

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2025

NEW ISSUE - Book-Entry-Only

Enhanced/Unenhanced Ratings: S&P: "AAA" / "A+" PSF: "Applied For"
(See "OTHER INFORMATION-Ratings,"
"THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND
GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein and
"APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto.)

In the opinion of Jackson Walker LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds (as defined below) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

THE BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.



\$7,465,000*

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Stonewall and Haskell Counties, Texas)
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025**

Dated Date: March 1, 2025

Interest Accrues from Date of Delivery (defined below)

Due: February 15, as shown on page ii herein

This Official Statement is provided to furnish information in connection with the offering by the Aspermont Independent School District (the "District") of its \$7,465,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") being issued in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including, particularly, Chapter 45, Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 5, 2024 authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax bonds and a bond order (the "Bond Order") to be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on February 19, 2025. The Bonds, when issued, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District and will be payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District. **An application has been filed by the District with the Texas Education Agency for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein and "APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto).**

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery (defined below), and will be payable on August 15, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on February 15 and August 15 of each year until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity (see "THE BONDS – General Description" herein).

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption as described herein under "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions." Additionally, the Bonds issued as Term Bonds (defined herein), if any, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein (see "THE BONDS–Redemption Provisions" herein).

The District intends to use the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), but use of such system could be discontinued. The principal amount of and interest on the Bonds will be payable to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, by UMB Bank, Austin, Texas, as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof.** Such Book-Entry-Only System will affect the method and timing of payment and the method of transfer of the Bonds (see "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein).

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District including the renovation of a junior high school and gymnasium and (ii) the payment of costs of issuance related to the Bonds (see "THE BONDS – Purpose" herein).

CUSIP PREFIX: _____

MATURITY DATE, PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, INTEREST RATE, INITIAL YIELD & 9 DIGIT CUSIP – page ii

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and accepted by the underwriter named below (the "Underwriter"), subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State and the opinion of Jackson Walker LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "APPENDIX C – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION" attached hereto). Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, Houston, Texas. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the services of DTC on or about March 12, 2025 (the "Date of Delivery").

RAYMOND JAMES

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This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

MATURITY DATE, PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, INTEREST RATE, INITIAL YIELD & 9 DIGIT CUSIP

\$7,465,000*

**ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Stonewall and Haskell Counties, Texas)
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025**

\$ _____ Serial Bonds

| Maturity Date (2/15)^(a) | Principal Amount | Interest Rate | Initial Yield^(b) | CUSIP No. ^(c) |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|

\$ _____ Term Bonds

\$ _____, ____% Term Bonds due February 15, 20__, Yield ____%, CUSIP _____^{(a)(b)(c)}

(Interest Accrues from Date of Delivery)

- (a) The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 20__ are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, in whole or from time to time in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__ or any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption (see “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions” herein). If two or more consecutive maturities are combined to create one or more term bonds (the “Term Bonds”), such Term Bonds will additionally be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein (see “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions” herein).
- (b) The initial yields are established by and are the sole responsibility of the Underwriter and may subsequently be changed.
- (c) CUSIP is a registered trademark of The American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed by FactSet Research Systems Inc., on behalf of The American Bankers Association and are included solely for convenience of the registered owners of the Bonds. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP Services. Neither the District, the Financial Advisor (as defined herein), nor the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.

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USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended (“Rule 15c2-12”), this document constitutes an Official Statement of the District with respect to the Bonds that has been deemed “final” by the District as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, the maturity schedule, and the Appendices hereto, does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized by the District to give information or to make any representation 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 the District.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as the promise or guarantee of the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter. This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates and opinions, or that they will be realized.

The information and expressions of opinion contained 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 or other matters described.

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE UNDERWRITER MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY (“DTC”) OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM OR THE AFFAIRS OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY (“TEA”) DESCRIBED UNDER “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” AND “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” AS SUCH INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY DTC AND TEA, RESPECTIVELY.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with their respective 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 such information.

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts and other documents described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchasers of the Bonds.

THE COVER PAGE CONTAINS CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR GENERAL REFERENCE ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED AS A SUMMARY OF THIS OFFERING. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THIS ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

THE BONDS ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED THEREWITH. THE REGISTRATION, QUALIFICATION, OR EXEMPTION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAW PROVISIONS OF THE JURISDICTIONS IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS “FORWARD-LOOKING” STATEMENTS. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. See “OTHER INFORMATION – Forward-Looking Statements” herein.

References to website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader’s convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or hyperlinks contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement for any purpose.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

The summary is subject in all respects to the more complete information and definitions contained or incorporated in this Official Statement. The offering of the Bonds to potential investors is made only by means of this entire Official Statement. No person is authorized to detach this page from this Official Statement or to otherwise use it without the entire Official Statement.

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| The District | The Aspermont Independent School District (the “District”) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the “State”) located in Stonewall and Haskell Counties, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”). Board trustees serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in May of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Consultants and advisors supply support services. The District encompasses approximately 807 square miles (see “INTRODUCTION – Description of the District”). |
| Authority for Issuance | The District is issuing its \$7,465,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”) in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State, including, particularly, Chapter 45, Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 5, 2024 authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax bonds and a bond order (the “Bond Order”) to be adopted by the Board on February 19, 2025. |
| The Bonds | The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page ii of this Official Statement (see “THE BONDS – General Description” herein). |
| Payment of Interest | Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery (shown on the cover page) and will be payable beginning on August 15, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on February 15 and August 15 of each year until stated maturity or prior redemption (see “THE BONDS – General Description” herein). |
| Security | The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District (see “THE BONDS – Security” herein). Also see “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS” and “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM” for a discussion of recent developments in State law affecting the financing of school districts in the State. Additionally, an application has been filed with, and the District has received conditional approval from, the Texas Education Agency for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State (see “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” herein and “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto). |
| Optional Redemption Provisions | The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 20__, are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, in whole or from time to time in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__, or any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption (see “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions” herein). |
| Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption | The Bonds issued as Term Bonds (defined herein), if any, are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein (see “THE BONDS –Redemption Provisions” herein). |
| Purpose of the Bonds | Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District including the renovation of a junior high school and gymnasium and (ii) the payment of costs of issuance related to the Bonds (see “THE BONDS – Purpose” herein). |
| Tax Matters | In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds (i) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the alternative minimum tax on individuals. See “TAX MATTERS” herein. |

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| Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations | The District will designate the Bonds as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” for financial institutions. |
| Permanent School Fund | An application has been filed by the District with the Texas Education Agency for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” herein and “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto). |
| Ratings | <p>The Bonds are rated “AAA” by S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (“S&P”), based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. S&P generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State “AAA” (see “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM,” “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” and “OTHER INFORMATION - Ratings”). The District’s underlying rating for the Bonds (without consideration of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee or other credit enhancement) is “A+” by S&P.</p> <p>The ratings reflect only the respective views of such organizations and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by either or both of such rating companies, if in the judgment of either or both companies, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings, by either of them, may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. See “OTHER INFORMATION – Ratings.”</p> |
| Book-Entry-Only System | The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000, or integral multiples thereof, of principal amount. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. The principal amount of the Bonds at maturity or amounts due upon a prior redemption date, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar (defined below) to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the beneficial owners of the Bonds (see “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein). |
| Paying Agent/Registrar | The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is UMB Bank, Austin, Texas (see “TRANSFER, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE – Paying Agent/Registrar” herein). |
| Continuing Disclosure of Information | Pursuant to the Bond Order, the District is obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and to provide timely notice of certain specified events which will be available to investors as described in the section captioned “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION.” Also see “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking” for a description of the undertaking of the Texas Education Agency to provide certain information on a continuing basis. |
| Payment Record | The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness. |
| Legality | Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of Texas and the rendering of an opinion in substantially the form attached hereto as “APPENDIX C – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION” by Bond Counsel. |

\$7,465,000*
ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS,
SERIES 2025
SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

| Fiscal Year Ended 8/31 | Estimated Population⁽¹⁾ | Taxable Assessed Valuation⁽²⁾ | Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita | Tax Supported Debt Outstanding⁽³⁾ | Ratio of Tax Supported Debt to Assessed Valuation | Tax Supported Debt Per Capita |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| 2021 | 1,207 | \$157,894,030 | \$130,815 | \$ 6,150,000 | 3.90% | \$ 5,095 |
| 2022 | 1,104 | 170,424,561 | 154,370 | 5,815,000 | 3.41% | 5,267 |
| 2023 | 1,172 | 202,631,221 | 172,894 | 5,465,000 | 2.70% | 4,663 |
| 2024 | 1,133 | 220,209,245 | 194,359 | 5,110,000 | 2.32% | 4,510 |
| 2025 | 1,104 | 210,165,733 | 190,368 | 11,585,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 5.51% | 10,494 |

⁽¹⁾ Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas

⁽²⁾ Established by Stonewall County Appraisal District, subject to change during the ensuing year.

⁽³⁾ Source: District's audited financial statements.

⁽⁴⁾ Projected Tax Supported Debt Outstanding. Includes the Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

GENERAL FUND CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT SUMMARY

For Fiscal Year Ended August 31,

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 1,696,848 | \$ 1,550,899 | \$ 1,732,774 | \$ 1,562,671 | \$ 1,537,955 |
| Total Revenue | 3,078,129 | 2,956,694 | 2,722,668 | 2,940,921 | 3,040,624 |
| Total Expenditures | 3,280,767 | 2,842,212 | 2,941,506 | 2,765,892 | 3,200,218 |
| Excess/(Deficiency) of Revenues | (202,638) | 114,482 | (218,838) | 175,029 | (159,594) |
| Net Transfers/Adjustments | 59,724 | 31,467 | 36,963 | (4,926) | 184,310 |
| Ending Balance | <u>\$ 1,553,934</u> | <u>\$ 1,696,848</u> | <u>\$ 1,550,899</u> | <u>\$ 1,732,774</u> | <u>\$ 1,562,671</u> |

Source: The District's audited financial statements.

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DISTRICT OFFICIALS, STAFF, AND CONSULTANTS

Elected Officials

| Board of Trustees | Length of Service | Term Expires | Occupation |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Lorenzo Calamaco, President | 6 Years | May, 2025 | City Manager |
| Jennifer Hodges, Vice President | 4 Years | May, 2027 | Clinic Nurse |
| Ray Bradley, Secretary | 5 Years | May, 2025 | Rancher |
| Brandon Criswell, Trustee | 7 Years | May, 2026 | TxDOT Supervisor |
| Bay Hecht, Trustee | 6 Years | May, 2027 | EMS Flight Pilot |
| Shane Polk, Trustee | 1 Year | May, 2026 | TxDOT Assistant Supervisor |
| Tres Myers, Trustee | 2 Years | May, 2025 | Farmer/ Rancher |

Selected Administrative Staff

| Name | Position | Length of Service Within District | Total Industry Experience |
|----------------|------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| Zach Morris | Superintendent | 20 Years | 20 Years |
| Charla Leonard | Business Manager | 19 Years | 19 Years |

Consultants and Advisors

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| Auditors | Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC Wichita Falls, Texas |
| Bond Counsel | Jackson Walker LLP Houston, Texas |
| Financial Advisor | Government Capital Securities Corporation Southlake, Texas |

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**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO**

\$7,465,000*

**ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Stonewall and Haskell Counties, Texas)**

Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes Appendices A, B, C and D, has been provided by the Aspermont Independent School District (the "District"), in connection with the offering by the District of its \$7,465,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds").

All financial and other information presented in this Official Statement has been provided by the District from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historic information and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the District. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future (see "OTHER INFORMATION – Forward-Looking Statements" herein).

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the Bond Order (as defined herein), and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained upon request by electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges by writing the District's Financial Advisor, Government Capital Securities Corporation, 559 Silicon Drive, Suite 102, Southlake, Texas 76092.

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of the final Official Statement will be submitted to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and will be available through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for information regarding the EMMA system and for a description of the District's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

THE BONDS

Authorization

The Bonds are being issued in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas ("State"), including, particularly, Chapter 45, Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 5, 2024 authorizing the issuance of unlimited tax bonds and a bond order (the "Bond Order") to be adopted by the Board on February 19, 2025.

Purpose

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, renovation and equipment of school buildings in the District including the renovation of a junior high school and gymnasium and (ii) the payment of costs of issuance related to the Bonds.

General Description

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery shown on the cover page and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The paying agent/registrar (the "Paying Agent/Registrar") for the Bonds is UMB Bank, Austin, Texas.

The Bonds are to mature on the dates and in the principal amounts shown on page ii hereof. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered obligations in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery, at the interest rates shown on page ii hereof and such interest shall be payable to the registered owners thereof commencing on August 15, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding February 15 and August 15 until stated maturity or prior redemption.

Initially, the Bonds will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. Principal amount of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will distribute the amounts paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” for a more complete description of such system.

Security

The Bonds are direct obligations of the District and are payable as to principal amount and interest from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, on all taxable property within the District, as provided in the Bond Order. Additionally, the District has applied for and received from the Texas Education Agency conditional approval for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State (see “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM,” “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM,” “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS” and “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM”).

Permanent School Fund Guarantee

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has applied for and received conditional approval from the State Commissioner of Education (the “Education Commissioner”) for guarantee of the Bonds under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (Chapter 45, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code, as amended). Subject to satisfying certain conditions discussed under the heading “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” and “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” herein, the Bonds will be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State.

In the event of default, registered owners will receive all payments due on the Bonds from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund. See “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” and “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM,” herein. The Permanent School Fund Guarantee will terminate with respect to Bonds that are defeased (see “– Defeasance of Bonds” below).

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 20__ are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, in whole or from time to time in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__ or any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Additionally, if two or more serial bonds of consecutive maturity are combined into one or more “term” Bonds (the “Term Bonds”), such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Order.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption

If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall select the maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed. If a Bond (or any portion of the principal sum thereof) shall have been called for redemption and notice of such redemption shall have been given, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

Notice of Redemption

Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar, at the direction of the District, shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the registered owners of the Bonds to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar.

ANY NOTICE SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN WHETHER OR NOT THE REGISTERED OWNER RECEIVES SUCH NOTICE. UPON THE GIVING OF THE NOTICE OF REDEMPTION AND ANY OTHER CONDITION TO REDEMPTION BEING SATISFIED, THE BONDS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE SPECIFIED REDEMPTION DATE, AND INTEREST ON SUCH BONDS

OR PORTION THEREOF SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER SUCH BONDS ARE SURRENDERED FOR PAYMENT.

The District reserves the right, in the case of an optional redemption, to give notice of its election or direction to redeem Bonds conditioned upon the occurrence of subsequent events. Such notice may state (i) that the redemption is conditioned upon the deposit of moneys and/or authorized securities, in an amount equal to the amount necessary to effect the redemption, with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or such other entity as may be authorized by law, no later than the redemption date, or (ii) that the District retains the right to rescind such notice at any time on or prior to the scheduled redemption date if the District delivers a certificate of the District to the Paying Agent/Registrar instructing the Paying Agent/Registrar to rescind the redemption notice, and such notice and redemption shall be of no effect if such moneys and/or authorized securities are not so deposited or if the notice is rescinded. The Paying Agent/Registrar shall give prompt notice of any such rescission of a conditional notice of redemption to the affected owners. Any Bonds subject to conditional redemption where such redemption has been rescinded shall remain outstanding.

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the District, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Bond Order or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the beneficial owner, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Bonds by the District will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Bonds held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds from the beneficial owners. Any such selection of Bonds to be redeemed will not be governed by the Bond Order and will not be conducted by the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Bonds or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds selected for redemption (see "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein).

Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State and the opinion of Jackson Walker LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "OTHER INFORMATION – Legal Matters" herein and "APPENDIX C – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION" attached hereto).

Payment Record

The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.

Defeasance of Bonds

The Bond Order provides that the District may defease the provisions of the Bond Order and discharge its obligation to the Owners of any or all of the Bonds to pay the principal of and interest thereon in any manner permitted by law, including by depositing with the Registrar, with any national or state bank having trust powers and having combined capital and surplus of at least \$50 million, or with the Comptroller of the State of Texas either (a) cash in an amount equal to the principal amount of and interest thereon to the date of maturity, or (b) pursuant to an escrow or trust agreement, cash and/or (i) direct noncallable obligations of United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America; (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the issuer adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent; and the principal of and interest on which will, when due or redeemable at the option of the holder, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings thereon, provide money in an amount which, together with other moneys, if any, held in such escrow at the same time and available for such purpose, shall be sufficient to provide for the timely payment of the principal of and interest thereon to the date of maturity or earlier redemption; provided, however, that if any of such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to their respective dates of maturity, provision shall have been made for giving notice of redemption as provided in the Bond Order.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid for any purposes. Any surplus amount not required to accomplish such defeasance shall be returned to the District. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge, final payment, or redemption of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, the District may reserve the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption, at an earlier date, those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District: (i) in the

proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes. Defeasance will automatically cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee with respect to those defeased Bonds.

The Bond Order does not contractually limit defeasance investments to those described above. As a result, the holders of the Bonds may be deemed to have consented to other defeasance investments in the event that Texas law is changed to allow for such other defeasance investments.

Notwithstanding the above, the District may contractually limit defeasance investments in connection with the pricing of the Bonds. In such event, the Final Official Statement for the Bonds will provide details regarding the limitations on defeasance investments.

Amendments to Bond Order

The District may, without the consent of or notice to any holders of the Bonds, from time to time and at any time amend the Bond Order without the consent of any Beneficial Owner in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Beneficial Owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the District may, with the written consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Bond Order; except that, without the consent of all of the beneficial owners of the Bonds then outstanding, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereof or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal or interest on the Bonds, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (iii) reduce the percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be held for beneficial owners for consent to any amendment, addition, or waiver, or rescission.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be applied approximately as follows:

Sources:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Principal Amount | \$ |
| [Net] Original Issue Premium | |
| Total Sources of Funds | \$ |

Uses:

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Deposit to the Project Fund | \$ |
| Costs of Issuance ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Underwriter's Discount | |
| Total Uses of Funds | \$ |

⁽¹⁾ Includes legal fees of the District, financial advisory fees, rating agency fees, fees of the Paying Agent/Registrar, contingency, and other costs of issuance.

TRANSFER, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE

Paying Agent/Registrar

UMB Bank, Austin, Texas, has been named to serve as initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. In the Bond Order, the District covenants that at all times while any Bonds are outstanding it will provide a legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution or other agency to act as Registrar for the Bonds. The District reserves the right to change the Registrar for the Bonds on not less than sixty (60) days' written notice to the Registrar, as long as any such notice is effective not less than 60 days prior to the next succeeding principal or interest payment date on the Bonds. Promptly upon the appointment of any successor Registrar, the previous Registrar shall deliver the Register or a copy thereof to the new Registrar, and the new Registrar shall notify each Owner, by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, of such change and of the address of the new Registrar.

Registration if Book-Entry-Only System Should be Discontinued

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, printed Bond certificates will be delivered to the owners of the Bonds and thereafter the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned on the registration books only upon presentation and surrender

of such printed certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment must be acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond or Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the new registered owner. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like kind and aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" for a description of the system to be utilized initially in regard to the ownership and transferability of the Bonds.

Interest Payment

The record date ("Record Date") for determining the person to whom the interest payable on the Bonds on any interest payment date means the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. If interest on any Bond is not paid on any interest payment date and continues unpaid for thirty (30) days thereafter, the Registrar shall establish a new record date for the payment of such interest, to be known as a "Special Record Date." The Registrar shall establish a Special Record Date when funds to make such interest payment are received from or on behalf of the District. Such Special Record Date shall be fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for payment of such past due interest, and notice of the date of payment and the Special Record Date shall be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, not later than five (5) days prior to the Special Record Date, to each Owner of record of an affected Bond as of the close of business on the business day prior to the mailing of such notice.

Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any transfer or exchange any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date.

Replacement Bonds

If any Bond is mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, a new Bond in the same principal amount as the Bond so mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost will be issued. In the case of a mutilated Bond, such new Bond will be delivered only upon surrender and cancellation of such mutilated Bond. In the case of any Bond issued in lieu of and in substitution for a Bond which has been destroyed, stolen or lost, such new Bond will be delivered only (a) upon filing with the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar of satisfactory evidence to the effect that such Bond has been destroyed, stolen or lost and proof of the ownership thereof, (b) upon furnishing the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar with indemnity satisfactory to them, (c) upon paying all expenses and charges in connection therewith and (d) upon satisfying any other reasonable requirements imposed by the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar.

REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES

If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Bond Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Order, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or Bond Order and the District's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles, and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon periodically. The Bond Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the Bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Bond Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W. 3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. Even if a judgment against the District could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Furthermore, the District is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or Bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code

provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. (See “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto for a description of the procedures to be followed for payment of the Bonds by the Permanent School Fund in the event the District fails to make a payment on the Bonds when due.)

The opinion of Bond Counsel will be qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors and general principles of equity that permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of premium, if any, interest and redemption payments on the Bonds are to be paid to and accredited by DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Underwriter, and the Financial Advisor believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

Neither the District nor the Underwriter can or do give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption or other notices, to DTC Participants (defined herein), (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds), or redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners (defined herein), or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds have been issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee). One fully-registered certificate has been issued for each stated maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of each such maturity and has been deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 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” and, together with the Direct Participants, the “DTC Participants”). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect 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.

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 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 documents. 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/Registrar 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 an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. 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 District 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).

Redemption proceeds and principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts, upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, on payable dates in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by DTC Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as in 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 DTC Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds and principal and interest to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement. In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the DTC Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and (ii) except as described above, notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Bond Order will be given only to DTC.

Information concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been obtained from DTC and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, and is not to be construed as, a representation by the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter.

Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System. In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by the District, printed Bonds will be issued to the holders and the Bonds will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Bond Order and summarized under "TRANSFER, REGISTRATION AND EXCHANGE" above.

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Subject to satisfying certain conditions, the payment of the Bonds will be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. In the event of default, registered owners will receive all payments due on the Bonds from the Permanent School Fund, and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve would be the first source to pay debt service if a charter school was unable to make such payment. See "APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto for pertinent information regarding the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program. The disclosure regarding the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program in APPENDIX D is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

Litigation Relating to the Texas Public School Finance System

On seven occasions in the last thirty years, the Texas Supreme Court (the “Court”) has issued decisions assessing the constitutionality of the Texas public school finance system (the “Finance System”). The litigation has primarily focused on whether the Finance System, as amended by the Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) from time to time (i) met the requirements of article VII, section 1 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the Legislature to “establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools,” or (ii) imposed a statewide ad valorem tax in violation of article VIII, section 1-e of the Texas Constitution because the statutory limit on property taxes levied by school districts for maintenance and operation purposes had allegedly denied school districts meaningful discretion in setting their tax rates. In response to the Court’s previous decisions, the Legislature enacted multiple laws that made substantive changes in the way the Finance System is funded in efforts to address the prior decisions declaring the Finance System unconstitutional.

On May 13, 2016, the Court issued its opinion in the most recent school finance litigation, *Morath, et.al v. The Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition, et al.*, 490 S.W.3d 826 (Tex. 2016) (“Morath”). The plaintiffs and intervenors in the case had alleged that the Finance System, as modified by the Legislature in part in response to prior decisions of the Court, violated article VII, section 1 and article VIII, section 1-e of the Texas Constitution. In its opinion, the Court held that “[d]espite the imperfections of the current school funding regime, it meets minimum constitutional requirements.” The Court also noted that:

Lawmakers decide if laws pass, and judges decide if those laws pass muster. But our lenient standard of review in this policy-laden area counsels modesty. The judicial role is not to second-guess whether our system is optimal, but whether it is constitutional. Our Byzantine school funding “system” is undeniably imperfect, with immense room for improvement. But it satisfies minimum constitutional requirements.

Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds

The Court’s decision in *Morath* upheld the constitutionality of the Finance System but noted that the Finance System was “undeniably imperfect.” While not compelled by the *Morath* decision to reform the Finance System, the Legislature could enact future changes to the Finance System. Any such changes could benefit or be a detriment to the District. If the Legislature enacts future changes to, or fails adequately to fund the Finance System, or if changes in circumstances otherwise provide grounds for a challenge, the Finance System could be challenged again in the future. In its 1995 opinion in *Edgewood Independent School District v. Meno*, 917 S.W.2d 717 (Tex. 1995), the Court stated that any future determination of unconstitutionality “would not, however, affect the district’s authority to levy the taxes necessary to retire previously issued bonds, but would instead require the Legislature to cure the system’s unconstitutionality in a way that is consistent with the Contract Clauses of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions” (collectively, the “Contract Clauses”), which prohibit the enactment of laws that impair prior obligations of contracts.

Although, as a matter of law, the Bonds, upon issuance and delivery, will be entitled to the protections afforded previously existing contractual obligations under the Contract Clauses, the District can make no representations or predictions concerning the effect of future legislation, or any litigation that may be associated with such legislation, on the District’s financial condition, revenues or operations. While the enactment of future legislation to address school funding in Texas could adversely affect the financial condition, revenues or operations of the District, the District does not anticipate that the security for payment of the Bonds, specifically, the District’s obligation to levy an unlimited debt service tax and any Permanent School Fund Guarantee of the Bonds would be adversely affected by any such legislation (see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM” herein).

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

Overview

The following language constitutes only a summary of the Finance System as it is currently structured. The information contained under the captions “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM” and “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS” is subject to change, and only reflects the District’s understanding based on information available to the District as of the date of this Official Statement. For a more complete description of school finance and fiscal management in the State, reference is made to Chapters 43 through 49 of the Texas Education Code, as amended. Additionally, prospective investors are encouraged to review the Property Tax Code (as defined herein) for definitive requirements for the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes and the calculation of the defined tax rates.

Local funding for school districts is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district’s boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: (i) a maintenance and operations (“M&O”) tax to pay current expenses and (ii) an interest and sinking fund (“I&S”) tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts are

prohibited from levying an M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus in M&O tax revenues to pay the district's debt service. School districts are required to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount. See "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations" herein. Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize local funding generated by a school district's M&O tax rate.

2025 Legislative Session

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025 and adjourns on June 2, 2025. The Texas Legislature (the "Legislature") meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. During the legislative session, the Legislature will consider a general appropriations act and may consider legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures affecting school districts among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. At this time, the District cannot predict the level of State funding that will be provided by the Legislature for the upcoming biennium. The District can make no representation or prediction regarding any actions the Legislature may take during the 89th Texas Legislative Session or concerning the substance or the effect of any legislation that may be passed during this session or any future session of the Legislature.

2023 Legislative Sessions

The regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature (the "88th Regular Session") began on January 10, 2023 and adjourned on May 29, 2023. During the 88th Regular Session, the Legislature considered a general appropriations act and legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures and exemptions, and investments, among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. Legislation enacted by the Legislature fully-funded the Foundation School Program for the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium and increased the State guaranteed yield on the first \$0.08 cents of tax effort beyond a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (as defined herein) to \$126.21 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA (as defined herein) in 2024 (from \$98.56 in 2023) and \$129.52 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA in 2025. See "– State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two." The Legislature also provided for an increase in funding for the school safety allotment to \$10.00 (from \$9.72 in the prior year) per ADA (as defined herein) and \$15,000 per campus. The Legislature set aside approximately \$4,000,000,000 in additional funding for public education contingent on certain legislation passing in future special sessions. However, the Legislature did not take action on such funding during either the first, second, third or fourth called special sessions of the 88th Texas Legislature.

When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor's discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. The Governor called and the Legislature concluded four special sessions during the 88th Texas Legislature (such special sessions, together with the 88th Regular Session, the "2023 Legislative Sessions").

During the second called special session, legislation was passed, and at an election held in the State on November 7, 2023, voters approved a State constitutional amendment that (i) reduced the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for school districts by approximately \$0.107 for the 2023-2024 school year (see "– Local Funding for School Districts – Maximum Compressed Tax Rate" below); (ii) increased the amount of the mandatory school district general residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and holds districts harmless from certain M&O and I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption (in connection with the Bonds, the District will not be held harmless for any I&S tax revenue losses); (iii) adjusted the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in exemption amounts; (iv) prohibited school districts, cities and counties from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 (the prohibition expires on December 31, 2027); (v) established a three-year pilot program limiting growth in the taxable assessed value of non-residence homestead property valued at \$5,000,000 or less to 20 percent (school districts are not held harmless for any negative revenue impacts associated with such limits); (vi) excepted certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and (vii) expanded the size of the governing body of an appraisal district in a county with a population of more than 75,000 by adding elected directors and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts. This legislation reduces the amount of property taxes paid by homeowners and businesses and increases the State's share of the cost of funding public education.

During the fourth called special session, the Legislature considered (i) "legislation relating to primary and secondary education, including the establishment of an education savings account program, the certification, compensation, and health coverage of certain public school employees, the public school finance system, special education in public schools, measures to support the education of public school students that include certain educational grant programs, reading instruction, and early childhood

education, the provision of virtual education, and public school accountability,” and (ii) “legislation related to school safety measures and related state funding mechanisms”; however, no such legislation was passed regarding either of these measures.

Local Funding for School Districts

A school district’s M&O tax rate is composed of two distinct parts: the “Tier One Tax Rate,” which is the local M&O tax rate required for a school district to receive any part of the basic level of State funding (referred to herein as “Tier One”) under the Foundation School Program, as further described below, and the “Enrichment Tax Rate,” which is any local M&O tax effort in excess of its Tier One Tax Rate. Formulas for the State Compression Percentage and Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (each as described below) are designed to compress M&O tax rates in response to year-over-year increases in property values across the State and within a school district, respectively. The discussion in this subcaption “– Local Funding for School Districts” is generally intended to describe funding provisions applicable to all school districts; however, there are distinctions in the funding formulas for school districts that generate local M&O tax revenues in excess of the school districts’ funding entitlements. Such distinctions are discussed under the subcaption “– Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement” herein.

State Compression Percentage. The “State Compression Percentage” or “SCP” is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (i) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (ii) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (iii) the prior year SCP. For any year, the maximum SCP is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2024, the SCP is set at 68.80%.

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The “Maximum Compressed Tax Rate” or the “MCR” is the tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate (described below) to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the “State Compression Percentage” (as discussed above) multiplied by 100; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district’s MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district’s MCR for the current year, then the school district’s MCR is instead equal to the school district’s prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district’s MCR and any other school district’s MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature took action to reduce the maximum MCR for the 2023-2024 school year and voters approved such reduction, establishing \$0.6880 as the maximum rate and \$0.6192 as the floor. The MCR for the 2024-2025 school year is \$0.6855 and the floor is \$0.6169. See “– 2023 Legislative Sessions.”

Tier One Tax Rate. A school district’s Tier One Tax Rate is defined as a school district’s M&O tax rate levied that does not exceed the school district’s MCR.

Enrichment Tax Rate. The Enrichment Tax Rate is the number of cents a school district levies for M&O in excess of the Tier One Tax Rate, up to an additional \$0.17. The Enrichment Tax Rate is divided into two components: (i) “Golden Pennies” which are the first \$0.08 of tax effort in excess of a school district’s Tier One Tax Rate; and (ii) “Copper Pennies” which are the next \$0.09 in excess of a school district’s Tier One Tax Rate plus Golden Pennies.

School districts may levy an Enrichment Tax Rate at a level of their choice, subject to the limitations described under “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate.” However, to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district’s MCR for such year. Additionally, a school district’s levy of Copper Pennies is subject to compression if the guaranteed yield (i.e., the guaranteed level of local tax revenue and State aid generated for each cent of tax effort) of Copper Pennies is increased from one year to the next. See “– State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two” herein.

State Funding for School Districts

State funding for school districts is provided through the two-tiered Foundation School Program, which guarantees certain levels of funding for school districts in the State. School districts are entitled to a legislatively appropriated guaranteed yield on their Tier One Tax Rate and Enrichment Tax Rate. When a school district’s Tier One Tax Rate and Enrichment Tax Rate generate tax revenues at a level below the respective entitlement, the State will provide “Tier One” funding or “Tier Two” funding, respectively, to fund the difference between the school district’s entitlements and the calculated M&O revenues generated by the school district’s respective M&O tax rates.

The first level of funding, Tier One, is the basic level of funding guaranteed to all school districts based on a school district's Tier One Tax Rate. Tier One funding may then be "enriched" with Tier Two funding. Tier Two provides a guaranteed entitlement for each cent of a school district's Enrichment Tax Rate, allowing a school district to increase or decrease its Enrichment Tax Rate to supplement Tier One funding at a level of the school district's own choice. While Tier One funding may be used for the payment of debt service (except for school districts subject to the recapture provisions of Chapter 49 of the Texas Education Code, as amended (see "Local Revenue Level In Excess of Entitlement" herein), and in some instances is required to be used for that purpose (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations" herein), Tier Two funding may not be used for the payment of debt service or capital outlay.

The Finance System also provides an Existing Debt Allotment ("EDA") to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment ("IFA") to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment ("NIFA") to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,072,511,740 for the EDA, IFA, and NIFA.

Tier One and Tier Two allotments represent the State's share of the cost of M&O expenses of school districts, with local M&O taxes representing the school district's local share. EDA and IFA allotments supplement a school district's local I&S taxes levied for debt service on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire and improve facilities, provided that a school district qualifies for such funding and that the Legislature makes sufficient appropriations to fund the allotments for a State fiscal biennium. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the Legislature.

Tier One. Tier One funding is the basic level of programmatic funding guaranteed to a school district, consisting of a State-appropriated baseline level of funding (the "Basic Allotment") for each student in "Average Daily Attendance" (being generally calculated as the sum of student attendance for each State-mandated day of instruction divided by the number of State-mandated days of instruction, defined herein as "ADA"). The Basic Allotment is revised downward if a school district's Tier One Tax Rate is less than the State-determined threshold. The Basic Allotment is supplemented by additional State funds, allotted based upon the unique school district characteristics, the demographics of students in ADA, and the educational programs the students are being served in, to make up most of a school district's Tier One entitlement under the Foundation School Program.

The Basic Allotment for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR, is \$6,160 (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) for each student in ADA and is revised downward for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate lower than the school district's MCR. The Basic Allotment is then supplemented for all school districts by various weights to account for differences among school districts and their student populations. Such additional allotments include, but are not limited to, increased funds for students in ADA who: (i) attend a qualified special education program, (ii) are diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, (iii) are economically disadvantaged, or (iv) have limited English language proficiency. Additional allotments to mitigate differences among school districts include, but are not limited to: (i) a transportation allotment for mileage associated with transporting students who reside two miles or more from their home campus, (ii) a fast growth allotment, (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further the State's goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher compensation incentive allotment to increase teacher retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district's total Tier One funding, divided by \$6,160, is a school district's measure of students in "Weighted Average Daily Attendance" ("WADA"), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

The fast growth allotment weights are 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$315 million for the 2023-2024 school year and \$320 million for the 2024-2025 school year.

Tier Two. Tier Two supplements Tier One funding and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., Golden Pennies and Copper Pennies) depending on the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate. Golden Pennies generate a guaranteed yield equal to the greater of (i) the local revenue per student in WADA per cent of tax effort available to a school district at the ninety-sixth (96th) percentile of wealth per student in WADA, or (ii) the Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.016. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$126.21 per student in WADA in 2024 and \$129.52 per student in WADA in 2025 for each Golden Penny levied. Copper Pennies generate a guaranteed yield per student in WADA equal to the school district's Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.008. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$49.28 per student in WADA for each Copper Penny levied. For any school year in which the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA exceeds the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA for the preceding school year, a school district is required to reduce its Copper Pennies levied so as to generate no more revenue per student in WADA than was available to the school district for the preceding year.

Existing Debt Allotment, Instruction Facilities Allotment, and New Instructional Facilities Allotment. The Foundation School Program also includes facilities funding components consisting of the IFA and the EDA, subject to legislative appropriation each

State fiscal biennium. To the extent funded for a biennium, these programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a school district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of I&S tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The IFA Yield has been \$35 since the program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Education Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Education Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student per cent of local tax effort applicable to the bonds may not be reduced below the level provided for the year in which the bonds were issued. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

State financial assistance is provided for certain existing eligible debt issued by school districts through the EDA program. The EDA guaranteed yield (the "EDA Yield") is the lesser of (i) \$40 per student in ADA or a greater amount for any year provided by appropriation; or (ii) the amount that would result in a total additional EDA of \$60 million more than the EDA to which school districts would have been entitled to if the EDA Yield were \$35. The portion of a school district's local debt service rate that qualifies for EDA assistance is limited to the first \$0.29 of its I&S tax rate (or a greater amount for any year provided by appropriation by the Legislature). In general, a school district's bonds are eligible for EDA assistance if (i) the school district made payments on the bonds during the final fiscal year of the preceding State fiscal biennium, or (ii) the school district levied taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds for that fiscal year. Each biennium, access to EDA funding is determined by the debt service taxes collected in the final year of the preceding biennium. A school district may not receive EDA funding for the principal and interest on a series of otherwise eligible bonds for which the school district receives IFA funding.

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the Legislature for the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium and debt service assistance on school district bonds that are not yet eligible for EDA is not available, debt service payments during the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium to construct, acquire and improve facilities must be funded solely from local I&S taxes, except to the extent that the bonds of a school district are eligible for hold-harmless funding from the State for local tax revenue lost as a result of an increase in the mandatory homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000. See "— 2023 Legislative Sessions." Hold-harmless applies only to bonds authorized by voters prior to September 1, 2023.

A school district may also qualify for a NIFA allotment, which provides assistance to school districts for operational expenses associated with opening new instructional facilities. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium for NIFA allotments.

Tax Rate and Funding Equity. The Education Commissioner may proportionally reduce the amount of funding a school district receives under the Foundation School Program and the ADA calculation if the school district operates on a calendar that provides less than the State-mandated minimum instruction time in a school year. The Education Commissioner may also adjust a school district's ADA as it relates to State funding where disaster, flood, extreme weather or other calamity has a significant effect on a school district's attendance.

Furthermore, "property-wealthy" school districts that received additional State funds under the Finance System prior to the enactment of certain legislation passed during the 86th Texas Legislature are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis, which will be phased out in the 2023-2024 school year, in an amount equal to the amount of additional revenue such school district would have received under former Texas Education Code Sections 41.002(e) through (g), as those sections existed on January 1, 2019. Additionally, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools may be entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant, but they will not be entitled to an allotment beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. This grant is meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature. Furthermore, if the total amount of allotments to which school districts and open enrollment charter schools are entitled for a school year exceeds \$400 million, the Education Commissioner shall proportionately reduce each district's or school's allotment. The reduction in the amount to which a district or school is entitled may not result in an amount that is less than zero.

Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement

A school district that has sufficient property wealth per student in ADA to generate local revenues on the school district's Tier One Tax Rate and Copper Pennies in excess of the school district's respective funding entitlements (a "Chapter 49 school district"), is subject to the local revenue reduction provisions contained in Chapter 49 of Texas Education Code, as amended ("Chapter 49").

Additionally, in years in which the amount of State funds appropriated specifically excludes the amount necessary to provide the guaranteed yield for Golden Pennies, local revenues generated on a school district's Golden Pennies in excess of the school district's respective funding entitlement are subject to the local revenue reduction provisions of Chapter 49. To reduce local revenue in excess of entitlement, Chapter 49 school districts are generally subject to a process known as "recapture," which requires a Chapter 49 school district to exercise certain options to remit local M&O tax revenues collected in excess of the Chapter 49 school district's funding entitlements to the State (for redistribution to other school districts) or otherwise expending the respective M&O tax revenues for the benefit of students in school districts that are not Chapter 49 school districts, as described in the subcaption "Options for Local Revenue Levels in Excess of Entitlement," below. Chapter 49 school districts receive their allocable share of funds distributed from the constitutionally-prescribed Available School Fund, but are generally not eligible to receive State aid under the Foundation School Program, although they may continue to receive State funds for certain competitive grants and certain programs that remain outside the Foundation School Program.

Options for Local Revenue Levels in Excess of Entitlement. Under Chapter 49, a school district has six (6) options to reduce local revenues to a level that does not exceed the school district's respective entitlements: (1) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school districts to form a consolidated school district; all property and debt of the consolidating school districts vest in the consolidated school district; (2) a school district may detach property from its territory for annexation by a property-poor school district; (3) a school district may purchase attendance credits from the State; (4) a school district may contract to educate nonresident students from a property-poor school district by sending money directly to one or more property-poor school districts; (5) a school district may execute an agreement to provide students of one or more other school districts with career and technology education through a program designated as an area program for career and technology education; or (6) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school districts to form a consolidated taxing school district solely to levy and distribute either M&O taxes or both M&O taxes and I&S taxes. A Chapter 49 school district may also exercise any combination of these remedies. Options (3), (4) and (6) require prior approval by the Chapter 49 school district's voters.

Furthermore, a school district may not adopt a tax rate until its effective local revenue level is at or below the level that would produce its guaranteed entitlement under the Foundation School Program. If a school district fails to exercise a permitted option, the Education Commissioner must reduce the school district's local revenue level to the level that would produce the school district's guaranteed entitlement, by detaching certain types of property from the school district and annexing the property to a property-poor school district or, if necessary, consolidate the school district with a property-poor school district. Provisions governing detachment and annexation of taxable property by the Education Commissioner do not provide for assumption of any of the transferring school district's existing debt.

THE SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2024-2025 school year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" district by the TEA. Accordingly, the District is required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law.

A district's local revenue levels must be tested for each future school year and, if local revenues exceed the district's entitlements, the district must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options.

If the District were to consolidate (or consolidate its tax base for all purposes) with a district not designated as an excess local revenue district, the outstanding debt of each district could become payable from the consolidated district's combined property tax base, and the District's ratio of taxable property to debt could become diluted. If the District were to detach property voluntarily, a portion of its outstanding debt (including the Bonds) could be assumed by the district to which the property is annexed, in which case timely payment of the Bonds could become dependent in part on the financial performance of an annexing district.

TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

M&O Tax Rate Limitations

The District is authorized to levy an M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on March 13, 1956 in accordance with the provisions of Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended.

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by a school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district's MCR. A school district's MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the school district and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, the highest possible MCR for a school district is \$0.93. See "Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Funding for School Districts" herein. For detailed discussion of State funding for school districts, see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts" herein.

Furthermore, a school district cannot annually increase its tax rate in excess of the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate without submitting such tax rate to an election and a majority of the voters voting at such election approving the adopted rate. See "– Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" herein.

I&S Tax Rate Limitations

A school district is also authorized to issue bonds and levy taxes for payment of bonds subject to voter approval of one or more propositions submitted to the voters under Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, which provides a tax unlimited as to rate or amount for the support of school district bonded indebtedness. See "THE BONDS – Security" herein.

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Texas Attorney General that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, "exempt bonds"), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the "50-cent Test"). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district's local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district's I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. The Bonds are issued as "new money bonds" and are subject to the 50-cent Test. The District has not utilized projected values or State assistance to satisfy the 50-cent Test.

Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate

A school district's total tax rate is the combination of the M&O tax rate and the I&S tax rate. Generally, the highest rate at which a school district may levy taxes for any given year without holding an election to approve the tax rate is the "Voter-Approval Tax Rate," as described below.

A school district is required to adopt its annual tax rate before the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, except that a tax rate that exceeds the Voter-Approval Tax Rate must be adopted not later than the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date. A school district's failure to adopt a tax rate equal to or less than the Voter-Approval Tax Rate by September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, will result in the tax rate for such school district for the tax year to be the lower of the "no-new-revenue tax rate" calculated for that tax year or the tax rate adopted by the school district for the preceding tax year. A school district's failure to adopt a tax rate in excess of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate on or prior to the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date, will result in the school district adopting a tax rate equal to or less than its Voter-Approval Tax Rate by the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll. "No-new-revenue tax rate" means the rate that will produce the prior year's total tax levy from the current year's total taxable values, adjusted such that lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year's taxable values and new values are not included in the current year's taxable values.

The Voter-Approval Tax Rate for a school district is the sum of (i) the school district's MCR; (ii) the greater of (a) the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate for the preceding year, less any amount by which the school district is required to reduce its current year Enrichment Tax Rate pursuant to Section 48.202(f), Education Code, as amended, or (b) the rate of \$0.05 per \$100 of taxable value; and (iii) the school district's current I&S tax rate. A school district's M&O tax rate may not exceed the rate equal to the sum of (i) \$0.17 and (ii) the school district's MCR. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein, for more information regarding the State Compression Percentage, MCR, and the Enrichment Tax Rate.

The governing body of a school district generally cannot adopt a tax rate exceeding the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate without approval by a majority of the voters approving the higher rate at an election to be held on the next uniform election date. Further, subject to certain exceptions for areas declared disaster areas, State law requires the board of trustees of a school district to conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate exceeding the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and sets certain parameters for conducting and disclosing the results of such efficiency audit. An election is not required for a tax increase

to address increased expenditures resulting from certain natural disasters in the year following the year in which such disaster occurs; however, the amount by which the increased tax rate exceeds the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate for such year may not be considered by the school district in the calculation of its subsequent Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

The calculation of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate does not limit or impact the District's ability to set an I&S tax rate in each year sufficient to pay debt service on all of the District's tax-supported debt obligations, including the Bonds.

Before adopting its annual tax rate, a public meeting must be held for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding year. A notice of public meeting to discuss the school district's budget and proposed tax rate must be published in the time, format and manner prescribed in Section 44.004 of the Texas Education Code. Section 44.004(e) of the Texas Education Code provides that a person who owns taxable property in a school district is entitled to an injunction restraining the collection of taxes by the school district if the school district has not complied with such notice requirements or the language and format requirements of such notice as set forth in Section 44.004(b), (c), (c-1), (c-2), and (d), and, if applicable, subsection (i) of the Texas Education Code, and if such failure to comply was not in good faith. Section 44.004(e) of the Texas Education Code further provides the action to enjoin the collection of taxes must be filed before the date the school district delivers substantially all of its tax bills. A school district that elects to adopt a tax rate before the adoption of a budget for the fiscal year that begins in the current tax year may adopt a tax rate for the current tax year before receipt of the certified appraisal roll, so long as the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the school district participates has certified to the assessor for the school district an estimate of the taxable value of property in the school district. If a school district adopts its tax rate prior to the adoption of its budget, both the no-new-revenue tax rate and the Voter-Approval Tax Rate of the school district shall be calculated based on the school district's certified estimate of taxable value. A school district that adopts a tax rate before adopting its budget must hold a public hearing on the proposed tax rate followed by another public hearing on the proposed budget rather than holding a single hearing on the two items.

A school district must annually calculate and prominently post on its internet website, and submit to the county tax assessor-collector for each county in which all or part of the school district is located, its Voter-Approval Tax Rate in accordance with forms prescribed by the State Comptroller.

AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

The following is a summary of certain provisions of State law as it relates to ad valorem taxation and is not intended to be complete. Reference is made to Title I of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Property Tax Code"), for identification of property subject to ad valorem taxation, property exempt or which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation if claimed, the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes, and the procedures and limitations applicable to the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

Valuation of Taxable Property

The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the "Appraisal Review Board") responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the District is the responsibility of the Lavaca County Appraisal District, the Colorado County Appraisal District, the Wharton Central Appraisal District and the Jackson Central Appraisal District (collectively, the "Appraisal District"). Except as described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board (see "District and Taxpayer Remedies" herein).

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property (the "10% Homestead Cap"). The 10% increase is cumulative, meaning the maximum increase is 10% times the number of years since the property was last appraised.

State law provides that eligible owners of both agricultural land and open-space land, including open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes or open-space land devoted to timber production, may elect to have such property appraised for property taxation on the basis of its productive capacity ("Productivity Value"). The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land.

On July 13, 2023, during its Second Special Session, the 88th Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2 (“SB 2”), which, among other things, includes provisions that prohibit an appraisal district from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on non-homestead properties (the “subjected property”) whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the “maximum property value”) to an amount exceeding the lesser of: (1) the market value of the subjected property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the subjected property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the subjected property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the subjected property (collectively, the “appraisal cap”). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026, the maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year’s increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the maximum property value. The appraisal cap took effect on January 1, 2024.

The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the District, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates (see “– District and Taxpayer Remedies” herein).

State Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$100,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

See “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2023 Legislative Sessions” for a discussion of legislation passed during the second called special session and the November 7, 2023 State-wide election at which voters passed an amendment to the Texas Constitution to increase the general residential homestead exemption for school districts from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Local Option Homestead Exemptions

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentation of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit.

State Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes

Except for increases attributable to certain improvements, a school district is prohibited from increasing the total ad valorem tax on the homestead of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such homestead qualified for such exemption. This freeze is transferable to a different homestead if a qualifying taxpayer moves, and, under certain circumstances, is also transferable to the surviving spouse of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, but not the disabled.

Personal Property

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the “production of income” is taxed based on the property’s market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property.

Freeport and Goods-in-Transit Exemptions

Certain goods that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded outside the State, and are detained in the State for 175 days or less for the purpose of assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing or fabrication (“Freeport Property”) are exempt from ad valorem taxation unless a taxing unit took official action to tax Freeport Property before April 1, 1990 and has not subsequently taken official action to exempt Freeport Property. Decisions to continue taxing Freeport Property may be reversed in the future; decisions to exempt Freeport Property are not subject to reversal.

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or outside the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or outside the State within 175 days (“Goods-in-Transit”), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer’s motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

A taxpayer may receive only one of the Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions for items of personal property.

Other Exempt Property

Other major categories of exempt property include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if used for public purposes, property exempt by federal law, property used for pollution control, farm products owned by producers, property of nonprofit corporations used for scientific research or educational activities benefitting a college or university, designated historic sites, solar and wind-powered energy devices, and certain classes of intangible personal property.

Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster

The Property Tax Code entitles the owner of certain qualified (i) tangible personal property used for the production of income, (ii) improvements to real property, and (iii) manufactured homes located in an area declared by the Governor to be a disaster area following a disaster and is at least 15 percent damaged by the disaster, as determined by the chief appraiser, to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the property. The amount of the exemption ranges from 15 percent to 100 percent based upon the damage assessment rating assigned by the chief appraiser. The governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the Governor declares the area to be a disaster area. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

A city or county, by petition of the landowners or by action of its governing body, may create one or more tax increment reinvestment zones (“TIRZ”) within its boundaries. At the time of the creation of the TIRZ, a “base value” for the real property in the TIRZ is established and the difference between any increase in the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the TIRZ in excess of the base value is known as the “tax increment.” During the existence of the TIRZ, all or a portion of the taxes levied against the tax increment by a city or county, and all other overlapping taxing units that elected to participate, are restricted to paying only planned project and financing costs within the TIRZ and are not available for the payment of other obligations of such taxing units.

Until September 1, 1999, school districts were able to reduce the value of taxable property reported to the State to reflect any taxable value lost due to TIRZ participation by the school district. The ability of the school district to deduct the taxable value of the tax increment that it contributed prevented the school district from being negatively affected in terms of state school funding. However, due to a change in law, local M&O tax rate revenue contributed to a TIRZ created on or after May 31, 1999 will count toward a school district’s Tier One entitlement (reducing Tier One State funds for eligible school districts) and will not be considered in calculating any school district’s Tier Two entitlement (see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts” herein).

Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended), previously allowed school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. During the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district’s property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district’s taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement (see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts” herein). This program expired by its terms on December 31, 2022.

During the Regular Session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 (“HB 5”) was enacted into law. HB 5 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under

Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code. Under HB 5, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for maintenance and operations property taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. HB 5 also provides a 100% abatement of maintenance and operations taxes for eligible property during a project's construction period. **Taxable valuation for purposes of the debt services taxes securing the Bonds cannot be abated under HB 5.** Eligible projects must involve manufacturing, dispatchable power generation facilities, technology research/development facilities, or critical infrastructure projects and projects must create and maintain jobs, as well as meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District is still in the process of reviewing HB 5 and cannot make any representations as to what impact, if any, HB 5 will have on its finances or operations.

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, see "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT" herein.

District and Taxpayer Remedies

Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the District, may appeal the determinations of the Appraisal District by timely initiating a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, taxing units such as the District may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property Tax Code.

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount", as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of one million or more, may protest the determinations of an appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, appointed by the chairman of the appraisal review board, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount is set at \$59,562,331 for the 2024 tax year, and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

The Property Tax Code sets forth notice and hearing procedures for certain tax rate increases by the District and provides for taxpayer referenda that could result in the repeal of certain tax increases (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" herein). The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for providing notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

Levy and Collection of Taxes

The District is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and generally become delinquent after January 31 of the following year. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty of up to twenty percent (20%) if imposed by the District. The delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes for certain taxpayers. Furthermore, the District may provide, on a local option basis, for the split payment, partial payment, and discounts for early payment of taxes under certain circumstances.

District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

Taxes levied by the District are a personal obligation of the owner of the property. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all state and local taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The lien exists in favor of each taxing unit, including the District, having power to tax the property. The District's tax lien is on a parity with tax liens of such other taxing units. A tax lien on real property takes priority over the claim of most creditors and other holders of liens on the property encumbered by the tax lien, whether or not the debt or lien existed before the attachment of the tax lien; however, whether a lien of the United States is on a parity with or takes priority over a tax lien of the District is determined by applicable federal law. Personal property, under certain circumstances, is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

At any time after taxes on property become delinquent, the District may file suit to foreclose the lien securing payment of the tax, to enforce personal liability for the tax, or both. In filing a suit to foreclose a tax lien on real property, the District must join other taxing units that have claims for delinquent taxes against all or part of the same property.

Collection of delinquent taxes may be adversely affected by the amount of taxes owed to other taxing units, adverse market conditions, taxpayer redemption rights, or bankruptcy proceedings which restrain the collection of a taxpayer's debt.

Federal bankruptcy law provides that an automatic stay of actions by creditors and other entities, including governmental units, goes into effect with the filing of any petition in bankruptcy. The automatic stay prevents governmental units from foreclosing on property and prevents liens for post-petition taxes from attaching to property and obtaining secured creditor status unless, in either case, an order lifting the stay is obtained from the bankruptcy court. In many cases, post-petition taxes are paid as an administrative expense of the estate in bankruptcy or by order of the bankruptcy court.

THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

The District grants a state mandated homestead exemption of \$100,000 to all qualified residents. If the property owner qualifies for an over 65 or disabled person's exemption, the school district grants a state mandated exemption of an additional \$10,000. A person eligible for both the over 65 and disabled person's exemption may receive only one.

Ad valorem taxes are not levied by the District against the exempt value of residence homesteads for the payment of debt.

The District does not tax non-business personal property and the Stonewall County Appraisal District's office collects the District taxes. Discounts are not allowed but residents 65 and older or disabled may pay their homestead taxes in installments with the first installment due by February 1st and the last due by August 1st.

The District taxes Freeport property and does not tax Goods-in-Transit.

The District currently does not participate in any abatement agreements or in any tax increment reinvestment zones.

EXPOSURE TO OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

A significant portion of the District's assessed valuation is comprised of industries related to oil and gas, which are subject to fluctuation in terms of market valuation and availability. Declines in oil prices in the United States and globally may lead to adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry. Such adverse conditions may result in reduced revenues, declines in capital and operating expenditures, business failures, and the layoff of workers within the oil and gas industry. In the past, the greater West Texas area has been particularly affected by adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry, and adverse conditions in the oil and gas industry and spillover effects into other industries could adversely impact the businesses of ad valorem property taxpayers and the property values in the District, resulting in a reduction in property tax revenue. The Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax, and a reduction in property values may require an increase in the ad valorem tax rate required to pay the Bonds.

CYBERSECURITY

The District, like other school districts in the State, utilizes technology in conducting its operations. As a user of technology, the District potentially faces cybersecurity threats (e.g., hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and ransomware) on its technology systems. Accordingly, the District may be the target of a cyber-attack on its technology systems that could result in adverse consequences to the District. The District employs a multi-layered approach to combating cybersecurity threats. While the District deploys layered technologies and requires employees to receive cybersecurity training, as required by State law, among other efforts, cybersecurity breaches could cause material disruptions to the District's finances or operations. The costs of remedying such breaches or protecting against future cyber-attacks could be substantial and there is no assurance that these costs will be covered by insurance. Further, cybersecurity breaches could expose the District to litigation and other legal risks, which could cause the District to incur other costs related to such legal claims or proceedings.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Under the Texas Public Security Procedures Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended), the Bonds (i) are negotiable instruments, (ii) are investment securities to which Chapter 8 of the Texas Uniform Commercial Code applies, and (iii) are legal and authorized investments for (A) an insurance company, (B) a fiduciary or trustee, or (C) a sinking fund of a municipality or other political subdivision or public agency of the State of Texas. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies and political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their market value. For political subdivisions in Texas which have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended), the Bonds may have to be assigned a rating of at least "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency before such obligations are eligible investments for sinking funds and other public funds. See "OTHER INFORMATION – Ratings" herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital and savings and loan associations.

The District has made no investigation of other laws, rules, regulations or investment criteria which might apply to such institutions or entities or which might limit the suitability of the Bonds for any of the foregoing purposes or limit the authority of such institutions or entities to purchase or invest in the Bonds for such purposes. The District has made no review of laws in other states to determine whether the Bonds are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

Accounting Policies

Accounting practices for Texas public school districts are regulated and prescribed through an accounting manual provided by the TEA. The TEA requires an annual audit of school district financial statements by independent accountants. The auditor's report is submitted annually to the TEA for review. The annual budgets of school districts are also submitted to the TEA for review and approval. Moreover, the TEA reviews the past year's budget to determine performance in meeting stated goals.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit for the year ended August 31, 2024, the State contributed \$1,387,008 to TRS on behalf of the District, District employees paid \$1,771,295 and other contributions into the Plan made from the District for salaries above the statutory minimum were \$56,661. For more detailed information concerning the Plan, see Note III, I to the District's audited financial statements attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 requires reporting entities, such as the District, to recognize their proportionate share of the net pension liability in the TRS pension plan and a deferred outflow for the contributions made by the District subsequent to the measurement date in the Statement of Net Position, a government-wide financial statement. As of August 31, 2024, the District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability and deferred outflow for the contributions made by the District subsequent to the measurement date were \$806,434 and \$351,417, respectively. The changes related to pensions in the Statement of Net Position to implement GASB Statement Nos. 68 and 71 are reflected in the Statement of Activities, a government-wide financial statement. The changes related to pensions affect only the government-wide financial statement and do not affect the General Fund balance. To date, the District has met all funding requirements of the TRS pension plan.

In addition to its participation in the TRS, the District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (the "TRS-Care Plan"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined post-employment benefits other than pensions ("OPEB") health care plan. The TRS-Care Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the TRS. The TRS-Care Plan is administered through a trust by the TRS Board of Trustees. Contribution rates are legally established in state statute by the Legislature, and there is no continuing obligation to provide benefits beyond each fiscal year. The TRS-Care Plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and is subject to change based on available funding.

Funding for the TRS-Care Plan is provided by retiree premium contributions and contributions from the State, active employees, and school districts based upon public school district payroll. For the year ended August 31, 2024, the State contributed \$82,655 to the TRS Care Plan on behalf of the District, District employees paid \$56,427 and the District contributed \$69,591. For more detailed information concerning the District's funding policy and contributions in connection with the TRS-Care Plan, see the District's audited financial statements attached hereto as APPENDIX B.

GASB Statement No. 75 requires reporting entities, such as the District, to recognize their proportionate share of the net OPEB liability in the TRS-Care Plan and a deferred outflow for the contributions made by the District subsequent to the measurement date in the Statement of Net Position, a government-wide financial statement. As of August 31, 2024, the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability and deferred outflow for the contributions made by the District subsequent to the measurement date were \$405,111 and \$324,265, respectively. The changes related to the OPEB affect only the government-wide financial statements and do not affect the General Fund balance. The calculation of OPEB contributions is unaffected by the change. Such reporting began with the District's fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. To date, the District has met all funding requirements of the TRS-Care Plan.

Formal collective bargaining agreements relating directly to wages and other conditions of employment are prohibited by Texas law, as are strikes by teachers. There are various local, state and national organized employee groups who engage in efforts to better the terms and conditions of employment of school employees. Some districts have adopted a policy to consult with employer groups with respect to certain terms and conditions of employment. Some examples of these groups are the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, the Association of Texas Professional Educators and the National Education Association.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

The District invests its funds in investments authorized by Texas law in accordance with investment policies approved by the Board. Both State law and the District's investment policies are subject to change.

Legal Investments

Under State law, the District is authorized to invest in (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which is guaranteed or insured by or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "A" or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or its successor; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits other than those described by clause (7) if (A) the funds invested in the banking deposits are invested through: (i) a broker with a main office or branch office in this State that the District selects from a list the governing body or designated investment committee of the District adopts as required by Section 2256.025, Texas Government Code; or (ii) a depository institution with a main office or branch office in the State that the District selects; (B) the broker or depository institution selected as described by (A) above arranges for the deposit of the funds in the banking deposits in one or more federally insured depository institutions, regardless of where located, for the District's account; (C) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (D) the District appoints as the District's custodian of the banking deposits issued for the District's account: (i) the depository institution selected as described by (A) above; (ii) an entity described by Section 2257.041(d), Texas Government Code; or (iii) a clearing broker dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and operating under SEC Rule 15c3-3; (9) (i) certificates of deposit or share certificates meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code) (the "PFIA") that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the NCUSIF, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) or in any other manner and provided for by law for District deposits, or (ii) certificates of deposits where (a) the funds are invested by the District through (A) a broker that has its main office or a branch office in the State and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by law, or (B) a depository institution that has its main office or branch office in the State that is selected by the District, (b) the broker or the depository institution selected by the District arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (d) the District appoints the depository institution selected under (a) above, a custodian as described by Section 2257.041(d) of the Texas Government Code, or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the SEC and operating pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described in clause (1) above, clause (12) below, require the securities being purchased by the District or cash held by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with the remaining term of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less that is rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the United States SEC that provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Investment Company Act of 1940 and that comply with federal SEC Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.); and (14) no-load mutual funds registered with the SEC that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either (a) a duration of one year or more and invest exclusively in obligations described in under this heading, or (b) a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities. In addition, bond proceeds may be invested in guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, other than the prohibited obligations described below, in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract.

The District may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAAm" or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating

service. The District may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution.

The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than ten (10) years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

Political subdivisions such as the District are authorized to implement securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time and a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than "A" or its equivalent or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (12) through (14) above, or an authorized investment pool; (ii) securities held as collateral under a loan are pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or a third party designated by the District; (iii) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State; and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

Investment Policies

Under State law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that include a list of authorized investments for District funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment, the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups, methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the PFIA. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under State law, the District's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." At least quarterly the District's investment officers must submit an investment report to the Board detailing: (1) the investment position of the District, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, the ending market value and the fully accrued interest for the reporting period of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it relates to: (a) adopted investment strategies and (b) State law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board.

Additional Provisions

Under State law, the District is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies; (2) adopt by written instrument a rule, order, ordinance or resolution stating that it has reviewed its investment policy and investment strategies and records any changes made to either its investment policy or investment strategy in the respective rule, order, ordinance or resolution; (3) require any investment officers with personal business relationships or relatives with firms seeking to sell securities to the District to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the Board; (4) require the qualified representative of firms offering to engage in an investment transaction with the District to: (a) receive and review the District's investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude investment transactions conducted between the District and the business organization that are not authorized by the District's investment policy (except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the entity's entire portfolio, requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards or relates to investment transactions of the entity that are not made through accounts or other contractual arrangements over which the business organization has accepted discretionary investment authority), and (c) deliver a written statement in a form acceptable to the District and the business organization attesting to these requirements; (5) in conjunction with its annual financial audit, perform a compliance audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the District's investment policy; (6) provide specific investment training for the Treasurer, chief financial officer and

investment officers; (7) restrict reverse repurchase agreements to not more than 90 days and restrict the investment of reverse repurchase agreement funds to no greater than the term of the reverse purchase agreement; (8) restrict the investment in no-load mutual funds in the aggregate to no more than 15% of the District's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service; (9) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements; and (10) at least annually review, revise and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the District.

TAX MATTERS

The following discussion of certain federal income tax considerations is for general information only and is not tax advice. Each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should consult its own tax advisor as to the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Bonds.

In the opinion of Jackson Walker LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in APPENDIX C attached hereto.

To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Bonds is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Bonds (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Bonds), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each Beneficial Owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Bonds which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Bonds is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Bonds is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of Underwriter, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Bonds accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Bonds on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Bonds to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Bonds. Beneficial owners of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Bonds with original issue discount, including the treatment of beneficial owners who do not purchase such Bonds in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Bonds is sold to the public.

Bonds purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount higher than their principal amount payable at maturity (or, in some cases, at their earlier call date) ("Premium Bonds") will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of Bonds, like the Premium Bonds, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, the amount of tax-exempt interest received, and a Beneficial Owner's basis in a Premium Certificate, will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to such Beneficial Owner. Beneficial owners of Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable bond premium in their particular circumstances.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has made certain representations and covenanted to comply with certain restrictions, conditions and requirements designed to ensure that interest on the Bonds will not be included in federal gross income. Inaccuracy of these representations or failure to comply with these covenants may result in interest on the Bonds being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, possibly from the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes the accuracy of these representations and compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken), or events occurring (or not occurring), or any other matters coming to Bond Counsel's attention after the date of issuance of the Bonds may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds. Accordingly, the opinion of Bond Counsel is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of amounts treated as interest on, the Bonds may otherwise affect a Beneficial Owner's federal, state or local tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences depends upon the particular tax status of the Beneficial Owner or the Beneficial Owner's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state

income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals or clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel is expected to express no opinion.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the District, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The District has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b) of the Code. Pursuant to that section of the Code, a qualifying financial institution will be allowed a deduction from its own federal corporate income tax for the portion of interest expense the financial institution is able to allocate to designated "bank-qualified" investments.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

The District in the Bond Order has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). This information will be available to the public free of charge from the MSRB via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org, as further described below under "Availability of Information from MSRB."

Annual Reports

The District shall provide annually to the MSRB, within six (6) months after the end of each fiscal year and in an electronic format prescribed by the MSRB and available via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org, financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type described in the Official Statement, being Tables 1-5 and 7-11 in APPENDIX A and the District's audited financial statements included in APPENDIX B attached hereto. Any financial statements so to be provided shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board from time to time, as such principles may be changed from time to time to comply with state or federal law or regulation and (b) audited, if the District commissions an audit of such statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If audited financial statements are not available at the time the financial information and operating data must be provided, then the District shall provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB and shall provide to the MSRB audited financial statements, when and if the same become available.

Notices of Certain Events

The District will provide to the MSRB, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (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 holders of the Bonds, 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 District; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, 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 paying agent/registrars or the change of name of a paying agent/registrars, if material; (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, 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 District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. Neither the Bonds nor

the Bond Order make any provision for debt service reserves, credit enhancement (except with respect to the Permanent School Fund Guarantee), or liquidity enhancement. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information and operating data, in accordance with its agreement described above under “- Annual Reports,” above. The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB.

For these purposes, (A) any event described in clause (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, (B) as used in clauses (15) and (16) in the immediately preceding paragraph, “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in Rule 15c2-12) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12, and (C) the District intends the words used in clauses (15) and (16) and the definition of financial obligation to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 dated August 20, 2018 (the “2018 Release”) and any further written guidance provided by the SEC or its staff with respect to the amendments to Rule 15c2-12 effected by the 2018 Release.

Availability of Information from MSRB

The District has agreed to provide the foregoing information only as described above. Investors will be able to access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB free of charge at www.emma.msrb.org.

Limitations, Disclaimers and Amendments

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain specified events only as described above. The District has not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results, operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The District makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The District disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement. Nothing in this paragraph is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive or limit the District’s duties under federal securities laws.

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if (1) the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent or (b) any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may also repeal or amend these provisions if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule. If the District amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under “Annual Reports” an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided.

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

During the last five years, the District has complied in all material respects with all continuing disclosure agreements made by it in accordance with Rule 15c2-12.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The report of Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC relating to the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024 is included in this Official Statement in APPENDIX B; however, Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC has not performed any procedures on such financial statements since the date of such report, and has not performed any procedures on any other financial information of the District, including without limitation any of the information contained in this Official Statement and has not been asked to consent to inclusion of its report, or otherwise be associated with this Official Statement.

OTHER INFORMATION

Ratings

The Bonds are rated "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global ("S&P"), based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. S&P generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State "AAA." The District's underlying rating for the Bonds (without consideration of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee or other credit enhancement) is "A+" by S&P.

An explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained from S&P. The ratings reflects only the view of S&P, and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P, if in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

Litigation

The District is not a party to any litigation or other proceeding pending or to its knowledge, threatened, in any court, agency or other administrative body (either state or federal) which, if decided adversely to the District, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale

The Bonds have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2); and the Bonds have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration provisions.

Legal Matters

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Texas, who will deliver his opinion, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approval of certain legal matters by Bond Counsel, which will deliver its opinion to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District. Bond Counsel will issue its opinion, subject to the qualifications set forth herein under "TAX MATTERS," that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, published rulings, regulations, and court decisions. The form of Bond Counsel's opinion is attached hereto as APPENDIX C. The legal fee to be paid to Bond Counsel is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, has reviewed the information under the captions "THE BONDS" (except under the subcaptions "Sources and Uses of Funds", "Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "Payment Record"), "REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" (except "Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds"), "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM", "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (except the last sentence under the subcaption "I&S Tax Rate Limitations" and the entirety of the subcaption "Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate"), "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except any information or omission relating to the District's compliance with prior continuing disclosure undertakings), "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO

SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS”, “OTHER INFORMATION – Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale”, and “OTHER INFORMATION – Legal Matters” (insofar as such section relates to the legal opinion of Bond Counsel) in the Official Statement and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the legal issues contained under such captions and subcaptions is an accurate description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Bond Order.

Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, has reviewed the information under the caption “TAX MATTERS” and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the legal issues contained under such caption is an accurate description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein.

Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds expresses the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues expressly addressed therein. In rendering legal opinions, the attorneys do not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of such opinions guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise from the transaction.

Financial Advisor

In its role as Financial Advisor, Government Capital Securities Corporation has relied on the District for certain information concerning the District and the Bonds. The fee of the Financial Advisor for services with respect to the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken to make, an independent verification or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information in this Official Statement.

The Financial Advisor to the District has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to the District and, as applicable, to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Financial Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Underwriting

The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain customary conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$ _____ (representing the par amount of the Bonds plus a [net] reoffering premium of \$ _____, less an underwriting discount of \$ _____). The Underwriter’s obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent, and it will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. 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 such information.

The Underwriter and its affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The Underwriter and its affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking services for the District for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Underwriter and its affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (which may include bank loans and/or credit default swaps) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers and may at any time hold long and short positions in such securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the District.

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the District, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the District’s expectations, hopes, intentions, or

strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance 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. The District's actual results could differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements included herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal, and regulatory circumstances and 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 and many of which are beyond the control of the District. Any of such assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement will prove to be accurate.

Concluding Statement

The financial data and other information contained herein have been obtained from the District's records, audited financial statements and other sources which are believed to be reliable. There is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and orders contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and orders. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. Reference is made to original documents in all respects.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations 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 the District.

In the Bond Order, the Board will approve, for and on behalf of the District, (i) the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and (ii) the Underwriter's use of this Official Statement in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

/s/ _____
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

APPENDIX A

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING
ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

TABLE 1 - VALUATION, EXEMPTIONS, AND TAX SUPPORTED DEBT

District Direct Debt

| | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 2024-2025 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾ (100% of Estimated Market Value) | \$210,165,733 |
| Outstanding Debt | 5,110,000 |
| Plus: The Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025* | <u>7,465,000*</u> |
| Total Direct Debt | <u><u>\$12,575,000*</u></u> |
| As a % of 2024-2025 Certified Taxable Assessed Valuation | 5.98%* |

⁽¹⁾ Provided by Stonewall County Appraisal District.
* Preliminary, subject to change.

TABLE 2 - TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATIONS BY CATEGORY

| | Tax Year <u>2024</u> | Tax Year <u>2023</u> | Tax Year <u>2022</u> | Tax Year <u>2021</u> | Tax Year <u>2020</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Real Property | \$1,043,562,740 | \$1,027,385,795 | \$584,006,430 | \$551,284,310 | \$536,591,490 |
| Mineral Value | 143,553,620 | 152,267,470 | 143,114,520 | 112,580,210 | 101,368,280 |
| Personal Property | <u>9,406,250</u> | <u>7,649,370</u> | <u>6,551,260</u> | <u>6,082,250</u> | <u>5,467,980</u> |
| Gross Value | \$1,196,522,610 | \$1,187,302,635 | \$733,672,210 | \$669,946,770 | \$643,427,750 |
| Less Exemptions | <u>986,356,877</u> | <u>967,093,390</u> | <u>531,040,989</u> | <u>499,522,209</u> | <u>485,533,720</u> |
| Net Taxable Value | <u><u>\$ 210,165,733</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 220,209,245</u></u> | <u><u>\$202,631,221</u></u> | <u><u>\$170,424,561</u></u> | <u><u>\$157,894,030</u></u> |

TABLE 3 - VALUATION AND TAX SUPPORTED DEBT HISTORY

| Fiscal Year Ended 8/31 | Estimated Population⁽¹⁾ | Taxable Assessed Valuation⁽²⁾ | Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita | Tax Supported Debt Outstanding⁽³⁾ | Ratio of Tax Supported Debt to Assessed Valuation | Tax Supported Debt Per Capita |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| 2021 | 1,207 | \$157,894,030 | \$130,815 | \$ 6,150,000 | 3.90% | \$ 5,095 |
| 2022 | 1,104 | 170,424,561 | 154,370 | 5,815,000 | 3.41% | 5,267 |
| 2023 | 1,172 | 202,631,221 | 172,894 | 5,465,000 | 2.70% | 4,663 |
| 2024 | 1,133 | 220,209,245 | 194,359 | 5,110,000 | 2.32% | 4,510 |
| 2025 | 1,104 | 210,165,733 | 190,368 | 12,200,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 5.80% | 11,050 |

⁽¹⁾ Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas
⁽²⁾ Established by Stonewall County Appraisal District, subject to change during the ensuing year.
⁽³⁾ Source: District's audited financial statements.
⁽⁴⁾ Projected Tax Supported Debt Outstanding. Includes the Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

TABLE 4 - TAX RATE, LEVY, AND COLLECTION HISTORY

| Fiscal Year Ended 8/31 | Tax Year | Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾ | Tax Rate | Tax Levy ⁽²⁾ | Percent Collected | |
|------------------------|----------|---|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | Current | Total |
| 2021 | 2020 | \$157,894,030 | \$1.3460 | \$2,104,790 | 97.85% | 99.34% |
| 2022 | 2021 | 170,424,561 | 1.2431 | 2,110,606 | 97.96% | 98.75% |
| 2023 | 2022 | 202,631,221 | 1.1296 | 2,289,208 | 98.75% | 98.75% |
| 2024 | 2023 | 220,209,245 | 0.9395 | 2,070,995 | 99.00% | 99.00% |
| 2025 | 2024 | 210,165,733 | 0.9595 | 1,989,219 | (In process of collection) | |

⁽¹⁾ Net of exemptions. Assessed valuations do not include adjustments in supplemental rolls made after the end of each fiscal year.

⁽²⁾ Excludes penalties and interest.

TABLE 5 - TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS⁽¹⁾

| <u>Taxpayers</u> | <u>Type of Property</u> | <u>2024/25 Net Taxable Assessed Valuations</u> | <u>% of Total 2024/25 Assessed Valuation</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Amadeus Wind LLC | Wind Farm | \$ 26,513,150 | 12.62% |
| 2. AEP Texas Inc. | Electric Utility | \$ 18,079,030 | 8.60% |
| 3. Citation Oil & Gas Co. | Oil & Gas | \$ 13,316,990 | 6.34% |
| 4. LCS Production | Oil & Gas | \$ 6,797,814 | 3.23% |
| 5. Kinder Morgan Production Co. LP | Oil & Gas | \$ 6,352,480 | 3.02% |
| 6. Scout Energy Management LLC | Oil & Gas | \$ 6,068,580 | 2.89% |
| 7. Winn Operating LLC | Oil & Gas | \$ 3,702,050 | 1.76% |
| 8. Sunrise II Pipeline Co | Pipeline | \$ 3,070,690 | 1.46% |
| 9. Kinder Morgan CO2-E Shelf PL | Pipeline | \$ 2,928,290 | 1.39% |
| 10. Spitzer Animal Health LLC | Veterinary | \$ 2,891,160 | 1.38% |
| Total | | <u>\$ 89,720,234</u> | <u>42.69%</u> |

⁽¹⁾ As shown in the table above, the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for over 42% of the District’s tax base. The top taxpayer alone accounts for over 12% of the District’s taxable assessed valuation. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in a particular top taxpayer’s industry, could adversely impact these businesses and, consequently, the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. The valuation of windmills, wind farms, and power utilities within the State, as determined by respective appraisal districts, has been subject to litigation related to the taxable value of such property; private power generation facilities are also subject to transfer and sole ownership by another entity, including to local governments whose property is exempt from ad valorem taxation. In addition, a portion of the District’s assessed valuation is comprised of industries related to oil and gas, which are subject to fluctuation in terms of market value and availability. Accordingly, the District makes no representation regarding the continued valuation of any of the property listed in the above table or the generation of future tax revenues therefrom. If any major taxpayer, or a combination of top taxpayers, were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service on the Bonds may be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time consuming process that may only occur annually or to fund debt service payments from other resources, if available. See “THE BONDS – Default and Remedies” and “AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – District’s Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies” herein.

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TABLE 6 - ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT

Expenditures of the various taxing entities within the territory of the District are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by such entities on properties within the District. Such entities are independent of the District and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures. This statement of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax debt (“Tax Debt”) was developed from information contained in “Texas Municipal Reports” published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the District, the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed may have issued additional Tax Debt since the date hereof, and such entities may have programs requiring the issuance of substantial amounts of additional Tax Debt, the amount of which cannot be determined. The following table reflects the estimated share of overlapping Tax Debt of the District.

| <u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u> | <u>As Of</u> | <u>Total Debt^(a)</u> | <u>Estimated % Overlapping</u> | <u>Overlapping Debt</u> |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Stonewall Co | 10/31/24 | -None- | 87.26% | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Estimated (Net) Overlapping Debt | | | | \$ <u>0</u> |
| Aspermont ISD ^(b) | | \$11,960,000* | | <u>11,960,000*</u> |
| Total Direct & Estimated Overlapping Debt | | | | <u>\$11,960,000*</u> |
| As a % of Certified 2024-25 Taxable Assessed Valuation | | | | 5.69%* |

^(a) Gross Debt.
^(b) Includes the Bonds.
* Preliminary, subject to change.

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DEBT INFORMATION

TABLE 7 – TAX SUPPORTED DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

| FISCAL YEAR ENDED 8/31 | OUTSTANDING DEBT | PLUS: THE BONDS* | | TOTAL DEBT SERVICE* |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | | PRINCIPAL* | INTEREST* | |
| 2025 | \$ 542,212.50 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 542,212.50 |
| 2026 | 542,962.50 | - | 472,743.75 | 1,015,706.25 |
| 2027 | 537,837.50 | - | 331,750.00 | 869,587.50 |
| 2028 | 536,837.50 | - | 331,750.00 | 868,587.50 |
| 2029 | 539,712.50 | - | 331,750.00 | 871,462.50 |
| 2030 | 541,337.50 | - | 331,750.00 | 873,087.50 |
| 2031 | 540,006.25 | - | 331,750.00 | 871,756.25 |
| 2032 | 536,050.00 | - | 331,750.00 | 867,800.00 |
| 2033 | 536,580.00 | - | 331,750.00 | 868,330.00 |
| 2034 | 541,485.00 | - | 331,750.00 | 873,235.00 |
| 2035 | 540,617.50 | - | 331,750.00 | 872,367.50 |
| 2036 | - | 600,000 | 316,750.00 | 916,750.00 |
| 2037 | - | 630,000 | 286,000.00 | 916,000.00 |
| 2038 | - | 660,000 | 253,750.00 | 913,750.00 |
| 2039 | - | 695,000 | 219,875.00 | 914,875.00 |
| 2040 | - | 730,000 | 184,250.00 | 914,250.00 |
| 2041 | - | 765,000 | 150,700.00 | 915,700.00 |
| 2042 | - | 795,000 | 119,500.00 | 914,500.00 |
| 2043 | - | 830,000 | 87,000.00 | 917,000.00 |
| 2044 | - | 860,000 | 53,200.00 | 913,200.00 |
| 2045 | - | 900,000 | 18,000.00 | 918,000.00 |
| | <u>\$5,935,638.75</u> | <u>\$7,465,000</u> | <u>\$5,147,518.75</u> | <u>\$18,548,157.50</u> |

Estimated Average Annual Debt Service Requirements \$ 883,245.60
 Estimated Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirement..... \$1,015,706.25

* Preliminary, subject to change.

TABLE 8 – AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED UNLIMITED TAX BONDS

After the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have no authorized but unissued unlimited tax bonds. The District does not anticipate issuing additional debt this fiscal year.

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TABLE 9 – SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE HISTORY

For Fiscal Year Ended August 31st

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Local and intermediate sources | \$ 1,728,651 | \$ 1,828,833 | \$ 1,629,398 | \$ 1,669,817 | \$ 2,077,259 |
| State program revenues | 1,349,417 | 1,031,574 | 967,602 | 1,205,815 | 936,498 |
| Federal program revenues | 61 | 96,287 | 125,668 | 65,289 | 26,867 |
| Total revenues | <u>3,078,129</u> | <u>2,956,694</u> | <u>2,722,668</u> | <u>2,940,921</u> | <u>3,040,624</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Instruction | 1,403,236 | 1,174,695 | 1,274,031 | 1,138,022 | 1,156,653 |
| Instructional resources and media services | 4,121 | 3,955 | 4,112 | 4,443 | 4,631 |
| Curriculum and staff development | 12,973 | 10,139 | 2,969 | 400 | 2,153 |
| School leadership | 221,139 | 221,374 | 216,091 | 210,765 | 219,297 |
| Guidance, counseling & evaluation services | 61,070 | 58,180 | 70,581 | 67,949 | 69,615 |
| Health services | 881 | 746 | 765 | 712 | 2,600 |
| Student transportation | 42,060 | 42,608 | 47,737 | 46,249 | 319,203 |
| Food services | - | - | 1,839 | 2,299 | 3,745 |
| Cocurricular/extracurricular activities | 258,735 | 254,526 | 201,070 | 165,809 | 178,060 |
| General administration | 329,881 | 311,906 | 337,257 | 331,253 | 313,151 |
| Facilities maintenance and operations | 627,015 | 487,562 | 536,125 | 533,167 | 706,757 |
| Data processing services | 109,551 | 80,785 | 71,519 | 94,244 | 87,325 |
| Principal on long-term debt | 56,402 | 50,484 | 35,723 | 35,759 | - |
| Interest on long-term debt | 7,029 | 8,498 | 6,164 | 6,128 | - |
| Bond issuance costs and fees | - | - | - | - | - |
| Payments to shared service arrangements | 66,581 | 52,110 | 52,617 | 50,173 | 53,495 |
| Other intergovernmental charges | 80,093 | 84,644 | 82,906 | 78,520 | 83,533 |
| Total expenditures | <u>3,280,767</u> | <u>2,842,212</u> | <u>2,941,506</u> | <u>2,765,892</u> | <u>3,200,218</u> |
| Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures | (202,638) | 114,482 | (218,838) | 175,029 | (159,594) |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of right-to-use lease | 61,590 | 38,186 | 37,306 | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | - | - | - | - | 3,054 |
| Loan proceeds | - | - | - | - | 226,198 |
| Transfers in | - | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers out | (1,866) | (6,719) | (343) | (4,926) | (44,942) |
| Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>59,724</u> | <u>31,467</u> | <u>36,963</u> | <u>(4,926)</u> | <u>184,310</u> |
| Net change in fund balance | (142,914) | 145,949 | (181,875) | 170,103 | 24,716 |
| Fund balances – beginning | 1,696,848 | 1,550,899 | 1,732,774 | 1,562,671 | 1,537,955 |
| Fund balances – ending | <u>\$ 1,553,934</u> | <u>\$ 1,696,848</u> | <u>\$ 1,550,899</u> | <u>\$ 1,732,774</u> | <u>\$ 1,562,671</u> |

Source: The District’s audited financial statements.

TABLE 10 – SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE HISTORY

For Fiscal Year Ended August 31st

| | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 51,409 | \$ 1,177,436 | \$ 1,354,558 | \$ 1,283,239 | \$ 978,918 |
| Current investments | 1,274,788 | 485,226 | 484,668 | 484,391 | 484,079 |
| Property taxes receivable, net | 43,321 | 48,062 | 60,088 | 57,406 | 68,318 |
| Due from other governments | 225,445 | 77,527 | 106,913 | 85,555 | 144,228 |
| Accrued interest | 11,230 | 528 | 528 | 528 | 701 |
| Due from other funds | 102,500 | 84,000 | - | - | 30,822 |
| Unrealized expenditures | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other receivables | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 1,708,693</u> | <u>\$ 1,872,779</u> | <u>\$ 2,006,755</u> | <u>\$ 1,911,119</u> | <u>\$ 1,707,066</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | 20,484 | 26,343 | 17,724 | 2,911 | 29,485 |
| Payroll deductions and withholdings | (1,130) | - | (1,202) | (764) | (18,819) |
| Accrued wages payable | 82,117 | 72,168 | 64,947 | 76,872 | 64,107 |
| Due to other funds | 8,177 | 8,177 | - | - | - |
| Due to other governments | - | 19,644 | 313,176 | 40,348 | - |
| Accrued expenditures | 1,790 | 1,537 | 1,123 | 1,572 | 1,304 |
| Unearned revenues | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total liabilities | <u>111,438</u> | <u>127,869</u> | <u>395,768</u> | <u>120,939</u> | <u>76,077</u> |
| Deferred inflows of resources | | | | | |
| Unavailable property taxes | 43,321 | 48,062 | 60,088 | 57,406 | 68,318 |
| Total deferred inflows of resources | <u>43,321</u> | <u>48,062</u> | <u>60,088</u> | <u>57,406</u> | <u>68,318</u> |
| Fund balances | | | | | |
| Restricted fund balances: | | | | | |
| Retirement of long-term debt | - | - | - | - | - |
| Committed fund balances: | | | | | |
| Campus activity funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| Assigned: | | | | | |
| Deficit budget | 197,943 | - | - | - | 97,741 |
| Unassigned | 1,355,991 | 1,696,848 | 1,550,899 | 1,732,774 | 1,464,930 |
| Total fund balances | <u>1,553,934</u> | <u>1,696,848</u> | <u>1,550,899</u> | <u>1,732,774</u> | <u>1,562,671</u> |
| Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances | <u>\$ 1,708,693</u> | <u>\$ 1,872,779</u> | <u>\$ 2,006,755</u> | <u>\$ 1,911,119</u> | <u>\$ 1,707,066</u> |

Source: The District's audited financial reports.

TABLE 11 – CURRENT INVESTMENTS

As of October 30, 2024, the District's investable funds amounted to **\$1,599,916**. The following summary itemizes the District's investment portfolio by type of security:

| | Percent | Book Value | Market Value |
|--|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Money Market | 69.39% | \$1,110,218 | \$1,110,218 |
| Certificates of Deposit ⁽¹⁾ | 30.61% | \$ 489,698 | \$ 489,698 |
| Total | 100.00% | \$1,599,916 | \$1,599,916 |

APPENDIX B

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information contained in this Appendix consists of the Aspermont Independent School District Audited Financial Statements (the "Report") for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024.

The information presented represents only a part of the Report and does not purport to be a complete statement of the District's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Annual Audit Report for additional information.

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ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Aspermont Independent School District
Name of School District

Stonewall
County

217-901
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and (check one) _____ approved _____ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2024, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of such school district on the ____ day of _____, _____.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

If the Board of Trustees disapproved of the auditor's report, the reason(s) for disapproving it is (are):
(attach list as necessary)

FINANCIAL SECTION



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Aspermont Independent School District
528 E. 7th Street
Aspermont, Texas 79502

Members of the Board of Trustees:

Report on Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aspermont Independent School District (District) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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 financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aspermont Independent School District as of August 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis of 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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 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 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund, and schedules related to the District's participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas identified as Required Supplementary Information in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information comprised of required Texas Education Agency schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information comprised of required Texas Education Agency schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

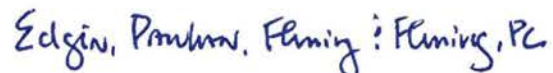
Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Required Responses to Selected School FIRST Indicators but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial 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 October 28, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC

October 28, 2024

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of Aspermont Independent School District, we offer readers of the District's Annual Financial Report this narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at August 31, 2024 by \$2,742,717 (net position). Of this amount, \$144,635 (unrestricted net position) may be used to meet the District's obligations.
- During the year, the District's total net position increased by \$55,696. The District's expenses, which totaled \$3,868,839, were less than the District's program revenues of \$589,426 and general revenues of \$3,335,109.
- The District's total revenues decreased \$157,125, a 4% decrease.
- The total cost of the District's programs increased \$241,898, a 7% increase.
- The governmental funds reported a fund balance this year of \$1,889,342, which is a decrease of \$102,135 in comparison with the prior year amount.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$1,355,991, or 41% of the total General Fund expenditures.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

All of the District's services are reported in the government-wide financial statements, including instruction, student support services, student transportation, general administration, school leadership, and food services. Property taxes, state and federal aid, and investment earnings finance most of the activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported here.

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference among the four reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the District's financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* details how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. uncollected property taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

Fund Financial Statements

The District uses fund accounting to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant *funds* – not the District as a whole. Some funds are required by State law and/or bond covenants. Other funds may be established by the District to control and manage money for particular purposes or to evidence appropriate use of certain taxes, grants, and other special revenues.

All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on short-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's short-term financing requirements.

Because the focus on *governmental funds* is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the District's short-term financing decisions. Reconciliations are provided for both the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. These reconciliations facilitate the comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District maintained multiple governmental funds in fiscal year 2023-24. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the General Fund, the Debt Service Fund, and the School Safety Grant Fund which are considered to be major funds. Financial data for the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation.

The **proprietary fund** is used to account for operations that are financed similar to those in the private sector. This fund provides both long- and short-term financial information. The District maintains only one type of proprietary fund, the *internal service fund*. The *internal service fund* is a device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the various functions. The District uses the *internal service fund* to report the activities for its self-funded workers' compensation program.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's programs. The District is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for these funds and is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a separate statement of changes in fiduciary net position. We exclude these activities from the District's government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes to the basic financial statements provide additional information that is essential to obtain a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Immediately following the *required supplementary information* is the *other supplementary information* which includes required TEA schedules.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted previously, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. Exhibited below in Table 1 is the District's net position summarized for the *governmental activities*.

Table 1 - District's Net Position

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | Change | % Change |
| Current and other assets | \$ 2,131,485 | \$ 2,272,718 | \$ (141,233) | -6% |
| Capital assets, net | 7,647,758 | 7,904,418 | (256,660) | -3% |
| Total Assets | 9,779,243 | 10,177,136 | (397,893) | -4% |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | 943,564 | 1,076,064 | (132,500) | -12% |
| Current liabilities | 150,350 | 178,635 | (28,285) | -16% |
| Noncurrent liabilities | 6,862,519 | 7,304,835 | (442,316) | -6% |
| Total Liabilities | 7,012,869 | 7,483,470 | (470,601) | -6% |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | 967,221 | 1,082,709 | (115,488) | -11% |
| Net position: | | | | |
| Net investment in capital assets | 2,264,666 | 2,116,972 | 147,694 | 7% |
| Restricted | 333,416 | 281,804 | 51,612 | 18% |
| Unrestricted | 144,635 | 288,245 | (143,610) | -50% |
| Total Net Position | \$ 2,742,717 | \$ 2,687,021 | \$ 55,696 | 2% |

Investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, furniture, and equipment less any related debt used to acquire those assets) that is still outstanding is \$2,264,666. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

A small portion of the District's net position, \$333,416, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of net position of \$144,635 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.

Changes in Net Position

The District's total revenues, both program and general, were \$3,924,535. A significant portion, 54%, of the District's revenue comes from property taxes. State aid formula grants provided 30% of the revenues and operating grants and contributions provide 12%, while only 3% relates to charges for services.

Exhibited below in Table 2 are the District's revenues for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 for the District's *governmental activities*.

Table 2 - District's Revenues

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | Percent | 2023 | Percent |
| Charges for services | \$ 118,619 | 3% | \$ 143,569 | 4% |
| Operating grants and contributions | 458,903 | 12% | 496,028 | 12% |
| Capital grants and contributions | 11,904 | 0% | 87,092 | 2% |
| Property taxes | 2,085,715 | 54% | 2,301,657 | 57% |
| State aid formula grants | 1,184,537 | 30% | 906,772 | 22% |
| Grants and contributions not restricted | 62 | 0% | 96,287 | 2% |
| Investment earnings | 54,396 | 1% | 14,424 | 0% |
| Miscellaneous | 10,399 | 0% | 35,831 | 1% |
| Total Revenues | \$ 3,924,535 | 100% | \$ 4,081,660 | 100% |

Exhibited below in Table 3 are the District's expenses for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 for the District's *governmental activities*. The total cost of all programs and services was \$3,868,839. Instructional and related costs totaled 42% of these costs while student support was 16% and nonstudent support was 20%.

Table 3 - District's Expenses

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | Percent | 2023 | Percent |
| Instructional & related | \$ 1,576,416 | 42% | \$ 1,530,236 | 42% |
| Leadership | 241,896 | 6% | 244,254 | 7% |
| Student support | 631,960 | 16% | 605,975 | 17% |
| Administrative support | 346,939 | 9% | 334,220 | 9% |
| Nonstudent support | 788,028 | 20% | 619,858 | 17% |
| Other | 283,600 | 7% | 292,398 | 8% |
| Total Expenses | \$ 3,868,839 | 100% | \$ 3,626,941 | 100% |

Governmental Activities

Table 4 presents the various revenue categories and gross costs of each of the District's functional areas for both the current and prior year. Following the table, we provide explanations for the significant or unusual fluctuations between the two years.

Table 4 - Changes in Net Position

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | Change | % Change |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Program revenues: | | | | |
| Charges for services | \$ 118,619 | \$ 143,569 | \$ (24,950) | -17% |
| Operating grants and contributions | 458,903 | 496,028 | (37,125) | -7% |
| Capital grants and contributions | 11,904 | 87,092 | (75,188) | -86% |
| General revenues: | | | | |
| Property taxes | 2,085,715 | 2,301,657 | (215,942) | -9% |
| State aid formula grants | 1,184,537 | 906,772 | 277,765 | 31% |
| Grants and contributions not restricted | 62 | 96,287 | (96,225) | -100% |
| Investment earnings | 54,396 | 14,424 | 39,972 | 277% |
| Miscellaneous | 10,399 | 35,831 | (25,432) | -71% |
| Total revenues | <u>3,924,535</u> | <u>4,081,660</u> | <u>(157,125)</u> | <u>-4%</u> |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Instruction | 1,553,989 | 1,511,508 | 42,481 | 3% |
| Instructional resources and media services | 4,524 | 4,366 | 158 | 4% |
| Curriculum and staff development | 17,903 | 14,362 | 3,541 | 25% |
| School leadership | 241,896 | 244,254 | (2,358) | -1% |
| Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services | 62,255 | 61,319 | 936 | 2% |
| Health services | 914 | 796 | 118 | 15% |
| Student transportation | 44,627 | 46,000 | (1,373) | -3% |
| Food services | 153,709 | 128,985 | 24,724 | 19% |
| Cocurricular/extracurricular activities | 370,455 | 368,875 | 1,580 | 0% |
| General administration | 346,939 | 334,220 | 12,719 | 4% |
| Facilities maintenance and operations | 675,319 | 531,651 | 143,668 | 27% |
| Security and monitoring services | 7,262 | - | 7,262 | 100% |
| Data processing services | 105,447 | 88,207 | 17,240 | 20% |
| Interest | 136,426 | 155,144 | (18,718) | -12% |
| Bond issuance costs and fees | 500 | 500 | - | 0% |
| Payments related to SSAs | 66,581 | 52,110 | 14,471 | 28% |
| Other intergovernmental charges | 80,093 | 84,644 | (4,551) | -5% |
| Total expenses | <u>3,868,839</u> | <u>3,626,941</u> | <u>241,898</u> | <u>7%</u> |
| Change in net position | <u>\$ 55,696</u> | <u>\$ 454,719</u> | <u>\$ (399,023)</u> | <u>-88%</u> |

The following fluctuations from the prior year were noted:

- Property taxes decreased \$215,942, or 9%, due to the net of a decrease in the tax rate and an increase in the appraised value of property as well as increased homestead exemptions.
- State aid formula grants increased \$277,765, or 31%, due to the net of additional Foundation funding to offset the decline in tax revenue and a decrease in available school fund funding provided by the state.
- Facilities maintenance and operations increased \$143,668 or 27% mostly due to several HVAC units repaired and replaced during the current year.

Table 5 presents the net cost of the District's governmental functions (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost reflects what was funded by local tax dollars, state aid, and other miscellaneous general revenues.

Table 5 - Net Cost of Selected District Functions

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| | 2024 | Percent | 2023 | Percent |
| Instructional & related Leadership | \$ 1,401,710 | 43% | \$ 1,227,408 | 42% |
| Student support | 226,846 | 7% | 226,818 | 8% |
| Administrative support | 428,126 | 13% | 381,685 | 13% |
| Nonstudent support | 346,897 | 11% | 328,241 | 11% |
| Other | 634,589 | 19% | 456,427 | 16% |
| | 241,245 | 7% | 279,673 | 10% |
| Total Net Costs | \$ 3,279,413 | 100% | \$ 2,900,252 | 100% |

Financial Analysis of the District’s Funds

As previously stated, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements and segregation for particular purposes.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the District’s governmental funds is to provide information on short-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District’s financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of the District’s net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of August 31, 2024, the District’s governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$1,889,342, a decrease of \$102,135 from the previous year. Table 6 illustrates the fund balances of the governmental funds.

**Table 6 - Governmental Funds - Fund Balances
August 31, 2024**

| | General Fund | Debt Service Fund | School Safety Grant | Other Funds | Totals |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Restricted for: | | | | | |
| Retirement of long-term debt | \$ - | \$ 326,896 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 326,896 |
| Committed for: | | | | | |
| Campus activities | - | - | - | 8,512 | 8,512 |
| Assigned | 197,943 | - | - | - | 197,943 |
| Unassigned | 1,355,991 | - | - | - | 1,355,991 |
| Total Fund Balances | \$ 1,553,934 | \$ 326,896 | \$ - | \$ 8,512 | \$ 1,889,342 |

General Fund

At the end of the current fiscal year, the ending fund balance for the General Fund was \$1,553,934, \$197,943 of the ending fund balance was assigned for adopted deficit budget for the year ended August 31, 2025, and all the remaining fund balance of \$1,355,991 is unassigned. The unassigned fund balance represents 41% of the total General Fund expenditures for the year ended August 31, 2024. The fund balance decreased \$142,914 in the current fiscal year.

General Fund revenues totaled \$3,078,129, an increase of \$121,435 or 4% from the preceding year. Local and intermediate sources, state program revenues, and federal program revenues were the categories with significant changes. Local and intermediate sources decreased \$100,182, or 5%, due to the net of a decrease in M&O property tax revenue caused by a property tax rate decrease offset

somewhat by an increase in the taxable value and an increase from a one-time contribution from the Texas Permanent School Fund for HVAC work in the current year. State program revenues increased \$317,843, or 31%, due to the net of additional Foundation funding to offset the decline in tax revenue and a decrease in available school fund funding provided by the state. Federal program revenues decreased \$96,226, or 99% mostly due to indirect costs funding received in the prior year on ESSER grant funds that ended during the prior year.

General Fund expenditures totaled \$3,280,767, an increase of \$438,555 or 15% from the preceding year. The functional categories that changed the most were as follows:

- Instruction expenditures increased \$228,541, or 19%, mostly because salaries that were paid in the ESSER grant funds in the prior year were paid in the General Fund in the current year.
- Facilities maintenance and operations expenditures increased \$139,453, or 5%, mostly due to several HVAC units repaired and replaced during the current year.

Other sources and uses were net other sources of \$31,467 in the prior year and net other sources of \$59,724 in the current year. The change was due to a copier right-to-use lease issued in the prior year and a copier and server right-to-use lease issued in the current year.

Debt Service Fund

At the end of the current fiscal year, the ending fund balance for the Debt Service Fund was \$326,896. The entire amount is restricted for the retirement of the District's long-term debt. The fund balance increased \$71,128 in the current fiscal year.

Debt Service Fund revenues totaled \$612,091, an increase of \$31,900 or 5% from the preceding year. The only individual revenue category that had a significant fluctuation from the prior year was state program revenue which increased \$29,630 due to additional existing debt allotment funding from the state.

Debt Service Fund expenditures totaled \$540,963, a decrease of \$10,875 or 2% from the preceding year. The only individual functional area that had a significant fluctuation from the prior year was interest on long-term debt which decreased \$15,875 due to the difference between scheduled debt payments between years.

School Safety Grant Fund

The School Safety Grant Fund consists of the District's state school safety grant. Since the grant is an expenditure reimbursement grant, the ending fund balance of the fund was \$0 at August 31, 2023 and August 31, 2024. The fund's revenues and expenditures both totaled \$41,165 which is a decrease of \$45,927 or 53% from the prior year. The revenue decrease was all in the state program revenue category and due to the decrease in grant funding from the prior year. The expenditure change was in the functional category instruction expenditures and security and monitoring services expenditures. Instruction expenditures increased \$22,646 due to new stronger foundations grant in the current year and security and monitoring services decreased \$68,573 due to a decline in the school security grant funding received in the current year.

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Nonmajor governmental funds consist of the District's nonmajor Special Revenue Funds. These funds combined had an ending fund balance of \$8,512, which was a decrease of \$30,349 from the previous year. \$8,512 is committed for campus activity funds.

Nonmajor governmental funds revenues totaled \$363,371, a decrease of \$170,341 or 32% from the preceding year. The revenue categories with a significant change were local and intermediate sources and federal program revenues. Local and intermediate sources decreased \$34,007, or 29%, due to a decrease in food service revenue because the District operated the food service program under the federal community eligible program option in the current year where all student meals were served free but operated the food service program normally in the prior year where students who did not qualify for free meals were charged and a decrease in revenue from campus activities from the prior year. Federal program revenues decreased \$139,410, or 34%, from the prior year mostly due to ESSER grant funding ending in the prior year offset somewhat by increased school improvement and child nutrition grant funding in the current year.

Nonmajor governmental funds expenditures totaled \$395,586, a decrease of \$144,184 from the preceding year. The individual functional areas with significant changes were instruction, food service, and facilities maintenance and operations. Instruction expenditures decreased \$109,736, or 42%, because ESSER grant funding ended in the prior year and the instruction costs paid with those funds were paid in the General Fund in the current year. Food service expenditures increased \$21,938, or 18%, due to raises for cafeteria staff and a general increase in food costs. Facilities maintenance and operations decreased from \$52,307 to \$0 because ESSER grant funding ended in the prior year and the instruction costs paid with those funds were paid in the General Fund in the current year.

Other sources and uses were net other sources of \$6,719 in the prior year and net other sources of \$1,866 in the current year. The decrease was due to fewer funds needed by the food service program to cover its operating deficit.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revised its budget several times. Including these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$82,873 below final budget amounts. There were no significant expenditure variances except in the budget areas of instruction and general administration. Instruction expenditures were \$38,148 above the final budgeted due to additional costs not included in the amended budget. General administration expenditures were \$56,158 below the final budgeted amount due to fewer costs than budgeted.

On the other hand, revenues were \$47,162 below the final budgeted amount. The revenue categories with significant variances were local and intermediate sources and state program revenues. Local and intermediate sources were \$97,425 above the final budgeted amount because the budget was not amended for the Texas Permanent School Fund contribution. State program revenues were \$136,648 below the final budgeted amount because the District overestimated the state aid in the current year.

As noted, the original budget was amended throughout the year. However, all budget line items in the original budget were not materially different than in the final adopted budget except in the areas of state program revenues, federal program revenues, instruction, general administration, and facilities maintenance and operations. Budgeted state program revenues were increased \$148,015 due to the anticipation of additional state aid. Budgeted federal program revenues were decreased \$148,015 because no indirect costs charged in the current year. Instruction budgeted expenditures were increased \$41,999 and general administration budgeted expenditures were increased \$55,000 because costs in those areas were anticipated to increase more than originally budgeted. Facilities maintenance and operations budgeted expenditures were increased \$90,000 to allow for HVAC maintenance projects not in the original budget.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At August 31, 2024, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets totaling \$7,647,758, net of accumulated depreciation, including land, buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment, and right-to-use leased assets – furniture and equipment as shown in Table 7.

Table 7 - Capital Assets, Net

| | 2024 | 2023 | Change | % Change |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Land | \$ 20,000 | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | 0% |
| Buildings and improvements | 7,244,956 | 7,482,634 | (237,678) | -3% |
| Vehicles, furniture and equipment | 272,230 | 337,971 | (65,741) | -19% |
| RTU leased assets - furniture and equipment | 110,572 | 63,813 | 46,759 | 73% |
| Totals | \$ 7,647,758 | \$ 7,904,418 | \$ (256,660) | -3% |

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased \$256,660 or 3% from the previous year. Additional information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

Long-term Debt

At August 31, 2024, the District had \$5,650,974 in bonds, note payable, and right-to-use lease liabilities outstanding as shown in Table 8.

Table 8 - Long-term Debt

| | Governmental Activities | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| | 2024 | 2023 | Change | % Change |
| General obligation bonds | \$ 5,110,000 | \$ 5,465,000 | \$ (355,000) | -6% |
| Bond premiums | 355,400 | 435,233 | (79,833) | -18% |
| Note payable | 79,871 | 117,936 | (38,065) | -32% |
| RTU lease liabilities | 105,703 | 62,450 | 43,253 | 69% |
| Totals | \$ 5,650,974 | \$ 6,080,619 | \$ (429,645) | -7% |

The District's bonds presently carry "A+" rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services. Additional information about the District's long-term debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The following indicators were taken into account when adopting the 2024-25 budget for the General Fund.

- Appraised value used for the 2024-25 budget preparation is \$210,165,733 a decrease of \$10,270,137, or 5%, from the prior year actual appraised value of \$220,435,870.
- The District's 2024-25 average daily attendance is expected to be 170.

Revenues in the General Fund's 2024-25 budget are \$2,843,886, which is a decrease of \$234,243 or 8% from the 2023-24 actual revenues of \$3,078,129.

The total expenditures in the 2024-25 budget are \$3,041,829 which is a decrease of \$238,938 or 7% from the actual 2023-24 expenditures of \$3,280,767.

Transfers out in the General Fund's 2024-25 budget are \$0, which is a decrease of \$1,866 from the actual 2023-24 transfers of \$1,866.

If these estimates are realized, the fund balance of the District's General Fund will decrease by \$197,943 by August 31, 2025.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's Business Office.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | 1 |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| | | Governmental Activities |
| Assets | | |
| 1110 | Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 445,980 |
| 1120 | Current investments | 1,274,788 |
| 1225 | Property taxes receivable, net | 58,846 |
| 1240 | Due from other governments | 244,141 |
| 1250 | Accrued interest | 11,230 |
| 1410 | Unrealized expenses | 96,500 |
| | Capital assets: | |
| 1510 | Land | 20,000 |
| 1520 | Buildings and improvements, net | 7,244,956 |
| 1530 | Vehicles, furniture and equipment, net | 272,230 |
| 1550 | Right-to-use leased assets, net | 110,572 |
| 1000 | Total assets | <u>9,779,243</u> |
| Deferred outflows of resources | | |
| 1701 | Deferred loss on refunding bonds | 267,882 |
| 1705 | Pension-related outflows | 351,417 |
| 1706 | OPEB-related outflows | 324,265 |
| 1700 | Total deferred outflows of resources | <u>943,564</u> |
| Liabilities | | |
| 2110 | Accounts payable | 21,991 |
| 2150 | Payroll deductions and withholdings | (1,130) |
| 2160 | Accrued wages payable | 93,211 |
| 2180 | Due to other governments | 5,209 |
| 2200 | Accrued expenses | 17,148 |
| 2300 | Unearned revenue | 13,921 |
| | Noncurrent liabilities: | |
| 2501 | Portion due or payable within one year | 512,020 |
| 2502 | Portion due or payable after one year | 5,138,954 |
| 2540 | Net pension liability | 806,434 |
| 2545 | Net OPEB liability | 405,111 |
| 2000 | Total liabilities | <u>7,012,869</u> |
| Deferred inflows of resources | | |
| 2605 | Pension-related inflows | 100,013 |
| 2606 | OPEB-related inflows | 867,208 |
| 2600 | Total deferred inflows of resources | <u>967,221</u> |
| Net Position | | |
| 3200 | Net investment in capital assets | 2,264,666 |
| | Restricted for: | |
| 3820 | Debt service | 333,416 |
| 3900 | Unrestricted | 144,635 |
| 3000 | Total net position | <u>\$ 2,742,717</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | Functions/Programs | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | | Expenses | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position |
| | | | | Program Revenues | | |
| | | | | | | Governmental Activities |
| | Governmental activities: | | | | | |
| 11 | Instruction | \$ 1,553,989 | \$ - | \$ 171,371 | \$ - | \$ (1,382,618) |
| 12 | Instructional resources and media services | 4,524 | - | - | - | (4,524) |
| 13 | Curriculum and staff development | 17,903 | - | 3,335 | - | (14,568) |
| 23 | School leadership | 241,896 | - | 15,050 | - | (226,846) |
| 31 | Guidance, counseling, & evaluation services | 62,255 | - | 14 | - | (62,241) |
| 33 | Health services | 914 | - | 1 | - | (913) |
| 34 | Student transportation | 44,627 | - | 5 | - | (44,622) |
| 35 | Food services | 153,709 | 5,537 | 113,928 | - | (34,244) |
| 36 | Cocurricular/extracurricular activities | 370,455 | 84,322 | 27 | - | (286,106) |
| 41 | General administration | 346,939 | - | 42 | - | (346,897) |
| 51 | Facilities maintenance and operations | 675,319 | 28,760 | 106,157 | - | (540,402) |
| 52 | Security and monitoring services | 7,262 | - | 6,615 | 11,904 | 11,257 |
| 53 | Data processing services | 105,447 | - | 3 | - | (105,444) |
| 72 | Interest on long-term debt | 136,426 | - | 42,355 | - | (94,071) |
| 73 | Bond issuance costs and fees | 500 | - | - | - | (500) |
| 93 | Payments to shared service arrangements | 66,581 | - | - | - | (66,581) |
| 99 | Other intergovernmental charges | 80,093 | - | - | - | (80,093) |
| TG | Total governmental activities | <u>\$ 3,868,839</u> | <u>\$ 118,619</u> | <u>\$ 458,903</u> | <u>\$ 11,904</u> | <u>(3,279,413)</u> |
| | General revenues: | | | | | |
| MT | Property taxes, levied for general purposes | | | | | 1,520,267 |
| DT | Property taxes, levied for debt service | | | | | 565,448 |
| SF | State aid formula grants | | | | | 1,184,537 |
| GC | Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs | | | | | 62 |
| IE | Investment earnings | | | | | 54,396 |
| MI | Miscellaneous | | | | | 10,399 |
| TR | Total general revenues | | | | | <u>3,335,109</u> |
| CN | Change in net position | | | | | 55,696 |
| NB | Net position - beginning | | | | | 2,687,021 |
| NE | Net position - ending | | | | | <u>\$ 2,742,717</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements .

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | School Safety Grant Fund |
|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets | | | | |
| 1110 | Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 51,409 | \$ 323,442 | \$ 206 |
| 1120 | Current investments | 1,274,788 | - | - |
| 1225 | Property taxes receivable, net | 43,321 | 15,525 | - |
| 1240 | Due from other governments | 225,445 | 3,454 | 5,794 |
| 1250 | Accrued Interest | 11,230 | - | - |
| 1260 | Due from other funds | 102,500 | - | - |
| 1410 | Unrealized expenditures | - | - | 96,500 |
| 1000 | Total assets | <u>\$ 1,708,693</u> | <u>\$ 342,421</u> | <u>\$ 102,500</u> |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| 2110 | Accounts payable | \$ 20,484 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2150 | Payroll deductions and withholdings | (1,130) | - | - |
| 2160 | Accrued wages payable | 82,117 | - | - |
| 2170 | Due to other funds | 8,177 | - | 102,500 |
| 2180 | Due to other governments | - | - | - |
| 2200 | Accrued expenditures | 1,790 | - | - |
| 2300 | Unearned revenues | - | - | - |
| 2000 | Total liabilities | <u>111,438</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>102,500</u> |
| Deferred inflows of resources | | | | |
| | Unavailable property taxes | 43,321 | 15,525 | - |
| 2600 | Total deferred inflows of resources | <u>43,321</u> | <u>15,525</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Fund balances | | | | |
| Restricted fund balances: | | | | |
| 3480 | Retirement of long-term debt | - | 326,896 | - |
| Committed fund balances: | | | | |
| 3545 | Campus activity funds | - | - | - |
| 3590 | Assigned - 2024-25 deficit budget | 197,943 | - | - |
| 3600 | Unassigned | 1,355,991 | - | - |
| 3000 | Total fund balances | <u>1,553,934</u> | <u>326,896</u> | <u>-</u> |
| 4000 | Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances | <u>\$ 1,708,693</u> | <u>\$ 342,421</u> | <u>\$ 102,500</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

| Nonmajor Governmental Funds | 98 Total Governmental Funds |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 32,090 | \$ 407,147 |
| - | 1,274,788 |
| - | 58,846 |
| 9,448 | 244,141 |
| - | 11,230 |
| - | 102,500 |
| - | 96,500 |
| <u>\$ 41,538</u> | <u>\$ 2,195,152</u> |
| | |
| \$ 1,507 | \$ 21,991 |
| - | (1,130) |
| 11,094 | 93,211 |
| - | 110,677 |
| 5,209 | 5,209 |
| 1,295 | 3,085 |
| 13,921 | 13,921 |
| <u>33,026</u> | <u>246,964</u> |
| | |
| <u>-</u> | <u>58,846</u> |
| <u>-</u> | <u>58,846</u> |
| | |
| - | 326,896 |
| 8,512 | 8,512 |
| - | 197,943 |
| - | 1,355,991 |
| <u>8,512</u> | <u>1,889,342</u> |
| | |
| <u>\$ 41,538</u> | <u>\$ 2,195,152</u> |

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ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2024

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| | | |
|----|--|---------------------|
| | Total fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit C-1) | \$ 1,889,342 |
| | Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A-1) are different because: | |
| | Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore not reported in the funds. Capital assets at year-end consist of: | |
| 1 | Gross capital assets | \$ 12,985,520 |
| | Related accumulated depreciation | <u>5,337,762</u> |
| | | 7,647,758 |
| 2 | Property taxes receivable are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred inflows of resources in the funds. | 58,846 |
| | Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of: | |
| | Note payable | 79,871 |
| | Right-to-use lease liabilities | 105,703 |
| | General obligation bonds | 5,110,000 |
| | Capitalized premium on issuance of bonds | 355,400 |
| 3 | Deferred losses on refunding bonds | <u>(267,882)</u> |
| | | (5,383,092) |
| 4 | Interest is accrued on outstanding debt in the government-wide financial statements, whereas in the governmental fund financial statements, interest expenditures are recorded only when due. | (9,005) |
| | The District's net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows related to its proportionate share of the Teacher Retirement System pension and OPEB plans are not due and payable in the current period and are, therefore, not reported in the governmental funds financial statements. These items consist of: | |
| | Net pension liability | 806,434 |
| | Deferred outflows - pension related items | (351,417) |
| | Deferred inflows - pension related items | 100,013 |
| | Net OPEB liability | 405,111 |
| | Deferred outflows - OPEB related items | (324,265) |
| 5 | Deferred inflows - OPEB related items | <u>867,208</u> |
| | | (1,503,084) |
| 6 | An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of worker's compensation claims to the individual funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included with the governmental activities. | <u>41,952</u> |
| 19 | Total net position - governmental activities (Exhibit A-1) | <u>\$ 2,742,717</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | School Safety Grant Fund |
|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenues | | | | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | \$ 1,728,651 | \$ 569,736 | \$ - |
| 5800 | State program revenues | 1,349,417 | 42,355 | 41,165 |
| 5900 | Federal program revenues | 61 | - | - |
| 5020 | Total revenues | <u>3,078,129</u> | <u>612,091</u> | <u>41,165</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 1,403,236 | - | 22,646 |
| 0012 | Instructional resources and media services | 4,121 | - | - |
| 0013 | Curriculum and staff development | 12,973 | - | - |
| 0023 | School leadership | 221,139 | - | - |
| 0031 | Guidance, counseling, & evaluation services | 61,070 | - | - |
| 0033 | Health services | 881 | - | - |
| 0034 | Student transportation | 42,060 | - | - |
| 0035 | Food services | - | - | - |
| 0036 | Cocurricular/extracurricular activities | 258,735 | - | - |
| 0041 | General administration | 329,881 | - | - |
| 0051 | Facilities maintenance and operations | 627,015 | - | - |
| 0052 | Security and monitoring services | - | - | 18,519 |
| 0053 | Data processing services | 109,551 | - | - |
| 0071 | Principal on long-term debt | 56,402 | 355,000 | - |
| 0072 | Interest on long-term debt | 7,029 | 185,463 | - |
| 0073 | Bond issuance costs and fees | - | 500 | - |
| 0093 | Payments to shared service arrangements | 66,581 | - | - |
| 0099 | Other intergovernmental charges | 80,093 | - | - |
| 6030 | Total expenditures | <u>3,280,767</u> | <u>540,963</u> | <u>41,165</u> |
| 1100 | Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures | <u>(202,638)</u> | <u>71,128</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses) | | | | |
| 7913 | Proceeds from the issuance of right-to-use lease | 61,590 | - | - |
| 7915 | Transfers in | - | - | - |
| 8911 | Transfers out | (1,866) | - | - |
| 7080 | Total other financing sources (uses) | <u>59,724</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| 1200 | Net change in fund balance | (142,914) | 71,128 | - |
| 0100 | Fund balances - beginning | 1,696,848 | 255,768 | - |
| 3000 | Fund balances - ending | <u>\$ 1,553,934</u> | <u>\$ 326,896</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

| Nonmajor Governmental Funds | 98 Total Governmental Funds |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 82,505 | \$ 2,380,892 |
| 6,177 | 1,439,114 |
| <u>274,689</u> | <u>274,750</u> |
| <u>363,371</u> | <u>4,094,756</u> |
| | |
| 148,604 | 1,574,486 |
| - | 4,121 |
| 3,334 | 16,307 |
| 15,000 | 236,139 |
| - | 61,070 |
| - | 881 |
| - | 42,060 |
| 141,463 | 141,463 |
| 87,185 | 345,920 |
| - | 329,881 |
| - | 627,015 |
| - | 18,519 |
| - | 109,551 |
| - | 411,402 |
| - | 192,492 |
| - | 500 |
| - | 66,581 |
| - | 80,093 |
| <u>395,586</u> | <u>4,258,481</u> |
| | |
| <u>(32,215)</u> | <u>(163,725)</u> |
| | |
| - | 61,590 |
| 1,866 | 1,866 |
| - | (1,866) |
| <u>1,866</u> | <u>61,590</u> |
| | |
| (30,349) | (102,135) |
| | |
| 38,861 | 1,991,477 |
| <u>\$ 8,512</u> | <u>\$ 1,889,342</u> |

**ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit C-2) \$ (102,135)

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the Statement of Activities (Exhibit B-1) are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The net difference between the two is as follows:

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Capital outlay during the year | \$ 78,824 | |
| Depreciation expense for the year | <u>335,484</u> | (256,660) |

Because property tax receivables will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered 'available' revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds. Deferred inflows changed by this amount this year. (5,648)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds. However, the issuance increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. The District issued long-term debt during the current year:

Right-to-use lease liabilities (61,590)

Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Current year long-term debt principal payments, including defeasance of debt through refunding, are summarized as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| General obligation bonds | 355,000 | |
| Note payable | 38,065 | |
| Right-to-use lease liabilities | <u>18,337</u> | 411,402 |

The amortization of the loss on refunding, which is not considered in the governmental funds, is recorded as interest expense in the Statement of Activities: (25,291)

The amortization of bond premium, which is not considered in the governmental funds, offsets interest expense in the Statement of Activities: 79,833

Interest is accrued on long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements, whereas interest is reported when due in the governmental fund financial statements. Accrued interest changed by: 1,524

The District participates in a defined benefit pension plan. Contributions to the plan are expenditures at the fund level when payments are due. At the government-wide level, pension expenses are recognized on an actuarial basis. Payments were less than the actuarial expense in the current year. (74,901)

The District participates in an OPEB plan through TRS. Contributions to the plan are expenditures at the fund level when payments are due. At the government-wide level, OPEB expenses are recognized on an actuarial basis. Payments were more than the actuarial expense in the current year. 95,851

An internal service fund is used by management to charge the costs of worker's compensation claims to the individual funds. The net revenue (loss) of the internal service fund is reported with governmental activities. (6,689)

Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B-1) \$ 55,696

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
AUGUST 31, 2024

| <u>Data Control Codes</u> | <u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Assets | |
| Current assets: | |
| 1110 Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 38,833 |
| 1260 Due from other funds | 8,177 |
| | <u>47,010</u> |
| 1000 Total assets | <u>47,010</u> |
| Liabilities | |
| Current liabilities: | |
| 2200 Accrued expenses | 5,058 |
| | <u>5,058</u> |
| 2000 Total liabilities | <u>5,058</u> |
| Net Position | |
| 3900 Unrestricted | 41,952 |
| 3000 Total net position | <u>\$ 41,952</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| <u>Data Control Codes</u> | | <u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Fund</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Operating revenues: | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | \$ 414 |
| 5020 | Total operating revenues | <u>414</u> |
| | Operating expenses: | |
| 6200 | Professional and contracted services | <u>7,103</u> |
| 6030 | Total operating expenses | <u>7,103</u> |
| | Operating loss | <u>(6,689)</u> |
| 1300 | Change in net position | (6,689) |
| 0100 | Net position - beginning | 48,641 |
| 3300 | Net position - ending | <u>\$ 41,952</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | Governmental Activities <u>Internal Service Fund</u> |
|--|--|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | |
| Cash received from interfund charges | \$ 414 |
| Cash payments for administration and claims | <u>(8,725)</u> |
| Net cash used by operating activities | <u>(8,311)</u> |
| Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (8,311) |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning | 47,144 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Ending | <u>\$ 38,833</u> |
| Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash used by operating activities: | |
| Operating loss | <u>\$ (6,689)</u> |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used by operating activities: | |
| Increase (decrease) in liabilities: | |
| Accrued expenses | <u>(1,622)</u> |
| Total adjustments | <u>(1,622)</u> |
| Net cash used by operating activities | <u>\$ (8,311)</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2024

| <u>Data Control Codes</u> | | <u>Custodial Funds</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | | <u>Student Activity</u> |
| | Assets | |
| 1110 | Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 38,447 |
| 1000 | Total assets | <u>38,447</u> |
| | Net Position | |
| 3800 | Restricted for student activities | 38,447 |
| 3000 | Total net position | <u>\$ 38,447</u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | <u>Custodial Funds</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | <u>Student Activity</u> |
| Additions | |
| Student activity additions | \$ 94,915 |
| Total additions | <u>94,915</u> |
| Deductions | |
| Student activity deductions | 89,690 |
| Total deductions | <u>89,690</u> |
| Change in net position | 5,225 |
| Net position - beginning | 33,222 |
| Net position - ending | <u><u>\$ 38,447</u></u> |

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The basic financial statements of Aspermont Independent School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to governmental units in conjunction with the Texas Education Agency's Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (Resource Guide). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

1. Reporting Entity

The Board of School Trustees (Board), a seven-member group, has governance responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of the District. The Board is elected by the public and has the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District. All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the Texas Education Agency (TEA) or to the State Board of Education are reserved for the Board, and the TEA may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the Board. The District receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of those funding entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity and there are no component units included within the District's reporting entity.

2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

a. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. The District does not allocate indirect expenses in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

Fund Financial Statements: The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, with separate statements presented for each fund category. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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Debt Service Fund – This fund accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

School Safety Grant Fund – The District accounts for the state school safety grant in this fund. The District is not legally required to adopt a budget for this fund. As a result, no budgetary comparison information is presented in the financial statements.

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

Governmental Funds:

Special Revenue Funds: The District accounts for activities funded with restricted or committed revenues in special revenue funds. Most federal and some state grant programs are accounted for in these funds.

Proprietary Fund:

Internal Service Fund: This fund is used to account for revenues and expenses related to workers' compensation insurance for the District. This fund facilitates the distribution of support costs to the users of support services on a cost-reimbursement basis. Because the user of the internal services is the District's governmental activities, this fund type is included in the "Governmental Activities" column of the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Fund:

Custodial Fund: The District accounts for resources held for others in a custodial capacity in a custodial fund. The District's Custodial Fund is the Student Activity Fund.

The fiduciary fund is reported in the fiduciary fund financial statements. However, because their assets are held in a trustee or custodial capacity and are therefore not available to support District programs, these funds are not included in the government-wide statements.

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-wide and Fiduciary Fund Financial Statements: These financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. They are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental Fund Financial Statements: Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

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When the District incurs an expenditure or expense for which both restricted and unrestricted resources may be used, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources.

3. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

b. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period.

Allowances for uncollectible tax receivables within the General and Debt Service Funds are based upon historical experience in collecting property taxes. Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the District is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature.

At August 31, 2024, net property taxes receivable is calculated as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Gross property taxes receivable | \$124,566 |
| Allowance for uncollectible taxes | <u>(65,720)</u> |
| Net property taxes receivable | <u>\$ 58,846</u> |

c. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Supplies and materials are recorded as expenditures when requisitioned. Inventory is stated at cost using the first-in, first-out method.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

d. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources refers to the consumption of net assets that are applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred outflows of resources has a positive effect on net position, similar to assets. Notwithstanding the similarities, Concepts Statement 5 clearly establishes that deferred outflows of resources are not assets.

Deferred inflows of resources refers to the acquisition of net assets that are applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred inflows of resources has a negative effect on net position, similar to liabilities. Notwithstanding the similarities, Concepts Statement 5 clearly establishes that deferred inflows of resources are not liabilities.

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e. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Estimated Useful Lives</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Buildings and improvements | 10-40 years |
| Vehicles, furniture and equipment | 5-20 years |
| Right-to-use leased asset | 5-10 years |

f. Right-to-Use Leases

The District is a lessee for four noncancellable leases for furniture and equipment. The District recognizes lease liabilities, reported with long-term debt, and right-to-use lease assets (lease assets), reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

The District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and any purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its leases and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

g. Receivable and Payable Balances

The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid the obscuring of significant components by aggregation. Therefore, no disclosure is provided which disaggregates those balances.

There are no significant receivables, except for delinquent taxes receivable, which are not scheduled for collection within one year of year end. Of the \$124,566 outstanding at August 31, 2024, it is expected that the District will collect approximately \$35,000 during the upcoming year.

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h. Interfund Activity

Interfund activity results from loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers between funds. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables as appropriate and are subject to elimination upon consolidation. Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures or expenses. Reimbursements occur when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers In and Transfers Out are netted and presented as a single "Transfers" line on the government-wide statement of activities. Similarly, interfund receivables and payables are netted and presented as a single "Internal Balances" line on the government-wide statement of net position.

i. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of management's estimates. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The amount of Foundation revenues a school district earns for a year can and does vary until the time when final values for each of the factors in the formula become available. Availability can be as late as midway into the next fiscal year. It is reasonably possible that Foundation revenue estimates as of August 31, 2024 will change.

j. Data Control Codes

Data Control Codes appear in the rows and above the columns of certain financial statements. The TEA requires the display of these codes in the financial statements filed with TEA in order to ensure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

k. Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position in the government-wide financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted net position to have been depleted before unrestricted net position is applied.

l. Fund Balance Flow Assumption

Sometimes the District will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the District's policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

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m. Fund Balance – Governmental Funds

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

Nonspendable Fund Balance - represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid insurance) or legally required to remain intact (such as notes receivable or principal of a permanent fund).

Restricted Fund Balance - represents amounts that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. At August 31, 2024, there was \$326,896 restricted fund balance for debt service.

Committed Fund Balance - represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action (passage of resolution) by the District's Board of Trustees. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the Board of Trustees. Commitments are typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation. The balance of the Campus Activity Fund has been committed by the Board of Trustees for campus projects and totaled \$8,512 at August 31, 2024.

Assigned Fund Balance - represents amounts which the District intends to use for a specific purpose, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent may be stipulated by the Board of Trustees or by an official or body to which the Board of Trustees delegates the authority. Per the fiscal management policies adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees and Superintendent are authorized to assign amounts for specific purposes. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service or permanent fund are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type or the fund's primary purpose. Assignments within the General Fund conveys that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District itself. At August 31, 2024, \$197,943 has been assigned for the adopted deficit budget in the General Fund for the year ending August 31, 2025.

Unassigned Fund Balance - represents amounts which are unconstrained in that they may be spent for any purpose. Only the General Fund reports a positive unassigned fund balance. Other governmental funds might report a negative balance in this classification because of overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted, committed or assigned.

When an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds.

The District's Board of Trustees has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

4. Pension

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities, and additions to/deductions from TRS' fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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5. Other Post-Employment Benefits

The fiduciary net position of the TRS Care Plan has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits, OPEB expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TRS Care's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. There are no investments as this is a pay-as-you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account.

B. Compliance and Accountability

1. Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

The District over-expended its budget in the General Fund in the functional areas of instruction by \$38,148 and data processing services by \$3,402, and in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program Fund in the functional area of food services and in total by \$4,963. The District will be more diligent in reviewing and amending its budget in the future.

2. Deficit Fund Balance or Fund Net Position of Individual Funds

The District does not have any funds with a deficit fund balance or deficit net position at August 31, 2024.

C. Deposits and Investments

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the District's agent bank approved pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance.

1. Cash Deposits:

At August 31, 2024, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$1,837,959 and the bank balance was \$1,720,768. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2024, and during the year ended August 31, 2024, were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the District's name.

2. Investments:

The District is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act (Act), to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

The Act requires an annual audit of investment practices. Audit procedures in this area conducted as a part of the audit of the basic financial statements disclosed that in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies, the District adhered to the requirements of the Act. Additionally, investment practices of the District were in accordance with local policies.

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The Act determines the types of investments which are allowable for the District. These include, with certain restrictions, 1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas, 2) certificates of deposit, 3) certain municipal securities, 4) securities lending program, 5) repurchase agreements, 6) bankers acceptances, 7) mutual funds, 8) investment pools, 9) guaranteed investment contracts, and 10) commercial paper.

The District's investments at August 31, 2024, are shown below.

| <u>Investment or Investment Type</u> | <u>Weighted Average Maturity (Days)</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Certificates of deposit | 180 | \$ 489,698 |
| Money market | N/A | <u>785,090</u> |
| Total | | <u>\$1,274,788</u> |

The District categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The District's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgement and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The District values its certificates of deposit and money market using Level 2 inputs using bank statements.

3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

GASB Statement No. 40 requires a determination as to whether the District was exposed to the following specific investment risks at year end and if so, the reporting of certain related disclosures:

a. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The ratings of securities by nationally recognized rating agencies are designed to give an indication of credit risk. At year end, the District was not significantly exposed to credit risk.

b. Custodial Credit Risk

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

At year end, the District was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

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c. Concentration of Credit Risk

This risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. At year end, the District was not exposed to concentration of credit risk.

d. Interest Rate Risk

This is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At year end, the District was not exposed to interest rate risk.

e. Foreign Currency Risk

This is the risk that exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. At year end, the District was not exposed to foreign currency risk.

Investment Accounting Policy

The District's general policy is to report money market investments and short-term participating interest-earning investment contracts at amortized cost and to report nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts using a cost-based measure. However, if the fair value of an investment is significantly affected by the impairment of the credit standing of the issuer or by other factors, it is reported at fair value. All other investments are reported at fair value unless a legal contract exists which guarantees a higher value. The term "short-term" refers to investments which have a remaining term of one year or less at time of purchase. The term "nonparticipating" means that the investment's value does not vary with market interest rate charges. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are examples of nonparticipating interest-earning investment contracts.

D. Interfund Balances and Activities

1. Due To and From Other Funds

| <u>Due To Fund</u> | <u>Due From Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | School Safety Grant | \$102,500 | Short-term loan |
| Internal Service Fund | General Fund | <u>8,177</u> | Short-term loan |
| | Total | <u>\$110,677</u> | |

All amounts due are scheduled to be repaid within one year.

2. Transfers To and From Other Funds

| <u>Transfers From</u> | <u>Transfers To</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| General Fund | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | <u>\$1,866</u> | Supplement operating deficits |

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E. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2024 was as follows:

| | <u>Beginning Balances</u> | <u>Increases</u> | <u>Decreases</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Governmental activities:</u> | | | | |
| Capital assets not being depreciated: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 20,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,000 |
| Capital assets being depreciated: | | | | |
| Buildings and improvements | 10,927,476 | 11,904 | - | 10,939,380 |
| Vehicles, furniture and equipment | 1,883,728 | 5,330 | - | 1,889,058 |
| Right-to-use leased assets – furniture and equipment | <u>75,492</u> | <u>61,590</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>137,082</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | <u>12,886,696</u> | <u>78,824</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>12,965,520</u> |
| Less accumulated depreciation for: | | | | |
| Buildings and improvements | 3,444,842 | 249,582 | - | 3,694,424 |
| Vehicles, furniture and equipment | 1,545,757 | 71,071 | - | 1,616,828 |
| Right-to-use leased assets – furniture and equipment | <u>11,679</u> | <u>14,831</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>26,510</u> |
| Total accumulated depreciation | <u>5,002,278</u> | <u>335,484</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,337,762</u> |
| Total capital assets being depreciated, net | <u>7,884,418</u> | <u>(256,660)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,627,758</u> |
| Governmental activities capital assets, net | <u>\$ 7,904,418</u> | <u>(\$256,660)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 7,647,758</u> |

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| <u>Governmental activities:</u> | |
| Instruction | \$148,695 |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services | 403 |
| Curriculum and Staff Development | 1,596 |
| School Leadership | 23,106 |
| Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services | 5,976 |
| Health Services | 86 |
| Student Transportation | 4,116 |
| Food Services | 13,842 |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities | 33,848 |
| General Administration | 32,279 |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 61,353 |
| Security and Monitoring Services | 647 |
| Data Processing Services | <u>9,537</u> |
| Total governmental depreciation | <u>\$335,484</u> |

F. Long-term Obligations

The District has entered into a continuing disclosure undertaking to provide Annual Reports and Material Event Notices to the State Information Depository of Texas, which is the Municipal Advisory Council. This information is required under SEC Rule 15c2-12 to enable investors to analyze the financial condition and operations of the District.

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1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include debt and other long-term liabilities. Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended August 31, 2024, are as follows:

| | Beginning Balance | Increases | Decreases | Ending Balance | Amounts Due Within One Year |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <u>Governmental Activities:</u> | | | | | |
| General Obligation Bonds | \$5,465,000 | \$ - | \$355,000 | \$5,110,000 | \$375,000 |
| Premium on Bonds | 435,233 | - | 79,833 | 355,400 | 71,977 |
| Note Payable | 117,936 | - | 38,065 | 79,871 | 39,299 |
| Right-to-use Lease Liabilities | <u>62,450</u> | <u>61,590</u> | <u>18,337</u> | <u>105,703</u> | <u>25,744</u> |
| Total Governmental Activities | <u>\$6,080,619</u> | <u>\$ 61,590</u> | <u>\$491,235</u> | <u>\$5,650,974</u> | <u>\$512,020</u> |

2. General Obligation Bonds

The general obligation bonds consist of the Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2013, and Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020.

Series 2013

The current interest bonds require annual principal payments of varying amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$350,000. Principal payments began February 15, 2014 with the final payment made February 15, 2023. The interest rates on the annual installments range from 2.00% to 4.25% with interest payments made on February 15 and August 15 each year.

Series 2020

The current interest bonds require annual principal payments of varying amounts ranging from \$355,000 to \$535,000. Principal payments began February 15, 2021 with the final payment made February 15, 2035. The interest rates on the annual installments range from 1.75% to 5.00% with interest payments made on February 15 and August 15 each year.

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the general obligation bonds indenture. Management has indicated that the District is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

Debt service requirements for the general obligation bonds are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending August 31,</u> | <u>General Obligation Bonds</u> | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 2025 | \$ 375,000 | \$167,213 | \$ 542,213 |
| 2026 | 395,000 | 147,962 | 542,962 |
| 2027 | 410,000 | 127,838 | 537,838 |
| 2028 | 430,000 | 106,837 | 536,837 |
| 2029 | 455,000 | 84,713 | 539,713 |
| 2030-2034 | 2,510,000 | 185,459 | 2,695,459 |
| 2035 | <u>535,000</u> | <u>5,617</u> | <u>540,617</u> |
| Totals | <u>5,110,000</u> | <u>\$825,639</u> | <u>\$5,935,639</u> |
| Premium on bonds | <u>355,400</u> | | |
| Total, including premiums | <u>\$5,465,400</u> | | |

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3. Note Payable

During the year ended August 31, 2020, the District issued a note payable to finance vehicle purchases for \$226,198. The note has a stated interest rate of 3.24% and annual payments of \$41,887 through December 2025.

| <u>Year Ending August 31,</u> | <u>Note Payable</u> | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 2025 | \$ 39,299 | \$2,588 | \$ 41,887 |
| 2026 | 40,572 | 1,315 | 41,887 |
| Totals | \$ 79,871 | \$3,903 | \$ 83,774 |

4. Right-To-Use Lease Liabilities

The Public Property Finance Act authorizes the District to enter into lease agreements for the purchase of personal property.

In August 2022, the District leased a VOIP telephone system with an original lease value of \$37,306. Sixty monthly payments of \$704 are due each month beginning September 2022. The lease is computed at the District's incremental borrowing rate of 5%.

In September 2022, the District leased copy machines with an original lease value of \$38,186. Sixty monthly payments of \$721 are due each month beginning October 2022. The lease is computed at the District's incremental borrowing rate of 5%.

In December 2023, the District leased a network server with an original lease value of \$12,087. Five annual payments of \$2,659 are due each year beginning December 2023. The lease is computed at the District's incremental borrowing rate of 5%.

In July 2024, the District leased copy machines with an original lease value of \$49,502. Sixty-three monthly payments of \$895 are due each month beginning July 2024. The lease is computed at the District's incremental borrowing rate of 5%.

Debt service requirements for the above listed right-to-use lease liability are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending August 31,</u> | <u>Right-To-Use Lease Liabilities</u> | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 2025 | \$ 25,744 | \$ 4,751 | \$ 30,495 |
| 2026 | 27,059 | 3,436 | 30,495 |
| 2027 | 28,441 | 2,054 | 30,495 |
| 2028 | 13,156 | 965 | 14,121 |
| 2029 | 10,414 | 329 | 10,743 |
| 2030 | 889 | 6 | 895 |
| Totals | \$105,703 | \$11,541 | \$117,244 |

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5. Total Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements for the above long-term obligations at August 31, 2024 are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending August 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2025 | \$ 440,043 | \$174,552 | \$ 614,595 |
| 2026 | 462,631 | 152,713 | 615,344 |
| 2027 | 438,441 | 129,892 | 568,333 |
| 2028 | 443,156 | 107,802 | 550,958 |
| 2029 | 465,414 | 85,042 | 550,456 |
| 2030-2034 | 2,510,889 | 185,465 | 2,696,354 |
| 2035 | <u>535,000</u> | <u>5,617</u> | <u>540,617</u> |
| Totals | <u>5,295,574</u> | <u>\$841,083</u> | <u>\$6,136,657</u> |
| Premium on bonds | <u>355,400</u> | | |
| Total, including premiums | <u>\$5,650,974</u> | | |

G. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

H. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

1. Plan Description

The District participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by TRS. It is a defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 67, and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

All employees of public, state-supported educational institutions in Texas who are employed for one-half or more of the standard work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about_publications.aspx; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

3. Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using a 2.3 percent multiplier times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement

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if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on the date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan Description above.

Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements if, as a result of a particular action, the time required to amortize TRS's unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action. Actuarial implications of the funding provided in this manner are determined by the System's actuary.

4. Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, Section 67 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the Texas Legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6.0% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) of the 86th Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 thru 2025.

| | <u>Contribution Rates</u> | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------|
| | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> |
| Members (Employees) | 8.00% | 8.25% |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State) | 8.00% | 8.25% |
| Employer (District) | 8.00% | 8.25% |
| | | |
| Members (Employees) | \$139,183 | \$146,132 |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State) | \$108,543 | \$119,776 |
| Employer (District) | \$ 59,925 | \$ 56,661 |

Contributors to the Plan include members, employers and the State of Texas as the only non-employer contributing entity. The State is the employer for senior colleges, medical schools, and state agencies including TRS. In each respective role, the State contributes to the Plan in accordance with state statutes and the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

As the non-employer contributing entity for public education and junior colleges, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State of Texas as employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.

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- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge an employer is subject to:

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional education service centers must contribute 1.8% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2023, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

| | |
|--|---|
| Valuation Date | August 31, 2022 rolled forward to August 31, 2023 |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Individual Entry Age Normal |
| Asset Valuation Method | Fair Value |
| Single Discount Rate | 7.00% |
| Long-term Expected Investment Rate of Return | 7.00% |
| Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2023 | 4.13%, source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index". |
| Inflation | 2.30% |
| Salary Increases Including Inflation | 2.95% to 8.95% |
| Benefit Changes during the year | None |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes | None |

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2022. For a full description of these assumptions please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 22, 2022.

6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.50% of payroll in fiscal year 2024 gradually increasing to 9.56% in fiscal year 2025 and thereafter. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by

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adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of August 31, 2023 are summarized below:

| <u>Asset Class*</u> | <u>Target Allocation % **</u> | <u>Long-term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return ***</u> | <u>Expected Contribution to Long-term Portfolio Returns</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Global Equity | | | |
| USA | 18.0% | 4.0% | 1.0% |
| Non-U.S. Developed | 13.0% | 4.5% | 0.9% |
| Emerging Markets | 9.0% | 4.8% | 0.7% |
| Private Equity * | 14.0% | 7.0% | 1.5% |
| Stable Value | | | |
| Government Bonds | 16.0% | 2.5% | 0.5% |
| Absolute Return * | 0.0% | 3.6% | 0.0% |
| Stable Value Hedge Funds | 5.0% | 4.1% | 0.2% |
| Real Return | | | |
| Real Estate | 15.0% | 4.9% | 1.1% |
| Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure | 6.0% | 4.8% | 0.4% |
| Commodities | 0.0% | 4.4% | 0.0% |
| Risk Parity | 8.0% | 4.5% | 0.4% |
| Asset Allocation Leverage | | | |
| Cash | 2.0% | 3.7% | 0.0% |
| Asset Allocation Leverage | -6.0% | 4.4% | -0.1% |
| Inflation Expectation | | | 2.3% |
| Volatility Drag **** | | | -0.9% |
| Expected Return | <u>100.00%</u> | | <u>8.0%</u> |

* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.

** Target allocations are based on the FY2022 policy model.

*** Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 8/31/2022).

****The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the net pension liability of the plan using the discount rate of 7.00%, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

| | 1% Decrease <u>6.00%</u> | Discount Rate <u>7.00%</u> | 1% Increase <u>8.00%</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | <u>\$1,205,664</u> | <u>\$806,434</u> | <u>\$474,475</u> |

8. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$806,434 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for the State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

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| | |
|--|--------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability | \$ 806,434 |
| State's proportionate share that is associated with the District | <u>1,387,008</u> |
| Total | <u>\$2,193,442</u> |

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2022 and rolled forward to August 31, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023, the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0011740142%, which was a decrease of 0.0001339314% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

Changes in Assumptions and Benefits Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The actuarial assumptions and methods are the same as used in the determination of the prior year's net pension liability.

The Texas 2023 Legislature passed legislation that provides a one-time stipend to certain retired teachers. The stipend was paid to retirees beginning in September of 2023. The Legislature appropriated funds to pay for this one-time stipend so there will be no impact on the net pension liability of TRS. In addition, the Legislature also provided for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to retirees which was approved during the November 2023 election which was paid in January 2024. Therefore, this contingent liability was not reflected as of August 31, 2023.

The amount of pension expense recognized by the District in the reporting period was \$131,984.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$209,426 and revenue of \$103,793 for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows</u> |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual actuarial experience | \$ 28,734 | \$ 9,765 |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions | 76,273 | 18,666 |
| Difference between projected and actual investment earnings | 117,355 | - |
| Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 72,394 | 71,582 |
| Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability | <u>56,661</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$351,417</u> | <u>\$100,013</u> |

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\$56,661 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the plan year ending August 31, 2024. The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| Measurement Year Ended <u>August 31</u> | Pension Expense <u>Amount</u> | Balance of Deferred Outflows <u>(Deferred Inflows)</u> |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| 2024 | \$38,859 | \$155,884 |
| 2025 | 35,168 | 120,716 |
| 2026 | 102,787 | 17,929 |
| 2027 | 22,169 | (4,240) |
| 2028 | (4,240) | - |

I. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans

1. Plan Description

The District participates in the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care). It is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plan that has a special funding situation. The TRS-Care program was established in 1986 by the Texas Legislature.

The TRS Board of Trustees administers the TRS-Care program and the related fund in accordance with Texas Insurance Code Chapter 1575. The Board of Trustees is granted the authority to establish basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants as well as to amend benefit terms as needed under Chapter 1575.052. The Board may adopt rules, plans, procedures, and orders reasonably necessary to administer the program, including minimum benefits and financing standards.

2. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the TRS-Care's fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about_publications.aspx; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

3. Benefits Provided

TRS-Care provides health insurance coverage to retirees from public schools, charter schools, regional education service centers and other educational districts who are members of the TRS pension plan. Optional dependent coverage is available for an additional fee.

Eligible non-Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in TRS-Care Standard, a high deductible health plan. Eligible Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in the TRS-Care Medicare Advantage medical plan and the TRS-Care Medicare Rx prescription drug plan. To qualify for TRS-Care coverage, a retiree must have at least 10 years of service credit in the TRS pension system. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs.

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The premium rates for retirees are reflected in the following table.

| TRS-Care Monthly Premium Rates | | |
|--|----------|--------------|
| | Medicare | Non-Medicare |
| Retiree or Surviving Spouse | \$ 135 | \$200 |
| Retiree and Spouse | 529 | 689 |
| Retiree or Surviving Spouse and Children | 468 | 408 |
| Retiree and Family | 1,020 | 999 |

4. Contributions

Contribution rates for the TRS-Care plan are established in state statute by the Texas Legislature, and there is no continuing obligation to provide benefits beyond each fiscal year. The TRS-Care plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and is subject to change based on available funding. Funding for TRS-Care is provided by retiree premium contributions and contributions from the state, active employees, and school districts based upon public school district payroll. The TRS Board of Trustees does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

Texas Insurance Code, Section 1575.202 establishes the state's contribution rate which is 1.25% of the employee's salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee's rate which is 0.65% of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the public or charter school. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, which is 0.75% of each active employee's pay for fiscal year 2023. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

| | Contribution Rates | |
|---|--------------------|----------|
| | 2023 | 2024 |
| Active Employee | 0.65% | 0.65% |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State) | 1.25% | 1.25% |
| Employers (District) | 0.75% | 0.75% |
| Federal/private funding remitted by Employers | 1.25% | 1.25% |
| Employer Contributions | \$15,867 | \$15,033 |
| Member Contributions | \$11,309 | \$11,513 |
| NECE On-behalf Contributions | \$21,747 | \$22,141 |

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (regardless of whether they participate in the TRS-Care OPEB program). When employers hire a TRS retiree, they are required to pay to TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the Non-Employer Contributing Entity in the amount of \$21.3 million in fiscal year 2023 provided by Rider 14 of the Senate Bill GAA of the 87th Legislature. These amounts were re-appropriated from amounts received by the pension and TRS-Care funds in excess of the state's actual obligation and then transferred to TRS-Care.

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2022. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to August 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions.

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The actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan offered through TRS-Care is similar to the actuarial valuation performed for the pension plan, except that the OPEB valuation is more complex. The demographic assumptions were updated based on the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2021. The following assumptions and other inputs used for members of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2022 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2023:

| | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Rates of Mortality | Rates of Disability |
| Rates of Retirement | General Inflation |
| Rates of Termination | Wage Inflation |

The active mortality rates were based on PUB(2010), Amount-Weighted, Below-Median Income, Teacher male and female tables (with a two-year set forward for males). The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables. The rates were projected on a fully generational basis using the ultimate improvement rates from mortality projection scale MP-2021.

Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

| | |
|--|--|
| Valuation Date | August 31, 2022 rolled forward to August 31, 2023 |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Individual Entry Age Normal |
| Inflation | 2.30% |
| Single Discount Rate | 4.13% as of August 31, 2023 |
| Aging Factors | Based on plan specific experience |
| Expenses | Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs. |
| Projected Salary Increases | 2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation |
| Healthcare Trend Rates | 7.75% for Medicare retirees and 7.00% for non-Medicare retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 12 years. |
| Election Rates | Normal Retirement: 62% participation rate prior to age 65 and 25% participation rate after age 65. 30% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65. |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes | None |

6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 4.13% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was an increase of 0.22% in the discount rate since the previous year.

Because the investments are held in cash and there is no intentional objective to advance fund the benefits, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate.

The source of the municipal bond rate is the Fidelity "20-year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2023 using the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the net OPEB liability if the discount rate used was 1% lower than and 1% higher than the discount rate that was used (4.13%) in measuring the net OPEB liability.

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| | 1% Decrease <u>3.13%</u> | Current Discount Rate <u>4.13%</u> | 1% Increase <u>5.13%</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | <u>\$477,136</u> | <u>\$405,111</u> | <u>\$346,336</u> |

The following schedule presents the net OPEB liability of the plan using the assumed healthcare cost trend rate as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend ratio that is 1% less and 1% greater than the assumed healthcare cost trend rate:

| | 1% Decrease <u>Decrease</u> | Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate <u>Rate</u> | 1% Increase <u>Increase</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | <u>\$333,589</u> | <u>\$405,111</u> | <u>\$497,125</u> |

8. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$405,111 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net OPEB liability. This liability reflects a reduction for the State OPEB support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

| | |
|---|------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability | <u>\$405,111</u> |
| State's proportionate share that is associated with the District | <u>488,829</u> |
| Total | <u>\$893,940</u> |

The net OPEB liability was measured as of August 31, 2022 and rolled forward to August 31, 2023 and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to OPEB relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023, the District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0018299092%, which was a decrease of 0.0000399601% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement period:

- The discount rate changed from 3.91% as of August 31, 2022 to 4.13% as of August 31, 2023, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study

Changes of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date

There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date.

The amount of OPEB expense recognized by the District in the reporting period was (\$80,812).

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$104,501) and revenue of \$19,154 for support provided by the State.

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At August 31, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows</u> |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual economic experience | \$ 18,328 | \$340,824 |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions | 55,295 | 248,060 |
| Difference between projected and actual investment earnings | 175 | - |
| Changes in proportion and difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 235,434 | 278,324 |
| Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date | <u>15,033</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | <u>\$324,265</u> | <u>\$867,208</u> |

\$15,033 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability for the plan year ending August 31, 2024. The remaining net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| <u>Year Ended August 31</u> | <u>OPEB Expense Amount</u> | <u>Balance of Deferred Outflows (Deferred Inflows)</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 2024 | (\$114,530) | (\$443,446) |
| 2025 | (95,949) | (347,497) |
| 2026 | (70,794) | (276,703) |
| 2027 | (75,331) | (201,372) |
| 2028 | (49,021) | (152,351) |
| Thereafter | (152,351) | - |

9. Medicare Part D

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006 established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for TRS-Care to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. These on-behalf payments have been recognized as equal revenues and expenditures by the District in the amount of \$10,144, \$9,446, and \$7,424, for the years ended August 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

J. Commitments and Contingencies

1. Contingencies

The District participates in 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; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable may be impaired. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying basic financial statements for such contingencies.

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2. Litigation

No reportable litigation was pending against the District as of August 31, 2024.

3. Health Insurance Consortium

The District participated in a consortium with twenty-nine other Texas school districts and an education service center for group health insurance from September 1, 2021 until August 31, 2024. The group health insurance plan was presented to the District as a fully funded plan. However, the District later learned that there was a self-funded component. The District was informed by the consortium that for the plan years 2021-22 and 2022-23, the consortium incurred claims in excess of the premiums paid by the participating members and stop loss coverage totaling approximately \$5.2 million. In May 2024, the consortium billed each participating member their portion of the shortage and fees incurred. The District's amount totaled \$63,485, of which the District paid \$8,543 during the year ended August 31, 2024. \$54,942 of this amount has not been paid as of August 31, 2024 and, at the advice of legal counsel, the District does not plan on paying it since they believe they were misled about the plan. Though there has been no current threat of litigation about the District's non-payment, the District plans to fully contest the payment.

The District obtained a fully insured group insurance plan effective September 1, 2024. It should be noted that the partial self-funded plan could have incurred excess losses for plan year 2023-24; however, the District has not been informed of that at this time.

4. Bond Election

The Board of Trustees approved a bond election for the issuance of \$7,500,000 of bonds to renovate the junior high school and the gymnasium. The District's taxpayers will vote on the issuance on November 5, 2024.

K. Workers' Compensation Coverage

The District, along with many other Texas school districts, participates in a self-insurance plan for workers' compensation benefits as authorized by Section 504.011 of the Labor Code. Hibbs-Hallmark & Company / Claims Administrative Services acts as the third-party administrator of the West Texas Educational Insurance Association (Pool).

The total charge made by the Internal Service Fund to the funds is based on rates as determined by the District and will be adjusted over time so that the Internal Service Fund revenues and expenses are approximately equal. These costs are reported as interfund transactions and are treated as operating revenues in the Internal Service Fund and as operating expenditures in the other funds.

Claims are paid by the third-party administrator acting on behalf of the District under the terms of the contractual agreement. Administrative fees are included within the provisions of that agreement. According to the state statute, the District is protected against unanticipated claims and aggregate loss by coverage carried through Safety National Casualty Company, a commercial insurer licensed or eligible to do business in Texas in accordance with the Texas Insurance Code. Coverage was in effect for aggregate claims in excess of \$5 million and for specific occurrences exceeding \$500,000. The Pool participants are responsible for amounts up to the limit; however, the District loss fund maximum was \$5,207 for the year ended August 31, 2024.

As of August 31, 2024, the workers' compensation benefit obligation consisted of \$5,058 in reported unpaid claims and estimated incurred but not reported claims. These amounts represent estimated ultimate costs to settle claims. Net position at year-end contains a balance of \$41,952. A summary of the changes in the benefit obligation is as follows:

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024*

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Balance as of September 1, 2023 | | \$6,680 |
| Incurred claims/adjustments: | | |
| Provision for insured events for 2023-24 | \$5,207 | |
| Provision for insured events for prior years | <u>(1,108)</u> | |
| Total incurred claims/adjustments | | 4,099 |
| Payments: | | |
| Claims attributable to insured events for 2023-24 | 5,207 | |
| Claims attributable to insured events for prior years | <u>514</u> | |
| Total payments | | <u>5,721</u> |
| Balance as of August 31, 2024 | | <u>\$5,058</u> |

L. Economic Dependency

The District's top three taxpayers' tax levy equals \$558,165, or approximately 27%, of the total levy for 2023-24. A significant decline in tax receipts from all or one of those entities could have a material adverse effect on the District's operations.

M. New Accounting Pronouncement

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences, is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of GASB Statement No. 101 is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective will be achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. Though GASB Statement No. 101 will be effective for the fiscal year 2024-25, the financial impact is not known at this time.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual | Variance With Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|---|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| | | Original | Final | | |
| Revenues | | | | | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | \$ 1,631,226 | \$ 1,631,226 | \$ 1,728,651 | \$ 97,425 |
| 5800 | State program revenues | 1,338,050 | 1,486,065 | 1,349,417 | (136,648) |
| 5900 | Federal program revenues | 156,015 | 8,000 | 61 | (7,939) |
| 5020 | Total revenues | <u>3,125,291</u> | <u>3,125,291</u> | <u>3,078,129</u> | <u>(47,162)</u> |
| Expenditures | | | | | |
| Instruction & instructional related services: | | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 1,323,089 | 1,365,088 | 1,403,236 | (38,148) |
| 0012 | Instructional resources and media services | 4,600 | 5,600 | 4,121 | 1,479 |
| 0013 | Curriculum and staff development | 19,200 | 19,200 | 12,973 | 6,227 |
| | Total instruction and instructional related services | <u>1,346,889</u> | <u>1,389,888</u> | <u>1,420,330</u> | <u>(30,442)</u> |
| Instructional and school leadership: | | | | | |
| 0023 | School leadership | 227,906 | 231,906 | 221,139 | 10,767 |
| | Total instructional and school leadership | <u>227,906</u> | <u>231,906</u> | <u>221,139</u> | <u>10,767</u> |
| Support services - student (pupil): | | | | | |
| 0031 | Guidance, counseling and evaluation services | 61,470 | 63,470 | 61,070 | 2,400 |
| 0033 | Health services | 1,646 | 3,646 | 881 | 2,765 |
| 0034 | Student transportation | 46,392 | 56,392 | 42,060 | 14,332 |
| 0035 | Food services | 10,000 | - | - | - |
| 0036 | Cocurricular/extracurricular activities | 252,476 | 272,476 | 258,735 | 13,741 |
| | Total support services - student (pupil) | <u>371,984</u> | <u>395,984</u> | <u>362,746</u> | <u>33,238</u> |
| Administrative support services: | | | | | |
| 0041 | General administration | 331,039 | 386,039 | 329,881 | 56,158 |
| | Total administrative support services | <u>331,039</u> | <u>386,039</u> | <u>329,881</u> | <u>56,158</u> |
| Support services - nonstudent based: | | | | | |
| 0051 | Facilities maintenance and operations | 540,432 | 630,432 | 627,015 | 3,417 |
| 0053 | Data processing services | 94,149 | 106,149 | 109,551 | (3,402) |
| | Total support services - nonstudent based | <u>634,581</u> | <u>736,581</u> | <u>736,566</u> | <u>15</u> |
| Debt service: | | | | | |
| 0071 | Principal on long-term debt | 59,000 | 59,000 | 56,402 | 2,598 |
| 0072 | Interest on long-term debt | - | 10,000 | 7,029 | 2,971 |
| | Total debt service | <u>59,000</u> | <u>69,000</u> | <u>63,431</u> | <u>5,569</u> |
| Intergovernmental charges: | | | | | |
| 0093 | Payments to SSAs | 68,892 | 69,242 | 66,581 | 2,661 |
| 0099 | Other intergovernmental charges | 85,000 | 85,000 | 80,093 | 4,907 |
| | Total intergovernmental charges | <u>153,892</u> | <u>154,242</u> | <u>146,674</u> | <u>7,568</u> |
| 6030 | Total expenditures | <u>3,125,291</u> | <u>3,363,640</u> | <u>3,280,767</u> | <u>82,873</u> |
| 1100 | Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures | <u>-</u> | <u>(238,349)</u> | <u>(202,638)</u> | <u>35,711</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual | Variance With Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
| | | Original | Final | | |
| | Other financing sources (uses): | | | | |
| 7913 | Proceeds from the issuance of right-to-use lease | - | - | 61,590 | 61,590 |
| 8911 | Transfers out | - | (20,000) | (1,866) | 18,134 |
| 7080 | Total other financing sources (uses) | - | (20,000) | 59,724 | 79,724 |
| 1200 | Net change in fund balance | - | (258,349) | (142,914) | 115,435 |
| 0100 | Fund balance - beginning | 1,696,848 | 1,696,848 | 1,696,848 | - |
| 3000 | Fund balance - ending | <u>\$ 1,696,848</u> | <u>\$ 1,438,499</u> | <u>\$ 1,553,934</u> | <u>\$ 115,435</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| District's proportion of the net pension liability | <u>0.001174014%</u> | <u>0.001307946%</u> | <u>0.001292744%</u> |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 806,434 | \$ 776,494 | \$ 329,216 |
| State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District | <u>1,387,008</u> | <u>1,347,615</u> | <u>574,766</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,193,442</u> | <u>\$ 2,124,109</u> | <u>\$ 903,982</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | <u>\$ 1,739,788</u> | <u>\$ 1,738,719</u> | <u>\$ 1,526,543</u> |
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | <u>46.35%</u> | <u>44.66%</u> | <u>21.57%</u> |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability | <u>73.15%</u> | <u>75.62%</u> | <u>88.79%</u> |

Note - the column label is the District's fiscal year. The data is derived from the Teacher Retirement System's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the preceding year.

| <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>0.001148659%</u> | <u>0.000943053%</u> | <u>0.001144431%</u> | <u>0.001287172%</u> | <u>0.001311101%</u> | <u>0.001537500%</u> | <u>0.001018100%</u> |
| \$ 615,199 | \$ 490,229 | \$ 629,923 | \$ 411,568 | \$ 495,446 | \$ 543,486 | \$ 271,949 |
| <u>1,354,388</u> | <u>1,211,970</u> | <u>1,449,889</u> | <u>897,969</u> | <u>1,213,155</u> | <u>1,092,732</u> | <u>923,333</u> |
| <u>\$ 1,969,587</u> | <u>\$ 1,702,199</u> | <u>\$ 2,079,812</u> | <u>\$ 1,309,537</u> | <u>\$ 1,708,601</u> | <u>\$ 1,636,218</u> | <u>\$ 1,195,282</u> |
| <u>\$ 1,610,822</u> | <u>\$ 1,432,199</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,020</u> | <u>\$ 1,641,773</u> | <u>\$ 1,740,936</u> | <u>\$ 1,682,376</u> | <u>\$ 1,649,236</u> |
| <u>38.19%</u> | <u>34.23%</u> | <u>39.74%</u> | <u>25.07%</u> | <u>28.46%</u> | <u>32.30%</u> | <u>16.49%</u> |
| <u>75.54%</u> | <u>75.24%</u> | <u>73.74%</u> | <u>82.17%</u> | <u>78.00%</u> | <u>78.43%</u> | <u>83.25%</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 56,661 | \$ 59,925 | \$ 56,840 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>(56,661)</u> | <u>(59,925)</u> | <u>(56,840)</u> |
| Contribution deficiency | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | <u>\$ 1,771,295</u> | <u>\$ 1,739,788</u> | <u>\$ 1,738,719</u> |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll | <u>3.20%</u> | <u>3.44%</u> | <u>3.27%</u> |

Note - the contractually required contribution is for the District's indicated fiscal year.

| 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 55,963 | \$ 39,225 | \$ 33,171 | \$ 39,161 | \$ 41,603 | \$ 41,655 | \$ 45,526 |
| <u>(55,963)</u> | <u>(39,225)</u> | <u>(33,171)</u> | <u>(39,161)</u> | <u>(41,603)</u> | <u>(41,655)</u> | <u>(45,526)</u> |
| <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| <u>\$ 1,526,543</u> | <u>\$ 1,610,822</u> | <u>\$ 1,432,199</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,020</u> | <u>\$ 1,641,773</u> | <u>\$ 1,740,936</u> | <u>\$ 1,682,376</u> |
| <u>3.67%</u> | <u>2.44%</u> | <u>2.32%</u> | <u>2.47%</u> | <u>2.53%</u> | <u>2.39%</u> | <u>2.71%</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) LIABILITY

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| District's proportion of the net OPEB liability | <u>0.001829909%</u> | <u>0.001869869%</u> | <u>0.002195520%</u> |
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability | \$ 405,111 | \$ 447,722 | \$ 846,910 |
| State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District | <u>488,829</u> | <u>546,150</u> | <u>1,134,671</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 893,940</u> | <u>\$ 993,872</u> | <u>\$ 1,981,581</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll (Plan year end August 31) | <u>\$ 1,739,788</u> | <u>\$ 1,738,719</u> | <u>\$ 1,526,543</u> |
| District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | <u>23.29%</u> | <u>25.75%</u> | <u>55.48%</u> |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability | <u>14.94%</u> | <u>11.52%</u> | <u>6.18%</u> |

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, recalculations of prior years are not required, and if prior years are not reported in accordance with the standards of GASB 74/75, they should not be shown here. Therefore, we have shown only years for which the new GASB statements have been implemented.

Note - the column label is the District's fiscal year. The data is derived from the Teacher Retirement System's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the preceding year.

| <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <u>0.002278475%</u> | <u>0.001609923%</u> | <u>0.001834293%</u> | <u>0.001884012%</u> |
| \$ 866,151 | \$ 761,351 | \$ 915,879 | \$ 819,286 |
| <u>1,163,900</u> | <u>1,011,667</u> | <u>1,378,894</u> | <u>1,302,145</u> |
| <u>\$ 2,030,051</u> | <u>\$ 1,773,018</u> | <u>\$ 2,294,773</u> | <u>\$ 2,121,431</u> |
| <u>\$ 1,610,822</u> | <u>\$ 1,432,199</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,020</u> | <u>\$ 1,641,773</u> |
| <u>53.77%</u> | <u>53.16%</u> | <u>57.78%</u> | <u>49.90%</u> |
| <u>4.99%</u> | <u>2.66%</u> | <u>1.57%</u> | <u>0.91%</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT (OPEB) CONTRIBUTIONS
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 15,033 | \$ 15,867 | \$ 15,648 |
| Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution | <u>(15,033)</u> | <u>(15,867)</u> | <u>(15,648)</u> |
| Contribution deficiency | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| District's covered employee payroll | <u>\$ 1,771,295</u> | <u>\$ 1,739,788</u> | <u>\$ 1,738,719</u> |
| Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll | <u>0.85%</u> | <u>0.91%</u> | <u>0.90%</u> |

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, recalculations of prior years are not required, and if prior years are not reported in accordance with the standards of GASB 74/75, they should not be shown here. Therefore, we have shown only years for which the new GASB statements have been implemented.

Note - the contractually required contribution is for the District's indicated fiscal year.

| <u>2021</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 18,726 | \$ 13,122 | \$ 11,426 | \$ 11,888 |
| <u>(18,726)</u> | <u>(13,122)</u> | <u>(11,426)</u> | <u>(11,888)</u> |
| <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| <u>\$ 1,526,543</u> | <u>\$ 1,610,822</u> | <u>\$ 1,432,199</u> | <u>\$ 1,585,020</u> |
| <u>1.23%</u> | <u>0.81%</u> | <u>0.80%</u> | <u>0.75%</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

A. Budget

1. Basis of Budgeting

The Aspermont Independent School District's (District) budget for the General Fund is prepared and presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

2. Budget Process

a. Budgeting

Annual budgets are legally adopted for the General Fund. The annual budget is presented in the accompanying schedule for the General Fund. The following procedures are used in establishing the budgetary data reflected in that schedule:

1. Prior to August 20th of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning September 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A meeting of the Board of Trustees is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
3. Prior to September 1st, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board of Trustees.

The budget is prepared and controlled by the budget officer at the revenue object and expenditure function level.

The official budget for the General Fund was prepared and adopted through Board resolution before August 31, 2023. The administration performs budget reviews by which budget requirements are re-evaluated and revisions recommended to the Board. The Board may approve amendments to the budget, which are required when a change is made to the functional expenditure categories or revenue object accounts, as defined by the Texas Education Agency. Total expenditures may exceed total appropriations, as amended, by fund as long as those expenditures are certified as being available by the budget officer to the Board. The budget amounts reflected in the accompanying schedule represent final amended budget amounts as approved by the Board.

The District over-expended the General Fund's budget in instruction by \$38,148 and data processing services by \$3,402.

b. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is used in all governmental funds. There are no outstanding encumbrances at year-end as all encumbrances at that date are canceled and re-appropriated in the subsequent fiscal year's budget to provide for their liquidation.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

B. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

1. Change of Benefit Terms

The Texas 2023 Legislature passed legislation that provides a one-time stipend to certain retired teachers. The stipend was paid to retirees beginning in September of 2023. The Legislature appropriated funds to pay for this one-time stipend so there will be no impact on the Net Pension Liability of TRS. In addition, the Legislature also provided for a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to retirees which was approved during the November 2023 election which will be paid in January 2024. Therefore, this contingent liability was not reflected as of August 31, 2023.

2. Changes of Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions and methods are the same as used in the determination of the prior year's Net Pension Liability.

C. OPEB Plan

1. Change of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period.

2. Changes of Assumptions

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability since the prior measurement period:

- The single discount rate changed from 3.91% as of August 31, 2022 to 4.13%, as of August 31, 2023, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Fiscal Year Ending August 31, | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---|--|
| | Tax Rates | | | Assessed/Appraised Value for School Tax Purposes |
| | Maintenance | Debt Service | | |
| 2015 and Prior Years | \$ Various | \$ Various | | \$ Various |
| 2016 | 1.0400 | 0.1960 | | 231,226,942 |
| 2017 | 1.0400 | 0.3927 | | 150,002,539 |
| 2018 | 1.0400 | 0.3927 | | 152,513,093 |
| 2019 | 1.0400 | 0.3927 | | 164,339,359 |
| 2020 | 0.9700 | 0.3150 | | 180,166,196 |
| 2021 | 0.9664 | 0.3796 | | 156,373,700 |
| 2022 | 0.9165 | 0.3266 | | 169,785,697 |
| 2023 | 0.8546 | 0.2750 | | 202,656,516 |
| 2024 (School year under audit) | 0.6845 | 0.2550 | | 220,435,870 |

1000 Totals

Amount of taxes refunded under Section 26.115, Tax Code

| 10 Beginning Balance 9/1/2023 | 20 Current Year's Total Levy | 31 Maintenance Collections | 32 Debt Service Collections | 40 Entire Year's Adjustments | 50 Ending Balance 8/31/2024 |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 10,555 | \$ - | \$ 529 | \$ 10 | \$ 4,164 | \$ 14,180 |
| 2,180 | - | 92 | 15 | (66) | 2,007 |
| 2,804 | - | 311 | 118 | (1,324) | 1,051 |
| 12,137 | - | 344 | 130 | (1,219) | 10,444 |
| 14,125 | - | 757 | 269 | (994) | 12,105 |
| 17,613 | - | 1,907 | 620 | (1,012) | 14,074 |
| 13,779 | - | 2,260 | 887 | (602) | 10,030 |
| 26,247 | - | 8,750 | 3,118 | (6,118) | 8,261 |
| 28,594 | - | 10,775 | 3,467 | (590) | 13,762 |
| - | 2,070,995 | 1,475,078 | 550,088 | (7,177) | 38,652 |
| <u>\$ 128,034</u> | <u>\$ 2,070,995</u> | <u>\$ 1,500,803</u> | <u>\$ 558,722</u> | <u>\$ (14,938)</u> | <u>\$ 124,566</u> |

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ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual | Variance With Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
| | | Original | Final | | |
| | Revenues | | | | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,535 | \$ 535 |
| 5800 | State program revenues | - | - | 401 | 401 |
| 5900 | Federal program revenues | 111,500 | 111,500 | 113,527 | 2,027 |
| 5020 | Total revenues | <u>116,500</u> | <u>116,500</u> | <u>119,463</u> | <u>2,963</u> |
| | Expenditures | | | | |
| | Current: | | | | |
| | Support services - student (pupil): | | | | |
| 0035 | Food services | 126,500 | 136,500 | 141,463 | (4,963) |
| | Total support services - student (pupil) | <u>126,500</u> | <u>136,500</u> | <u>141,463</u> | <u>(4,963)</u> |
| 6030 | Total expenditures | <u>126,500</u> | <u>136,500</u> | <u>141,463</u> | <u>(4,963)</u> |
| 1100 | Excess of revenues under expenditures | <u>(10,000)</u> | <u>(20,000)</u> | <u>(22,000)</u> | <u>(2,000)</u> |
| | Other financing sources: | | | | |
| 7915 | Transfers in | 10,000 | 20,000 | 1,866 | (18,134) |
| 7080 | Total other financing sources | <u>10,000</u> | <u>20,000</u> | <u>1,866</u> | <u>(18,134)</u> |
| 1200 | Net change in fund balance | - | - | (20,134) | (20,134) |
| 0100 | Fund balance - beginning | 20,134 | 20,134 | 20,134 | - |
| 3000 | Fund balance - ending | <u>\$ 20,134</u> | <u>\$ 20,134</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (20,134)</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
DEBT SERVICE FUND
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| Data Control Codes | | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual | Variance With Final Budget - Positive (Negative) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| | | Original | Final | | |
| | Revenues | | | | |
| 5700 | Local and intermediate sources | \$ 550,500 | \$ 550,500 | \$ 569,736 | \$ 19,236 |
| 5800 | State program revenues | - | - | 42,355 | 42,355 |
| 5020 | Total revenues | <u>550,500</u> | <u>550,500</u> | <u>612,091</u> | <u>61,591</u> |
| | Expenditures: | | | | |
| | Debt service: | | | | |
| 0071 | Principal on long-term debt | 355,000 | 355,000 | 355,000 | - |
| 0072 | Interest on long-term debt | 187,000 | 187,000 | 185,463 | 1,537 |
| 0073 | Bond issuance costs and fees | 500 | 500 | 500 | - |
| | Total debt service | <u>542,500</u> | <u>542,500</u> | <u>540,963</u> | <u>1,537</u> |
| 6030 | Total expenditures | <u>542,500</u> | <u>542,500</u> | <u>540,963</u> | <u>1,537</u> |
| 1100 | Excess of revenues over expenditures | <u>8,000</u> | <u>8,000</u> | <u>71,128</u> | <u>63,128</u> |
| 1200 | Net change in fund balance | 8,000 | 8,000 | 71,128 | 63,128 |
| 0100 | Fund balance - beginning | <u>255,768</u> | <u>255,768</u> | <u>255,768</u> | <u>-</u> |
| 3000 | Fund balance - ending | <u>\$ 263,768</u> | <u>\$ 263,768</u> | <u>\$ 326,896</u> | <u>\$ 63,128</u> |

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES RELATIVE TO COMPENSATORY
AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| <u>Data Codes</u> | | <u>Column 1 Responses</u> |
|---|---|-------------------------------|
| Section A: Compensatory Education Programs | | |
| AP1 | Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the District's fiscal year? | Yes |
| AP2 | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program? | Yes |
| AP3 | List the state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the District's fiscal year. | \$ 153,846 |
| AP4 | List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 34) | \$ 101,526 |
| Section B: Bilingual Education Programs | | |
| AP5 | Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the District's fiscal year? | Yes |
| AP6 | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program? | Yes |
| AP7 | List the state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the District's fiscal year. | \$ 3,046 |
| AP8 | List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25, 35) | \$ 3,044 |



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Independent Auditor's 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

Board of Trustees
Aspermont Independent School District
528 E. 7th Street
Aspermont, Texas 79502

Members of the Board of Trustees:

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Aspermont Independent School District (District) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 28, 2024.

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) to determine 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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC". The signature is written in a cursive, professional style.

Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming, PC

October 28, 2024

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1. Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

Yes No

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

Yes No

2. Federal Awards

No Federal Single Audit was required for the year ended August 31, 2024.

B. Financial Statement Findings

There are no current year findings.

C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No Federal Single Audit was required for the year ended August 31, 2024.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

There were no current year findings.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

There were no prior year audit findings.

ASPERMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES TO SELECTED SCHOOL
FIRST INDICATORS (UNAUDITED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

| <u>Data Control Codes</u> | <u>Responses</u> |
|--|------------------|
| SF1 Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report on the financial statements as a whole? | Yes |
| SF2 Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement at fiscal year-end? | No |
| SF3 Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies? | Yes |
| SF4 Was the school district issued a warrant hold? Even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days, the school district is considered to have been issued a warrant hold. | No |
| SF5 Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? | No |
| SF6 Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? | No |
| SF7 Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year end? | Yes |
| SF8 Did the school board members discuss the school district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the school district adopted its budget? | Yes |
| SF9 Total accumulated accretion on CABs included in government-wide financial statements at fiscal year-end | \$ - |

APPENDIX C

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION

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_____, 2025

Aspermont Independent School District
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as bond counsel to the Aspermont Independent School District (the “District”) in connection with the issuance of \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of bonds designated as “Aspermont Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025” (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) on February 19, 2025 (the “Order”). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

In such connection, we have reviewed the Order, the tax certificate of the District dated the date hereof (the “Tax Certificate”), certificates of the District, and others, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinions set forth herein.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after the date hereof. Accordingly, this letter speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon or otherwise used in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Bonds has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures provided to us and the due and legal execution and delivery thereof by, and validity against, any parties other than the District. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents referred to in the second paragraph hereof. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Order and the Tax Certificate, including (without limitation) covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Bonds, the Order and the Tax Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership,

reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases, and to the limitations on legal remedies against issuers in the State of Texas. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, liquidated damages, penalty (including any remedy deemed to constitute or to have the effect of a penalty), right of set-off, arbitration, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, non-exclusivity of remedies, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents. Our services did not include financial or other non-legal advice. Finally, we undertake no responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the Official Statement or other offering material relating to the Bonds and express no opinion with respect thereto.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

1. The Bonds constitute the valid and binding obligations of the District.
2. The Board has power and is obligated to levy an annual ad valorem tax, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon taxable property located within the District, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.
3. Interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum taxes. Interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

Faithfully yours,

APPENDIX D

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

This disclosure statement provides information relating to the program (the “Guarantee Program”) administered by the Texas Education Agency (the “TEA”) with respect to the Texas Permanent School Fund guarantee of tax-supported bonds issued by Texas school districts and the guarantee of revenue bonds issued by or for the benefit of Texas charter districts. The Guarantee Program was authorized by an amendment to the Texas Constitution in 1983 and is governed by Subchapter C of Chapter 45 of the Texas Education Code, as amended (the “Act”). While the Guarantee Program applies to bonds issued by or for both school districts and charter districts, as described below, the Act and the program rules for the two types of districts have some distinctions. For convenience of description and reference, those aspects of the Guarantee Program that are applicable to school district bonds and to charter district bonds are referred to herein as the “School District Bond Guarantee Program” and the “Charter District Bond Guarantee Program,” respectively.

Some of the information contained in this Section may include projections or other forward- looking statements regarding future events or the future financial performance of the Texas Permanent School Fund (the “PSF” or the “Fund”). Actual results may differ materially from those contained in any such projections or forward-looking statements.

During the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (the “87th Regular Session”), which concluded on May 31, 2021, Senate Bill 1232 (“SB 1232”) was enacted and became effective on September 1, 2021. SB 1232 provided for a variety of changes to the operations and management of the Fund, including the creation of the Permanent School Fund Corporation (the “PSF Corporation”), and the delegation of responsibility to manage the portion of the Fund previously under the management supervision of the State Board of Education (the “SBOE”) to the PSF Corporation. SB 1232 also required changes with respect to the management of certain investments previously made at the discretion of the Texas School Land Board (the “SLB”), including limiting the types of investments that may be made by the SLB and mandating the transfer of cash and certain other investment properties from the SLB to the PSF Corporation.

The regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) was held from January 10, 2023, to May 29, 2023. As of the date of this disclosure, there have been four special sessions held, with the fourth special session ending December 5, 2023. The Texas Governor may call one or more additional special sessions. During this time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the Guarantee Program, the TEA, the SBOE, the Act, the PSF Corporation, and Texas school finance generally. No representation is made regarding any actions the Legislature has taken or may take, but the TEA, SBOE, and PSF Corporation monitor and analyze legislation for any developments applicable thereto.

History and Purpose

The PSF supports the State’s public school system in two major ways: distributions to the constitutionally established Available School Fund (the “ASF”), as described below, and the guarantee of school district and charter district issued bonds through the Guarantee Program. The PSF was created in 1845 and received its first significant funding with a \$2,000,000 appropriation by the Legislature in 1854 expressly for the benefit of the public schools of Texas, with the sole purpose of assisting in the funding of public education for present and future generations. The Constitution of 1876 described that the PSF would be “permanent,” and stipulated that certain lands and all proceeds from the sale of these lands should also constitute the PSF. Additional acts later gave more public domain land and rights to the PSF. In 1953, the U.S. Congress passed the Submerged Lands Act that relinquished to coastal states all rights of the U.S. navigable waters within state boundaries. If the State, by law, had set a larger boundary prior to or at the time of admission to the Union, or if the boundary had been approved by Congress, then the larger boundary applied. After three years of litigation (1957-1960), the U.S. Supreme Court on May 31, 1960, affirmed Texas’ historic three marine leagues (10.35 miles) seaward boundary. Texas proved its submerged lands property rights to three leagues into the Gulf of Mexico by citing historic laws and treaties dating back to 1836. All lands lying within that limit belong to the PSF. The proceeds from the sale and the mineral-related rental of these lands, including bonuses, delay rentals and royalty payments, become the corpus of the Fund. Prior to the approval by the voters of the State of an amendment to the constitutional provision under which the Fund was established and administered, which occurred on September 13, 2003 (the “Total Return

Constitutional Amendment”), and which is further described below, only the income produced by the PSF could be used to complement taxes in financing public education, which primarily consisted of income from securities, capital gains from securities transactions, and royalties from the sale of oil and natural gas. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment provides that interest and dividends produced by Fund investments will be additional revenue to the PSF.

On November 8, 1983, the voters of the State approved a constitutional amendment that provides for the guarantee by the PSF of bonds issued by school districts. On approval by the State Commissioner of Education (the “Education Commissioner”), bonds properly issued by a school district are fully guaranteed by the PSF. See “The School District Bond Guarantee Program.”

In 2011, legislation was enacted that established the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program as a new component of the Guarantee Program. That legislation authorized the use of the PSF to guarantee revenue bonds issued by or for the benefit of certain open-enrollment charter schools that are designated as “charter districts” by the Education Commissioner. On approval by the Education Commissioner, bonds properly issued by a charter district participating in the Guarantee Program are fully guaranteed by the PSF. The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective on March 3, 2014. See “The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.”

State law also permits charter schools to be chartered and operated by school districts and other political subdivisions, but bond financing of facilities for school district-operated charter schools is subject to the School District Bond Guarantee Program, not the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

While the School District Bond Guarantee Program and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program relate to different types of bonds issued for different types of Texas public schools, and have different program regulations and requirements, a bond guaranteed under either part of the Guarantee Program has the same effect with respect to the guarantee obligation of the Fund thereto, and all guaranteed bonds are aggregated for purposes of determining the capacity of the Guarantee Program (see “Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program”). The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program as enacted by State law has not been reviewed by any court, nor has the Texas Attorney General (the “Attorney General”) been requested to issue an opinion, with respect to its constitutional validity.

Audited financial information for the PSF is provided annually through the PSF Corporation’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the “Annual Report”), which is filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). Due to the establishment of the PSF Corporation, the most recent financial statements include several restatements related thereto. The SLB’s land and real assets investment operations, which are part of the PSF as described below, are also included in the annual financial report of the Texas General Land Office (the “GLO”) that is included in the annual comprehensive report of the State of Texas. The Annual Report includes the Message of the Chief Executive Officer of the PSF Corporation (the “Message”) and the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”). The Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2023, as filed with the MSRB in accordance with the PSF undertaking and agreement made in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 (“Rule 15c2-12”) of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as described below, is hereby incorporated by reference into this disclosure. Information included herein for the year ended August 31, 2023, is derived from the audited financial statements of the PSF, which are included in the Annual Report as it is filed and posted. Reference is made to the Annual Report for the complete Message and MD&A for the year ended August 31, 2023, and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2023, the most recent year for which audited financial information regarding the Fund is available. The 2023 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the TEA has not obligated itself to update the 2023 Annual Report or any other Annual Report. The PSF Corporation posts (i) each Annual Report, which includes statistical data regarding the Fund as of the close of each fiscal year, (ii) the most recent disclosure for the Guarantee Program, (iii) the PSF Corporation’s Investment Policy Statement (the “IPS”), and (iv) monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program (collectively, the “Web Site Materials”) on the PSF Corporation’s web site at <https://texaspsf.org/bond-guarantee-program/> and with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org. Such monthly updates regarding the Guarantee Program are also incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes. In addition to the Web Site Materials, the Fund is required to make quarterly filings with the SEC under Section 13(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such filings, which consist of a list of the Fund’s holdings of securities specified in Section 13(f), including exchange-traded (*e.g.*, NYSE) or NASDAQ-quoted stocks, equity options and warrants, shares of closed-end investment companies and certain convertible debt securities, are available from the SEC at www.sec.gov/edgar. A list of the Fund’s equity and fixed

income holdings as of August 31 of each year is posted to the PSF Corporation's web site and filed with the MSRB. Such list excludes holdings in the Fund's securities lending program. Such list, as filed, is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Management and Administration of the Fund

The Texas Constitution and applicable statutes delegate to the SBOE and the PSF Corporation the authority and responsibility for investment of the PSF's financial assets. The SBOE consists of 15 members who are elected by territorial districts in the State to four-year terms of office. The PSF Corporation is a special-purpose governmental corporation and instrumentality of the State entitled to sovereign immunity, and is governed by a nine-member board of directors (the "PSFC Board"), which consists of five members of the SBOE, the Land Commissioner, and three appointed members who have substantial background and expertise in investments and asset management, with one member being appointed by the Land Commissioner and the other two appointed by the Governor with confirmation by the Senate.

The PSF's non-financial real assets, including land, mineral and royalty interests, and individual real estate holdings, are held by the GLO and managed by the SLB. The SLB is required to send PSF mineral and royalty revenues to the PSF Corporation for investment, less amounts specified by appropriation to be retained by the SLB.

The Texas Constitution provides that the Fund shall be managed through the exercise of the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of their capital (the "Prudent Person Standard"). In accordance with the Texas Constitution, the SBOE views the PSF as a perpetual endowment, and the Fund is managed as an endowment fund with a long-term investment horizon. For a detailed description of the PSFC Board's investment objectives, as well as a description of the PSFC's roles and responsibilities in managing and administering the fund, see the IPS (available on the PSF Corporation's website).

As described below, the Total Return Constitutional Amendment restricts the annual pay-out from the Fund to both (i) 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund, excluding real property, on the last day of each of the sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium, and (ii) the total-return on all investment assets of the Fund over a rolling ten-year period.

By law, the Education Commissioner is appointed by the Governor, with Senate confirmation, and assists the SBOE, but the Education Commissioner can neither be hired nor dismissed by the SBOE. The PSF Corporation has also engaged outside counsel to advise it as to its duties with respect to the Fund, including specific actions regarding the investment of the PSF to ensure compliance with fiduciary standards, and to provide transactional advice in connection with the investment of Fund assets in non-traditional investments. TEA's General Counsel provides legal advice to the SBOE but will not provide legal advice directly to the PSF Corporation.

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment shifted administrative costs of the Fund from the ASF to the PSF, providing that expenses of managing the PSF are to be paid "by appropriation" from the PSF. In January 2005, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0293 (2005), stating that the Total Return Constitutional Amendment does not require the SBOE to pay from such appropriated PSF funds the indirect management costs deducted from the assets of a mutual fund or other investment company in which PSF funds have been invested.

The Act requires that the Education Commissioner prepare, and the SBOE approve, an annual status report on the Guarantee Program (which is included in the Annual Report). The State Auditor audits the financial statements of the PSF, which are separate from other financial statements of the State. Additionally, not less than once each year, the PSFC Board must submit an audit report to the Legislative Budget Board ("LBB") regarding the operations of the PSF Corporation. The PSF Corporation may contract with a certified public accountant or the State Auditor to conduct an independent audit of the operations of the PSF Corporation, but such authorization does not affect the State Auditor's authority to conduct an audit of the PSF Corporation in accordance with State laws.

With respect to the 2024-2025 State biennium, and for subsequent biennia, the PSF Corporation is required to submit a legislative appropriations request (“LAR”) to the LBB and the Office of the Governor that details a request for appropriation of funds to enable the PSF Corporation to carry out its responsibilities for the investment management of the Fund. The requested funding, budget structure, and riders are sufficient to fully support all operations of the PSF Corporation in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. As described therein, the LAR is designed to provide the PSF Corporation with the ability to operate as a stand-alone state entity in the State budget while retaining the flexibility to fulfill its fiduciary duty and provide oversight and transparency to the Legislature and Governor.

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment requires that PSF distributions to the ASF be determined using a “total-return-based” that provides that the total amount distributed from the Fund to the ASF: (1) in each year of a State fiscal biennium must be an amount that is not more than 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund, excluding real property (the “Distribution Rate”), on the last day of each of the sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium, in accordance with the rate adopted by: (a) a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the SBOE, taken before the Regular Session of the Legislature convenes or (b) the Legislature by general law or appropriation, if the SBOE does not adopt a rate as provided by clause (a); and (2) over the ten-year period consisting of the current State fiscal year and the nine preceding State fiscal years may not exceed the total return on all investment assets of the Fund over the same ten-year period (the “Ten Year Total Return”). In April 2009, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att’y Gen. No. GA-0707 (2009) (“GA-0707”), with regard to certain matters pertaining to the Distribution Rate and the determination of the Ten Year Total Return. In GA-0707 the Attorney General opined, among other advice, that (i) the Ten Year Total Return should be calculated on an annual basis, (ii) a contingency plan adopted by the SBOE, to permit monthly transfers equal in aggregate to the annual Distribution Rate to be halted and subsequently made up if such transfers temporarily exceed the Ten Year Total Return, is not prohibited by State law, provided that such contingency plan applies only within a fiscal year time basis, not on a biennium basis, and (iii) the amount distributed from the Fund in a fiscal year may not exceed 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund or the Ten Year Total Return. In accordance with GA-0707, in the event that the Ten Year Total Return is exceeded during a fiscal year, transfers to the ASF will be halted. However, if the Ten Year Total Return subsequently increases during that biennium, transfers may be resumed, if the SBOE has provided for that contingency, and made in full during the remaining period of the biennium, subject to the limit of 6% in any one fiscal year. Any shortfall in the transfer that results from such events from one biennium may not be paid over to the ASF in a subsequent biennium as the SBOE would make a separate payout determination for that subsequent biennium.

In determining the Distribution Rate, the SBOE has adopted the goal of maximizing the amount distributed from the Fund in a manner designed to preserve “intergenerational equity.” The definition of intergenerational equity that the SBOE has generally followed is the maintenance of purchasing power to ensure that endowment spending keeps pace with inflation, with the ultimate goal being to ensure that current and future generations are given equal levels of purchasing power in real terms. In making this determination, the SBOE takes into account various considerations, and relies upon PSF Corporation and TEA staff and external investment consultants, which undertake analysis for long-term projection periods that includes certain assumptions. Among the assumptions used in the analysis are a projected rate of growth of student enrollment State-wide, the projected contributions and expenses of the Fund, projected returns in the capital markets and a projected inflation rate.

The Texas Constitution also provides authority to the GLO or another entity (described in statute as the SLB or the PSF Corporation) that has responsibility for the management of revenues derived from land or other properties of the PSF to determine whether to transfer an amount each year to the ASF from the revenue derived during the current year from such land or properties. The Texas Constitution limits the maximum transfer to the ASF to \$600 million in each year from the revenue derived during that year from the PSF from the GLO, the SBOE or another entity to the extent such entity has the responsibility for the management of revenues derived from such land or other properties. Any amount transferred to the ASF pursuant to this constitutional provision is excluded from the 6% Distribution Rate limitation applicable to SBOE transfers.

The following table shows amounts distributed to the ASF from the portions of the Fund administered by the SBOE (the “PSF(SBOE)”), the PSF Corporation (the “PSF(CORP)”), and the SLB (the “PSF(SLB)”).

Annual Distributions to the Available School Fund¹

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> ² |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| PSF(CORP) Distribution | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 2,076 |
| PSF(SBOE) Distribution | 839 | 839 | 1,056 | 1,056 | 1,236 | 1,236 | 1,102 | 1,102 | 1,731 | - |
| PSF(SLB) Distribution | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 300 | 600 | 600 ³ | 415 | 115 |
| Per Student Distribution | 175 | 173 | 215 | 212 | 247 | 306 | 347 | 341 | 432 | 440 |

¹ In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

² Reflects the first fiscal year in which distributions were made by the PSF Corporation.

³ In September 2020, the SBOE approved a special, one-time transfer of \$300 million from the portion of the PSF managed by the SBOE to the portion of the PSF managed by the SLB, which amount is to be transferred to the ASF by the SLB in fiscal year 2021. In approving the special transfer, the SBOE determined that the transfer was in the best interest of the PSF due to the historic nature of the public health and economic circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the school children of Texas.

In November 2022, the SBOE approved a \$3.1 billion distribution to the ASF for State fiscal biennium 2024-2025. In making its determination of the 2024-2025 Distribution Rate, the SBOE took into account the announced planned distribution to the ASF by the SLB of \$1.2 billion for the biennium.

Efforts to achieve the intergenerational equity objective, as described above, result in changes in the Distribution Rate for each biennial period. The following table sets forth the Distribution Rates announced by the SBOE in the fall of each even-numbered year to be applicable for the following biennium.

| <u>State Fiscal Biennium</u> | <u>2008-09</u> | <u>2010-11</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2016-17</u> | <u>2018-19</u> | <u>2020-21</u> | <u>2022-23</u> | <u>2024-25</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| SBOE Distribution Rate ¹ | 3.5% | 2.5% | 4.2% | 3.3% | 3.5% | 3.7% | 2.974% | 4.18% | 3.32% ² |

¹ Includes only distributions made to the ASF by the SBOE; see the immediately preceding table for amounts of direct SLB distributions to the ASF. In addition, the SLB approved transfers of \$600 million per year directly to the ASF for fiscal biennium 2024-25.

² The distribution rate approved by the SBOE for fiscal biennium 2024-25 was based on a number of assumptions, including a mid- to long-term expected return rate for the Fund of 6.35% and a rate of inflation measured by the consumer price index of 2.70% according to the policy adopted by the SBOE in June 2022.

PSF Corporation Strategic Asset Allocation

The PSFC Board sets the asset allocation policy for the Fund, including determining the available asset classes for investment and approving target percentages and ranges for allocation to each asset class, with the goal of delivering a long-term risk adjusted return through all economic and market environments. Effective January 1, 2023, the IPS includes a combined asset allocation for all Fund assets (consisting of assets transferred for management to the PSF Corporation from the SBOE and the SLB). The IPS provides that the Fund's investment objectives are as follows:

- Generate distributions for the benefit of public schools in Texas;
- Maintain the purchasing power of the Fund, after spending and inflation, in order to maintain intergenerational equity with respect to distributions from the Fund;
- Provide a maximum level of return consistent with prudent risk levels, while maintaining sufficient liquidity needed to support Fund obligations; and
- Maintain a AAA credit rating, as assigned by a nationally recognized securities rating organization.

The table below sets forth the current asset allocation of the Fund that was adopted February 2024 (which is subject to change from time to time):

| Asset Class | Strategic Asset Allocation | Range | |
|---|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| | | Min | Max |
| Cash | 2.0% | 0.0% | 7.0% |
| Core Bonds | 10.0% | 5.0% | 15.0% |
| High Yield | 2.0% | 0.0% | 7.0% |
| Bank Loans | 4.0% | 0.0% | 9.0% |
| Treasury Inflation Protected Securities | 2.0% | 0.0% | 7.0% |
| Large Cap Equity | 14.0% | 9.0% | 19.0% |
| Small/Mid-Cap Equity | 6.0% | 1.0% | 11.0% |
| Non-US Developed Equity | 7.0% | 2.0% | 12.0% |
| Absolute Return | 3.0% | 0.0% | 8.0% |
| Real Estate | 12.0% | 7.0% | 17.0% |
| Private Equity | 20.0% | 10.0% | 30.0% |
| Private Credit | 8.0% | 3.0% | 13.0% |
| Natural Resources | 5.0% | 0.0% | 10.0% |
| Infrastructure | 5.0% | 0.0% | 10.0% |

The table below sets forth the comparative investments of the PSF for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2022 and 2023, as set forth in the Annual Report for the 2023 fiscal year. As of January 1, 2023, the assets of the PSF(SBOE) and the PSF (SLB) were generally combined (referred to herein as the PSF(CORP)) for investment management and accounting purposes.

Comparative Investment Schedule – PSF(CORP)

| Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2023 and 2022 | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| ASSET CLASS | August 31, 2023 | August 31, 2022 | Amount of Increase (Decrease) | Percent Change |
| EQUITY | | | | |
| Domestic Small Cap | \$ 2,975.1 | \$ 2,858.4 | \$ 116.7 | 4.1% |
| Domestic Large Cap | 7,896.5 | 6,402.1 | 1,494.4 | 23.3% |
| Total Domestic Equity | 10,871.6 | 9,260.5 | 1,611.1 | 17.4% |
| International Equity | 7,945.5 | 7,197.9 | 747.6 | 10.4% |
| TOTAL EQUITY | 18,817.1 | 16,458.4 | 2,358.7 | 14.3% |
| FIXED INCOME | | | | |
| Domestic Fixed Income | 5,563.7 | 5,867.5 | (303.8) | -5.2% |
| U.S. Treasuries | 937.5 | 1,140.2 | (202.7) | -17.8% |
| High Yield Bonds | 1,231.6 | 1,142.5 | 89.1 | 7.8% |
| Emerging Market Debt | 869.7 | 1,190.9 | (321.2) | -27.0% |
| TOTAL FIXED INCOME | 8,602.5 | 9,341.1 | (738.6) | -7.9% |
| ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS | | | | |
| Absolute Return | 3,175.8 | 2,932.3 | 243.5 | 8.3% |
| Real Estate | 6,525.2 | 6,286.9 | 238.3 | 3.8% |
| Private Equity | 8,400.7 | 7,933.1 | 467.6 | 5.9% |
| Emerging Manager Program | 134.5 | 29.9 | 104.6 | 349.8% |

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|
| Real Return | 1,663.7 | 1,620.3 | 43.4 | 2.7% |
| Real Assets | 4,712.1 | 4,341.3 | 370.8 | 8.5% |
| TOT ALT INVESTMENTS | 24,612.0 | 23,143.8 | 1,468.2 | 6.3% |
| UNALLOCATED CASH | 348.2 | 231.7 | 116.5 | 50.3% |
| TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS | \$ 52,379.8 | \$ 49,175.0 | \$ 3,204.8 | 6.5% |

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

The table below sets forth the investments of the PSF(SLB) for the year ended August 31, 2023.

Investment Schedule - PSF(SLB)¹

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2023

| | <u>As of</u> <u>8-31-23</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Investment Type Investments in Real Assets | |
| Sovereign Lands | \$ 276.14 |
| Discretionary Internal Investments | 264.32 |
| Other Lands | 167.97 |
| Minerals ^{(2), (3)} | <u>5,435.62</u> ⁽⁶⁾ |
| Total Investments ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,144.05 |
| Cash in State Treasury ⁽⁵⁾ | 508.38 |
| Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury | \$ 6,652.44 |

¹Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2023 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

² Historical Cost of investments at August 31, 2023 was: Sovereign Lands \$838,776.71; Discretionary Internal Investments \$129,728,504.04; Other Lands \$38,241,863.70; and Minerals \$13,437,063.73.

³ Includes an estimated 1,000,000.00 acres in freshwater rivers.

⁴ Includes an estimated 1,747,600.00 in excess acreage.

⁵ Cash in State Treasury is managed by the Treasury Operations Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

⁶ Future Net Revenues discounted at 10% and then adjusted for risk factors. A mineral reserve report is prepared annually by external third-party petroleum engineers.

The asset allocation of the Fund's financial assets portfolio is subject to change by the PSF Corporation from time to time based upon a number of factors, including recommendations to the PSF Corporation made by internal investment staff and external consultants. Fund performance may also be affected by factors other than asset allocation, including, without limitation, the general performance of the securities markets and other capital markets in the United States and abroad, which may be affected by different levels of economic activity; decisions of political officeholders; significant adverse weather events; development of hostilities in and among nations; cybersecurity threats and events; changes in international trade policies or practices; application of the Prudent Person Standard, which may eliminate certain investment opportunities for the Fund; management fees paid to external managers and embedded management fees for some fund investments; and PSF operational limitations impacted by Texas law or legislative appropriation. The Guarantee Program could also be impacted by changes in State or federal law or regulations or the implementation of new accounting standards.

The School District Bond Guarantee Program

The School District Bond Guarantee Program requires an application be made by a school district to the Education Commissioner for a guarantee of its bonds. If the conditions for the School District Bond Guarantee Program are satisfied, the guarantee becomes effective upon approval of the bonds by the Attorney General and remains in effect until the guaranteed bonds are paid or defeased, by a refunding or otherwise.

In the event of default, holders of guaranteed school district bonds will receive all payments due from the corpus of the PSF. Following a determination that a school district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on any guaranteed bond, the Act requires the school district to notify the Education Commissioner not later than the fifth day before the stated maturity date of such bond or interest payment. Immediately following receipt of such notice, the Education Commissioner must cause to be transferred from the appropriate account in the PSF to the Paying Agent/Registrar an amount necessary to pay the maturing or matured principal and interest. Upon receipt of funds for payment of such principal or interest, the Paying Agent/Registrar must pay the amount due and forward the canceled bond or evidence of payment of the interest to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (the "Comptroller"). The Education Commissioner will instruct the Comptroller to withhold the amount paid, plus interest, from the first State money payable to the school district. The amount withheld pursuant to this funding "intercept" feature will be deposited to the credit of the PSF. The Comptroller must hold such canceled bond or evidence of payment of the interest on behalf of the PSF. Following full reimbursement of such payment by the school district to the PSF with interest, the Comptroller will cancel the bond or evidence of payment of the interest and forward it to the school district. The Act permits the Education Commissioner to order a school district to set a tax rate sufficient to reimburse the PSF for any payments made with respect to guaranteed bonds, and also sufficient to pay future payments on guaranteed bonds, and provides certain enforcement mechanisms to the Education Commissioner, including the appointment of a board of managers or annexation of a defaulting school district to another school district.

If a school district fails to pay principal or interest on a bond as it is stated to mature, other amounts not due and payable are not accelerated and do not become due and payable by virtue of the district's default. The School District Bond Guarantee Program does not apply to the payment of principal and interest upon redemption of bonds, except upon mandatory sinking fund redemption, and does not apply to the obligation, if any, of a school district to pay a redemption premium on its guaranteed bonds. The guarantee applies to all matured interest on guaranteed school district bonds, whether the bonds were issued with a fixed or variable interest rate and whether the interest rate changes as a result of an interest reset provision or other bond order provision requiring an interest rate change. The guarantee does not extend to any obligation of a school district under any agreement with a third party relating to guaranteed bonds that is defined or described in State law as a "bond enhancement agreement" or a "credit agreement," unless the right to payment of such third party is directly as a result of such third party being a bondholder.

In the event that two or more payments are made from the PSF on behalf of a district, the Education Commissioner shall request the Attorney General to institute legal action to compel the district and its officers, agents and employees to comply with the duties required of them by law in respect to the payment of guaranteed bonds.

Generally, the regulations that govern the School District Bond Guarantee Program (the "SDBGP Rules") limit guarantees to certain types of notes and bonds, including, with respect to refunding bonds issued by school districts, a requirement that the bonds produce debt service savings. The SDBGP Rules include certain accreditation criteria for districts applying for a guarantee of their bonds, and limit guarantees to districts that have less than the amount of annual debt service per average daily attendance that represents the 90th percentile of annual debt service per average daily attendance for all school districts, but such limitation will not apply to school districts that have enrollment growth of at least 25% over the previous five school years. As noted, above, in connection with the Regulatory Recodification, the SDBGP Rules are now codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC section 33.6 and are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/facilities-funding-and-standards/bond-guarantee-program>.

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective March 3, 2014. The SBOE published final regulations in the Texas Register that provide for the administration of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program (the "CDBGP Rules"). As noted, above, in connection with the Regulatory Recodification, the CDBGP Rules are now codified at 19 TAC section 33.7 and are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/facilities-funding-and-standards/bond-guarantee-program>.

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program has been authorized through the enactment of amendments to the Act, which provide that a charter holder may make application to the Education Commissioner for designation as a “charter district” and for a guarantee by the PSF under the Act of bonds issued on behalf of a charter district by a non-profit corporation. If the conditions for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program are satisfied, the guarantee becomes effective upon approval of the bonds by the Attorney General and remains in effect until the guaranteed bonds are paid or defeased, by a refunding or otherwise.

Pursuant to the CDBGP Rules, the Education Commissioner annually determines the ratio of charter district students to total public school students, for the 2024 fiscal year, the ratio is 7.69%. At February 26, 2024, there were 186 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 1,128 charter school campuses authorized under such charters, though as of such date, 212 of such campuses are not currently serving students for various reasons; therefore, there are 916 charter school campuses actively serving students in Texas. Section 12.101, Texas Education Code, limits the number of charters that the Education Commissioner may grant to a total number of 305 charters. While legislation limits the number of charters that may be granted, it does not limit the number of campuses that may operate under a particular charter. For information regarding the capacity of the Guarantee Program, see “Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program.” The Act provides that the Education Commissioner may not approve the guarantee of refunding or refinanced bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program in a total amount that exceeds one-half of the total amount available for the guarantee of charter district bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

In accordance with the Act, the Education Commissioner may not approve charter district bonds for guarantee if such guarantees will result in lower bond ratings for public school district bonds that are guaranteed under the School District Bond Guarantee Program. To be eligible for a guarantee, the Act provides that a charter district’s bonds must be approved by the Attorney General, have an unenhanced investment grade rating from a nationally recognized investment rating firm, and satisfy a limited investigation conducted by the TEA.

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program does not apply to the payment of principal and interest upon redemption of bonds, except upon mandatory sinking fund redemption, and does not apply to the obligation, if any, of a charter district to pay a redemption premium on its guaranteed bonds. The guarantee applies to all matured interest on guaranteed charter district bonds, whether the bonds were issued with a fixed or variable interest rate and whether the interest rate changes as a result of an interest reset provision or other bond resolution provision requiring an interest rate change. The guarantee does not extend to any obligation of a charter district under any agreement with a third party relating to guaranteed bonds that is defined or described in State law as a “bond enhancement agreement” or a “credit agreement,” unless the right to payment of such third party is directly as a result of such third party being a bondholder.

In the event of default, holders of guaranteed charter district bonds will receive all payments due from the corpus of the PSF. Following a determination that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on any guaranteed bond, the Act requires a charter district to notify the Education Commissioner not later than the fifth day before the stated maturity date of such bond or interest payment and provides that immediately following receipt of notice that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on a guaranteed bond, the Education Commissioner is required to instruct the Comptroller to transfer from the Charter District Reserve Fund to the district's paying agent an amount necessary to pay the maturing or matured principal or interest. If money in the Charter District Reserve Fund is insufficient to pay the amount due on a bond for which a notice of default has been received, the Education Commissioner is required to instruct the Comptroller to transfer from the PSF to the district’s paying agent the amount necessary to pay the balance of the unpaid maturing or matured principal or interest. If a total of two or more payments are made under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program on charter district bonds and the Education Commissioner determines that the charter district is acting in bad faith under the program, the Education Commissioner may request the Attorney General to institute appropriate legal action to compel the charter district and its officers, agents, and employees to comply with the duties required of them by law in regard to the guaranteed bonds. As is the case with the School District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act provides a funding “intercept” feature that obligates the Education Commissioner to instruct the Comptroller to withhold the amount paid with respect to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, plus interest, from the first State money payable to a charter district that fails to make a guaranteed payment on its bonds. The amount withheld will be deposited, first, to the credit of the PSF, and then to restore any amount drawn from the Charter District Reserve Fund as a result of the non-payment.

The CDBGP Rules provide that the PSF may be used to guarantee bonds issued for the acquisition, construction, repair, or renovation of an educational facility for an open-enrollment charter holder and equipping real property of an open-enrollment charter school and/or to refinance promissory notes executed by an open-enrollment charter school, each in an amount in excess of \$500,000 the proceeds of which loans were used for a purpose described above (so-called new money bonds) or for refinancing bonds previously issued for the charter school that were approved by the Attorney General (so-called refunding bonds). Refunding bonds may not be guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program if they do not result in a present value savings to the charter holder.

The CDBGP Rules provide that an open-enrollment charter holder applying for charter district designation and a guarantee of its bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program satisfy various provisions of the regulations, including the following: It must (i) have operated at least one open-enrollment charter school with enrolled students in the State for at least three years; (ii) agree that the bonded indebtedness for which the guarantee is sought will be undertaken as an obligation of all entities under common control of the open-enrollment charter holder, and that all such entities will be liable for the obligation if the open-enrollment charter holder defaults on the bonded indebtedness, provided, however, that an entity that does not operate a charter school in Texas is subject to this provision only to the extent it has received state funds from the open-enrollment charter holder; (iii) have had completed for the past three years an audit for each such year that included unqualified or unmodified audit opinions; and (iv) have received an investment grade credit rating within the last year. Upon receipt of an application for guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Education Commissioner is required to conduct an investigation into the financial status of the applicant charter district and of the accreditation status of all open-enrollment charter schools operated under the charter, within the scope set forth in the CDBGP Rules. Such financial investigation must establish that an applying charter district has a historical debt service coverage ratio, based on annual debt service, of at least 1.1 for the most recently completed fiscal year, and a projected debt service coverage ratio, based on projected revenues and expenses and maximum annual debt service, of at least 1.2. The failure of an open-enrollment charter holder to comply with the Act or the applicable regulations, including by making any material misrepresentations in the charter holder's application for charter district designation or guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, constitutes a material violation of the open-enrollment charter holder's charter.

From time to time, TEA has limited new guarantees under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program to conform to capacity limits specified by the Act. The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program Capacity (the "CDBGP Capacity") is made available from the capacity of the Guarantee Program but is not reserved exclusively for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program." Other factors that could increase the CDBGP Capacity include Fund investment performance, future increases in the Guarantee Program multiplier, changes in State law that govern the calculation of the CDBGP Capacity, as described below, changes in State or federal law or regulations related to the Guarantee Program limit, growth in the relative percentage of students enrolled in open-enrollment charter schools to the total State scholastic census, legislative and administrative changes in funding for charter districts, changes in level of school district or charter district participation in the Guarantee Program, or a combination of such circumstances.

Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program

The capacity of the Fund to guarantee bonds under the Guarantee Program is limited to the lesser of that imposed by State law (the "State Capacity Limit") and that imposed by regulations and a notice issued by the IRS (the "IRS Limit", with the limit in effect at any given time being the "Capacity Limit"). From 2005 through 2009, the Guarantee Program twice reached capacity under the IRS Limit, and in each instance the Guarantee Program was closed to new bond guarantee applications until relief was obtained from the IRS. The most recent closure of the Guarantee Program commenced in March 2009 and the Guarantee Program reopened in February 2010 after the IRS updated regulations relating to the PSF and similar funds.

Prior to 2007, various legislation was enacted modifying the calculation of the State Capacity limit; however, in 2007, Senate Bill 389 ("SB 389") was enacted, providing for increases in the capacity of the Guarantee Program, and specifically providing that the SBOE may by rule increase the capacity of the Guarantee Program from two and one-half times the cost value of the PSF to an amount not to exceed five times the cost value of the PSF, provided that the increased limit does not violate federal law and regulations and does not prevent bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program from receiving the highest available credit rating, as determined by the

SBOE. SB 389 further provided that the SBOE shall at least annually consider whether to change the capacity of the Guarantee Program. Additionally, on May 21, 2010, the SBOE modified the SDBGP Rules, and increased the State Capacity Limit to an amount equal to three times the cost value of the PSF.

Such modified regulations, including the revised capacity rule, became effective on July 1, 2010. The SDBGP Rules provide that the Education Commissioner will estimate the available capacity of the PSF each month and may increase or reduce the State Capacity Limit multiplier to prudently manage fund capacity and maintain the AAA credit rating of the Guarantee Program but also provide that any changes to the multiplier made by the Education Commissioner are to be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at the next meeting following the change. See “Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds” below.

Since September 2015, the SBOE has periodically voted to change the capacity multiplier as shown in the following table.

| <u>Changes in SBOE-determined multiplier for State Capacity Limit</u> | |
|---|-------------------|
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Multiplier</u> |
| Prior to May 2010 | 2.50 |
| May 2010 | 3.00 |
| September 2015 | 3.25 |
| February 2017 | 3.50 |
| September 2017 | 3.75 |
| February 2018 (current) | 3.50 |

Since December 16, 2009, the IRS Limit was a static limit set at 500% of the total cost value of the assets held by the PSF as of December 16, 2009; however, on May 10, 2023, the IRS released Notice 2023-39 (the “IRS Notice”), stating that the IRS would issue regulations amending the existing regulations to amend the calculation of the IRS limit to 500% of the total cost value of assets held by the PSF as of the date of sale of new bonds, effective as of May 10, 2023.

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of December 31, 2023 the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$44,034,322,531 (unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of \$220,171,612,655 in principal amount of guaranteed bonds outstanding.

As of December 31, 2023, the estimated State Capacity Limit is \$154,120,128,859, which is lower than the IRS Limit, making the State Capacity Limit the current Capacity Limit for the Fund.

Since July 1991, when the SBOE amended the Guarantee Program Rules to broaden the range of bonds that are eligible for guarantee under the Guarantee Program to encompass most Texas school district bonds, the principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program has increased sharply. In addition, in recent years a number of factors have caused an increase in the amount of bonds issued by school districts in the State. See the table “Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds” below. Effective March 1, 2023, the Act provides that the SBOE may establish a percentage of the Capacity Limit to be reserved from use in guaranteeing bonds (the “Capacity Reserve”). The SDBGP Rules provide for a maximum Capacity Reserve for the overall Guarantee Program of 5% and provide that the amount of the Capacity Reserve may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the SBOE based on changes in the cost value, asset allocation, and risk in the portfolio, or may be increased or decreased by the Education Commissioner as necessary to prudently manage fund capacity and preserve the AAA credit rating of the Guarantee Program (subject to ratification or rejection by the SBOE at the next meeting for which an item can be posted). The CDBGP Rules provide for an additional reserve of CDBGP Capacity determined by calculating an equal percentage as established by the SBOE for the Capacity Reserve, applied to the CDBGP Capacity. Effective March 1, 2023, the Capacity Reserve is 0.25%. The Capacity Reserve is noted in the monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program on the PSF Corporation’s web site at <https://texaspsf.org/monthly-disclosures/>, which are also filed with the MSRB.

Based upon historical performance of the Fund, the legal restrictions relating to the amount of bonds that may be guaranteed has generally resulted in a lower ratio of guaranteed bonds to available assets as compared to many other types of credit enhancements that may be available for Texas school district bonds and charter district bonds.

However, the ratio of Fund assets to guaranteed bonds and the growth of the Fund in general could be adversely affected by a number of factors, including Fund investment performance, investment objectives of the Fund, an increase in bond issues by school districts in the State or legal restrictions on the Fund, changes in State laws that implement funding decisions for school districts and charter districts, which could adversely affect the credit quality of those districts, the implementation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, or significant changes in distributions to the ASF. The issuance of the IRS Notice and the Final IRS Regulations resulted in a substantial increase in the amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program.

No representation is made as to how the capacity will remain available, and the capacity of the Guarantee Program is subject to change due to a number of factors, including changes in bond issuance volume throughout the State and some bonds receiving guarantee approvals may not close. If the amount of guaranteed bonds approaches the State Capacity Limit, the SBOE or Education Commissioner may increase the State Capacity Limit multiplier as discussed above.

2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

The CDBGP Capacity is established by the Act. During the 85th Texas Legislature, which concluded on May 29, 2017, Senate Bill 1480 (“SB 1480”) was enacted. SB 1480 amended the Act to modify how the CDBGP Capacity is established effective as of September 1, 2017, and made other substantive changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. Prior to the enactment of SB 1480, the CDBGP Capacity was calculated as the Capacity Limit less the amount of outstanding bond guarantees under the Guarantee Program multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population. SB 1480 amended the CDBGP Capacity calculation so that the Capacity Limit is multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population prior to the subtraction of the outstanding bond guarantees, thereby increasing the CDBGP Capacity.

The percentage of the charter district scholastic population to the overall public school scholastic population has grown from 3.53% in September 2012 to 7.69% in February 2024. TEA is unable to predict how the ratio of charter district students to the total State scholastic population will change over time.

In addition to modifying the manner of determining the CDBGP Capacity, SB 1480 provided that the Education Commissioner’s investigation of a charter district application for guarantee may include an evaluation of whether the charter district bond security documents provide a security interest in real property pledged as collateral for the bond and the repayment obligation under the proposed guarantee. The Education Commissioner may decline to approve the application if the Education Commissioner determines that sufficient security is not provided. The Act and the CDBGP Rules also require the Education Commissioner to make an investigation of the accreditation status and financial status for a charter district applying for a bond guarantee.

Since the initial authorization of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act has established a bond guarantee reserve fund in the State treasury (the “Charter District Reserve Fund”). Formerly, the Act provided that each charter district that has a bond guaranteed must annually remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 10% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on its bonds due to the guarantee by the PSF. SB 1480 modified the Act insofar as it pertains to the Charter District Reserve Fund. Effective September 1, 2017, the Act provides that a charter district that has a bond guaranteed must remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 20% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on the bond due to the guarantee by the PSF. The amount due shall be paid on receipt by the charter district of the bond proceeds. However, the deposit requirement will not apply if the balance of the Charter District Reserve Fund is at least equal to 3.00% of the total amount of outstanding guaranteed bonds issued by charter districts. At January 31, 2024, the Charter District Reserve Fund contained \$97,636,048, which represented approximately 2.32% of the guaranteed charter district bonds. The Reserve Fund is held and invested as a non-commingled fund under the administration of the PSF Corporation staff.

Charter District Risk Factors

Open-enrollment charter schools in the State may not charge tuition and, unlike school districts, charter districts have no taxing power. Funding for charter district operations is largely from amounts appropriated by the

Legislature. Additionally, the amount of State payments a charter district receives is based on a variety of factors, including the enrollment at the schools operated by a charter district, and may be affected by the State's economic performance and other budgetary considerations and various political considerations.

Other than credit support for charter district bonds that is provided to qualifying charter districts by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, State funding for charter district facilities construction is limited to a program established by the Legislature in 2017, which provides \$60 million per year for eligible charter districts with an acceptable performance rating for a variety of funding purposes, including for lease or purchase payments for instructional facilities. Since State funding for charter facilities is limited, charter schools generally issue revenue bonds to fund facility construction and acquisition, or fund facilities from cash flows of the school. Some charter districts have issued non-guaranteed debt in addition to debt guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, and such non-guaranteed debt is likely to be secured by a deed of trust covering all or part of the charter district's facilities. In March 2017, the TEA began requiring charter districts to provide the TEA with a lien against charter district property as a condition to receiving a guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, charter district bonds issued and guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program prior to the implementation of the new requirement did not have the benefit of a security interest in real property, although other existing debts of such charter districts that are not guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program may be secured by real property that could be foreclosed on in the event of a bond default.

As a general rule, the operation of a charter school involves fewer State requirements and regulations for charter holders as compared to other public schools, but the maintenance of a State-granted charter is dependent upon ongoing compliance with State law and regulations, which are monitored by TEA. TEA has a broad range of enforcement and remedial actions that it can take as corrective measures, and such actions may include the loss of the State charter, the appointment of a new board of directors to govern a charter district, the assignment of operations to another charter operator, or, as a last resort, the dissolution of an open-enrollment charter school. Charter holders are governed by a private board of directors, as compared to the elected boards of trustees that govern school districts.

As described above, the Act includes a funding "intercept" function that applies to both the School District Bond Guarantee Program and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, school districts are viewed as the "educator of last resort" for students residing in the geographical territory of the district, which makes it unlikely that State funding for those school districts would be discontinued, although the TEA can require the dissolution and merger into another school district if necessary to ensure sound education and financial management of a school district. That is not the case with a charter district, however, and open-enrollment charter schools in the State have been dissolved by TEA from time to time. If a charter district that has bonds outstanding that are guaranteed by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program should be dissolved, debt service on guaranteed bonds of the district would continue to be paid to bondholders in accordance with the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, but there would be no funding available for reimbursement of the PSF by the Comptroller for such payments. As described under "The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program," the Act established the Charter District Reserve Fund, to serve as a reimbursement resource for the PSF.

Infectious Disease Outbreak

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, TEA and TEA investment management for the PSF have continued to operate and function pursuant to the TEA continuity of operations plan developed as mandated in accordance with Texas Labor Code Section 412.054. That plan was designed to ensure performance of the Agency's essential missions and functions under such threats and conditions in the event of, among other emergencies, a pandemic event.

Circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve; for additional information on these events in the State, reference is made to the website of the Governor, <https://gov.texas.gov/>, and, with respect to public school events, the website of TEA, <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

TEA cannot predict whether any school or charter district may experience short- or longer-term cash flow emergencies as a direct or indirect effect of COVID-19 that would require a payment from the PSF to be made

to a paying agent for a guaranteed bond. However, through the end of January 2024, no school district or charter district had failed to perform with respect to making required payments on their guaranteed bonds. Information regarding the respective financial operations of the issuer of bonds guaranteed, or to be guaranteed, by the PSF is provided by such issuers in their respective bond offering documents and the TEA takes no responsibility for the respective information, as it is provided by the respective issuers.

Ratings of Bonds Guaranteed Under the Guarantee Program

Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. rate bonds guaranteed by the PSF “Aaa,” “AAA” and “AAA,” respectively. Not all districts apply for multiple ratings on their bonds, however. See the applicable rating section within the offering document to which this is attached for information regarding a district’s underlying rating and the enhanced rating applied to a given series of bonds.

Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds

| Permanent School Fund Valuations | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Fiscal Year | | |
| <u>Ended 8/31</u> | <u>Book Value⁽¹⁾</u> | <u>Market Value⁽¹⁾</u> |
| 2019 | \$35,288,344,219 | \$46,464,447,981 |
| 2020 | 36,642,000,738 | 46,764,059,745 |
| 2021 | 38,699,895,545 | 55,582,252,097 |
| 2022 | 42,511,350,050 | 56,754,515,757 |
| 2023 ⁽²⁾ | 43,915,792,841 | 59,020,536,667 |

⁽¹⁾ SLB managed assets are included in the market value and book value of the Fund. In determining the market value of the PSF from time to time during a fiscal year, the current, unaudited values for PSF investment portfolios and cash held by the SLB are used. With respect to SLB managed assets shown in the table above, market values of land and mineral interests, internally managed real estate, investments in externally managed real estate funds and cash are based upon information reported to the PSF Corporation by the SLB. The SLB reports that information to the PSF Corporation on a quarterly basis. The valuation of such assets at any point in time is dependent upon a variety of factors, including economic conditions in the State and nation in general, and the values of these assets, and, in particular, the valuation of mineral holdings administered by the SLB, can be volatile and subject to material changes from period to period.

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 2023, mineral assets, sovereign and other lands and discretionary internal investments, and cash managed by the SLB had book values of approximately \$13.4 million, \$168.8 million, and \$708.4 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$5,435.6 million, \$678.4 million, and \$508.4 million, respectively.

| Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <u>At 8/31</u> | <u>Principal Amount⁽¹⁾</u> |
| 2019 | \$84,397,900,203 |
| 2020 | 90,336,680,245 |
| 2021 | 95,259,161,922 |
| 2022 | 103,239,495,929 |
| 2023 | 115,730,826,682 ⁽²⁾ |

⁽¹⁾ Represents original principal amount; does not reflect any subsequent accretions in value for compound interest bonds (zero coupon securities). The amount shown excludes bonds that have been refunded and released from the Guarantee Program. The TEA does not maintain records of the accreted value of capital appreciation bonds that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program.

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 2023 (the most recent date for which such data is available), the TEA expected that the principal and interest to be paid by school districts and charter districts over the remaining life of the bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program was \$178,520,723,868, of which \$62,789,897,186 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2023, there were \$115,730,826,682 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program. Using the State Capacity Limit of \$154,120,128,859 (the State Capacity Limit is currently the Capacity Limit), net of the Capacity Reserve, as of December 31, 2023, 7.36% of the Guarantee Program’s capacity was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. As of December 31, 2023, the amount of outstanding bond guarantees represented 76.36% of the Capacity Limit (which is currently the State Capacity Limit). December 31, 2023 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category⁽¹⁾

| Fiscal Year | School District Bonds | | Charter District Bonds | | Totals | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Ended <u>8/31</u> | No. of <u>Issues</u> | Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u> | No. of <u>Issues</u> | Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u> | No. of <u>Issues</u> | Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u> |
| 2019 | | 3,297 | 82,537,755,203 | 49 | 1,860,145,000 | 3,346 | 84,397,900,203 |
| 2020 | | 3,296 | 87,800,478,245 | 64 | 2,536,202,000 | 3,360 | 90,336,680,245 |
| 2021 | | 3,346 | 91,951,175,922 | 83 | 3,307,986,000 | 3,429 | 95,259,161,922 |
| 2022 | | 3,348 | 99,528,099,929 | 94 | 3,711,396,000 | 3,442 | 103,239,495,929 |
| 2023 ⁽²⁾ | | 3,339 | 111,647,914,682 | 102 | 4,082,912,000 | 3,441 | 115,730,826,682 |

⁽¹⁾ Represents original principal amount; does not reflect any subsequent accretions in value for compound interest bonds (zero coupon securities). The amount shown excludes bonds that have been refunded and released from the Guarantee Program.

⁽²⁾ At December 31, 2023 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$117,374,697,034 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,369 school district issues, aggregating \$113,174,765,034 in principal amount and 105 charter district issues, aggregating \$4,199,932,000 in principal amount. At December 31, 2023 the projected guarantee capacity available was \$26,935,589,587 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

Discussion and Analysis Pertaining to Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023

The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2023, including the Message from the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, and other schedules contained therein. Reference is made to the Annual Report, as filed with the MSRB, for the complete Message and MD&A. Investment assets managed by the PSFC Board are referred to throughout this MD&A as the PSF(CORP). The Fund’s non-financial real assets are managed by the SLB and these assets are referred to throughout as the PSF(SLB) assets.

At the end of fiscal year 2023, the PSF(CORP) net position was \$52.3 billion. During the year, the PSF(CORP) continued implementing the long-term strategic asset allocation, diversifying the investment mix to strengthen the Fund. The asset allocation is projected to increase returns over the long run while reducing risk and portfolio return volatility. The PSF(CORP) is invested in global markets and liquid assets experience volatility commensurate with the related indices. The PSF(CORP) is broadly diversified and benefits from the cost structure of its investment program. Changes continue to be researched, crafted, and implemented to make the cost structure more effective and efficient. The PSF(CORP) annual rates of return for the one-year, five-year, and ten- year periods ending August 31, 2023, net of fees, were 6.14%, 6.19%, and 6.78%, respectively (total return takes into consideration the change in the market value of the Fund during the year as well as the interest and dividend income generated by the Fund’s investments). See “Comparative Investment Schedule - PSF(CORP)” for the PSF(CORP) holdings as of August 31, 2023.

Beginning January 1, 2023, Texas PSF transitioned into the PSF Corporation combining all PSF financial investment assets under the singular management of the PSF Corporation. The new structure of the PSF Corporation updated the strategic asset allocation among public equities, fixed income, and alternative assets, as discussed herein. Alternative assets now include absolute return, private equity, real estate, natural resources, infrastructure, and real return (TIPS and commodities). The inauguration of the PSF Corporation as a discretely presented component unit of the State of Texas for fiscal year 2023 required a change in the basis of accounting to full accrual. For a description of the full accrual basis of accounting and more information about performance, including comparisons to established benchmarks for certain periods, please see the 2023 Annual Report which is included by reference herein.

PSF Returns Fiscal Year Ended 8-31-2023¹

| Benchmark Portfolio | Return | Return ² |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------------------|
| Total PSF(CORP) Portfolio | 6.14 | 4.38 |
| Domestic Large Cap Equities | 16.09 | 15.94 |
| Domestic Small/Mid Cap Equities | 9.31 | 9.14 |
| International Equities | 12.38 | 11.89 |
| Emerging Market Equity | 2.48 | 1.25 |
| Fixed Income | (1.30) | (1.19) |
| U.S. Treasuries | (9.21) | (9.69) |
| Absolute Return | 7.59 | 3.58 |
| Real Estate | (1.96) | (3.13) |
| Private Equity | 4.55 | 0.20 |
| Real Return | (5.51) | (5.88) |
| Emerging Market Debt | 12.68 | 11.34 |
| High Yield | 7.80 | 7.19 |
| Emerging Manager Program | 33.35 | 0.97 |
| Natural Resources | 5.70 | 3.67 |
| Infrastructure | 14.22 | 3.67 |

¹ Time weighted rates of return adjusted for cash flows for the PSF(CORP) investment assets. Does not include SLB managed real estate or real assets. Returns are net of fees. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

² Benchmarks are as set forth in the Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

The SLB is responsible for the investment of money in the Real Estate Special Fund Account (RESFA) of the PSF (also referred to herein as the PSF(SLB)). Pursuant to applicable law, money in the PSF(SLB) may be invested in land, interest in real estate, mineral and royalty interest, and real property holdings. For more information regarding the investments of the PSF(SLB), please see the 2023 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

The Fund directly supports the public school system in the State by distributing a predetermined percentage of its asset value to the ASF. In fiscal year 2023, \$2.1 billion was distributed to the ASF, \$345 million of which was distributed by the PSF(CORP) on behalf of the SLB.

Other Events and Disclosures

State ethics laws govern the ethics and disclosure requirements for financial advisors and other service providers who advise certain State governmental entities, including the PSF. The SBOE code of ethics provides ethical standards for SBOE members, the Education Commissioner, TEA staff, and persons who provide services to the SBOE relating to the Fund. The PSF Corporation developed its own ethics policy that provides basic ethical principles, guidelines, and standards of conduct relating to the management and investment of the Fund in accordance with the requirements of §43.058 of the Texas Education Code, as amended. The SBOE code of ethics is codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC sections 33.4 et seq. and is available on the TEA web site at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf>. The PSF Corporation's ethics policy is posted to the PSF Corporation's website at texaspsf.org.

In addition, the SLB and GLO have established processes and controls over the administration of real estate transactions and are subject to provisions of the Texas Natural Resources Code and internal procedures in administering real estate transactions for Fund assets it manages.

As of August 31, 2023, certain lawsuits were pending against the State and/or the GLO, which challenge the Fund's title to certain real property and/or past or future mineral income from that property, and other litigation arising in the normal course of the investment activities of the PSF. Reference is made to the Annual Report,

when filed, for a description of such lawsuits that are pending, which may represent contingent liabilities of the Fund.

PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

The Regulatory Recodification included the codification of the TEA's undertaking pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the "TEA Undertaking") pertaining to the PSF and the Guarantee Program. As of March 1, 2023, the TEA Undertaking is codified at 19 TAC 33.8, which relates to the Guarantee Program and is available at [available at https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf).

Through the codification of the TEA Undertaking and its commitment to guarantee bonds, the TEA has made the following agreement for the benefit of the issuers, holders, and beneficial owners of guaranteed bonds. The TEA (or its successor with respect to the management of the Guarantee Program) is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains an "obligated person," within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, with respect to guaranteed bonds. Nothing in the TEA Undertaking obligates the TEA to make any filings or disclosures with respect to guaranteed bonds, as the obligations of the TEA under the TEA Undertaking pertain solely to the Guarantee Program. The issuer or an "obligated person" of the guaranteed bonds has assumed the applicable obligation under Rule 15c2-12 to make all disclosures and filings relating directly to guaranteed bonds, and the TEA takes no responsibility with respect to such undertakings. Under the TEA Undertaking, the TEA is obligated to provide annually certain updated financial information and operating data, and timely notice of specified material events, to the MSRB.

The MSRB has established the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system, and the TEA is required to file its continuing disclosure information using the EMMA system. Investors may access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org, and the continuing disclosure filings of the TEA with respect to the PSF can be found at <https://emma.msrb.org/IssueView/Details/ER355077> or by searching for "Texas Permanent School Fund Bond Guarantee Program" on EMMA.

Annual Reports

The PSF Corporation, on behalf of the TEA, and the TEA will annually provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the Guarantee Program and the PSF of the general type included in this offering document under the heading "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM." The information also includes the Annual Report. The PSF Corporation will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year.

The TEA and the PSF Corporation may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly-available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information includes audited financial statements of, or relating to, the State or the PSF, when and if such audits are commissioned and available. In the event audits are not available by the filing deadline, unaudited financial statements will be provided by such deadline, and audited financial statements will be provided when available. Financial statements of the State will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to state governments, as such principles may be changed from time to time, or such other accounting principles as the State Auditor is required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation. The financial statements of the Fund are required to be prepared to conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Fund is composed of two primary segments: the financial assets (PSF(CORP)) managed by PSF Corporation, and the non-financial assets (PSF(SLB)) managed by the SLB. Each of these segments is reported separately und different bases of accounting.

The PSF Corporation classified as a proprietary endowment fund and reported by the State of Texas as a discretely presented component unit and accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Measurement focus refers to the definition of the resource flows measured.

Under the full accrual basis of accounting, all revenues reported are recognized in the period they are earned or when the PSF Corporation has a right to receive them. Expenses are recognized in the period they are incurred, and the subsequent amortization of any deferred outflows. Additionally, costs related to capital assets are capitalized and subsequently depreciated over the useful life of the assets. Both current and long-term assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of net position.

The SLB manages the Fund's non-financial assets (PSF(SLB)), is classified as a governmental permanent fund and accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, amounts are recognized as revenues in the period in which they are available to finance expenditures of the current period and are measurable. Amounts are considered measurable if they can be estimated or otherwise determined. Expenditures are recognized in the period in which the related liability is incurred, if measurable.

The State's current fiscal year end is August 31. Accordingly, the TEA and the PSF Corporation must provide updated information by the last day of February in each year, unless the State changes its fiscal year. If the State changes its fiscal year, the TEA will notify the MSRB of the change.

Event Notices

The TEA and the PSF Corporation will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. Such notices will be provided not more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event. The TEA or the PSF Corporation will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Guarantee Program: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (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 IRS 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 Guarantee Program, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Guarantee Program; (7) modifications to rights of holders of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (8) bond calls, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (11) rating changes of the Guarantee Program; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Guarantee Program (which is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Guarantee Program in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program); (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Guarantee Program or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, 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 such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (14) the appointment of a successor or additional trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program or the change of name of a trustee, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (15) the incurrence of a financial obligation of the Guarantee Program, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Guarantee Program, 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 Guarantee Program, any of which reflect financial difficulties. (Neither the Act nor any other law, regulation or instrument pertaining to the Guarantee Program make any provision with respect to the Guarantee Program for bond calls, debt service reserves, credit enhancement, liquidity enhancement, early redemption, or the appointment of a trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program.) In addition, the TEA or the PSF Corporation will provide timely notice of any failure by the TEA or the PSF

Corporation to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under “Annual Reports.”

Availability of Information

The TEA and the PSF Corporation have agreed to provide the foregoing information only to the MSRB and to transmit such information electronically to the MSRB in such format and accompanied by such identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The information is available from the MSRB to the public without charge at www.emma.msrb.org.

Limitations and Amendments

The TEA and the PSF Corporation have agreed to update information and to provide notices of material events only as described above. The TEA and the PSF Corporation have not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The TEA and the PSF Corporation make no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell bonds at any future date. The TEA and the PSF Corporation disclaim any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the TEA and the PSF Corporation to comply with its agreement.

The continuing disclosure agreement is made only with respect to the PSF and the Guarantee Program. The issuer of guaranteed bonds or an obligated person with respect to guaranteed bonds may make a continuing disclosure undertaking in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 with respect to its obligations arising under Rule 15c2-12 pertaining to financial information and operating data concerning such entity and events notices relating to such guaranteed bonds. A description of such undertaking, if any, is included elsewhere in this offering document.

This continuing disclosure agreement may be amended by the TEA or the PSF Corporation from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the TEA or the PSF Corporation, but only if (1) the provisions, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell guaranteed bonds in the primary offering of such bonds in compliance with Rule 15c2-12, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12 since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the TEA or the PSF Corporation (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the holders and beneficial owners of the bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program. The TEA or the PSF Corporation may also amend or repeal the provisions of its continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of Rule 15c2-12 or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of Rule 15c2-12 are invalid, but only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program in the primary offering of such bonds.

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

Except as stated below, during the last five years, the TEA and the PSF Corporation have not failed to substantially comply with their previous continuing disclosure agreements in accordance with Rule 15c2-12. On April 28, 2022, TEA became aware that it had not timely filed its 2021 Annual Report with EMMA due to an administrative oversight. TEA took corrective action and filed the 2021 Annual Report with EMMA on April 28, 2022, followed by a notice of late filing made with EMMA on April 29, 2022. TEA notes that the 2021 Annual Report was timely filed on the TEA website by the required filing date and that website posting has been incorporated by reference into TEA’s Bond Guarantee Program disclosures that are included in school district and charter district offering documents.

SEC Exemptive Relief

On February 9, 1996, the TEA received a letter from the Chief Counsel of the SEC that pertains to the availability of the “small issuer exemption” set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12. The letter provides that Texas school districts which offer municipal securities that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program may undertake to comply with the provisions of paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12 if their offerings otherwise qualify for such exemption, notwithstanding the guarantee of the school district securities under the Guarantee Program. Among other requirements established by Rule 15c2-12, a school district offering may qualify for the small issuer exemption if, upon issuance of the proposed series of securities, the school district will have no more than \$10 million of outstanding municipal securities.

