State	1,667,905.65	4,326,301.98	-	-	5,994,207.63
Federal	238,767.10	507,770.87	-	-	746,537.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,839,147.59	6,555,934.08	1,271,311.64	447,905.91	16,114,299.22
DISBURSEMENTS					
Instruction	1,258,043.36	6,454,615.74	-	61,536.95	7,774,196.05
Student support services	212,173.58	426,992.11	-	-	639,165.69
Instructional staff support	115,284.02	149,592.66	-	-	264,876.68
General administration	582,829.96	283,034.77	-	-	865,864.73
Building level administration	284,164.10	538,457.52	-	20,803.64	843,425.26
Operation of plant	1,388,039.86	-	-	120,624.83	1,508,664.69
Transportation	943,092.28	33,216.15	-	50,500.00	1,026,808.43
Food service	533,602.64	-	-	-	533,602.64
Internal services	16,789.93	14,919.55	-	-	31,709.48
Community service	5,951.64	-	-	-	5,951.64
Early childhood programs	90,107.01	50,470.81	-	-	140,577.82
Building acquisition, construction, and imp	-	-	-	3,844,844.69	3,844,844.69
Debt service:					
Principal retirements	-	-	990,000.00	-	990,000.00
Interest and fees	-	-	468,289.33	-	468,289.33
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	5,430,078.38	7,951,299.31	1,458,289.33	4,098,310.11	18,937,977.13
RECEIPTS OVER (DEFICIT) DISBURSEMENTS	2,409,069.21	(1,395,365.23)	(186,977.69)	(3,650,404.20)	(2,823,677.91)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Transfers in (out)	(1,395,365.03)	1,395,365.03	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(1,395,365.03)	1,395,365.03	-	-	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,013,704.18	(0.20)	(186,977.69)	(3,650,404.20)	(2,823,677.91)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	5,868,702.88	0.20	1,293,223.72	6,777,500.96	13,939,427.76
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	\$ 6,882,407.06	\$ -	\$ 1,106,246.03	\$ 3,127,096.76	\$ 11,115,749.85

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The District's accounting policies conform to the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a characteristic of local governmental units of this type.

Financial Reporting Entity

The District is organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and is a primary government, which is governed by an elected seven-member board. The District is not financially accountable for any other organization, nor is it a component unit of any other primary governmental unit.

Basis of Presentation

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The statements present governmental activities generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other non-exchange transactions.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, fund balance, receipts, and disbursements. The District has only governmental funds. The governmental funds of the District are all considered major funds by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The funds presented in the accompanying basic financial statements include all funds established under Missouri Revised Statutes and controlled by the Board of Education. The purpose of each fund is:

General Fund: Accounts for disbursements for non-certified employees, school transportation costs, operation of plant, fringe benefits, student body activities, community services, the food service program, and any disbursements not accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Fund: Accounts for disbursements for certified employees involved in administration and instruction, and includes receipts restricted by the State for the payment of teacher salaries and taxes allocated to this fund based on the District's tax levy.

Debt Service Fund: Accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal, interest, and fiscal charges on long term debt.

Capital Projects Fund: Accounts for taxes and other receipts restricted, committed, or assigned for acquisition or construction of major capital assets and other capital outlay as defined by State of Missouri statutes.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements are presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, net position/fund balance, receipts, and disbursements when they result from cash transactions. The modification to the cash basis of accounting relates to the presentation of investments. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If the District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Capital Outlay

General fixed assets are recorded as disbursements in the Capital Projects Fund at the time the invoice for the capital item is paid.

Compensated Absences

Vacation time, personal days, and sick leave are considered as disbursements in the year paid. Sick leave amounts unused and which are vested in the employee are payable upon termination.

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt arising from cash transactions of the governmental funds is not reported in the government-wide financial statements or the fund financial statements, which is consistent with the modified cash basis of accounting. The debt proceeds are reported as other financing sources and payment of principal and interest are reported as disbursements.

Pooled Cash and Investments

The District maintains a cash and temporary investment pool that is available for use by all funds except the Debt Service Fund (state law requires that all deposits of the Debt Service Fund be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District). Investments of the pooled accounts may consist primarily of certificates of deposit and U.S. Government securities, carried at cost. Interest income received is allocated to contributing funds based on cash and temporary investment balances.

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Equity Classification

In the government-wide financial statements, net position is classified in two components as follows:

Restricted net position -- Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisional or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position -- All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted."

It is the District's policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when disbursements are made for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on constraints imposed on the use of these resources as follows:

Non-spendable fund balance -- This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance -- This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.

Committed fund balance -- These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions of the Board of Education -- the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment.

Assigned fund balance -- This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in the governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned fund balance -- This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

In circumstances when a disbursement is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Program Receipts

Amounts reported as program receipts include 1) charges to students or others for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general receipts. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

NOTE B - TERMINATION BENEFITS

The District does not offer formal early retirement benefits. The Board of Education from time to time will grant termination benefits to exiting employees of the District on a case by case basis. No such benefits were paid during the year.

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NOTE C - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

State statutes require that the District's deposits be insured or collateralized in the name of the District by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of June 30, 2025, all bank balances on deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The District has a formal investment policy that minimizes the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in general interest rates by structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operation, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities on the open market prior to maturity and investing operating funds primarily in shorter term securities.

NOTE D - INVESTMENTS

Investments of the District as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Investment Type	Maturity	Amount
Missouri Direct Deposit Program	Varies	\$ 464,585.00
MOCAAT - Liquid Series	n/a	7,274,230.54
MOCAAT - U.S. Treasury notes and bills	7/15/25-5/28/26	3,499,763.26
Missouri Securities Investment Program - Cash Management Funds	Varies	129.72
		\$ 11,238,708.52

Missouri Securities Investment Program (MOSIP)

District funds in the Missouri Securities Investment Program are invested in cash management funds in which the District has a pro-rata share. The funds are invested in accordance with Section 165.051 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. The cash management fund has a current rating of AAAM from Standard and Poor's. Fair market value approximates cost.

Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury (MOCAAT)

District funds in MOCAAT are invested in liquid series funds and securities funds. The funds are invested in accordance with Section 165.051 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. MOCAAT has a current rating of AAAM from Standard and Poor's. The pool type is considered Stable NAV Government Investment Pool, and the investment advisor is PMA Asset Management, LLC. MOCAAT funds are in compliance with GASB 79, under which fair market value approximates cost.

NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains commercial insurance to protect itself from such risks.

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NOTE F - TAXES

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the District.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2024 for the purposes of local taxation was:

Real estate:		
Residential	\$	66,312,393
Agricultural		3,409,503
Commercial		7,090,031
Personal property		25,153,131
Total	\$	<u>101,965,058</u>

The levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property of the calendar year of 2024 for the purposes of local taxation was:

	<u>Unadjusted</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>
General Fund	3.8073	3.8073
Special Revenue Fund	0.0000	0.0000
Debt Service Fund	0.9500	0.9500
Capital Projects Fund	0.0000	0.0000
	<u>4.7573</u>	<u>4.7573</u>

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, aggregated approximately 101.41 percent of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above.

NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLAN

The District participates in the Public School Retirement System and Public Education Employee Retirement System (PSRS and PEERS). The financial statements of the District were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, member and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements.

General Information about the Pension Plan - The Public School Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS)

Plan Description - PSRS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all full-time certificated employees and certain part-time certificated employees of all public school districts in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City) and all public community colleges. PSRS also includes certificated employees of Systems, Missouri State Teachers' Association, Missouri State High School Activities Association, and certain employees of the state of Missouri who elected to remain covered by PSRS under legislation enacted in 1986, 1987, and 1989. The majority of PSRS members are exempt from Social Security contributions. In some instances, positions may be determined not to be exempt from Social Security contributions. Any PSRS member required to contribute to Social Security comes under the requirement of Section 169.070(9) RSMo, known as the "two-thirds statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount. An Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") can be obtained at www.psr-peers.org.

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NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Benefits Provided - PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life Benefit Amount. A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plan can be found on PSRS' website at www.psr-peers.org.

PSRS Contributions - PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay.

General Information about the Pension Plan - The Public Education Employment Retirement System of Missouri (PEERS)

Plan Description - PEERS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all public school district employees (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City), employees of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, and community college employees (except the Community College of St. Louis). Employees of covered districts who work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis and who are not contributing members of the Public School Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS) must contribute to PEERS. Employees of PSRS who do not hold Missouri educator certificates also contribute to PEERS. PEERS was established as a trust fund by an Act of the Missouri General Assembly effective October 13, 1965. Statutes governing the System are found in Sections 169.600-169.715 and Sections 169.560-169.595 RSMo. The statutes place responsibility for the operation of PEERS on the Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of Missouri. An Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") can be obtained at www.psr-peers.org.

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NOTE G - RETIREMENT PLAN (Continued)

Benefits Provided - PEERS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement and disability benefits to its members. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 1.61% benefit factor. Members qualifying for "Rule of 80" or "30-and-out" are entitled to an additional temporary 0.8% benefit multiplier until reaching minimum Social Security age (currently age 62). Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life Benefit Amount. A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plan can be found on PSRS' website at www.psr-peers.org.

PEERS Contributions - PEERS members were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary during the 2023, 2024, and 2025. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 0.5% of pay.

The District's contributions to PSRS and PEERS were \$916,006.29 and \$115,301.33 respectively, for the year ended June 30, 2025.

NOTE H - INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Also, as allowed by DESE, the District transferred \$1,395,365.03 from the General Fund to the Special Revenue Fund to avoid deficit spending in the Special Revenue Fund.

NOTE I - LITIGATION

As of June 30, 2025, the District was not aware of any unsettled claims that would be material to the financial statements. As such, no provisions for legal claims have been included in the financial statements.

NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated as of November 19, 2025, and no reportable events are known to have occurred.

NOTE K - CLAIMS AND ADJUSTMENTS

The District participates in several state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies. The District is not aware of any significant contingent liabilities related to its compliance with rules and regulations relating to the respective grants, therefore, no provisions have been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for potential refunds of grant funds.

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NOTE L - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the year ended June 30, 2025:

Bonds payable, beginning	\$ 13,400,000.00
Bonds issued	-
Bonds retired	(990,000.00)
Bonds payable, ending	<u>\$ 12,410,000.00</u>

Article VI, Section 26(b) Constitution of Missouri, limits the outstanding amount of authorized general obligation bonds of a District to 15% of the assessed valuation of the District. The legal margin on debt for the District on June 30 was:

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 15,294,758.70
General obligation bonds payable	(12,410,000.00)
Amount available	<u>\$ 2,884,758.70</u>

NOTE M - BONDS PAYABLE

In 2014, the District issued debt which was for the cost of a new storm shelter and improvements to existing structures. The note is for twenty years requiring varying annual installments of principal through 2030 and interest at a variable rate between 3.00% and 3.20% over the course of the note. The first regular payment on this note is not due until 2027. This series was refinanced in 2020.

In 2017, the District used a crossover refunding account through UMB to refinance a portion of the existing debt which was originally for the cost of acquiring buildings and improvements to existing structures. The refunding payments included interest only payments with a rate of 3.00% over the course of the note through 2021, when the principal balance was paid in full.

In 2017, the District refinanced existing debt which was for the cost of acquiring buildings and improvements to existing structures. The note is for seventeen years requiring varying annual installments of principal through 2034 and interest at a variable rate between 3.00% and 4.00% over the course of the bond.

Future payments on the Series 2017 Bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	3.000%	\$ -	\$ 83,000.00	\$ 83,000.00
2027	3.000%	-	83,000.00	83,000.00
2028	3.000%	-	83,000.00	83,000.00
2029	3.000%	-	83,000.00	83,000.00
2030	3.000%	-	83,000.00	83,000.00
2031-2034	3.0%-4.0%	2,205,000.00	220,000.00	2,425,000.00
Total		<u>\$ 2,205,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 635,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,840,000.00</u>

Interest paid during the year was \$83,000.

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JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE M - BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)

In 2018, the District issued General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$2,500,000, which was for the cost of a new gymnasium and improvements to existing structures. The note is for eight years requiring varying annual installments of principal through 2026 and interest rate of 5.00% over the course of the debt. The first principal payment began on March 1, 2020.

Future payments on the Series 2018 Bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	5.000%	\$ 410,000.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 430,500.00
Total		\$ 410,000.00	\$ 20,500.00	\$ 430,500.00

Interest paid during the year was \$40,000.

In 2019, the District issued General Obligations Bonds in the amount of \$1,600,000, which was for the cost of a new concession stand, parking renovation, and various other capital improvements. The note is for six years requiring varying annual installments of principal through 2025 and interest rate of 4.00% over the course of the debt. The first principal payment began in 2020. This bond was paid off during the year ended June 30, 2025. Interest paid during the year was \$12,800.

In 2020, the District issued General Obligations Bonds in the amount of \$4,075,000, which was to refinance Series 2014 and Series 2017 crossover bonds. The note is for twenty years requiring varying annual installments of principal from 2027 through 2040 and interest rates of 3.00-4.00% over the course of the debt. The first principal payment begins in 2027.

Future payments on the Series 2020 Bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	3.000%	-	\$ 126,350.00	\$ 126,350.00
2027	3.000%	430,000.00	126,350.00	556,350.00
2028	3.000%	450,000.00	113,450.00	563,450.00
2029	3.000%	470,000.00	99,950.00	569,950.00
2030	3.000%	490,000.00	85,850.00	575,850.00
2031-2035	3.000%	385,000.00	355,750.00	740,750.00
2036-2040	3.00-4.00%	1,850,000.00	193,000.00	2,043,000.00
Total		\$ 4,075,000.00	\$ 1,100,700.00	\$ 5,175,700.00

Interest paid during the year was \$126,350.

In 2024, the District issued General Obligations Bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000. The note is for twenty years requiring varying annual installments of principal from 2025 through 2044 and interest rates of 4.00-5.00% over the course of the debt. The first principal payment begins in 2025.

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JUNE 30, 2025

NOTE M - BONDS PAYABLE (Continued)

Future payments on the Series 2024 Bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Rate	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	5.000%	\$ 260,000.00	\$ 261,600.00	\$ 521,600.00
2027	5.000%	-	248,600.00	248,600.00
2028	5.000%	-	248,600.00	248,600.00
2029	5.000%	-	248,600.00	248,600.00
2030	5.000%	-	248,600.00	248,600.00
2031-2035	5.000%	460,000.00	1,242,000.00	1,702,000.00
2036-2040	5.000%	1,650,000.00	969,250.00	2,619,250.00
2041-2044	4.00-5.00%	3,350,000.00	356,300.00	3,706,300.00
Total		<u>\$ 5,720,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,823,550.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,543,550.00</u>

Interest paid during the year was \$204,403.33.

NOTE N - FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The Board of Education has the authority to set aside funds for a specific purpose. Commitments are authorized by formal Board resolution. The passage of a resolution must take place prior to June 30 of the applicable fiscal year. If the actual amount of the commitment is not available by June 30, the resolution must state the process or format necessary to calculate the actual amount as soon as information is available. Assignments are authorized by fund placement in the Special Revenue, Capital Projects, and Debt Service Funds in the original, adopted, and later revised budget. It is the policy of the board to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available.

As of June 30, 2025, fund balances are composed of the following:

	Special Revenue			
	General Fund	Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects
Non-spendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	-	-	1,106,246.03	2,519,888.94
Committed	-	-	-	-
Assigned	-	-	-	607,207.82
Unassigned	6,882,407.06	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,882,407.06</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,246.03</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,096.76</u>

NOTE O - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

Plan Description - The District provides an OPEB defined benefit plan in which it provides medical and dental benefits to retirees and their beneficiaries. Benefits continue for the life of the participant. Retirees are entitled to benefits if they qualify for benefits from PSRS. The District's plan is updated each year to reflect the current insurance cost pool. The retirees are required to contribute the full premium for each plan, which is determined based on a blended rate between active and retired employees. The retirees reimbursement charge to the District is updated annually to equal the cost to the District. There are 130 active employees eligible for benefits and 41 retired employees eligible for benefits.

The District contracts with Lewis & Ellis for plan administration and to prepare its actuarial report. The valuations are performed consistent with GASB 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The most recent valuations are as of June 30, 2024, done by the District's broker.

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NOTE O - OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) (Continued)

Asset Method - The plan is funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. No assets have been set aside by the employer to pay for postretirement benefits.

Modified Cash Basis Reporting of OPEB - The District uses the modified cash basis of accounting, as such, no amount of OPEB liability has been included on the financial statements. The District expenses OPEB as they are paid.

The District's expenses to the OPEB plan for the year exceeding the amounts reimbursed by the participants was \$2,370.71.

NOTE P - LEASES

The District has implemented GASB No. 87, Leases. In accordance with the modified-cash basis of accounting, the District is reporting the following future lease payments.

In July 2020, the District entered into a lease agreement with SumnerOne for the purpose of providing copiers to the District. The lease includes payments of \$2,977 per month for 60 months.

In April 2025, the District entered into a lease agreement with GFI Digital for the purpose of providing copiers to the District. The lease includes payments of \$2,321 per month for 60 months with payments beginning in July 2025.

The balance due at year end on the copier lease is:

Lease payable, July 1, 2024	\$ 38,706.46
Net lease additions	139,260.00
Net lease retirements	(35,729.04)
Lease payable, June 30, 2025	\$ 142,237.42

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Total Payments
2026	\$ 30,829.42
2027	27,852.00
2028	27,852.00
2029	27,852.00
2030	27,852.00
Total	\$ 142,237.42

In May 2025, the District entered into a lease agreement with First Western Equipment for use of equipment with an option to purchase or continue the lease on a month to month basis at the conclusion of the initial lease term. The lease includes payments of \$1,286.14 per month for 24 months with payments beginning in May 2025.

The balance due at year end on the equipment lease is:

Lease payable, July 1, 2024	\$ -
Net lease additions	30,867.36
Net lease retirements	(2,572.28)
Lease payable, June 30, 2025	\$ 28,295.08

The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Total Payments
2026	\$ 15,433.68
2027	12,861.40
Total	\$ 28,295.08

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NOTE Q: SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS

The District has implemented GASB No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. In accordance with the modified-cash basis of accounting, the District is reporting the following arrangements with terms over 12 months in length:

The District has entered into an arrangement with Tyler Technologies, Inc, for the purpose of providing licenses for data processing programs to the District. The arrangement includes annual licensing and maintenance fees, which are subject to change. The arrangement term is on a month-to-month basis and is cancellable with 30 days notice by either party. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District paid \$13,191.43 to Tyler Technologies, Inc.

The District has entered into an arrangement with PowerSchool for the purpose of providing licenses for data processing programs to the District. The arrangement includes annual licensing and maintenance fees, which are subject to change. The arrangement term is on a month-to-month basis and is cancellable with 30 days notice by either party. During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District paid \$1,438.87 to Powerschool.

OTHER FINANCIAL
INFORMATION

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS -
 GENERAL FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
RECEIPTS				
Local	3,812,525.00	\$ 4,831,474.78	\$ 4,831,474.78	\$ -
County	852,004.00	1,101,000.06	1,101,000.06	-
State	940,798.00	1,667,905.65	1,667,905.65	-
Federal	481,042.00	238,767.10	238,767.10	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,086,369.00	7,839,147.59	7,839,147.59	-
DISBURSEMENTS				
Instruction	708,958.00	1,258,043.36	1,258,043.36	-
Student support services	257,208.00	212,173.58	212,173.58	-
Instructional staff support	134,022.00	115,284.02	115,284.02	-
General administration	618,416.00	582,829.96	582,829.96	-
Building level administration	325,585.00	284,164.10	284,164.10	-
Operation of plant	1,349,351.00	1,388,039.86	1,388,039.86	-
Transportation	832,726.00	943,092.28	943,092.28	-
Food service	541,037.00	533,602.64	533,602.64	-
Internal services	11,300.00	16,789.93	16,789.93	-
Community service	1,500.00	5,951.64	5,951.64	-
Early childhood programs	75,332.00	90,107.01	90,107.01	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	4,855,435.00	5,430,078.38	5,430,078.38	-
RECEIPTS OVER (DEFICIT) DISBURSEMENTS	1,230,934.00	2,409,069.21	2,409,069.21	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in (out)	(2,136,170.80)	(1,395,365.03)	(1,395,365.03)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(2,136,170.80)	(1,395,365.03)	(1,395,365.03)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(905,236.80)	1,013,704.18	1,013,704.18	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	5,868,702.88	5,868,702.88	5,868,702.88	-
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ 4,963,466.08</u>	<u>\$ 6,882,407.06</u>	<u>\$ 6,882,407.06</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS -
 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
RECEIPTS				
Local	\$ 1,300,100.00	\$ 1,607,060.89	\$ 1,607,060.89	\$ -
County	35,000.00	114,800.34	114,800.34	-
State	4,259,268.00	4,326,301.98	4,326,301.98	-
Federal	22,900.00	507,770.87	507,770.87	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,617,268.00	6,555,934.08	6,555,934.08	-
DISBURSEMENTS				
Instruction	6,384,379.00	6,454,615.74	6,454,615.74	-
Student support services	423,888.00	426,992.11	426,992.11	-
Instructional staff support	77,428.00	149,592.66	149,592.66	-
General administration	278,359.00	283,034.77	283,034.77	-
Building level administration	506,791.00	538,457.52	538,457.52	-
Transportation	32,123.00	33,216.15	33,216.15	-
Internal services	-	14,919.55	14,919.55	-
Early childhood programs	50,471.00	50,470.81	50,470.81	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	7,753,439.00	7,951,299.31	7,951,299.31	-
RECEIPTS OVER (DEFICIT) DISBURSEMENTS	(2,136,171.00)	(1,395,365.23)	(1,395,365.23)	-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers in (out)	2,136,170.80	1,395,365.03	1,395,365.03	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	2,136,170.80	1,395,365.03	1,395,365.03	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	0.20	0.20	0.20	-
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - MODIFIED CASH BASIS -
 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		
RECEIPTS				
Local	\$ 200,985.00	\$ 447,905.91	\$ 447,905.91	\$ -
TOTAL RECEIPTS	200,985.00	447,905.91	447,905.91	-
DISBURSEMENTS				
Instruction	13,000.00	61,536.95	61,536.95	-
Building level administration	15,000.00	20,803.64	20,803.64	-
Operation of plant	170,000.00	120,624.83	120,624.83	-
Transportation	-	50,500.00	50,500.00	-
Food service	10,000.00	-	-	-
Architecture, engineering and legal services	30,000.00	-	-	-
Building acquisition, construction, and imp	-	3,844,844.69	3,844,844.69	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	238,000.00	4,098,310.11	4,098,310.11	-
RECEIPTS OVER (DEFICIT) DISBURSEMENTS	(37,015.00)	(3,650,404.20)	(3,650,404.20)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(37,015.00)	(3,650,404.20)	(3,650,404.20)	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING	6,777,500.96	6,777,500.96	6,777,500.96	-
FUND BALANCE, ENDING	<u>\$ 6,740,485.96</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,096.76</u>	<u>\$ 3,127,096.76</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

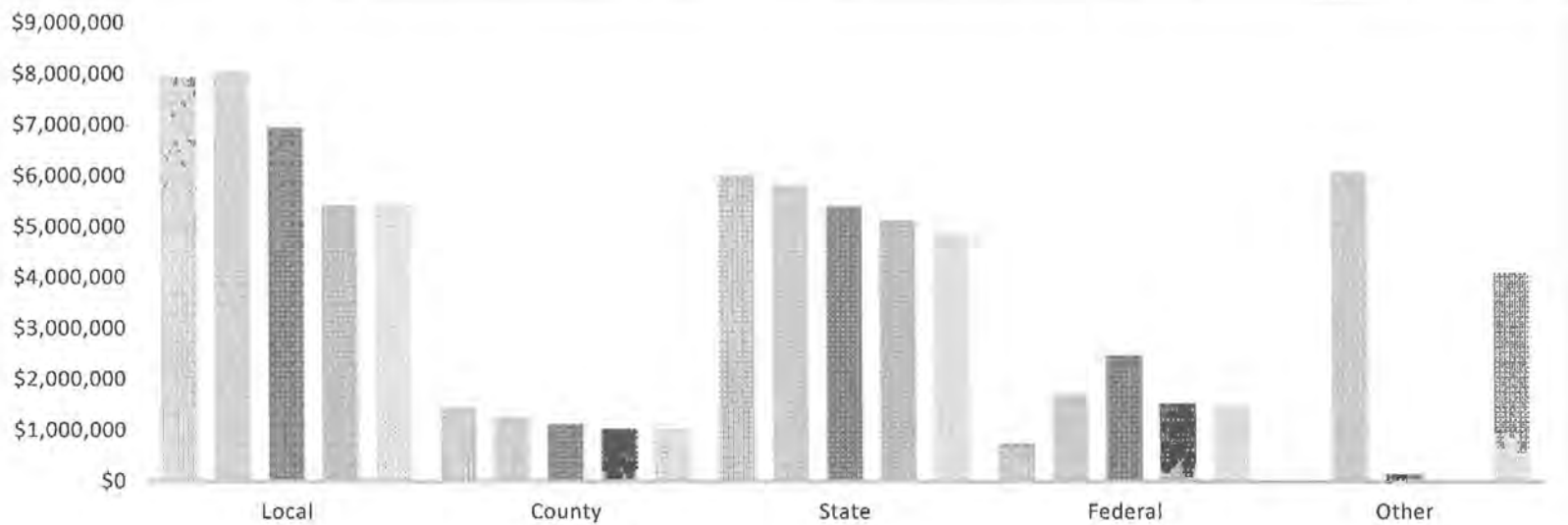
- 1 In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the District adopts a budget for each fund.
- 2 Prior to July, the Superintendent submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated receipts and proposed disbursements for all funds. Budgeted disbursements cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated receipts for the year.
- 3 A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
- 4 Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
- 5 Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the final budget information included in the financial statements. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Board of Education. Individual amendments were not material to the original appropriations, which were amended.
- 6 Budgets for District funds are prepared and adopted on the modified cash basis (budget basis).

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS BY SOURCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	TOTAL
LOCAL					
Property tax	\$ 3,935,538.01	\$ -	\$ 983,883.82	\$ -	\$ 4,919,421.83
Sales tax	-	1,605,053.68	-	-	1,605,053.68
M&M surtax	33,083.14	-	-	-	33,083.14
In lieu of tax	425.32	-	-	-	425.32
Earnings on investments	71,307.33	936.94	62,340.84	415,485.91	550,071.02
Food service	290,457.88	-	-	-	290,457.88
Student activities	328,156.43	-	-	-	328,156.43
Community services	900.00	900.00	-	-	1,800.00
Other local revenue	162,688.07	170.27	-	32,420.00	195,278.34
Prior period adjustment	8,918.60	-	-	-	8,918.60
TOTAL LOCAL	4,831,474.78	1,607,060.89	1,046,224.66	447,905.91	7,932,666.24
COUNTY					
Fines and escheats	-	114,800.34	-	-	114,800.34
State assessed utilities	1,099,500.03	-	225,086.98	-	1,324,587.01
Other county	1,500.03	-	-	-	1,500.03
TOTAL COUNTY	1,101,000.06	114,800.34	225,086.98	-	1,440,887.38
STATE					
Basic formula	-	4,208,401.98	-	-	4,208,401.98
Transportation	618,836.00	-	-	-	618,836.00
Early childhood special ed	102,261.33	-	-	-	102,261.33
Career ladder/excellence in ed act	-	117,900.00	-	-	117,900.00
Basic formula - classroom trust fund	641,211.40	-	-	-	641,211.40
Educational screening	43,200.74	-	-	-	43,200.74
Career education	1,610.50	-	-	-	1,610.50
Food service	3,308.09	-	-	-	3,308.09
Missouri quality pre-k (MOQPK)	95,633.72	-	-	-	95,633.72
Evidence-based reading grant	3,500.00	-	-	-	3,500.00
High need fund - special education	157,487.54	-	-	-	157,487.54
Other state	856.33	-	-	-	856.33
TOTAL STATE	1,667,905.65	4,326,301.98	-	-	5,994,207.63
FEDERAL					
Medicaid	-	22,973.37	-	-	22,973.37
ARP - ESSER III	-	31,623.93	-	-	31,623.93
ARPA-D preschool start up grant	50,000.00	-	-	-	50,000.00
IDEA grants	11,731.20	-	-	-	11,731.20
IDEA grants part B	-	248,591.00	-	-	248,591.00
Early childhood special education	-	34,883.00	-	-	34,883.00
Child nutrition	176,935.90	-	-	-	176,935.90
Title I	-	117,482.51	-	-	117,482.51
Title IV student enrichment	-	16,192.46	-	-	16,192.46
Title II, A	-	36,024.60	-	-	36,024.60
Other - federal	100.00	-	-	-	100.00
TOTAL FEDERAL	238,767.10	507,770.87	-	-	746,537.97
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 7,839,147.59	\$ 6,555,934.08	\$ 1,271,311.64	\$ 447,905.91	\$ 16,114,299.22

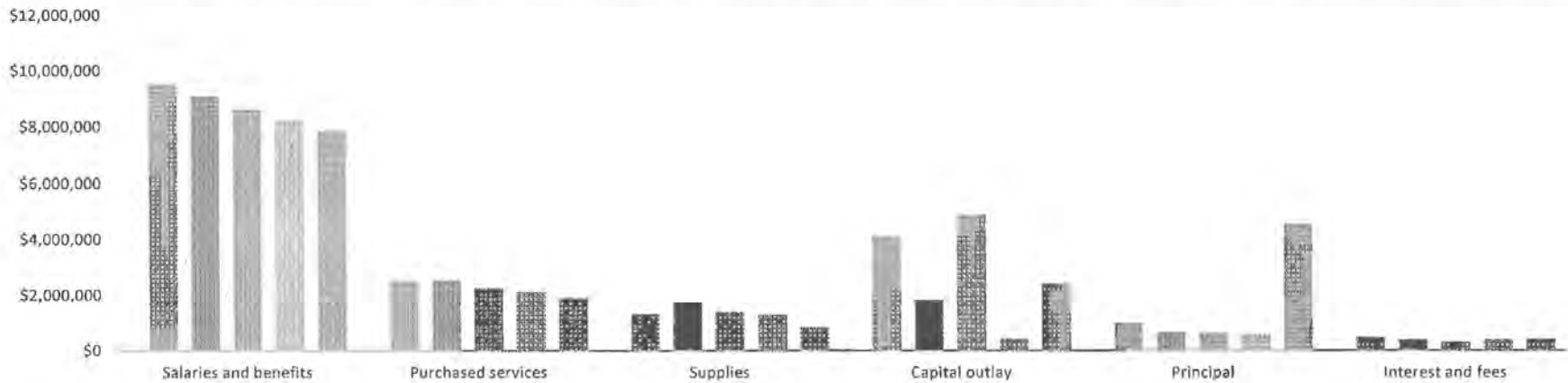
**LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS BY SOURCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 THROUGH 2021**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Local	\$ 7,932,666.24	\$ 8,050,371.57	\$ 6,949,661.60	\$ 5,428,336.60	\$ 5,450,453.70
County	1,440,887.38	1,270,641.98	1,118,635.72	1,028,586.86	1,027,090.78
State	5,994,207.63	5,827,638.80	5,396,767.86	5,128,650.58	4,891,720.52
Federal	746,537.97	1,703,548.30	2,482,452.17	1,538,495.36	1,462,811.98
Other	-	6,081,446.43	140,369.78	7,776.25	4,092,233.51
	<u>\$ 16,114,299.22</u>	<u>\$ 22,933,647.08</u>	<u>\$ 16,087,887.13</u>	<u>\$ 13,131,845.65</u>	<u>\$ 16,924,310.49</u>



LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISBURSEMENTS BY OBJECT
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 THROUGH 2021

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	2025 Totals	2024 Totals	2023 Totals	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,957,349.94	\$ 7,583,305.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,540,655.12	\$ 9,092,959.95	\$ 8,644,443.36	\$ 8,230,558.05	\$ 7,853,100.65
Purchased services	2,151,551.82	367,994.13	-	-	2,519,545.95	2,549,147.88	2,245,890.95	2,103,625.47	1,897,880.49
Supplies	1,321,176.62	-	-	-	1,321,176.62	1,762,208.00	1,390,741.89	1,276,670.31	851,443.81
Capital outlay	-	-	-	4,098,310.11	4,098,310.11	1,826,733.66	4,889,392.06	442,167.37	2,414,266.26
Principal	-	-	990,000.00	-	990,000.00	665,000.00	630,000.00	590,000.00	4,550,000.00
Interest and fees	-	-	468,289.33	-	468,289.33	402,068.00	322,968.00	407,355.50	426,000.00
	<u>\$ 5,430,078.38</u>	<u>\$ 7,951,299.31</u>	<u>\$ 1,458,289.33</u>	<u>\$ 4,098,310.11</u>	<u>\$ 18,937,977.13</u>	<u>\$ 16,298,117.49</u>	<u>\$ 18,123,436.26</u>	<u>\$ 13,050,376.70</u>	<u>\$ 17,992,691.21</u>

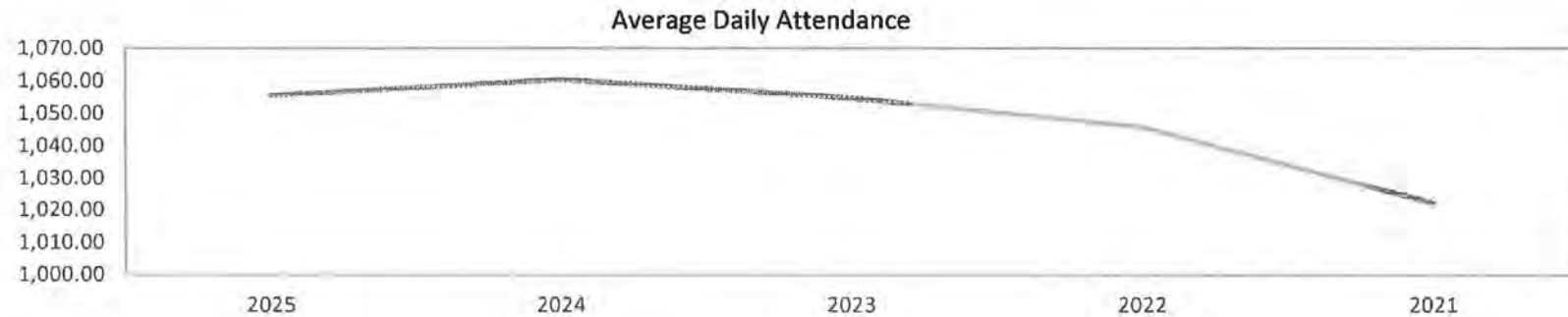
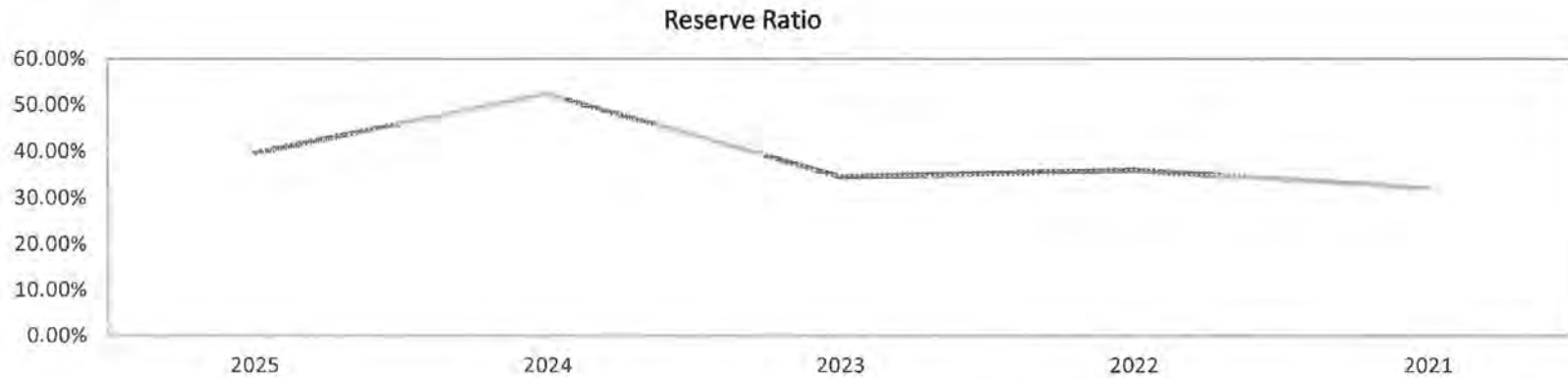


LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF TRANSPORTATION COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

	<u>Contracted Disabled</u>	<u>Contracted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Certificated salaries	\$ -	\$ 28,646.92	\$ 28,646.92
Employee benefits	-	4,569.23	4,569.23
Purchased services	170,208.81	646,458.71	816,667.52
Supplies	-	68,530.18	68,530.18
	<u>\$ 170,208.81</u>	<u>\$ 748,205.04</u>	<u>\$ 918,413.85</u>

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SELECTED TRENDS
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 THROUGH 2021

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Unrestricted Fund Bal.	\$ 7,489,614.88	\$ 8,532,987.50	\$ 6,271,478.73	\$ 4,700,893.06	\$ 5,794,444.42
Revenues	16,114,299.22	22,933,647.08	16,087,887.13	13,131,846.65	16,924,310.49
Expenditures	18,937,977.13	16,298,117.49	18,123,436.26	13,050,376.70	17,992,691.21
Reserve Ratio	39.55%	52.36%	34.60%	36.02%	32.20%
Average Daily Attendance	1,055.45	1,060.43	1,054.76	1,045.84	1,022.14



**OTHER REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Education
Lawson R-XIV School District
Lawson, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Lawson R-XIV School District (the District) as of and for the year then ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, as item 2025-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Lawson R-XIV School District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Clevenger & Associates, CPA, PC

Chillicothe, Missouri
November 19, 2025

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

2025-001 Segregation of Duties

Criteria: Duties should be segregated so that no one employee has access to physical assets and the related accounting records, or to all phases of a transaction.

Cause: Because of a limited number of available personnel, it is not always possible to adequately segregate certain incompatible duties so that no one employee of the District has access to both physical assets and the related accounting records, or to all phases of a transaction. The District currently has one full-time bookkeeper to handle the accounting needs of the District. There are some mitigating controls in place but it is not possible to have segregation in all areas.

Condition: Bookkeeper as a primary function, enters information into the system and is also responsible for reconciliation creating a conflict of duties. Administration has the ability to add vendors to the system and also approve them which is a conflict of segregation of duties.

Effect: Risk is present that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material to the basic financial statements may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation: Duties should be segregated so that no one employee has access to both physical assets and the related accounting records, or to all phases of a transaction. Due to limited resources and personnel, management may not be able to achieve a proper segregation of duties.

Management Response: The limited number of available personnel prohibits segregation of incompatible duties and the District does not have the resources to hire additional accounting personnel.

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Financial Statement Finding

2024-001 Segregation of duties

Auditors' Recommendation:

We realize that because of limited resources and personnel, management may not be able to achieve a proper segregation of duties; however, our professional standards require that we bring the lack of segregation of duties to your attention in this report.

Status:

Uncorrected

SUPPLEMENTARY STATE
INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON MANGEMENT'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS

To the Board of Education
Lawson R-XIV School District
Lawson, Missouri

We have examined Lawson R-XIV School District's compliance with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure of the District's attendance records of average daily attendance, standard day length, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September, pupil transportation records of the average daily transportation of pupils eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of miles eligible and ineligible for state aid, and other statutory requirements included in the accompanying Schedule of Selected Statistics during the year ended June 30, 2025. Lawson R-XIV School District's management is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Lawson R-XIV School District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether Lawson R-XIV School District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

In our opinion, Lawson R-XIV School District complied in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Clevenger & Associates, CPA, PC

Chillicothe, Missouri

November 19, 2025

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Calendar (SECTIONS 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, AND 171.033 RSMO)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Beginning Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
4040	K	4		6.5167	159	1029.9553
3000	5	8		6.5167	159	1029.9553
1050	9	12		6.5167	159	1029.9553

Notes:	

Attendance Hours

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School hours	Total Hours
4040	K	75,287.9404	-	285.7500	-	3,913.4666	79,487.1570
4040	1	59,712.5565	-	270.0000	-	3,397.7335	63,380.2900
4040	2	81,207.7010	-	280.0000	-	3,743.4668	85,231.1678
4040	3	74,636.3519	-	101.1000	-	2,976.3667	77,713.8186
4040	4	92,225.4231	-	554.2500	-	2,945.0162	95,724.6893
3000	5	75,152.1264	-	434.2500	-	2,673.4496	78,259.8260
3000	6	94,836.8279	-	304.7500	-	2,417.5669	97,559.1448
3000	7	71,961.4070	-	275.4200	-	1,245.4498	73,482.2768
3000	8	90,003.7765	-	274.1500	-	1,189.3500	91,467.2765
1050	9	82,285.8967	-	410.5600	-	678.0000	83,374.4567
1050	10	83,382.9988	-	333.0500	-	824.0000	84,540.0488
1050	11	80,111.5675	-	274.8600	-	808.0000	81,194.4275
1050	12	95,315.2741	-	313.9000	-	388.2500	96,017.4241
Grand Total		1,056,119.8478	-	4,112.0400	-	27,200.1161	1,087,432.0039

Notes:	

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

September Membership

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should include all PK students. If possible, note the number of PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File (example: 102 (20 claimed for SA)).

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4040	PK	45.50	-	-	45.50 (0 claimed for SA)
4040	K	79.00	-	-	79.00
4040	1	62.00	-	-	62.00
4040	2	82.00	-	-	82.00
4040	3	75.10	-	-	75.10
4040	4	94.00	-	-	94.00
3000	5	75.10	-	-	75.10
3000	6	99.00	-	-	99.00
3000	7	75.00	-	-	75.00
3000	8	92.00	-	-	92.00
1050	9	86.00	-	-	86.00
1050	10	91.00	-	-	91.00
1050	11	81.00	-	-	81.00
1050	12	104.00	-	-	104.00
Grand Total		1,140.70	-	-	1,140.70

Notes:	

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

January Membership

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in January who are enrolled on the count day and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should include all PK students. If possible, note the number of PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the January MOSIS Student Core File (example: 102 (20 claimed for SA)).

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4040	PK	45.50	-	-	45.50 (0 claimed for SA)
4040	K	76.00	-	-	76.00
4040	1	62.00	-	-	62.00
4040	2	85.00	-	-	85.00
4040	3	77.00	-	-	77.00
4040	4	95.00	-	-	95.00
3000	5	78.00	-	-	78.00
3000	6	101.00	-	-	101.00
3000	7	74.00	-	-	74.00
3000	8	93.00	-	-	93.00
1050	9	84.00	-	-	84.00
1050	10	87.00	-	-	87.00
1050	11	82.00	-	-	82.00
1050	12	101.00	-	-	101.00
Grand Total		1,140.50	-	-	1,140.50

Notes:	

Free and Reduced Priced Lunch FTE Count (SECTION 163.011(6), RSMO)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades K-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
4040	67.00	39.00	-	-	106.00
3000	57.00	23.00	-	-	80.00
1050	39.00	16.00	-	-	55.00
Grand Total		163.00	78.00	-	241.00

Notes:	

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Finance

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer (T/F)
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	T
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	T
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	N/A
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	T
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	N/A
	Dual enrollment	T
	Homebound instruction	N/A
	Missouri Options	N/A
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	N/A
	Remediation	T
	Sheltered Workshop participation	N/A
	Students participating in the school flex program	N/A
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	T
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	T
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	N/A
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	T
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	T
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's school treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$ 50,000.00
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	T
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo.	T
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	T
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken.	N/A

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Finance (continued)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	T
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future.	T
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$ 42,084.83
5.13	The district/charter school has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	T

Notes:	

All above "False" answers must be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	No reportable findings.
Management Letter Comment:	No management comments.

LAWSON R-XIV SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
 YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Transportation (SECTION 163.161, RSMO)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	T
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	T
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:	
	Eligible ADT	538.5
	Ineligible ADT	97
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	T
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	181,850
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:	
	Eligible Miles	157,152
	Ineligible Miles(Non-route/Disapproved)	24,698
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	159

Notes:	

All above "False" answers **must** be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	No reportable findings.

Management Letter Comment:	No management comments.

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APPENDIX C

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING** dated as of June [___], 2026 (this “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”), is executed and delivered by **LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. R-XIV OF RAY COUNTY, MISSOURI** (the “**Issuer**”).

RECITALS

1. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is executed and delivered by the Issuer in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of **\$3,000,000* General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026** (the “**Bonds**”), pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the governing body of the Issuer (the “**Resolution**”).

2. The Issuer is entering into this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**Rule**”). The Issuer is the only “**obligated person**” with responsibility for continuing disclosure hereunder.

The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Annual Report**” means any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, **Section 2** of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

“**Beneficial Owner**” means any registered owner of any Bonds and any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“**Business Day**” means a day other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, (b) a day on which banks located in any city in which the principal office or designated payment office of the paying agent or the Dissemination Agent is located are required or authorized by law to remain closed, or (c) a day on which the Securities Depository or the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“**Dissemination Agent**” means any entity designated in writing by the Issuer to serve as dissemination agent pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“**EMMA**” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosures established and maintained by the MSRB, which can be accessed at www.emma.msrb.org.

“**Financial Obligation**” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c)

* Preliminary, subject to change.

guarantee of (a) or (b) in this definition; *provided however*, the term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“**Fiscal Year**” means the 12-month period beginning on **July 1** and ending on **June 30** or any other 12-month period selected by the Issuer as the Fiscal Year of the Issuer for financial reporting purposes.

“**Material Events**” means any of the events listed in **Section 3** of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

“**MSRB**” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any successor repository designated as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Rule.

“**Participating Underwriter**” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

Section 2. Provision of Annual Reports.

- (a) The Issuer shall, not later than **December 31st** immediately following the end of the Issuer’s Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, file with the MSRB, through EMMA, the following financial information and operating data (the “**Annual Report**”):
- (1) The audited financial statements of the Issuer for the prior Fiscal Year, prepared in accordance with accounting principles described in the notes to the financial statements contained in *Appendix B* to the final Official Statement related to the Bonds. If audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be provided pursuant to this Section, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds, and the audited financial statements shall be provided in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available.
 - (2) Updates as of the end of the Fiscal Year of certain financial information and operating data contained in the final Official Statement related to the Bonds, as described in **Exhibit A**, in substantially the same format contained in the final Official Statement with such adjustments to formatting or presentation determined to be reasonable by the Issuer.

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the Issuer is an “**obligated person**” (as defined by the Rule), which have been provided to the MSRB and are available through EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB on EMMA. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in this Section; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted

separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the Issuer's Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**, and the Annual Report deadline provided above shall automatically become the last day of the sixth month after the end of the Issuer's new fiscal year.

- (b) The Annual Report shall be filed with the MSRB in such manner and format as is prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 3. Reporting of Material Events. Not later than **10** Business Days after the occurrence of any of the following events, the Issuer shall give, or cause to be given to the MSRB, through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds ("**Material Events**"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

If the Issuer has not submitted the Annual Report to the MSRB by the date required in **Section 2(a)**, the Issuer shall send a notice to the MSRB, in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, of the failure of the Issuer to file on a timely basis the Annual Report, which notice shall be given by the Issuer in accordance with this **Section 3**.

Section 4. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If the Issuer's obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking are assumed in full by some other entity, such person shall be responsible for compliance with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the same manner as if it were the Issuer, and the Issuer shall have no further responsibility

hereunder. If such termination or substitution occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the Issuer shall give notice of such termination or substitution in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

Section 5. Dissemination Agents. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. Any Dissemination Agent may resign as dissemination agent hereunder at any time upon **30** days prior written notice to the Issuer. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report (including without limitation the Annual Report) prepared by the Issuer pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Section 6. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer may amend this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may be waived, provided that Bond Counsel or other counsel experienced in federal securities law matters provides the Issuer with its written opinion that the undertaking of the Issuer contained herein, as so amended or after giving effect to such waiver, is in compliance with the Rule and all current amendments thereto and interpretations thereof that are applicable to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next Annual Report, and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or, in the case of a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the Issuer. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (1) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**, and (2) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 7. Additional Information. Nothing in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that specifically required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

Section 8. Default. If the Issuer fails to comply with any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, any Participating Underwriter or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. A default under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 9. Beneficiaries. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Participating Underwriter, and the Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Resolution or the Bonds shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11. Electronic Transactions. The arrangement described herein may be conducted and related documents may be sent, received, or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 12. Governing Law. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer has caused this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. R-XIV OF RAY COUNTY,
MISSOURI**

By: _____
Title: President of the Board of Education

EXHIBIT A
TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING
FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND OPERATING DATA TO BE
INCLUDED IN ANNUAL REPORT

The financial information and operating data contained in the tables in the following sections in *Appendix A* to the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds:

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT
History of Enrollment

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT:
Property Valuations:
Current Assessed Valuation
History of Property Valuations
History of Tax Levies
Tax Collection Record

**EXHIBIT B
TO CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

FORM OF FAILURE TO FILE NOTICE

Event Notice Pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(C)

Issuer/Obligated Person: Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV of Ray County, Missouri

Issues to which this Notice relates: General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026

CUSIP Numbers for Issue to which this Notice relates:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>
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Event Reported: Failure to Timely File Annual Financial Information/Audited Financial Statements

The Obligated Person did not timely file its operating data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 20___. Such operating data [*will be*] [*was*] filed with the MSRB through EMMA on _____, 20__.

The Obligated Person did not timely file its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 20___. Such audited financial statements [*will be*] [*were*] filed with the MSRB through EMMA on _____, 20__.

The information contained in this Notice has been submitted by the Obligated Person pursuant to contractual undertakings the Obligated Person made in accordance with SEC Rule 15c2-12. Nothing contained in the undertaking or this Notice is, or should be construed as, a representation by the Obligated Person that the information included in this Notice constitutes all of the information that may be material to a decision to invest in, hold or dispose of any of the securities listed above, or any other securities of the Obligated Person.

For additional information, contact:

Dr. Michael Stephenson, Superintendent
Lawson Reorganized School District No. R-XIV
401 N. Allison Street
Lawson, Missouri 64062
(816) 580-7277

Date Submitted: [Date]

**LAWSON REORGANIZED SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. R-XIV OF RAY COUNTY,
MISSOURI**

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APPENDIX D

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The following information concerning DTC and DTC's Book-Entry Only System has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by and is not to be construed as a representation by the District, the Paying Agent or the Underwriter. The District, the Paying Agent and the Underwriter make no assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or other nominees of the Beneficial Owners will act in accordance with the procedures described above or in a timely manner.

General. Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry only system (the “**Book-Entry Only System**”) maintained by The Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Initially, 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 maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. The following discussion will not apply to any Bonds issued in certificate form due to the discontinuance of the DTC Book-Entry Only System, as described below.

DTC and its Participants. DTC 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 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity, 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 both 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 rating from S&P Global Ratings 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 and www.dtc.org.

Purchase of Ownership Interests. Purchases of the 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 (the “**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 interest in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

Transfers. To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by 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 the 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.

Notices. 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. Beneficial Owners of the Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond Resolution. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the Paying Agent and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds within a maturity 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.

Voting. 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 Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the issuer of bonds 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 the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Payments of Principal and Interest. Payments of principal of or redemption price and interest 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 District or the Paying Agent, on payable 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, its nominee, the Paying Agent or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal of or redemption price and interest on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) will be the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent. Disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

Discontinuation of Book-Entry Only System. DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered as described in the Bond Resolution.

The District 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. If, however, the system of book-entry-only transfers has been discontinued and a Direct Participant has elected to withdraw its Bonds from DTC (or such successor securities depository), Bond certificates may be delivered to

Beneficial Owners in the manner described herein under the caption “**THE BONDS - Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System.**”

None of the Underwriter, the Paying Agent nor the District will have any responsibility or obligations to any Direct Participants or Indirect Participants or the persons for whom they act with respect to (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant; (ii) the payment by any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal or redemption price or interest on the Bonds; (iii) the delivery by any such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any notice to any Beneficial Owner that is required or permitted under the terms of the Bond Resolution to be given to owners of the Bonds; (iv) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (v) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as Bondholder.

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