

Unenhanced Ratings: Moody's "A1"  
S&P "A"  
(See "RATINGS," "BOND INSURANCE" and  
"BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS")

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**Dated: January 31, 2025**

**NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY**

*In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

**\$39,120,000\***  
**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Dallas County, Texas)**  
**UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025-B**

**Dated Date: February 1, 2025**

**Due: February 15 and August 15, as shown on page 2**

**Interest Accrual Date: Date of Delivery (defined below)**

The Lancaster Independent School District (the "District") is issuing its \$39,120,000\* Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-B (the "Bonds") in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on September 19, 2024, in which the Board delegated pricing of the Bonds and certain other matters to a "Pricing Officer" who will approve and execute a "Pricing Certificate" which will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Order"). The Bonds are being offered by the District concurrently with the "Lancaster Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A" (the "Series 2025-A Bonds") (see "INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT – Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2025-A Bonds").

The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District and are 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. **The Bonds are not guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date they are initially delivered to the initial purchasers thereof named below (the "Underwriters"), and will be payable on August 15, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding February 15 and August 15 of each year until stated maturity. The Bonds will be issued in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. Interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months (see "THE BONDS – General Description").

The District intends to use the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), but use of such system could be discontinued. The principal of and interest on the Bonds at maturity will be payable to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, by BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, as the initial Paying Agent/Registrar (the "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").

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used (i) to refund a portion of the District's outstanding bonds (the "Refunded Bonds") (see "Schedule I – SCHEDULE OF BONDS TO BE REFUNDED") and (ii) to pay costs of issuance related to the Bonds (see "THE BONDS – Purpose"). The refunding is being undertaken to lower the District's debt service payments and will result in a present value savings to the District.

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*The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and accepted by the Underwriters, subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Cantu Harden Montoya LLP, Dallas, Texas. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the services of DTC on or about March 6, 2025 (the "Date of Delivery").*

**Siebert Williams Shank**

**Raymond James**

**RBC Capital Markets**

\* Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment without notice. 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 SCHEDULE\*

| <u>Maturity Date</u> * | <u>Principal Amount</u> * | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Initial Yield</u> | <u>CUSIP Suffix</u> <sup>(A)</sup> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 08/15/2025             | \$ 125,000                | %                    | %                    |                                    |
| 02/15/2026             | 3,515,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2027             | 3,700,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2028             | 3,890,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2029             | 4,090,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2030             | 4,295,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2031             | 4,520,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2032             | 4,745,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2033             | 4,990,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |
| 02/15/2034             | 5,250,000                 |                      |                      |                                    |

(Interest to accrue from the Date of Delivery)

**NO OPTIONAL REDEMPTION...**The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to stated maturity (see “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions”).

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## USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States 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.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other 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, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters.

Certain information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and it is not to be construed as a representation by the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters.

This Official Statement is not to be used in connection with an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of the 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 herein since the date hereof. See “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION” for a description of the undertaking of the District to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

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 FOR THE PURCHASE THEREOF.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

None of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Underwriters 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 described under “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” as such information has been provided by DTC.

The Underwriters have provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to their respective responsibilities to investors under federal securities laws, but the Underwriters do 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 described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchaser of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING SCHEDULE I AND THE APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of the Bonds or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this document. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS “FORWARD-LOOKING” STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. 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 “FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS” herein.

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## SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The selected data 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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| <b>The District</b>              | Lancaster Independent School District (the “District”) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the “State”) located in Dallas County, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”). 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. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors. For more information regarding the District, see “Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT” and “Appendix B – GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY.”   |
| <b>Authority for Issuance</b>    | The District’s Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-B (the “Bonds”) are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1207”), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), and an order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board on September 19, 2024. In the Bond Order, the Board delegated to an officer of the District (the “Pricing Officer”) authority to complete the sale of the Bonds. The terms of the sale will be included in a “Pricing Certificate,” which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the “Order”) (see “THE BONDS – Authorization”). |
| <b>Concurrently Issued Bonds</b> | The Bonds are being offered by the District concurrently with the “Lancaster Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A” (the “Series 2025-A Bonds”). This Official Statement describes only the Bonds and not the Series 2025-A Bonds and any potential investors must review the District’s disclosure document relating to the Series 2025-A Bonds in its entirety prior to making an investment decision with respect thereto. See “INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT – Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2025-A Bonds” for a general description of the potential Series 2025-B Bonds.  |
| <b>The Bonds</b>                 | The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page 2 of this Official Statement (see “THE BONDS – General Description”).  |
| <b>Payment of Interest</b>       | Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery (the “Date of Delivery”) to the initial purchasers thereof (the “Underwriters”) and will be payable on August 15, 2025, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding February 15 and August 15 of each year until stated maturity (see “THE BONDS – General Description”).  |
| <b>Security</b>                  | The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from an annual ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount (see “THE BONDS – Security”). 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.<br><br><b>The Bonds are <u>not</u> guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program</b> (see “THE BONDS – Security”).   |
| <b>No Optional Redemption</b>    | The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to stated maturity (see “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions”).  |
| <b>Use of Proceeds</b>           | Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used (i) to refund a portion of the District’s outstanding bonds (the “Refunded Bonds”) (see “Schedule I – SCHEDULE OF BONDS TO BE REFUNDED”) and (ii) to pay costs of issuance related to the Bonds (see “THE BONDS – Purpose”). The refunding is being undertaken to lower the District’s debt service payments and will result in a present value savings to the District.   |

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| <b>Tax Exemption</b>                        | In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under “TAX MATTERS” herein.  |
| <b>Bond Insurance</b>                       | The District has made application for municipal bond insurance with commercial insurers. Should a commitment from an insurance provider be received, the District reserves the right to insure all or a portion of the Bonds, if it determines that such insurance is economically beneficial to the District. The purchase of such insurance, if available, and the payment of all associated costs will be at the option and expense of the District (see “BOND INSURANCE” and “BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS”).  |
| <b>Ratings</b>                              | Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) and S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (“S&P”), have assigned municipal bond ratings of “A1” and “A”, respectively to the Bonds (without regard to any credit enhancement) (see “RATINGS”). <b>The Bonds are <u>not</u> guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program</b> (see “THE BONDS – Security”). If a bond insurance policy is purchased guaranteeing payment of all or a portion of the Bonds, the final Official Statement will disclose the existence of the policy, the identity of the insurer and the financial strength ratings assigned to the insurer.                             |
| <b>Book-Entry-Only System</b>               | The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in principal denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. The principal of and interest on the Bonds at maturity will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar 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”). |
| <b>Paying Agent/Registrar</b>               | The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (see “REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Paying Agent/Registrar”).   |
| <b>Continuing Disclosure of Information</b> | Pursuant to the 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.”   |
| <b>Payment Record</b>                       | The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.   |
| <b>Legality</b>                             | Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality and tax exemption by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel (see “LEGAL MATTERS” and “TAX MATTERS”).   |

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**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OFFICIALS, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

| <u>Name</u>                      | <u>Term Expires</u> | <u>Occupation</u>                          |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Ty G. Jones, M.Ed., President    | May 2026            | Business Development, Engineering          |
| Kendall L. Smith, Vice President | May 2026            | Business Unit Information Security Officer |
| Carolyn Ann Morris, Secretary    | May 2025            | Mediator                                   |
| Marion Hamilton, Member          | May 2027            | Hospital Administrator                     |
| Quinnie Nichols, Member          | May 2027            | Director of Business Risk Management       |
| Temika S. Whitfield, Member      | May 2025            | Trustee                                    |
| Daryle Clewis, Member            | May 2026            | Undisclosed                                |

**CERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS**

| <u>Name</u>           | <u>Position</u>  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Dr. A. Katrise Perera | Superintendent of Schools  |
| Dr. Cassandra Barker  | Deputy Superintendent  |
| Kimberly Simpson      | Chief of Communications, Marketing and Community Engagement      |
| Dana Shaw-Mosley      | Chief Financial Officer  |
| Sharesa Alexander     | General Counsel  |
| Dr. Marcus Jackson    | Chief of Student Services  |
| Patonia Bell          | Chief of Access and Accountability                               |
| Clifford Wherley      | Chief of Police  |
| Dr. Dameon Gray       | Executive Director of Human Resources                            |
| Roger Oster           | Executive Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation |
| Yvonne Thornton       | Executive Director of School Leadership                          |
| Crystal Cromer        | Executive Director of Special Education                          |

**CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS**

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Dallas, Texas

Bond Counsel.....Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP  
Dallas, Texas

Financial Advisor..... BOK Financial Securities, Inc.  
Richardson, Texas

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO**  
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**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Dallas County, Texas)**  
**UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025-B**

**INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

This Official Statement, including Schedule I and Appendices A, B and D, has been prepared by the Lancaster Independent School District located in Dallas County, Texas (the “District”), in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-B (the “Bonds”), identified on the cover page hereof.

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 “FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS”).

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the 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, BOK Financial Securities, Inc., 333 West Campbell Road, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Richardson, Texas 75080.

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.

**Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2025-A Bonds**

The Bond Order (defined below) also authorized the issuance of the “Lancaster Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A” (the “Series 2025-A Bonds”). In the Bond Order, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the District delegated to a Pricing Officer (defined below) authority to complete the sale of the Series 2025-A Bonds if certain parameters are met. The terms of the sale will be included in a “Series 2025-A Pricing Certificate,” which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Series 2025-A Bonds (the Bond Order and the Series 2025-A Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the “Series 2025-A Order”). The Series 2025-A Bonds are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement and are expected to be issued concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds and the Series 2025-A Bonds are separate and distinct securities offerings being issued and sold independently, and, while the Bonds and the Series 2025-A Bonds share certain common attributes, each issue is separate from the other and should be reviewed and analyzed independently, including, without limitation, the type of obligation being offered, its terms for payment, the security for its payment, credit enhancement, and the rights of holders. Investors interested in purchasing any of the Series 2025-A Bonds should review the official statement related thereto. The delivery of the Bonds is not dependent on the delivery of the Series 2025-A Bonds. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Bonds and the Series 2025-A Bonds will be treated as a single issue of bonds for federal income tax purposes.

**THE BONDS**

**Authorization**

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the “State”), including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1207”), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), and an order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board on September 19, 2024. In the Bond Order, the Board delegated to an officer of the District (the “Pricing Officer”) authority to complete the sale of the Bonds. The terms of the sale will be included in a “Pricing Certificate,” which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the “Order”). Capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Order, except as otherwise indicated.

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.



## **Purpose**

The Bonds will be used to refund a portion of the District's currently outstanding bonds (the "Refunded Bonds") (see "THE BONDS – Refunded Bonds" and "Schedule I – SCHEDULE OF BONDS TO BE REFUNDED" for a more complete description of the Refunded Bonds) and to pay costs of issuance related to the Bonds. The refunding is being undertaken to lower the District's debt service payments and will result in a present value savings to the District.

## **Refunded Bonds**

A description and identification of the Refunded Bonds appears in Schedule I attached hereto. The Refunded Bonds and the interest due thereon are to be paid on their redemption date from funds to be deposited pursuant to an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the District and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Escrow Agent").

The Order provides that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds to the initial purchasers thereof (the "Underwriters"), the District will deposit with the Escrow Agent an amount, together with other lawfully available funds, if any, which, when added to the investment earnings thereon, will be sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds on their redemption date. Such funds will be held by the Escrow Agent in an escrow account (the "Escrow Fund") and used to purchase obligations authorized by Chapter 1207 (collectively, the "Escrowed Securities"). Under the Escrow Agreement, the Escrow Fund is irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds.

Samuel Klein and Company, LLP, CPAs in conjunction with Public Finance Partners LLC (the "Verification Agent") will verify at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters that the Escrowed Securities will mature and pay interest in such amounts which, together with uninvested funds, if any, in the Escrow Fund, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. Such maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities will not be available to pay the debt service on the Bonds (see "VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL COMPUTATIONS").

By the deposit of the Escrowed Securities and cash, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of all of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of Chapter 1207 and the order authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. As a result of such defeasance, the Refunded Bonds will be outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payments from the Escrowed Securities and any cash held for such purpose by the Escrow Agent, such Refunded Bonds will not be deemed as being outstanding obligations of the District, payable from the sources and secured in the manner provided in the order authorizing their issuance or for any other purpose, and the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available in the Escrow Fund for the payment of the Refunded Bonds from time to time, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure to receive payment when due on the Escrowed Securities.

## **General Description**

The Bonds shall be dated February 1, 2025, and interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery (the "Date of Delivery") to the Underwriters, at the interest rates shown on page 2 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. The Bonds are to mature on the dates and in the principal amounts shown on page 2 hereof. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered obligations in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. The paying agent and transfer agent for the Bonds is initially BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar").

Initially, the Bonds will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners. The principal 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.

Interest on the Bonds will be payable to the registered owner whose name appears on the bond registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date (hereinafter defined) and such accrued interest will be paid by (i) check sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner appearing on such registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar or (ii) such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. The record date for determining the party to whom interest is payable on any interest payment date for the Bonds is the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date (the "Record Date") (see "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Record Date for Interest Payment"). The principal of the Bonds will be payable only upon presentation of such Bonds at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar upon maturity, as

applicable; provided, however, that so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments will be made as described under “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

### **Security**

The Bonds are direct obligations of the District and are payable as to principal and interest from an annual ad valorem tax levied on all taxable property within the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount, as provided in the Order (see “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS,” “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM” and “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS”).

**The Bonds are not guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program.**

### **Redemption Provisions**

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

### **Legality**

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas (see “LEGAL MATTERS” and “Appendix C – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL”).

### **Payment Record**

The District has never defaulted with respect to the payment of its bonded indebtedness.

### **Defeasance of Bonds**

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal of and premium, if any, on the Bonds, plus interest thereon to the due date thereof (whether such due date be by reason of maturity or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or an authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Government Securities, that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to ensure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Government Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Order provides that the term “Government Securities” means (i) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (ii) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the District are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and on the date of their acquisition or purchase by the District, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent and (iv) any other then authorized securities or obligations under applicable State law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds. Authorized District officials may limit these eligible securities as deemed necessary in connection with the sale of the Bonds. In the event the District restricts such eligible securities, the final Official Statement will reflect the new authorized Government Securities. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Order does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that any particular rating for U.S. Treasury securities used as Government Securities or the rating for any other Government Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Government Securities.

**Amendments**

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 Order in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the holders of the Bonds, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the District may, with the consent of holders of the Bonds who own in the aggregate a majority of the principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Order; provided that, without the consent of all holders of outstanding Bonds, no such amendment, addition or rescission shall (1) 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 thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, (2) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be held by holders for consent to any such amendment, addition or rescission.

**Sources and Uses of Funds**

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

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| <b>Sources:</b>                                      |                  |
| Principal Amount of the Bonds                        | \$               |
| [Net] Original Issue Reoffering Premium on the Bonds |                  |
| <b>Total Sources of Funds</b>                        | <b><u>\$</u></b> |
| <br>   |                  |
| <b>Uses:</b>   |                  |
| Deposit to Escrow Fund                               | \$               |
| Costs of Issuance and Underwriters' Discount         |                  |
| <b>Total Uses of Funds</b>                           | <b><u>\$</u></b> |

**BOND INSURANCE**

The District has made application to municipal bond insurance companies to have the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds insured by a municipal bond insurance policy. The final Official Statement shall disclose, to the extent necessary, any relevant information relating to any such municipal bond insurance policy (see "BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS").

**BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS**

**Introduction**

The District has applied for a bond insurance policy (the "Policy") to guarantee the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Bonds. The District has yet to determine whether a Policy will be purchased with respect to the Bonds. If a Policy is purchased, the following are risk factors relating to bond insurance.

**General**

In the event of default on the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. The Policy will not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the District which is recovered by the District from the bondholder as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the Policy, however, such payments will be made by the provider of the Policy (the "Insurer") at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the District unless the Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date. Payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds is not subject to acceleration, but other legal remedies upon the occurrence of non-payment do exist (see "REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES"). The Insurer may reserve the right to direct the pursuit of available remedies, and, in addition, may reserve the right to consent to any remedies available to and requested by the bondholders.

In the event the Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds will be payable solely from the moneys received by the Paying Agent/Registrar pursuant to the Order. In the event the Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

In the event the District obtains a Policy, the long term ratings on the Bonds will be dependent in part on the financial strength of the Insurer and its claims-paying ability. The Insurer's financial strength and claims-paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of any Insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds

insured by the Insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds (see “BOND INSURANCE RISK FACTORS – Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers”).

The obligations of the Insurer under the Policy would be general obligations of the Insurer and in an event of default by the Insurer, the remedies available to the bondholders may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency. None of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Underwriters have made independent investigation into the claims-paying ability of any potential Insurer and no assurance nor representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of any Insurer is given. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of any Insurer, particularly over the life of the Bonds.

### **Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers**

Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (the “Rating Agencies”) have, in recent years, downgraded, and/or placed on negative credit watch, the claims-paying ability and financial strength of many providers of municipal bond insurance. Additional downgrades or negative changes in the rating outlook for all bond insurers is possible. In addition, recent events in the credit markets have had substantial negative effects on the bond insurance business. These developments could be viewed as having a material adverse effect on the claims-paying ability of Insurers, including any Insurer for the Bonds. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims-paying ability of any such Insurer, particularly over the life of the Bonds.

### **REGISTERED OWNERS’ REMEDIES**

The Order does not specify events of default with respect to the Bonds. 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 Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the 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 the Order covenants 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 from year to year. The 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 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. Chapter 1371, which pertains to the issuance of public securities by issuers such as the District, permits the District to waive sovereign immunity in the proceedings authorizing its bonds. Notwithstanding its reliance upon the provisions of Chapter 1371 in connection with the issuance of the Bonds (as further described under the subcaption “THE BONDS – Authorization”), the District has not waived the defense of sovereign immunity with respect thereto. Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the District’s sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants in the absence of District action. 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 creditors’ rights 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. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, principles of governmental immunity and by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

Initially, the only registered owner of the Bonds will be Cede & Co., as DTC’s nominee. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein for a description of the duties of DTC with regard to ownership of Bonds.

## BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

*This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited 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 Financial Advisor and the Underwriters believe the source of such information to be reliable, but none of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters takes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.*

*The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds), or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, 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 will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each stated maturity of the Bonds, as set forth on page 2 hereof, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities 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 issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a rating from S&P Global Ratings of "AA+." The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://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 transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry 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 effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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 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.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the 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).

All 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 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 Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent/Registrar or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

#### **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 Order and summarized under "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE" below.

### **REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE**

#### **Paying Agent/Registrar**

BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, has been named to serve as initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. In the Order, the District retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the District replaces the Paying Agent/Registrar, such Paying Agent/Registrar shall, promptly upon the appointment of a successor, deliver the Paying Agent/Registrar's records to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar, and the successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the District shall be a legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution or other agency duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties of the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the District agrees to promptly cause a written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, interest on the Bonds will be paid to the registered owners appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, and such interest will be paid (i) by check sent United States mail, first class, postage prepaid to the address of the registered owner recorded in the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. Principal of the Bonds will be paid to the registered owner at the stated maturity upon presentation to the designated payment/transfer office of the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, however, that so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-

ONLY SYSTEM” herein. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds is a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to close, then the date for such payment will be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date will have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

### **Future Registration**

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 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. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. 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.

### **Record Date for Interest Payment**

The Record Date for determining the person to whom the interest on the Bonds is payable on any interest payment date means the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date. In the event of a nonpayment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a “Special Record Date”) will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the District. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner of a Bond appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

### **Replacement Bonds**

If any Bond is mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, a new Bond in the same principal amount, maturity and interest rate 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 Paying Agent/Registrar of satisfactory evidence to the effect that such Bond has been destroyed, stolen or lost and proof of the ownership thereof, and (b) upon furnishing the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar with indemnity satisfactory to them. The person requesting the authentication and delivery of a new Bond must pay such expenses as the Paying Agent/Registrar may incur in connection therewith.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The District will furnish to the Underwriters a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Bond Counsel, with respect to the Bonds being issued in compliance with the provisions of applicable law and to the effect that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, subject to the matters described under “TAX MATTERS” herein. The form of Bond Counsel’s opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C.

Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by, and only represents, the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel did not take part in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein except that in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information appearing under the captions, “THE BONDS” (except under the subcaptions “Payment Record” and “Sources and Uses of Funds”), “REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE,” “LEGAL MATTERS” (except for the last two sentences of this paragraph), “TAX MATTERS,” “REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE,” “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS,” “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

FINANCE SYSTEM,” “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS,” “LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS” and “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION” (except under the subcaption “Compliance with Prior Undertakings”) and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and legal matters contained under such captions is an accurate and fair description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Order. The District expects to pay the legal fee of Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds from proceeds of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Cantu Harden Montoya LLP, Dallas, Texas. The legal fee of such firm is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does 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 an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

## **TAX MATTERS**

### **Tax Exemption**

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel, to the effect that interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (1) will be excludable from gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of such opinion (the “Code”), pursuant to section 103 of the Code and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals. A form of Bond Counsel’s opinion appears in Appendix C hereto. The statutes, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon representations and certifications of the District made in a certificate dated the date of delivery of the Bonds pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and will assume continuing compliance by the District with the provisions of the Order subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. The Order contains covenants by the District with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facilities financed therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested, the periodic calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of arbitrage “profits” from the investment of proceeds, and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel’s opinion is not a guarantee of a result, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the District described above. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Bond Counsel, and Bond Counsel’s opinion is not binding on the IRS. The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing the tax-exempt status of the interest on tax-exempt obligations. If an audit of the Bonds is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the District as the “taxpayer,” and the owners of the Bonds would have no right to participate in the audit process. In responding to or defending an audit of the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds, the District may have different or conflicting interests from the owners of the Bonds. Public awareness of any future audit of the Bonds could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of its ultimate outcome.

Except as described above, Bond Counsel expresses no other opinion with respect to any other federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust (“FASIT”), and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences to their particular circumstances.

For taxable years beginning after 2022, the Code imposes a minimum tax of 15 percent of the adjusted financial statement income of certain large corporations, generally consisting of corporations (other than S corporations, regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts) with more than \$1 billion in average annual adjusted financial statement income, determined over a three-year period. For this purpose, adjusted financial statement income generally consists of the net income or loss of the taxpayer set forth on the taxpayer’s applicable financial statement for the taxable year, subject to various adjustments, but is not reduced for interest



earned on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds. Prospective purchasers that could be subject to this minimum tax should consult with their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of owning the Bonds.

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to bondholders of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

### **Tax Accounting Treatment of Discount and Premium on Certain Bonds**

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds (the “Discount Bonds”) may be less than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity. An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Discount Bond (assuming that a substantial amount of the Discount Bonds of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and the amount payable at maturity constitutes original issue discount to the initial purchaser of such Discount Bond. A portion of such original issue discount allocable to the holding period of such Discount Bond by the initial purchaser will, upon the disposition of such Discount Bond (including by reason of its payment at maturity), be treated as interest excludable from gross income, rather than as taxable gain, for federal income tax purposes, on the same terms and conditions as those for other interest on the Bonds described above under “Tax Exemption.” Such interest is considered to be accrued actuarially in accordance with the constant interest method over the life of a Discount Bond, taking into account the semiannual compounding of accrued interest, at the yield to maturity on such Discount Bond and generally will be allocated to an initial purchaser in a different amount from the amount of the payment denominated as interest actually received by the initial purchaser during the tax year.

However, such interest may be required to be taken into account in determining the amount of the branch profits tax applicable to certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment. In addition, the accrual of such interest may result in certain other collateral federal income tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a FASIT, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Moreover, in the event of the sale or other taxable disposition of a Discount Bond by the initial owner prior to maturity, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Discount Bond was held) is includable in gross income.

Owners of Discount Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of accrued original issue discount on Discount Bonds for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Discount Bonds. It is possible that, under applicable provisions governing determination of state and local income taxes, accrued interest on Discount Bonds may be deemed to be received in the year of accrual even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

The purchase price of certain Bonds (the “Premium Bonds”) paid by an owner may be greater than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity. An amount equal to the excess of a purchaser’s tax basis in a Premium Bond over the amount payable at maturity constitutes premium to such purchaser. The basis for federal income tax purposes of a Premium Bond in the hands of such purchaser must be reduced each year by the amortizable bond premium, although no federal income tax deduction is allowed as a result of such reduction in basis for amortizable bond premium. Such reduction in basis will increase the amount of any gain (or decrease the amount of any loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or other taxable disposition of a Premium Bond. The amount of premium that is amortizable each year by a purchaser is determined by using such purchaser’s yield to maturity.

Purchasers of the Premium Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the determination of amortizable bond premium on Premium Bonds for federal income tax purposes and with respect to the state and local tax consequences of owning and disposing of Premium Bonds.

### **REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE**

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2). The Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or 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 registration or

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 or qualification provisions.

It is the obligation of the Underwriters to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Underwriters' written request and sole expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary; provided, however, that the District shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

## 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 "State Legislature") from time to time (i) met the requirements of article VII, section 1 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the State 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 State 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 v. The Texas Taxpayer and Student Fairness Coalition*, 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 State 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 State Legislature could enact future changes to the Finance System. Any such changes could benefit or be a detriment to the District. If the State 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 State 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 would be adversely affected by any such legislation (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM").

## CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

### Overview

The following language constitutes only a summary of the public school finance system as it is currently structured. 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.

Local funding 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: a maintenance and operations ("M&O") tax to pay current expenses and an interest and sinking fund ("I&S") tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts may not increase their M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus to pay debt service on bonds. Prior to 2006, school districts were authorized to levy their M&O tax at a voter-approved rate, generally up to \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value. Since 2006, the State Legislature has enacted various legislation that has compressed the voter-approved M&O tax rate, as described below. Current law also requires school districts 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 also 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.

Prior to the 2019 Legislative Session, a school district's maximum M&O tax rate for a given tax year was determined by multiplying that school district's 2005 M&O tax rate levy by an amount equal to a compression percentage set by legislative appropriation or, in the absence of legislative appropriation, by the Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner"). This compression percentage was historically set at 66.67%, effectively setting the maximum compressed M&O tax rate for most school districts at \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value, since most school districts in the State had a voted maximum M&O tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value (though certain school districts located in Harris County had special M&O tax rate authorizations allowing a higher M&O tax rate). School districts were permitted, however, to generate additional local funds by raising their M&O tax rate up to \$0.04 above the compressed tax rate or, with voter-approval at a valid election in the school district, up to \$0.17 above the compressed tax rate (for most school districts, this equated to an M&O tax rate between \$1.04 and \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value). School districts received additional State funds in proportion to such taxing effort.

### **2023 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions**

The regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature convened on January 10, 2023 and concluded on May 29, 2023. The Texas Legislature (the "Legislature") meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. 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 administrative agencies that oversee school districts. Legislation enacted by the Legislature fully-funded the Foundation School Program for the 2023-2024 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 "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 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 any of the 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 has called and the Legislature has 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; (ii) increased the amount of the mandatory school district residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and to hold districts harmless from certain M&O and I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption; (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 a local option general 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.

As described above, the Governor called four special sessions and may call additional special sessions. During any additional called special session, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the funding of public schools,

including the District. The District can make no representations or predictions regarding any actions the Legislature has taken or may take concerning the substance or the effect of any legislation passed in a previous session or a future session of the Legislature.

## **2025 Legislative Session**

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025. 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 representations or predictions 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.

## **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, as further discussed under the subcaption "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement" herein.

State Compression Percentage. The State Compression Percentage is a statutorily-defined percentage of the rate of \$1.00 per \$100 that is used to determine a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (described below). The State Compression Percentage is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the State Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (3) the prior year State Compression Percentage. For any year, the maximum State Compression Percentage is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2024, the State Compression Percentage is set at 68.80%.

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (the "MCR") is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate 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 three alternative calculations: (1) the school district's prior year MCR; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5%; or (3) the product of the State Compression Percentage for the current year multiplied by \$1.00. However, each year the Texas Education Agency ("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, a provision of the general appropriations act reduced the MCR for the 2023-2024 school year. It established \$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.

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. 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 "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two").

## 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 actual 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 discussed herein), and in some instances is required to be used for that purpose (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations"), Tier Two funding may not be used for the payment of debt service or capital outlay.

The current public school 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 State 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 State 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 State Legislature.

*Tier One.* Tier One funding is the basic level of 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, and demographics of students in ADA, 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 (for school districts in the top 25% of enrollment growth relative to other school districts), (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further Texas' goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher incentive allotment to increase teacher compensation 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.

For the 2023-2024 school year, the fast growth allotment weight is 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 this program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the State Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the 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 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 State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State 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 State 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 State 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.

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. In the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the State 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 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 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 public school finance system prior to the enactment of the 2019 Legislation are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis through 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. This grant is phased out through the 2023-2024 school year as follows: (1) 20% reduction for the 2020-2021 school year, (2) 40% reduction for the 2021-2022 school year, (3) 60% reduction for the 2022-2023 school year, and (4) 80% reduction for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, school districts (through the fiscal year ending in 2025) and open-enrollment charter schools (through the fiscal year ending in 2024) are entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas

enacted by the 86th State Legislature. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, 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 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 the 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, 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.*" 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.

Recapture is measured by the "local revenue level" (being the M&O tax revenues generated in a school district) in excess of the entitlements appropriated by the State Legislature each fiscal biennium. Therefore, school districts are now guaranteed that recapture will not reduce revenue below their statutory entitlement.

*Options for Local Revenue Levels in Excess of Entitlement.* Under Chapter 49, a school district has six 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 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 Commissioner do not provide for assumption of any of the transferring school district's existing debt.

### **CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT**

For the 2024-2025 fiscal 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. The District intends to reduce its wealth per student, if needed, pursuant to Option 3, an agreement to purchase attendance credits pursuant to Chapter 49, Texas Education Code, as amended (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement" herein).

A district's "excess local revenue" must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the maximum permitted level, the District must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District's wealth per student should continue to exceed the maximum permitted value in future school years, it may be required each year to exercise one or more of the wealth reduction options. If the District were to consolidate (or consolidate its tax base for all purposes) with a property-poor 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 the annexing district.

For a detailed discussion of State funding for school districts, see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts” herein.

## AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION

*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. Prospective investors are encouraged to review 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 Dallas Central Appraisal District (the “Appraisal District”). Except as generally 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 (3) 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.

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.

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. The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land.

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 “AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION – District and Taxpayer Remedies”).

Effective January 1, 2024, an appraisal district may only increase 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 not to exceed 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 applicable Maximum Property Value. After such time, the value limitation provisions for non-homestead properties described above will expire unless extended by future legislation.

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 sixty-five (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 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions” for a description of SB 2 and the November 7, 2023 statewide election at which voters approved 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.

Cities, counties and school districts are prohibited from repealing or reducing a local option general homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

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. Except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, 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 Tax Code. Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code was recently amended to limit the temporary tax exemption to apply to property physically harmed as a result of a declared disaster.

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”).

*Tax Limitation Agreements.* The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended), 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. Generally, during the last eight (8) years of the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district could 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 was not 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”). The 87th Texas Legislature did not take action to extend this program, which expired by its terms effective December 31, 2022.

During the regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 (codified as Chapter 403, Texas Government Code, Subchapter T. Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act (“Chapter 403”)) was enacted into law. Chapter 403 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code (“Chapter 313”), but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. The effective date of Chapter 403 was January 1, 2024. Under Chapter 403, 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. Chapter 403 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 Chapter 403.** Eligible projects must relate to manufacturing, provision of utility services, dispatchable electric generation (such as non-renewable energy), development of natural resources, critical infrastructure, or research and development for high-tech equipment or technology, and projects must create and maintain jobs and meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District is currently monitoring the State’s implementation of this new economic development program and cannot make any representations as to what impact, if any, Chapter 403 will have on its finances or operations.

*Tax Abatement Agreements.* Taxing units may also enter into tax abatement agreements to encourage economic development. Under the agreements, a property owner agrees to construct certain improvements on its property. The taxing unit, in turn, agrees not to levy a tax on all or part of the increased value attributable to the improvements until the expiration of the agreement. The abatement agreement could last for a period of up to 10 years.

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. For a schedule of the reductions in assessed valuation attributable to the exemptions allowed by the District, see “Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT.”

### **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 was 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”). 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 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.

The Property Tax Code permits taxpayers owning homes or certain businesses located in a disaster area and damaged as a direct result of the declared disaster to pay taxes imposed in the year following the disaster in four equal installments without penalty or interest, commencing on February 1 and ending on August 1. See “AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION – Valuation of Taxable Property – *Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster*” for further information related to a discussion of the applicability of this section of the Property Tax Code.

### **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 Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Dallas County. The Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors, certain members of which are appointed by the governing bodies of various political subdivisions that participate in the Appraisal District and certain of which are elected by voters within Dallas County. The District’s taxes are collected by the Dallas County Tax Assessor-Collector.

The District grants a State mandated \$100,000 general residence homestead exemption.

The District grants a State mandated \$10,000 residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled.

The District grants a State mandated residence homestead exemption for disabled veterans.

The District has not granted a local option, additional exemption for persons who are 65 years of age or older or disabled persons above the amount of the State-mandated exemption.

The District has not granted a local option, additional exemption of up to 20% of the market value of residence homesteads.

The District does not tax non-business personal property.

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

The District exempts “freeport property” from taxation.

The District has taken action to continue taxing “goods-in-transit.”

The District is not currently a participant in any tax increment reinvestment zone.

The District is not currently a participant in any tax abatement or tax limitation agreements.

The Board has approved a resolution initiating an additional 20% penalty to defray attorney costs in the collection of delinquent taxes over and above the penalty automatically assessed under the Property Tax Code. Charges for penalties and interest on the unpaid balance of delinquent taxes are as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Penalty</u> | <u>Cumulative<br/>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| February    | 6%                            | 1%                             | 7%           |
| March       | 7                             | 2                              | 9            |
| April       | 8                             | 3                              | 11           |
| May         | 9                             | 4                              | 13           |
| June        | 10                            | 5                              | 15           |
| July        | 12                            | 6                              | 18           |

After July, the penalty remains at 12%, and interest accrues at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid. A delinquent tax continues to accrue interest as long as the tax remains unpaid, regardless of whether a judgment for the delinquent tax has been rendered. The purpose of imposing such penalty is to compensate the taxing unit for revenue lost because of the delinquency. In addition, if an account is delinquent in July, an attorney’s collection fee of up to 20% may be added to the total tax penalty and interest charge.

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year (except business inventories which may be assessed as of September 1 and mineral values which are assessed on the basis of a twelve-month average) and taxes become due October 1 of the same year and become delinquent on February 1 of the following year. Split payments of taxes are not permitted. Discounts for the early payment of taxes are not permitted.

## **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 February 7, 2004, in accordance with the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, 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 “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate” and “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local 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 “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – 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”).

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 50-cent 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 50-cent 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. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, are not subject to the 50-cent Test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds issued to refund exempt bonds) are included in maximum annual debt service for calculation of the 50-cent Test when applied to subsequent bond issues that are subject to the 50-cent Test. The Bonds are issued as refunding bonds pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, and are, therefore, not subject to the 50-cent Test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on the Bonds are included in the calculation of the 50-cent Test as applied to subsequent issues of “new debt.”

### **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), and if such failure to comply was not in good faith. Section 44.004(e) 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.

### RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), have assigned municipal bond ratings of "A1" and "A", respectively, to the Bonds (without regard to any credit enhancement). **The Bonds are not guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security"). If a bond insurance policy is purchased guaranteeing payment of all or a portion of the Bonds, the final Official Statement will disclose the existence of the policy, the identity of the Insurer and the financial strength ratings assigned to the Insurer.

An explanation of the significance of any rating may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. Each rating reflects only the respective view of such organization and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that any rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by either or both rating companies, if in the judgment of either or both companies, circumstances so warrant. Due to the ongoing political uncertainty regarding the United States of America debt limit, obligations issued by state and local governments in the United States, such as the Bonds, could be subject to a rating downgrade. Additionally, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the United States of America or of any of its agencies or political subdivisions, then such event could also adversely affect the ratings of, market for, and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

### 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 are (i) negotiable instruments, (ii) investment securities to which Chapter 8 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code applies, and (iii) 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. 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 the State which have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256), 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 "RATINGS"). 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.

## INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT

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

### Legal Investments

Under State law and subject to certain limitations, the District is authorized to invest in (1) obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued and secured by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; (5) "A" or better rated obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) federally insured interest-bearing bank deposits, brokered pools of such deposits, and collateralized certificates of deposit and share certificates; (8) fully collateralized United States government securities repurchase agreements; (9) one-year or shorter securities lending agreements secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above or (11) through (14) below or an irrevocable letter of credit issued by an "A" or better rated state or national bank; (10) 270-day or shorter bankers' acceptances, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its holding company are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (11) commercial paper rated at least "A-1" or "P-1"; (12) SEC-registered no-load money market mutual funds that are subject to SEC Rule 2a-7; (13) SEC-registered no-load mutual funds that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years; (14) "AAA" or "AAA<sub>m</sub>"-rated investment pools that invest solely in investments described above; and (15) in the case of bond proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts that are secured by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above and, except for debt service funds and reserves, have a term of 5 years or less.

The District may not, however, invest in (1) interest only obligations, or non-interest bearing principal obligations, stripped from mortgage-backed securities; (2) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a remaining term that exceeds 10 years; and (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that bear interest at an index rate that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index. In addition, the District may not invest more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds and debt service funds and reserves) in mutual funds described in clause (13) above or make an investment in any mutual fund that exceeds 10% of the fund's total assets.

Except as stated above or inconsistent with its investment policy, the District may invest in obligations of any duration without regard to their credit rating, if any. If an obligation ceases to qualify as an eligible investment after it has been purchased, the District is not required to liquidate the investment unless it no longer carries a required rating, in which case the District is required to take prudent measures to liquidate the investment that are consistent with its investment policy.

As a school district that qualifies as an "issuer" under Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended, the District may also invest up to 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds and debt service funds and reserves) in "AA-" or better rated corporate bonds with a remaining term of three years or less. Not more than 25% of its funds invested in corporate bonds may be invested in any single issuer and its affiliates. Corporate bonds must be sold if downgraded below the required rating or placed on negative credit watch.

### Investment Policies

Under State law, the District is required to adopt and annually review written investment policies and must invest its funds in accordance with its policies. The policies must identify eligible investments and address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management. For investments whose eligibility is rating dependent, the policies must adopt procedures to monitor ratings and liquidate investments if and when required. The policies must require that all investment transactions settle on a delivery versus payment basis. The District is required to adopt a written investment strategy for each fund group to achieve investment objectives in the following order of priority: (1) suitability, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability, (5) diversification, and (6) yield.

State law requires the District's investments 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." The District is required to perform an annual audit of the management controls on investments and compliance with its investment policies and provide regular training for its investment officers.

## Current Investments

As of November 30, 2024 (unaudited), the District’s investable funds were invested in the following investment instruments:

| <u>Investment Instrument</u>                           | <u>Book Value</u>              | <u>Percentage</u>     |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lone Star Investment Pool (“Lone Star”) <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 44,894,082.42               | 98.82%                |
| Texas Local Investment Pool (“TexPool”) <sup>(A)</sup> | <u>534,257.06</u>              | <u>1.18%</u>          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b><u>\$ 45,428,339.48</u></b> | <b><u>100.00%</u></b> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Lone Star and TexPool operate pursuant to Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. Lone Star and TexPool operate as a money market equivalent, in a manner consistent with the SEC’s Rule 2a-7 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. No funds of the District are invested in derivative securities, i.e. securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index or commodity.

## EMPLOYEES’ 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 fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, the State contributed \$3,125,659 to TRS on behalf of the District, District employees paid \$4,439,623 and other contributions into the Plan made from federal and private grants and the District for salaries above the statutory minimum were \$2,228,248. For more detailed information concerning the Plan, TRS’s net pension liability with respect thereto and the District’s proportionate share of such net pension liability, see Note 8 to the District’s audited financial statements attached hereto as Appendix D.

In addition to its participation in the TRS, the District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (the “TRS-Care Retired Plan”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan. The TRS-Care Retired Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the TRS. Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. For more detailed information concerning the District’s funding policy and contributions in connection with the TRS-Care Retired Plan, see Note 9 to the District’s audited financial statements attached hereto as Appendix D.

Formal collective bargaining agreements relating directly to wages and other conditions of employment are prohibited by State 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.

## WEATHER EVENTS

If a future weather event significantly damages all or part of the properties comprising the tax base within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenue and/or necessitate an increase in the District’s tax rate. Under certain conditions, State law allows school districts to increase property tax rates without voter approval upon the occurrence of certain disasters such as a tornado, flooding or extreme drought and upon gubernatorial or presidential declaration of disaster (see “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate”). There can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the District will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will carry flood or the appropriate, applicable other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repay any damaged improvements within the District or be sufficient for such purposes. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

## 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.

### **INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK – COVID-19**

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a strain of coronavirus, was characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization for over three years (the “Pandemic”) and negatively affected travel, commerce, the global supply chain, and financial markets globally, and may continue to negatively affect economic growth and financial markets worldwide. On April 10, 2023, the President of the United States signed into law a bill that ended the national emergency declaration resulting from COVID-19 and on May 5, 2023, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 over as a global health emergency. The Pandemic affected enrollment and attendance for many school districts.

With the changes made to the Finance System in House Bill 3 passed during the 2019 Legislative Session, school funding is increasingly tied to ADA. As a result, student enrollment and attendance will be an important factor for M&O funding for the District going forward. The District did not experience a reduction in its taxable assessed valuation during the Pandemic. The Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

In the Order, the District 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 certain specified events, to the MSRB.

#### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement in Tables 1 through 20 in “Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT” (the “Annual Operating Report”). The District will additionally provide financial statements of the District (the “Financial Statements”) that will be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix D or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation and shall be in substantially the form included in Appendix D and (ii) audited, if the District commissions an audit of such Financial Statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. The District will update and provide the Annual Operating Report within six months after the end of each fiscal year and the Financial Statements within 12 months of the end of each fiscal year, in each case beginning with the fiscal year ending in and after 2025. The District may provide the Financial Statements earlier, including at the time it provides its Annual Operating Report, but if the audit of such Financial Statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited Financial Statements within such 12-month period and audited Financial Statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such Financial Statements becomes available.

The District’s current fiscal year end is August 31. Accordingly, the District must provide the Annual Operating Report by the last day of February in each year, and the Financial Statements for the preceding fiscal year must be provided by August 31 in each year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) with the MSRB prior to the next date by which the District otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data as set forth above.

All financial information, operating data, financial statements and notices required to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB. Financial information and operating data to be provided as set forth above may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB’s Internet Web site or filed with the SEC, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

#### **Notices of Certain Events**

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (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, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District 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 material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation (hereinafter defined) of the District or obligated person, 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. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports." Neither the Bonds nor the Order provide for debt service reserves, liquidity enhancement, or credit enhancement (although applications have been made for a municipal bond insurance policy).

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, and (b) the District intends the words used in clauses (15) and (16) in the immediately preceding paragraph and the definition of Financial Obligation below to have the same meanings as when they are used in Rule 15c2-12, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018. As used in this section, the term "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 (i) or (ii); provided however, that a "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.

#### **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](http://www.emma.msrb.org).

#### **Limitations 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 of 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 the 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 and beneficial owners of the Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement.

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 the Bonds in the offering made hereby 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 registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount (or any greater amount required by any other provisions of the Order that authorizes such amendment) of the outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the registered owners and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions 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 in the primary offering of the Bonds. 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 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.

### **EFFECTS OF SEQUESTRATION ON CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, certain automatic reductions in federal spending took effect as of March 1, 2013. These required reductions in federal spending include a reduction to refundable credits under section 6431 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") applicable to certain qualified bonds. The sequester reduction is applied to amounts claimed by an issuer of such qualified bonds which result in a payment to such issuer on or after March 1, 2013. Under the Budget Control Act of 2011, the Federal Subsidies in 2013 were reduced by 8.7%. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, signed by the President on December 26, 2013, extended cuts in those payments to issuers due to sequester of federal expenditures. According to the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, sequester for the above interest subsidy payments and other mandatory programs will continue for fiscal years 2014 through 2031. The sequester reduction percentage applied to the payments made to issuers of direct pay bonds in fiscal year 2025 is 5.7%. This percentage applies to all direct credit subsidy payments scheduled to be made on or after October 1, 2020 through and on and before September 30, 2031. The sequestration reduction rate will be applied unless and until a law is enacted that cancels or otherwise impacts the sequester, at which time the sequestration reduction rate is subject to change.

These reductions apply to Build America Bonds, Qualified School Construction Bonds, Qualified Zone Academy Bonds, New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds for which an issuer elected to receive a direct credit subsidy pursuant to section 6431 of the Code.

The District has previously issued its Qualified Zone Academy Maintenance Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2012 (Direct-Pay Subsidy Notes) (the "Affected Bonds"). It is anticipated that federal payments to the District for such Affected Bonds will be reduced as described above. Pursuant to the order authorizing the issuance of the Affected Bonds, the District is required to make interest and principal payments on the Affected Bonds regardless of whether any federal funding is received. If the sequestration continues, the District may be required to increase ad valorem tax rates in order to pay additional debt service expenses on the Affected Bonds resulting from decreased federal funding. The District can make no prediction as to the length or long-term effects of the sequestration.

### **VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL COMPUTATIONS**

The Verification Agent will deliver to the District, on or before the Date of Delivery of the Bonds, its verification report indicating that it has verified the mathematical accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities, to pay, when due, the maturing principal of, interest on and related call premium requirements, if any, of the Refunded Bonds. Such verification will be relied upon by Bond Counsel in rendering its opinion with respect to defeasance of the Refunded Bonds.

The verification performed by the Verification Agent will be solely based upon data, information and documents provided to the Verification Agent by BOK Financial Securities, Inc. on behalf of the District. The Verification Agent has restricted its procedures to recalculating the computations provided by BOK Financial Securities, Inc. on behalf of the District and has not evaluated or examined the assumptions or information used in the computations.

### **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 or operations of the District.

At the time of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the District will provide the Underwriters with a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending challenging the issuance of the Bonds or that affects the payment and security of the Bonds or in any other manner questioning the issuance, sale or delivery of the Bonds.

## FINANCIAL ADVISOR

BOK Financial Securities, Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may also from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of debt proceeds or other funds of the District, upon the request of the District.

BOK Financial Securities, Inc., in its capacity as Financial Advisor, has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

The Financial Advisor 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 Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain customary conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the initial offering price to the public, as shown on page 2 of this Official Statement, less an underwriting discount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and no accrued interest. The Underwriters' obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent, and they 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 Underwriters.

The Underwriters have provided the following paragraphs for inclusion in this Official Statement and the District makes no representation or warranty with respect to such information.

The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to their respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

The Underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. The Underwriters and their respective affiliates have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to the District and to persons and entities with relationships with the District, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Underwriters and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the District. The Underwriters and their respective affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

RBC Capital Markets, LLC ("RBCCM") has provided the following information for inclusion in this Official Statement. RBCCM and its respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, that may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, municipal advisory, brokerage, and asset management. In the ordinary course of business, RBCCM may actively trade debt and, if applicable, equity securities (or related derivative securities) and provide financial instruments (which may include bank loans, credit support or interest rate swaps). RBCCM and its respective 46 affiliates may engage in transactions for their own accounts involving the securities and instruments made the subject of this securities offering or other offerings of the District. RBCCM may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and publish independent research views in respect of this securities offering or other offerings of the District. RBCCM and its respective affiliates may make a market in credit default swaps with respect to municipal securities in the future.

## **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. It is important to note that the District's actual results could differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements 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 would prove to be accurate.

## **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

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

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

References to web site 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 web sites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement for purposes of, and as that term is defined in, Rule 15c2-12.

In the Bond Order, the Board authorized the Pricing Officer to 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 Underwriters' use of this Official Statement in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12.

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Pricing Officer  
Lancaster Independent School District

**SCHEDULE I**  
**SCHEDULE OF BONDS TO BE REFUNDED <sup>(A)</sup>**

| <u>Series</u>                                   | <u>Original<br/>Dated Date</u> | <u>Original<br/>Principal<br/>Amount</u> | <u>Principal<br/>Amount<br/>Outstanding</u> | <u>Maturities<br/>Being<br/>Refunded <sup>(A)</sup></u> | <u>Principal<br/>Amount<br/>Outstanding</u> | <u>Principal<br/>Amount Being<br/>Refunded <sup>(A)</sup></u> | <u>Redemption<br/>Date <sup>(A)</sup></u> |
|---|--------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds,<br>Series 2015-C | 12/01/15                       | \$ 45,681,932.50                         | \$ 42,567,530.70                            | 02/15/26  | \$ 3,810,000.00                             | \$ 3,810,000.00   | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/27  | 4,010,000.00                                | 4,010,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/28  | 4,190,000.00                                | 4,190,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/29  | 4,365,000.00                                | 4,365,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/30  | 4,560,000.00                                | 4,560,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/31  | 4,800,000.00                                | 4,800,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/32  | 5,040,000.00                                | 5,040,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/33  | 5,300,000.00                                | 5,300,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   | 02/15/34  | 5,575,000.00                                | 5,575,000.00  | __/__/25                                  |
|   |                                |  |   |   | <u>\$ 41,650,000.00</u>                     | <u>\$ 41,650,000.00</u>                                       |   |

<sup>(A)</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

**APPENDIX A**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT**

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**Table 1  
ASSESSED VALUATION <sup>(A)</sup>**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 2024/25 Total Assessed Valuation.....           | \$ 8,027,489,538        |
| 2024/25 Taxable Assessed Valuation.....         | \$ 6,150,253,636        |
| <br>  |                         |
| <u>Exemption</u>                                | <u>Total</u>            |
| Residential Homestead.....                      | \$ 774,527,444          |
| 10% Residential Homestead Cap.....              | 454,061,604             |
| 20% Non-Homestead Property Cap.....             | 46,429,502              |
| Over 65/Disabled Persons.....                   | 25,015,981              |
| Disabled/Deceased Veterans.....                 | 49,978,293              |
| Freeport.....                                   | 374,355,382             |
| Pollution Control.....                          | 2,330,784               |
| Productivity Loss.....                          | 150,082,409             |
| Prorated Exempt Property.....                   | 454,503                 |
| Total (23.39% of Total Assessed Valuation)..... | <u>\$ 1,877,235,902</u> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Source: Dallas Central Appraisal District. Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Dallas Central Appraisal District updates records.

**Table 2  
UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING <sup>(A)</sup>**

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <b><u>Unlimited Tax Obligations:</u></b> <sup>(B)</sup>                           |                                      |
| Unlimited Tax Debt Outstanding (As of February 1, 2025).....                      | \$ 156,527,531 <sup>(C)</sup>        |
| Plus: The Bonds (Dated: February 1, 2025).....                                    | 39,120,000 <sup>(D)</sup>            |
| Less: The Refunded Bonds.....   | 41,650,000 <sup>(D)</sup>            |
| Plus: Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A (Dated: February 1, 2025)..... | 26,215,000 <sup>(D)(E)</sup>         |
| Less: Bonds refunded by Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A.....         | <u>27,610,000 <sup>(D)(E)</sup></u>  |
| TOTAL UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING.....   | \$ 152,602,531 <sup>(C)</sup>        |
| Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of August 31, 2024).....                | <u>9,582,976</u>                     |
| NET UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING.....   | <u>\$ 146,944,555 <sup>(C)</sup></u> |
| <br>  |                                      |
| <b><u>Limited Tax Obligations:</u></b> <sup>(F)</sup>                             |                                      |
| Limited Tax Obligations Outstanding (As of February 1, 2025).....                 | <u>\$ 6,075,000</u>                  |
| NET LIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING.....   | <u>\$ 6,075,000</u>                  |

<sup>(A)</sup> See discussion under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" in the Official Statement.  
<sup>(B)</sup> Does not include any limited tax debt obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").  
<sup>(C)</sup> Excludes interest accreted on outstanding capital appreciation bonds.  
<sup>(D)</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.  
<sup>(E)</sup> The District intends to issue its "Lancaster Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-A" (the "Series 2025-A Bonds") simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds. The Series 2025-A Bonds are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement.  
<sup>(F)</sup> Limited tax obligations are payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").

|                          |        |                                       |            |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 2025 Population Estimate | 40,194 | Per Capita Total Assessed Valuation   | \$ 199,719 |
| 2024/25 Enrollment       | 6,842  | Per Capita Taxable Assessed Valuation | \$ 153,014 |
| Area (square miles)      | 37.49  | Per Capita Total Unlimited Tax Debt   | \$ 3,797   |



**ESTIMATED GENERAL OBLIGATION OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT**

| <b><u>Taxing Body</u></b>   | <b><u>Gross Dollar Amount</u></b> <sup>(A)</sup> | <b><u>As Of</u></b> | <b><u>Percent Overlap</u></b> | <b><u>Dollar Overlap</u></b>            |
|---|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Dallas County   | \$ 198,645,000                                   | 02/01/25            | 1.37%                         | \$ 2,721,437                            |
| Dallas County Community College District                                | 318,675,000                                      | 02/01/25            | 1.37%                         | 4,365,848                               |
| Dallas County Hospital District   | 527,660,000                                      | 02/01/25            | 1.37%                         | 7,228,942                               |
| Dallas, City of   | 2,823,515,416                                    | 02/01/25            | 0.10%                         | 2,823,515                               |
| Hutchins, City of   | 46,952,000                                       | 02/01/25            | 8.67%                         | 4,070,738                               |
| Lancaster MUD No. 1   | 17,365,000                                       | 02/01/25            | 99.02%                        | 17,194,823                              |
| Lancaster, City of  | 98,915,000                                       | 02/01/25            | 90.07%                        | 89,092,741                              |
| Wilmer, City of   | 33,076,000                                       | 02/01/25            | 0.24%                         | 79,382                                  |
| <b>Lancaster ISD</b>  | <b>\$ 152,602,531</b> <sup>(B)(C)</sup>          | <b>02/01/25</b>     | <b>100.00%</b>                | <b>\$ 152,602,531</b> <sup>(B)(C)</sup> |
| <b>Total Direct and Overlapping Debt.....</b>                           |  |                     |                               | <b><u>\$ 280,179,957</u></b>            |
| Ratio of Direct Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation.....                 |  |                     |                               | 2.48%                                   |
| Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation..... |  |                     |                               | 4.56%                                   |
| Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Total Assessed Valuation.....   |  |                     |                               | 3.49%                                   |
| Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt.....                             |  |                     |                               | \$6,971                                 |

<sup>(A)</sup> Excludes interest accreted on outstanding capital appreciation bonds.

<sup>(B)</sup> Does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").

<sup>(C)</sup> Includes the Bonds and the Series 2025-A Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2025-A Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas - Texas Municipal Reports.

**Table 4  
2024/25 TOTAL TAX RATES OF OVERLAPPING POLITICAL ENTITIES**

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Dallas County.....                            | \$0.215500 |
| Dallas County Community College District..... | 0.105595   |
| Dallas County Hospital District.....          | 0.212000   |
| Dallas, City of.....                          | 0.704700   |
| Hutchins, City of.....                        | 0.630082   |
| Lancaster MUD No. 1.....                      | 0.920000   |
| Lancaster, City of.....                       | 0.604606   |
| Wilmer, City of.....                          | 0.432143   |

Source: Dallas Central Appraisal District.

**Table 5**  
**PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS**

| <u>Tax Year</u> | <u>Taxable Assessed</u>       |                 | <u>Percent Collections</u> <sup>(A)</sup> |                      | <u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                 | <u>Valuation</u>              | <u>Tax Rate</u> | <u>Current</u>                            | <u>Total</u>         |                          |
| 2019            | \$ 3,146,998,992              | \$1.52835       | 97.77%                                    | 99.10%               | 8-31-20                  |
| 2020            | 3,487,103,003                 | 1.49990         | 98.67%                                    | 100.35%              | 8-31-21                  |
| 2021            | 3,698,578,292                 | 1.47040         | 98.83%                                    | 100.22%              | 8-31-22                  |
| 2022            | 4,443,168,890                 | 1.37810         | 98.53%                                    | 99.27%               | 8-31-23                  |
| 2023            | 5,044,035,356                 | 1.22670         | <u>97.50%</u>                             | <u>98.83%</u>        | 8-31-24                  |
|                 | <b>Five Year Average.....</b> |                 | <b><u>98.26%</u></b>                      | <b><u>99.55%</u></b> |                          |
| 2024            | \$ 6,150,253,636              | \$1.22440       | (In Process of Collection)                |                      | 8-31-25                  |

<sup>(A)</sup> Excludes penalties and interest.

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements, Dallas Central Appraisal District and District records. Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Dallas Central Appraisal District updates records.

**Table 6**  
**TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION** <sup>(A)</sup>

|                                  | <u>2024/25</u>          | <u>2023/24</u>          | <u>2022/23</u>          | <u>2021/22</u>          | <u>2020/21</u>          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Local Maintenance <sup>(B)</sup> | \$0.78690               | \$0.78920               | \$0.94060               | \$1.03290               | \$1.05240               |
| Interest & Sinking               | <u>0.43750</u>          | <u>0.43750</u>          | <u>0.43750</u>          | <u>0.43750</u>          | <u>0.44750</u>          |
| Total                            | <b><u>\$1.22440</u></b> | <b><u>\$1.22670</u></b> | <b><u>\$1.37810</u></b> | <b><u>\$1.47040</u></b> | <b><u>\$1.49990</u></b> |

<sup>(A)</sup> See discussion under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" in the Official Statement.

<sup>(B)</sup> Beginning in year 2019/20, the District's maintenance and operations tax rate became subject to compression pursuant to House Bill 3 that was enacted during the 2019 legislative session (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - Overview" in the Official Statement).

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements and District records.

**Table 7**  
**VALUATION AND UNLIMITED TAX DEBT HISTORY**

| <u>Fiscal Year</u> | <u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Percent Increase/ (Decrease) In Taxable Assessed Valuation Over Prior Year</u> | <u>Principal Amount Of Unlimited Tax Debt Outstanding At Year End</u> <sup>(A)(B)</sup> | <u>Ratio Of Unlimited Tax Debt To Taxable Assessed</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
|                    |                                   |   |   | <u>Valuation</u> <sup>(A)(B)</sup>                     |
| 2020/21            | \$ 3,487,103,003                  | 10.81%  | \$ 184,126,933  | 5.28%  |
| 2021/22            | 3,698,578,292                     | 6.06%   | 175,876,933   | 4.76%  |
| 2022/23            | 4,443,168,890                     | 20.13%  | 166,917,005   | 3.76%  |
| 2023/24            | 5,044,035,356                     | 13.52%  | 156,527,531   | 3.10%  |
| 2024/25            | 6,150,253,636                     | 21.93%  | 135,605,000 <sup>(C)</sup>  | 2.20% <sup>(C)</sup>                                   |

<sup>(A)</sup> Does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").

<sup>(B)</sup> Excludes the interest accreted on outstanding capital appreciation bonds.

<sup>(C)</sup> Projected, as of August 31, 2025, subject to change. Includes the Bonds and the Series 2025-A Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2025-A Bonds.

Source: District records and Dallas Central Appraisal District.

**Table 8  
HISTORICAL TOP TEN TAXPAYERS**

**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS AND THEIR 2024/25 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATIONS**

| <u>Name of Taxpayer</u>             | <u>Type of Property</u> | <u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Percent Of T.A.V.</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wal-Mart                            | Retail                  | \$ 530,451,930                    | 8.62%                    |
| CSHV 20/35 LLC                      | Distribution Facilities | 310,158,730                       | 5.04%                    |
| Niagara Bottling Inc.               | Distribution Facilities | 165,322,271                       | 2.69%                    |
| Oncor Electric Delivery             | Utility                 | 101,135,570                       | 1.64%                    |
| Scout Cold Logistics <sup>(A)</sup> | Distribution Facilities | 98,134,400                        | 1.60%                    |
| PR I35 Logistics Crossing           | Distribution Facilities | 96,251,920                        | 1.57%                    |
| KeHE Distributors, LLC              | Distribution Facilities | 87,100,832                        | 1.42%                    |
| Southpointe Owner LLC               | Distribution Facilities | 80,359,450                        | 1.31%                    |
| Prologis LP                         | Distribution Facilities | 71,395,896                        | 1.16%                    |
| Ollie's Bargain Outlet              | Retail                  | 71,292,155                        | 1.16%                    |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                  |                         | <b>\$ 1,611,603,154</b>           | <b>26.20%</b>            |

**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS AND THEIR 2023/24 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATIONS**

| <u>Name of Taxpayer</u>     | <u>Type of Property</u> | <u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Percent Of T.A.V.</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Wal-Mart                    | Retail                  | \$ 254,508,560                    | 5.05%                    |
| CSHV 20/35 LLC              | Distribution Facilities | 245,924,810                       | 4.88%                    |
| KeHE Distributors, LLC      | Distribution Facilities | 96,892,192                        | 1.92%                    |
| Oncor Electric Delivery     | Utility                 | 84,969,000                        | 1.68%                    |
| Wayfair LLC                 | Distribution Facilities | 83,324,160                        | 1.65%                    |
| PR I35 Logistics Crossing   | Distribution Facilities | 76,321,860                        | 1.51%                    |
| Hilltop Bottling Works, LLC | Distribution Facilities | 72,261,820                        | 1.43%                    |
| AT&T Corp.                  | Utility                 | 70,658,330                        | 1.40%                    |
| United Natural Foods Inc.   | Food Distribution       | 65,290,348                        | 1.29%                    |
| Ollie's Bargain Outlet      | Retail                  | 63,070,285                        | 1.25%                    |
| <b>Totals.....</b>          |                         | <b>\$ 1,113,221,365</b>           | <b>22.07%</b>            |

**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS AND THEIR 2022/23 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATIONS**

| <u>Name of Taxpayer</u>                | <u>Type of Property</u> | <u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u> | <u>Percent Of T.A.V.</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CSHV 20/35 LLC                         | Distribution Facilities | \$ 212,436,520                    | 4.78%                    |
| Wal-Mart                               | Retail                  | 124,533,900                       | 2.80%                    |
| Oncor Electric Delivery                | Utility                 | 76,592,630                        | 1.72%                    |
| AT&T Corp.                             | Utility                 | 70,590,890                        | 1.59%                    |
| C5LC at Bonnie View LLC <sup>(A)</sup> | Distribution Facilities | 69,946,670                        | 1.57%                    |
| PR I35 Logistics Crossing              | Distribution Facilities | 65,087,480                        | 1.46%                    |
| Ollie's Bargain Outlet                 | Retail                  | 59,639,567                        | 1.34%                    |
| Southpointe Owner LLC                  | Distribution Facilities | 53,736,180                        | 1.21%                    |
| United Natural Foods Inc.              | Food Distribution       | 52,907,985                        | 1.19%                    |
| Duke Realty LTD PS                     | Distribution Facilities | 46,596,870                        | 1.05%                    |
| <b>Totals.....</b>                     |                         | <b>\$ 832,068,692</b>             | <b>18.73%</b>            |

Source: Dallas County Tax Office.

<sup>(A)</sup> In November 2022, Scout Cold Logistics acquired C5LC at Bonnie View LLC.

**Table 9**  
**CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY**

| <u>Property Use Category</u>         | <u>2024/25</u>            | <u>2023/24</u>                | <u>2022/23</u>                | <u>2021/22</u>          | <u>2020/21</u>          |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Real Property:                       |                           |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Single-Family Residential            | \$ 3,516,301,530          | \$ 3,350,796,890              | \$ 2,887,860,390              | \$ 2,193,609,610        | \$ 2,071,726,950        |
| Multi-Family Residential             | 322,114,690               | 298,168,260                   | 255,830,440                   | 201,777,650             | 170,441,320             |
| Vacant Lots/Tracts                   | 167,019,424               | 142,741,180                   | 108,793,370                   | 94,683,690              | 74,219,850              |
| Acreage (Land Only)                  | 154,386,470               | 151,119,850                   | 147,040,460                   | 125,827,020             | 114,661,250             |
| Farm and Ranch Improvements          | 695,010                   | 416,890                       | 408,360                       | 1,563,340               | 1,384,570               |
| Commercial and Industrial            | 2,141,850,814             | 1,549,487,320                 | 1,224,255,000                 | 898,697,330             | 899,545,350             |
| Inventory                            | 15,985,350                | 11,496,870                    | 7,487,920                     | 2,469,250               | 2,370,630               |
| Tangible Personal Property:          |                           |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Business                             | 1,547,854,520             | 1,225,599,430                 | 949,391,810                   | 734,488,840             | 630,775,270             |
| Other                                | 761,670                   | 790,860                       | 770,300                       | 720,470                 | 629,120                 |
| Real and Tangible Personal Property: |                           |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Utilities                            | 160,520,060               | 170,640,800                   | 158,052,670                   | 177,491,760             | 205,818,910             |
| <b>Total Assessed Valuation</b>      | <b>\$ 8,027,489,538</b>   | <b>\$ 6,901,258,350</b>       | <b>\$ 5,739,890,720</b>       | <b>\$ 4,431,328,960</b> | <b>\$ 4,171,573,220</b> |
| Less Exemptions:                     |                           |                               |                               |                         |                         |
| Residential Homestead                | \$ 774,527,444            | \$ 740,222,196 <sup>(A)</sup> | \$ 296,366,743 <sup>(B)</sup> | \$ 189,283,808          | \$ 191,013,472          |
| 10% Residential Homestead Cap        | 454,061,604               | 537,816,109                   | 436,710,405                   | 154,475,847             | 194,292,766             |
| 20% Non-Homestead Property Cap       | 46,429,502 <sup>(C)</sup> | -                             | -                             | -                       | -                       |
| Over 65/Disabled Persons             | 25,015,981                | 23,144,897                    | 24,781,151                    | 23,847,099              | 23,416,300              |
| Disabled/Deceased Veterans           | 49,978,293                | 36,144,137                    | 38,561,543                    | 32,597,870              | 28,358,291              |
| Freeport                             | 374,355,382               | 371,290,674                   | 355,569,743                   | 208,440,938             | 134,974,257             |
| Pollution Control                    | 2,330,784                 | 2,185,471                     | 1,449,309                     | 1,275,358               | 759,938                 |
| Productivity Loss                    | 150,082,409               | 146,395,416                   | 143,282,936                   | 122,538,862             | 111,568,460             |
| Prorated Exempt Property             | 454,503                   | 24,094                        | -                             | 195,617                 | 86,733                  |
| Disaster                             | -                         | -                             | -                             | 95,269                  | -                       |
| <b>Total Exemptions</b>              | <b>\$ 1,877,235,902</b>   | <b>\$ 1,857,222,994</b>       | <b>\$ 1,296,721,830</b>       | <b>\$ 732,750,668</b>   | <b>\$ 684,470,217</b>   |
| <b>Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>    | <b>\$ 6,150,253,636</b>   | <b>\$ 5,044,035,356</b>       | <b>\$ 4,443,168,890</b>       | <b>\$ 3,698,578,292</b> | <b>\$ 3,487,103,003</b> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Increase in "Residential Homestead" is primarily due to the increase in the State-mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 7, 2023.

<sup>(B)</sup> Increase in "Residential Homestead" is primarily due to the increase in the State-mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on May 7, 2022.

<sup>(C)</sup> Three-year pilot program limiting growth in taxable value of non-residence homestead property valued at \$5,000,000 or less to 20% annually pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 7, 2023.

Source: Dallas Central Appraisal District. Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Dallas Central Appraisal District updates records.

**Table 10**  
**PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY CATEGORY**

| <u>Property Use Category</u>         | <u>2024/25</u> | <u>2023/24</u> | <u>2022/23</u> | <u>2021/22</u> | <u>2020/21</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Real Property:                       |                |                |                |                |                |
| Single-Family Residential            | 43.80%         | 48.55%         | 50.31%         | 49.50%         | 49.66%         |
| Multi-Family Residential             | 4.01%          | 4.32%          | 4.46%          | 4.55%          | 4.09%          |
| Vacant Lots/Tracts                   | 2.08%          | 2.07%          | 1.90%          | 2.14%          | 1.78%          |
| Acreage (Land Only)                  | 1.92%          | 2.19%          | 2.56%          | 2.84%          | 2.75%          |
| Farm and Ranch Improvements          | 0.01%          | 0.01%          | 0.01%          | 0.04%          | 0.03%          |
| Commercial and Industrial            | 26.68%         | 22.45%         | 21.33%         | 20.28%         | 21.56%         |
| Inventory                            | 0.20%          | 0.17%          | 0.13%          | 0.06%          | 0.06%          |
| Tangible Personal Property:          |                |                |                |                |                |
| Business                             | 19.28%         | 17.76%         | 16.54%         | 16.57%         | 15.12%         |
| Other                                | 0.01%          | 0.01%          | 0.01%          | 0.02%          | 0.02%          |
| Real and Tangible Personal Property: |                |                |                |                |                |
| Utilities                            | 2.00%          | 2.47%          | 2.75%          | 4.01%          | 4.93%          |
| <b>Total</b>                         | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>100.00%</b> | <b>100.00%</b> |

Source: Dallas Central Appraisal District.

**Table 11**  
**OUTSTANDING UNLIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE <sup>(A)</sup>**

| Year         | Outstanding Debt Requirements <sup>(B)</sup> |                         | Plus: The Bonds - Debt Requirements <sup>(C)</sup> |                         | Plus:<br>Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds,<br>Series 2025-A - Debt Requirements <sup>(D)</sup> |                         | Total<br>Debt Service<br>Requirements <sup>(E)</sup> | Percent<br>Of Principal<br>Retired |
|--------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
|              | Principal                                    | Interest                | Principal  | Interest                | Principal   | Interest                |  |                                    |
| 2024/25      | \$ 16,872,530.70 <sup>(E)</sup>              | \$ 7,965,844.31         | \$ 125,000.00                                      | \$ 863,900.00           | \$ -  | \$ 578,914.58           | \$ 26,406,189.59 <sup>(E)</sup>                      |                                    |
| 2025/26      | 1,550,000.00                                 | 3,175,275.01            | 3,515,000.00                                       | 1,861,875.00            | 1,180,000.00  | 1,281,250.00            | 12,563,400.01  |                                    |
| 2026/27      | 1,620,000.00                                 | 3,103,268.76            | 3,700,000.00                                       | 1,681,500.00            | 1,235,000.00  | 1,220,875.00            | 12,560,643.76  |                                    |
| 2027/28      | 1,690,000.00                                 | 3,029,318.76            | 3,890,000.00                                       | 1,491,750.00            | 1,310,000.00  | 1,157,250.00            | 12,568,318.76  |                                    |
| 2028/29      | 1,765,000.00                                 | 2,951,893.76            | 4,090,000.00                                       | 1,292,250.00            | 1,375,000.00  | 1,090,125.00            | 12,564,268.76  | 28.78%                             |
| 2029/30      | 1,760,000.00                                 | 2,879,331.26            | 4,295,000.00                                       | 1,082,625.00            | 1,535,000.00  | 1,017,375.00            | 12,569,331.26  |                                    |
| 2030/31      | 1,820,000.00                                 | 2,812,278.13            | 4,520,000.00                                       | 862,250.00              | 1,610,000.00  | 938,750.00              | 12,563,278.13  |                                    |
| 2031/32      | 1,890,000.00                                 | 2,742,606.25            | 4,745,000.00                                       | 630,625.00              | 1,695,000.00  | 856,125.00              | 12,559,356.25  |                                    |
| 2032/33      | 3,380,000.00                                 | 2,648,812.50            | 4,990,000.00                                       | 387,250.00              | 350,000.00  | 805,000.00              | 12,561,062.50  |                                    |
| 2033/34      | 3,500,000.00                                 | 2,529,937.50            | 5,250,000.00                                       | 131,250.00              | 365,000.00  | 787,125.00              | 12,563,312.50  | 56.11%                             |
| 2034/35      | 1,970,000.00                                 | 2,433,637.50            | -  | -                       | 7,915,000.00  | 580,125.00              | 12,898,762.50  |                                    |
| 2035/36      | 3,760,000.00                                 | 2,307,425.00            | -  | -                       | 2,875,000.00  | 310,375.00              | 9,252,800.00   |                                    |
| 2036/37      | 3,950,000.00                                 | 2,121,675.00            | -  | -                       | 3,020,000.00  | 163,000.00              | 9,254,675.00   |                                    |
| 2037/38      | 4,185,000.00                                 | 1,925,550.00            | -  | -                       | 1,750,000.00  | 43,750.00               | 7,904,300.00   |                                    |
| 2038/39      | 4,395,000.00                                 | 1,718,300.00            | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,113,300.00   | 78.27%                             |
| 2039/40      | 4,610,000.00                                 | 1,500,418.75            | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,110,418.75   |                                    |
| 2040/41      | 4,840,000.00                                 | 1,271,650.00            | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,111,650.00   |                                    |
| 2041/42      | 5,080,000.00                                 | 1,031,162.50            | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,111,162.50   |                                    |
| 2042/43      | 5,330,000.00                                 | 778,450.00              | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,108,450.00   |                                    |
| 2043/44      | 5,600,000.00                                 | 512,962.50              | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 6,112,962.50   | 94.95%                             |
| 2044/45      | 7,700,000.00                                 | 188,450.00              | -  | -                       | -   | -                       | 7,888,450.00   | 100.00%                            |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$ 87,267,530.70</b>                      | <b>\$ 49,628,247.49</b> | <b>\$ 39,120,000.00</b>                            | <b>\$ 10,285,275.00</b> | <b>\$ 26,215,000.00</b>   | <b>\$ 10,830,039.58</b> | <b>\$ 223,346,092.77</b>                             |                                    |

<sup>(A)</sup> Preliminary, subject to change. This table includes the Series 2025-A Bonds which are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement and will be issued simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds.

<sup>(B)</sup> Net of the debt service on the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2025-A Bonds.

<sup>(C)</sup> Interest on the Bonds has been projected at an assumed interest rate for illustration purposes only. Preliminary, subject to change.

<sup>(D)</sup> Interest on the Series 2025-A Bonds has been projected at an assumed interest rate for illustration purposes only. Preliminary, subject to change.

<sup>(E)</sup> Includes a \$13,065,000 redemption of the District's Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015-A prior to scheduled maturity on February 15, 2025.

Note: Table 11 does not include any potential funding the District may receive from the State of Texas. The District has not budgeted for the receipt of State financial assistance for debt service in year 2024/25 and received State financial assistance in the amount of \$1,435,651 for fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. The amount of State funding aid for debt service may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the Texas Legislature (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM"). Table 11 does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").

**Table 12**  
**AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS**

The District has no authorized but unissued bonds. Except for possible refundings for debt service savings, the District does not anticipate the issuance of additional unlimited tax bonds within the next 12 months.

In addition to unlimited tax bonds, the District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including maintenance tax notes payable from its collection of maintenance taxes, public property finance contractual obligations, delinquent tax notes, and leases for various purposes payable from State appropriations and surplus maintenance taxes.

**Table 13**  
**INTEREST & SINKING FUND BUDGET INFORMATION**

|  |                   |                              |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2025..... |                   | \$ 26,421,190 <sup>(A)</sup> |
| Interest and Sinking Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024.....                     | \$ 9,582,976      |                              |
| Local Taxes and Other Revenues.....  | <u>26,423,910</u> | <u>\$ 36,006,886</u>         |
| <br>Projected Interest and Sinking Fund Balance at August 31, 2025.....          |                   | <br><u>\$ 9,585,696</u>      |

<sup>(A)</sup> Includes estimated paying agent/registrar fees and other bond related expenses.

**Table 14**  
**TAX ADEQUACY - UNLIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

|  |  |                              |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Year 2024/25 Principal And Interest Requirements.....              |  | \$ 26,406,190                |
| \$0.4370 Tax Rate At 98.26% Collections Produces.....              |  | \$ 26,408,955 <sup>(A)</sup> |
| <br>Maximum Principal And Interest Requirements, Year 2024/25..... |  | <br>\$ 26,406,190            |
| \$0.4370 Tax Rate At 98.26% Collections Produces.....              |  | \$ 26,408,955 <sup>(A)</sup> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Based upon 2024/25 taxable assessed valuation of \$6,150,253,636.

Note: Table 14 does not include any potential funding the District may receive from the State of Texas. The District has not budgeted for the receipt of State financial assistance for debt service in year 2024/25 and received State financial assistance in the amount of \$1,435,651 for fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. The amount of State funding aid for debt service may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the Texas Legislature (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM"). Table 14 does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 17 - Commitments Under Leases").

**Table 15**  
**LIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS <sup>(A)(B)</sup>**

| <u>Year</u>  | <u>Principal</u>       | <u>Sinking Fund Requirements <sup>(C)</sup></u> | <u>Interest</u>      | <u>Less: Federal Subsidy <sup>(D)</sup></u> | <u>Net Debt Service Requirements</u> |
|--------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2024/25      | \$ -                   | \$ 405,000.00                                   | \$ 243,000.00        | \$ (243,000.00)                             | \$ 405,000.00                        |
| 2025/26      | -                      | 405,000.00                                      | 243,000.00           | (243,000.00)                                | 405,000.00                           |
| 2026/27      | 6,075,000.00           | (5,670,000.00)                                  | 243,000.00           | (243,000.00)                                | 405,000.00                           |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$ 6,075,000.00</b> | <b>\$ (4,860,000.00)</b>                        | <b>\$ 729,000.00</b> | <b>\$ (729,000.00)</b>                      | <b>\$ 1,215,000.00</b>               |

<sup>(A)</sup> Payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate.

<sup>(B)</sup> This table includes the District's Qualified Zone Academy Maintenance Tax Notes, Taxable Series 2012 (Direct-Pay Subsidy Notes) (the "Series 2012 Notes").

<sup>(C)</sup> The Order authorizing the Series 2012 Notes obligates the District to make mandatory deposits into a Cumulative Sinking Fund Deposit Account on August 15 in the years and the amounts of each required mandatory deposit (which are to be off-set by interest earnings on amounts held in such fund so that no more than the amount required in the authorizing order shall ever be held in such account). All amounts held in the Cumulative Sinking Fund Deposit Account will be used to pay the Series 2012 Notes on the maturity date of August 15, 2027 or the date of prior redemption thereof. As of August 31, 2024, the required balance of the Cumulative Sinking Fund Deposit Account is \$4,860,000.

<sup>(D)</sup> Includes the Federal subsidy which has been estimated at 100.00% of the interest payments on the Series 2012 Notes for illustration purposes only. As a result of sequestration, for year 2024/25, the District will receive a Federal subsidy equaling 94.3% of the interest payments on the Series 2012 Notes (see "EFFECTS OF SEQUESTRATION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS").

**Table 16**  
**TAX ADEQUACY - LIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS <sup>(A)</sup>**

|   |    |                        |
|---|----|------------------------|
| Year 2024/25 Principal And Interest Requirements..... | \$ | 405,000                |
| \$0.0068 Tax Rate At 98.26% Collections Produces..... | \$ | 410,940 <sup>(B)</sup> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate.

<sup>(B)</sup> Based upon 2024/25 taxable assessed valuation of \$6,150,253,636.

**Table 17**  
**COMMITMENTS UNDER LEASES**

**Right to Use Lease Liabilities:**

The District has two leases for buses that have an interest rate of 3.42% and a remaining term as of September 1, 2021 of 73 months. In addition, the District also had a Dell lease that has an interest rate of 5.25% that expired during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. As of August 31, 2024, the values of the lease liabilities was \$1,449,135. Monthly lease payments range from \$593 to \$40,487 and mature in fiscal year 2027. The leases qualify as other than short-term lease as defined by GASB Statement Number 87. Therefore the District has recorded right-to-use lease assets and the lease liability at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability. The liability was measured at a discount rate of 3.42%. The rights to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset. At August 31, 2024, the right to use asset related to leases is \$3,179,763 and accumulated amortization is \$1,805,355.

Debt service requirements to maturity for the right to use lease liabilities are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending (August 31)</u> | <u>Principal</u>    | <u>Interest</u>  | <u>Total Requirements</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2025                           | \$ 450,419          | \$ 42,544        | \$ 492,963                |
| 2026                           | 466,067             | 26,896           | 492,963                   |
| 2027                           | 482,259             | 12,074           | 494,333                   |
| 2028                           | 50,390              | 10,704           | 61,094                    |
| <b>Totals</b>                  | <b>\$ 1,449,135</b> | <b>\$ 92,218</b> | <b>\$ 1,541,353</b>       |

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

**Table 18**  
**COMBINED GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET**

|   | <b>Fiscal Years Ending August 31, 2020 - 2024</b> |                             |                             |                             |                             |
|---|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | <u>2024</u>                                       | <u>2023</u>                 | <u>2022</u>                 | <u>2021</u>                 | <u>2020</u>                 |
| <b>Assets:</b>  |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents   | \$ 42,691,692                                     | \$ 46,605,226               | \$ 39,616,420               | \$ 46,419,868               | \$ 28,326,594               |
| Property Taxes Receivable, Net  | 2,343,033   | 2,007,541                   | 1,765,500                   | 1,832,393                   | 1,867,324                   |
| Due from Other Governments  | 3,682,614   | 3,005,137                   | 2,442,699                   | 3,439,546                   | 707,108                     |
| Due from Other Funds  | 11,549,538  | 1,905,043                   | 5,579,607                   | 728,769                     | 416,357                     |
| Other Receivables   | 44,011  | 84,172                      | 23,388                      | 104,063                     | 174,428                     |
| Inventories   | 1,406   | 5,157                       | 31,003                      | 32,254                      | 23,059                      |
| Prepaid Items   | 11,832  | 47,234                      | 26,576                      | 33,235                      | -                           |
| Unrealized Expenditures   | -   | -                           | -                           | -                           | 65,965                      |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b><u>\$ 60,324,126</u></b>                       | <b><u>\$ 53,659,510</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 49,485,193</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 52,590,128</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 31,580,835</u></b> |
| <b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances:</b>      |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| <i>Liabilities:</i>   |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Accounts Payable  | \$ 755,519  | \$ 1,381,185                | \$ 1,063,661                | \$ 1,860,919                | \$ 677,835                  |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable                               | 806,567   | 119,870                     | 216,325                     | 145,780                     | 609,600                     |
| Accrued Wages Payable   | 4,389,161   | 3,119,699                   | 3,518,154                   | 3,182,749                   | 2,354,519                   |
| Due to Other Funds  | 12,647,280  | 4,500,000                   | 1,936,508                   | 505,848                     | -                           |
| Due to Other Governments  | -   | -                           | 3,831,282                   | 7,676,640                   | 326,006                     |
| Accrued Expenditures  | 323,447   | 301,782                     | 276,662                     | 100,000                     | 93,000                      |
| Unearned Revenue  | -   | 5,283,475                   | -                           | -                           | 60,000                      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b><u>\$ 18,921,974</u></b>                       | <b><u>\$ 14,706,011</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 10,842,592</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 13,471,936</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 4,120,960</u></b>  |
| <i>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</i>                                     |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes                                      | \$ 2,324,129                                      | \$ 1,933,622                | \$ 1,693,793                | \$ 1,711,427                | \$ 1,835,136                |
| Unavailable Revenue - SHARS   | 119,103   | 639,957                     | -                           | 785,921                     | -                           |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                                | <b><u>\$ 2,443,232</u></b>                        | <b><u>\$ 2,573,579</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,693,793</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 2,497,348</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 1,835,136</u></b>  |
| <i>Fund Balances:</i>   |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Nonspendable Fund Balance:  |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Inventories   | \$ 1,406  | \$ 5,157                    | \$ 31,003                   | \$ 32,254                   | \$ 23,059                   |
| Prepaid Items   | 11,832  | 47,234                      | 26,576                      | 33,235                      | 65,965                      |
| Restricted Fund Balance:  |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt  | -   | 3,645,000                   | 3,645,000                   | 3,645,000                   | 3,240,000                   |
| Committed Fund Balance:   |   |                             |                             |                             |                             |
| Other Committed Fund Balance  | 3,645,000   | -                           | -                           | -                           | -                           |
| Unassigned Fund Balance:  | <u>35,300,682</u>                                 | <u>32,682,529</u>           | <u>33,246,229</u>           | <u>32,910,355</u>           | <u>22,295,715</u>           |
| <b>Total General Fund Balances</b>  | <b><u>\$ 38,958,920</u></b>                       | <b><u>\$ 36,379,920</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 36,948,808</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 36,620,844</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 25,624,739</u></b> |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b> | <b><u>\$ 60,324,126</u></b>                       | <b><u>\$ 53,659,510</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 49,485,193</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 52,590,128</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 31,580,835</u></b> |

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements and District records.



**Table 19**  
**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

|  | <b>Fiscal Years Ending August 31, 2020 - 2024</b> |                       |                       |                      |                      |
|--|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|  | <u>2024</u>                                       | <u>2023</u>           | <u>2022</u>           | <u>2021</u>          | <u>2020</u>          |
| <b>Beginning General Fund Balance <sup>(A)</sup></b>         | <b>\$ 36,379,920</b>                              | <b>\$ 36,948,808</b>  | <b>\$ 36,620,844</b>  | <b>\$ 25,624,739</b> | <b>\$ 20,996,211</b> |
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |   |                       |                       |                      |                      |
| Local and Intermediate Sources                               | \$ 40,900,947                                     | \$ 44,741,711         | \$ 38,790,801         | \$ 36,054,514        | \$ 33,495,508        |
| State Program Revenues                                       | 35,782,643  | 28,017,730            | 31,941,230            | 40,622,168           | 37,410,360           |
| Federal Program Revenues                                     | 1,781,163   | 2,625,083             | 1,365,849             | 428,104              | 1,195,922            |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>\$ 78,464,753</b>                              | <b>\$ 75,384,524</b>  | <b>\$ 72,097,880</b>  | <b>\$ 77,104,786</b> | <b>\$ 72,101,790</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>   |   |                       |                       |                      |                      |
| Instruction  | \$ 37,277,740                                     | \$ 36,098,467         | \$ 35,596,265         | \$ 36,856,209        | \$ 36,184,841        |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services                   | 647,329   | 631,659               | 570,351               | 533,999              | 560,608              |
| Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development               | 905,251   | 808,959               | 753,979               | 892,830              | 1,933,379            |
| Instructional Leadership                                     | 1,415,155   | 1,962,834             | 1,360,856             | 959,274              | 1,124,906            |
| School Leadership  | 4,256,836   | 4,390,579             | 4,135,450             | 4,208,985            | 4,307,024            |
| Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services                 | 3,450,619   | 2,982,501             | 2,811,363             | 2,467,372            | 2,327,719            |
| Health Services  | 752,567   | 625,286               | 623,901               | 641,949              | 636,001              |
| Student Transportation                                       | 3,889,854   | 3,044,833             | 2,938,432             | 2,325,669            | 2,352,259            |
| Food Services  | -   | 418                   | 6,429                 | 16                   | -                    |
| Extracurricular Activities                                   | 2,340,661   | 3,167,297             | 2,136,955             | 1,928,821            | 1,918,761            |
| General Administration                                       | 5,154,342   | 4,892,516             | 4,605,407             | 3,647,091            | 3,801,244            |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations                        | 10,308,752  | 7,505,814             | 9,808,022             | 7,786,984            | 7,317,429            |
| Security and Monitoring Services                             | 1,801,926   | 1,549,007             | 1,436,181             | 1,317,921            | 1,311,500            |
| Data Processing Services                                     | 2,264,128   | 2,262,675             | 1,986,661             | 2,110,685            | 2,529,409            |
| Community Services   | 18,583  | 63,913                | 126,000               | 34,902               | 41,825               |
| Principal on Long-Term Debt                                  | 601,118   | 575,775               | 553,735               | 636,946              | 452,836              |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt                                   | 601,757   | 706,439               | 367,286               | 115,241              | 143,362              |
| Bond Issuance Costs and Fees                                 | 5,200   | 2,700                 | 2,700                 | 2,700                | 2,700                |
| Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Programs               | 3,000   | 13,260                | 3,000                 | 3,000                | 18,732               |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges                              | 190,935   | 168,480               | 146,943               | 153,852              | 128,932              |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                    | <b>\$ 75,885,753</b>                              | <b>\$ 71,453,412</b>  | <b>\$ 69,969,916</b>  | <b>\$ 66,624,446</b> | <b>\$ 67,093,467</b> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br>Over (Under) Expenditures | <u>\$ 2,579,000</u>                               | <u>\$ 3,931,112</u>   | <u>\$ 2,127,964</u>   | <u>\$ 10,480,340</u> | <u>\$ 5,008,323</u>  |
| <b>Other Resources and (Uses):</b>                           |   |                       |                       |                      |                      |
| Other Resources  | \$ -  | \$ -                  | \$ -                  | \$ 515,765           | \$ 46,682            |
| Other Uses   | -   | (4,500,000)           | (1,800,000)           | -                    | (426,477)            |
| <b>Total Other Resources (Uses)</b>                          | <b>\$ -</b>                                       | <b>\$ (4,500,000)</b> | <b>\$ (1,800,000)</b> | <b>\$ 515,765</b>    | <b>\$ (379,795)</b>  |
| Net Change in General Fund Balance                           | <u>\$ 2,579,000</u>                               | <u>\$ (568,888)</u>   | <u>\$ 327,964</u>     | <u>\$ 10,996,105</u> | <u>\$ 4,628,528</u>  |
| <b>Ending General Fund Balance <sup>(A)(B)</sup></b>         | <b>\$ 38,958,920</b>                              | <b>\$ 36,379,920</b>  | <b>\$ 36,948,808</b>  | <b>\$ 36,620,844</b> | <b>\$ 25,624,739</b> |

<sup>(A)</sup> Differences in Beginning and Ending General Fund Balance due to rounding.

<sup>(B)</sup> Ending General Fund Balance includes Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed and Unassigned Fund Balance.

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements and District records.

**Table 20**  
**CHANGE IN NET POSITION <sup>(A)</sup>**

|  | <b>Fiscal Years Ending August 31, 2020 - 2024</b> |                              |                              |                              |                               |
|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>                               | <u><b>2024</b></u>                                | <u><b>2023</b></u>           | <u><b>2022</b></u>           | <u><b>2021</b></u>           | <u><b>2020</b></u>            |
| <b>Program Revenues</b>                        |   |                              |                              |                              |                               |
| Charges for Services                           | \$ 1,603,052                                      | \$ 1,477,436                 | \$ 590,702                   | \$ 609,111                   | \$ 1,023,131                  |
| Operating Grants and Contributions             | 14,289,962  | 17,356,229                   | 20,592,790                   | 12,811,960                   | 17,184,507                    |
| <b>Total Program Revenues</b>                  | <b>\$ 15,893,014</b>                              | <b>\$ 18,833,665</b>         | <b>\$ 21,183,492</b>         | <b>\$ 13,421,071</b>         | <b>\$ 18,207,638</b>          |
| <b>General Revenues</b>                        |   |                              |                              |                              |                               |
| Maintenance and Operations Taxes               | \$ 37,485,358                                     | \$ 40,837,785                | \$ 37,165,158                | \$ 34,957,874                | \$ 32,465,518                 |
| Debt Service Taxes                             | 20,709,971  | 19,000,702                   | 15,677,746                   | 14,774,381                   | 13,970,240                    |
| State-Aid Formula Grants                       | 31,752,528  | 24,525,984                   | 28,486,062                   | 37,161,837                   | -                             |
| Grants and Contributions Not Restricted        | 11,527,935  | -                            | 385,950                      | 287,205                      | 33,897,894                    |
| Investment Earnings                            | 3,095,214   | 2,432,017                    | 255,660                      | 14,941                       | 612,123                       |
| Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue   | 580,566   | 1,646,823                    | 1,494,950                    | 627,416                      | (139,640)                     |
| <b>Total General Revenues</b>                  | <b>\$ 105,151,572</b>                             | <b>\$ 88,443,311</b>         | <b>\$ 83,465,526</b>         | <b>\$ 87,823,654</b>         | <b>\$ 80,806,135</b>          |
| <b>Total Revenues.....</b>                     | <b><u>\$ 121,044,586</u></b>                      | <b><u>\$ 107,276,976</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 104,649,018</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 101,244,725</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 99,013,773</u></b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                |   |                              |                              |                              |                               |
| Instruction                                    | \$ 44,813,560                                     | \$ 41,270,118                | \$ 40,452,987                | \$ 44,447,916                | \$ 45,780,865                 |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services     | 685,291   | 672,422                      | 588,155                      | 604,765                      | 666,552                       |
| Curriculum and Staff Development               | 4,342,956   | 4,182,726                    | 3,586,164                    | 1,979,127                    | 4,349,620                     |
| Instructional Leadership                       | 1,694,656   | 2,094,577                    | 2,062,046                    | 1,477,292                    | 1,427,136                     |
| School Leadership                              | 4,503,359   | 4,541,427                    | 4,007,301                    | 4,810,777                    | 5,147,257                     |
| Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services   | 4,370,817   | 3,859,434                    | 3,711,577                    | 3,730,286                    | 3,370,216                     |
| Health Services                                | 793,793   | 721,152                      | 627,256                      | 729,534                      | 743,551                       |
| Student Transportation                         | 4,099,526   | 3,236,004                    | 2,828,802                    | 2,533,375                    | 2,890,588                     |
| Food Services                                  | 6,642,906   | 2,674,827                    | 4,720,543                    | 2,339,611                    | 3,499,249                     |
| Extracurricular Activities                     | 2,890,157   | 2,965,539                    | 2,394,347                    | 2,227,309                    | 2,186,979                     |
| General Administration                         | 5,586,000   | 5,252,407                    | 4,649,426                    | 4,109,059                    | 4,379,606                     |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations          | 11,976,946  | 9,398,759                    | 10,321,043                   | 8,256,073                    | 7,682,353                     |
| Security and Monitoring Services               | 2,314,509   | 1,851,969                    | 1,434,628                    | 1,461,583                    | 1,508,684                     |
| Data Processing Services                       | 2,720,432   | 2,618,924                    | 2,148,296                    | 2,376,129                    | 1,998,714                     |
| Community Services                             | 35,138  | 119,939                      | 206,495                      | 79,500                       | 51,091                        |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt                     | 4,862,268   | 7,530,719                    | 7,539,364                    | 7,755,580                    | 8,257,753                     |
| Bond Issuance Costs and Fees                   | 13,688  | 8,200                        | 8,200                        | 10,200                       | 8,950                         |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction        | -   | -                            | -                            | 467,267                      | -                             |
| Payments to Juvenile Justice Alt. Ed. Programs | 3,000   | 13,260                       | 3,000                        | 3,000                        | 18,732                        |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges                | 190,935   | 168,480                      | 146,943                      | 153,852                      | 128,932                       |
| <b>Total Expenses.....</b>                     | <b><u>\$ 102,539,937</u></b>                      | <b><u>\$ 93,180,883</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 91,436,573</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 89,552,235</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 94,096,828</u></b>   |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position            | \$ 18,504,649                                     | \$ 14,096,093                | \$ 13,212,445                | \$ 11,692,490                | \$ 4,916,945                  |
| Beginning Net Position <sup>(B)</sup>          | 20,203,855  | 6,107,762                    | (5,412,179)                  | (17,104,669)                 | (22,021,614)                  |
| Prior Period Adjustment                        | -   | -                            | (1,692,504) <sup>(C)</sup>   | -                            | -                             |
| <b>Ending Net Position <sup>(B)</sup>.....</b> | <b><u>\$ 38,708,504</u></b>                       | <b><u>\$ 20,203,855</u></b>  | <b><u>\$ 6,107,762</u></b>   | <b><u>\$ (5,412,179)</u></b> | <b><u>\$ (17,104,669)</u></b> |

(A) Financial operations for all governmental activities in accordance with GASB Statement Number 34.

(B) Differences in Beginning and Ending Net Position due to rounding.

(C) Prior Period Adjustment due to the adoption of GASB Statement Number 87 by the District.

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

**APPENDIX B**  
**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING**  
**THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY**

**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY**

The Lancaster Independent School District (the “District”), located in Dallas County, is a suburban residential and agricultural area that includes the city of Lancaster, a residential city located adjacent to the southern Dallas city limits. Encompassing an area of approximately 37.49 square miles, the District has a student enrollment of 6,842 and an estimated 40,194 people live within District boundaries.

The District is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees (the “Board”). The members of the Board serve three-year staggered terms with at-large elections conducted annually. Board policy and decisions are decided by a majority vote of the Board. The Superintendent of Schools is selected by the Board; other District officials are employed as a result of action by the Superintendent and the Board.

The District owns and operates 12 instructional facilities which are fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency. The number and types of instructional facilities are as follows:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Other Program Facilities | 2                |
| Elementary Schools       | 6                |
| Middle Schools           | 2                |
| High Schools             | <u>2</u>         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b><u>12</u></b> |

**DISTRICT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

**SCHOLASTIC ENROLLMENT HISTORY**

| <u>YEAR</u>            | <u>ENROLLMENT</u> | <u>INCREASE/<br/>(DECREASE)</u> | <u>PERCENT<br/>CHANGE</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2014/15                | 7,052             | 232                             | 3.40%                     |
| 2015/16                | 7,324             | 272                             | 3.86%                     |
| 2016/17                | 7,640             | 316                             | 4.31%                     |
| 2017/18                | 7,371             | (269)                           | (3.52%)                   |
| 2018/19                | 7,348             | (23)                            | (0.31%)                   |
| 2019/20                | 7,474             | 126                             | 1.71%                     |
| 2020/21                | 7,176             | (298)                           | (3.99%)                   |
| 2021/22                | 7,096             | (80)                            | (1.11%)                   |
| 2022/23                | 7,032             | (64)                            | (0.90%)                   |
| 2023/24                | 7,014             | (18)                            | (0.26%)                   |
| 2024/25 <sup>(A)</sup> | 6,842             | (172)                           | (2.45%)                   |

<sup>(A)</sup> Enrollment as of October 15, 2024.

Source: District records.

**PROJECTED STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>ENROLLMENT</u> | <u>INCREASE/<br/>(DECREASE)</u> | <u>PERCENT<br/>CHANGE</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2025/26     | 6,895             | 53                              | 0.77%                     |
| 2026/27     | 6,797             | (98)                            | (1.42%)                   |
| 2027/28     | 6,792             | (5)                             | (0.07%)                   |
| 2028/29     | 6,843             | 51                              | 0.75%                     |
| 2029/30     | 6,903             | 60                              | 0.88%                     |

Source: District projections.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADES – YEARS 2014/15 – 2024/25**

| <u>YEAR</u>            | <u>EE</u> | <u>PK</u> | <u>K</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 2014/15                | 6         | 602       | 488      | 534      | 518      | 531      | 501      | 519      | 520      | 488      | 502      | 561      | 486       | 412       | 384       | 7,052        |
| 2015/16                | 10        | 631       | 475      | 539      | 540      | 528      | 536      | 540      | 503      | 556      | 558      | 526      | 507       | 464       | 411       | 7,324        |
| 2016/17                | 11        | 666       | 469      | 529      | 522      | 582      | 577      | 582      | 542      | 518      | 559      | 582      | 540       | 529       | 432       | 7,640        |
| 2017/18                | 15        | 717       | 455      | 479      | 469      | 488      | 543      | 531      | 532      | 490      | 517      | 648      | 515       | 504       | 468       | 7,371        |
| 2018/19                | 17        | 695       | 485      | 478      | 474      | 510      | 509      | 544      | 515      | 530      | 498      | 595      | 570       | 489       | 439       | 7,348        |
| 2019/20                | 18        | 715       | 487      | 504      | 495      | 489      | 520      | 505      | 566      | 511      | 560      | 537      | 578       | 534       | 455       | 7,474        |
| 2020/21                | 13        | 439       | 442      | 477      | 488      | 470      | 484      | 518      | 535      | 595      | 522      | 616      | 542       | 528       | 507       | 7,176        |
| 2021/22                | 18        | 490       | 426      | 469      | 455      | 502      | 443      | 479      | 514      | 529      | 589      | 589      | 611       | 482       | 500       | 7,096        |
| 2022/23                | 21        | 524       | 425      | 476      | 476      | 459      | 475      | 433      | 483      | 511      | 496      | 614      | 602       | 568       | 469       | 7,032        |
| 2023/24                | 28        | 535       | 382      | 475      | 472      | 476      | 436      | 503      | 426      | 463      | 505      | 572      | 615       | 592       | 534       | 7,014        |
| 2024/25 <sup>(A)</sup> | 25        | 538       | 444      | 396      | 440      | 465      | 430      | 453      | 474      | 437      | 473      | 545      | 573       | 598       | 551       | 6,842        |

<sup>(A)</sup> Enrollment as of October 15, 2024.

Source: District records.

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL TYPE**

| <u>YEAR</u>            | <u>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES EE-5)</u> | <u>MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6-8)</u> | <u>HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)</u> | <u>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</u> |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2014/15                | 3,699                                  | 1,510                             | 1,843                            | 7,052                   |
| 2015/16                | 3,799                                  | 1,617                             | 1,908                            | 7,324                   |
| 2016/17                | 3,938                                  | 1,619                             | 2,083                            | 7,640                   |
| 2017/18                | 3,697                                  | 1,539                             | 2,135                            | 7,371                   |
| 2018/19                | 3,712                                  | 1,543                             | 2,093                            | 7,348                   |
| 2019/20                | 3,733                                  | 1,637                             | 2,104                            | 7,474                   |
| 2020/21                | 3,331                                  | 1,652                             | 2,193                            | 7,176                   |
| 2021/22                | 3,282                                  | 1,632                             | 2,182                            | 7,096                   |
| 2022/23                | 3,289                                  | 1,490                             | 2,253                            | 7,032                   |
| 2023/24                | 3,307                                  | 1,394                             | 2,313                            | 7,014                   |
| 2024/25 <sup>(A)</sup> | 3,191                                  | 1,384                             | 2,267                            | 6,842                   |

<sup>(A)</sup> Enrollment as of October 15, 2024.

Source: District records.

**EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISTRICT**

| <u>STAFF INFORMATION</u>         | <u>DISTRICT EMPLOYEES</u> |                       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                  | <u>NUMBER</u>             | <u>PERCENTAGE</u>     |
| Teachers                         | 472                       | 46.50%                |
| Administrators                   | 141                       | 13.89%                |
| Teacher Aides & Secretaries      | 156                       | 15.37%                |
| Auxiliary Staff                  | 187                       | 18.42%                |
| Other                            | 59                        | 5.81%                 |
| <b>Total Number of Employees</b> | <b><u>1,015</u></b>       | <b><u>100.00%</u></b> |

The District employs a staff of approximately 1,015. Beginning with the 2024/25 school year, entry level teachers without advanced degrees earn \$60,500 annually. Teachers with longevity or advanced degrees can earn between \$61,500 and \$77,326 annually. All teachers receive life and health insurance benefits worth approximately \$2,717.28 annually.

Source: District records.

**PRESENT SCHOOL FACILITIES**

| <u>LOCATION</u>  | <u>GRADES<br/>SERVED</u> | <u>FUNCTIONAL<br/>CAPACITY<sup>(A)</sup></u> | <u>PRESENT<br/>ENROLLMENT<sup>(B)</sup></u> | <u>FUNCTIONAL<br/>CAPACITY LESS<br/>PRESENT<br/>ENROLLMENT</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|--|
| Lancaster STEM High School                             | 10 – 12                  | 1,980  | 1,469                                       | 511  |
| Barack and Michelle Obama 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campus | 9                        | <u>675</u>                                   | <u>409</u>                                  | <u>266</u>   |
| <b>HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL</b>                               |                          | <b><u>2,655</u></b>                          | <b><u>1,878</u></b>                         | <b><u>777</u></b>  |
| Elsie Robertson Lancaster STEM Middle School           | 7 – 8                    | 1,350  | 910   | 440  |
| G.W. Carver 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade STEM Learning Center | 6                        | <u>597</u>                                   | <u>474</u>                                  | <u>123</u>   |
| <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL TOTAL</b>                             |                          | <b><u>1,947</u></b>                          | <b><u>1,384</u></b>                         | <b><u>563</u></b>  |
| Belt Line Elementary School                            | PK – 5                   | 585  | 569   | 16   |
| Houston Elementary School                              | PK – 5                   | 701  | 607   | 94   |
| Pleasant Run Elementary School                         | PK – 5                   | 1,035  | 598   | 437  |
| Rolling Hills Elementary School                        | PK – 5                   | 503  | 394   | 109  |
| Rosa Parks Millbrook Elementary School                 | PK – 5                   | 503  | 419   | 84   |
| West Main Elementary School                            | PK – 5                   | <u>1,035</u>                                 | <u>604</u>                                  | <u>431</u>   |
| <b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOTAL</b>                         |                          | <b><u>4,362</u></b>                          | <b><u>3,191</u></b>                         | <b><u>1,171</u></b>  |
| J.D. Hall Learning Center at Rocky Crest               | ---                      | ---  | ---   | ---  |
| Lancaster STEM Early College                           | 9 – 12                   | ---  | <u>389</u>                                  | <u>(389)</u>   |
| <b>OTHER PROGRAM TOTAL</b>                             |                          | <b><u>---</u></b>                            | <b><u>389</u></b>                           | <b><u>(389)</u></b>  |
|  | <b>TOTALS</b>            | <b><u>8,964</u></b>                          | <b><u>6,842</u></b>                         | <b><u>2,122</u></b>  |

<sup>(A)</sup> Includes student capacity of any portable buildings on this campus.

<sup>(B)</sup> Enrollment as of October 15, 2024.

Source: District records.

**OTHER ECONOMIC DATA  
CITY OF LANCASTER, TEXAS**

**General**

The City of Lancaster (the “City”) is a growing community located in south central Dallas County approximately fifteen miles south of the downtown Dallas business district. The City is primarily a suburban residential area with industry and manufacturing becoming increasingly important to the local economy. The City is located near the major intersections of Interstate Highways 35E, 20, 45 and future Loop 9, providing access to all parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. The City’s 2020 census population provided by the U.S. Census Bureau was 41,275.

**Comparative Unemployment Rates**

| <u>Entity</u>            | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024<sup>(A)</sup></u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| City of Lancaster        | 5.5%        | 10.5%       | 8.3%        | 5.6%        | 5.5%        | 5.5%                      |
| Dallas County            | 3.5         | 7.8         | 5.6         | 3.8         | 3.8         | 4.0                       |
| State of Texas           | 3.5         | 7.7         | 5.6         | 3.9         | 3.9         | 4.1                       |
| United States of America | 3.7         | 8.1         | 5.3         | 3.6         | 3.6         | 3.9                       |

<sup>(A)</sup> As of October 2024.

Source: Labor Market Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission.

**Major Employers – City of Lancaster**

| <u>COMPANY</u>                                    | <u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>                         | <u>ESTIMATED NUMBER<br/>OF EMPLOYEES</u> |
|---|--|--|
| Lancaster Independent School District             | Public Education                               | 1,015                                    |
| Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.                             | Retail Stores                                  | 714                                      |
| United National Foods, Inc. (UNFI)                | Organic Food Processing & Distribution         | 415                                      |
| City of Lancaster                                 | Local Government                               | 337                                      |
| Oak Creek Homes                                   | Manufactured Housing Production & Distribution | 322                                      |
| Cedar Valley College                              | Higher Education                               | 305                                      |
| AT&T Material Distribution Center                 | Telephone Equipment, Cables & Supplies         | 279                                      |
| Frozen Food Express Transportation Services, Inc. | Trucking                                       | 261                                      |
| Ollie’s Bargain Outlet                            | Distribution Center                            | 245                                      |
| Department of Veterans Affairs CMOP               | VA Mail Order Pharmacy                         | 217                                      |

Source: District records and City of Lancaster Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2023.

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**





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[CLOSING DATE]

IN REGARD to the authorization and issuance of the "Lancaster Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2025-B," dated February 1, 2025, in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Bonds"), we have examined into their issuance by the Lancaster Independent School District (the "District") solely to express legal opinions as to the validity of the Bonds, the defeasance and discharge of the District's outstanding obligations being refunded by the Bonds and the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and for no other purpose. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and we neither expressly nor by implication render herein any opinion concerning, the financial condition or capabilities of the District, the disclosure of any financial or statistical information or data pertaining to the District and used in the sale of the Bonds, or the sufficiency of the security for or the value or marketability of the Bonds.

THE BONDS are issued in fully registered form only and in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within a maturity). The Bonds mature on August 15, 2025 and February 15 in each of the years specified in the pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") executed pursuant to an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Order" and, jointly with the Pricing Certificate, the "Bond Order"), without right of prior redemption. The Bonds accrue interest from the date, at the rates, and in the manner and interest is payable on the dates, all as provided in the Bond Order.

IN RENDERING THE OPINIONS herein we have examined and rely upon (i) original or certified copies of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including the Bond Order, an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the District and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Escrow Agent"), a special report of Samuel Klein and Company, CPA, in conjunction with Public Finance Partners LLC (the "Verification Agent") and an examination of the initial Bond executed and delivered by the District (which we found to be in due form and properly executed); (ii) certifications of officers of the District relating to the expected use and investment of proceeds of the sale of the Bonds and certain other funds of the District and (iii) other documentation and such matters of law as we deem relevant. In the examination of the proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original copies of all documents submitted to us as certified copies, and the accuracy of the statements contained in such documents and certification.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, we are of the opinion that, under applicable laws of the United States of America and the State of Texas in force and effect on the date hereof:

1. The Bonds have been duly authorized by the District and, when issued in compliance with the provisions of the Bond Order, are valid, legally binding, and enforceable obligations of the District, payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium,

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or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity.

2. The Escrow Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered and is a binding and enforceable agreement in accordance with its terms and the outstanding obligations refunded, discharged, paid and retired with the proceeds of the Bonds have been defeased and are regarded as being outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payment from the funds held in a trust fund with the Escrow Agent, pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 1207, as amended. In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon the special report of the Verification Agent as to the sufficiency of cash and investments deposited with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement for the purposes of paying the outstanding obligations refunded and to be retired with the proceeds of the Bonds and the interest thereon.

3. Pursuant to section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code"), and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions thereunder, and assuming continuing compliance after the date hereof by the District with the provisions of the Bond Order relating to sections 141 through 150 of the Code, interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (a) will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Code, of the owners thereof, and (b) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals.

WE EXPRESS NO OTHER OPINION with respect to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences under present law or any proposed legislation resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds. Ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, "S" corporations with subchapter "C" earnings and profits, corporations subject to the alternative minimum tax on adjusted financial statement income, owners of interests in a financial asset securitization investment trust, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations.

OUR OPINIONS ARE BASED on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, our opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service; rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law that we deem relevant to such opinions and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above.

**APPENDIX D**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

The information contained in this Appendix consists of excerpts from the Lancaster Independent School District Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2024, and is not intended to be a complete statement of the District's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Annual Financial Report for further information.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
Lancaster Independent School District

### Report on the 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 Lancaster Independent School District (the "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 accompanying 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 the 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 accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) 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 for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 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.

To the Board of Trustees  
Lancaster Independent School District

### ***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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, pension information, and other-post employment benefit information, as listed 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.

To the Board of Trustees  
Lancaster Independent School District

**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 combining nonmajor fund financial statements, required Texas Education Agency (TEA) schedules, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* 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 basic financial statements.

The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic 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 combining nonmajor fund financial statements, required TEA schedules, and schedule of expenditures of federal awards 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 L-1 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 January 17, 2025 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, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.



Dallas, Texas  
January 17, 2025



## LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Lancaster Independent School District's annual financial report presents the administration's discussion 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 ended the year with a total net position of \$39 million, which \$15 million is restricted for specific purposes (i.e. Federal/State grants, Debt Service and Child Nutrition). The net deficit reported for unrestricted net position totaled \$8 million, which is an improvement of \$2 million. The remainder of \$32 million represents the net investments in capital assets. The change in net position is further described on page 12 of Management's Discussion and Analysis.
- The District's governmental funds financial statements reported a combined ending fund balance of \$54 million, which is an increase of \$4 million from the prior year due to increased state revenues in the general and local revenues in the debt service fund.
- The District ended the year with an unassigned fund balance of \$35 million. Further details can be found on page 14 of Management's Discussion and Analysis.

#### 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) governmentwide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information and a section of other information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

#### Government-wide Financial Statements

The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with 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 of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference of the four reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing 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 related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused sick leave).

The government-wide financial statements of the District are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*). The governmental activities of the District include Instruction, Instructional Resources and Media Services, Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development, Instructional Leadership, School Leadership, Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services, Social Work Services, Health Services, Student Transportation, Food Services, Extracurricular Activities, General Administration, Plant Maintenance and Operations, Security and Monitoring Services, Data Processing Services, Community Services, Interest on Long-term Debt, Payments Related to Shares Service Arrangements, and Other Intergovernmental Charges.



**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Fund Financial Statements**

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental 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 near-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 a District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the 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 near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District maintains individual governmental funds for general, special revenue, debt service, and capital projects funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund and debt service fund, both of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements elsewhere in the financial statements. The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, debt service fund, and National School Breakfast and Lunch Program special revenue fund.

**Notes to the Financial Statements**

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

**Required Supplementary 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. The required supplementary information relates to comparison of the original adopted budget, the final amended budget, and the actual amounts for the fiscal year. This is required supplementary information for the general fund and any major special revenue funds. The District did not have any major special revenue funds, outside of ESSER III which was not required to have an adopted budget; therefore, only the general fund is presented as required supplementary information. The Required Supplementary Information also includes information related to the required pension system information and the required other post-employment benefit system information.

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Other Information**

The combining and individual fund statements and schedules and other supplementary information are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the District's financial position. The District's combined net position between fiscal years 2024 and 2023 increased by \$19 million. The District's net investment in capital assets is \$32 million and includes investments in capital assets (e.g. land, building, equipment, improvements, right-to-use assets, and construction in progress) less any debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. Of the remaining net position, \$14 million are restricted resources subject to external restrictions on how they are used, and a net deficit of \$8 million are unrestricted resources, of which \$42 million is related to GASB Statement No. 68 and 75 pension and other post employment benefits liabilities.

The District uses the capital assets to provide services to students; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its 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 the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Exhibit 2 provides a summary of the Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position for governmental activities for years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

**Exhibit 2 Net Position Governmental Activities**

|   | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                      |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|   | <b>2024</b>                    | <b>2023</b>          |
| Current and other assets                    | \$ 65,577,764                  | \$ 64,629,107        |
| Capital assets, net                         | 206,426,434                    | 209,128,367          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                         | <b>272,004,198</b>             | <b>273,757,474</b>   |
| Deferred outflows                           | 21,269,520                     | 17,901,053           |
| <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b> | <b>21,269,520</b>              | <b>17,901,053</b>    |
| Current liabilities                         | 20,678,638                     | 23,751,159           |
| Long term liabilities                       | 208,742,073                    | 219,275,193          |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                    | <b>229,420,711</b>             | <b>243,026,352</b>   |
| Deferred inflows                            | 25,144,503                     | 28,428,320           |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>  | <b>25,144,503</b>              | <b>28,428,320</b>    |
| <b>Net Position:</b>                        |                                |                      |
| Net investment in capital assets            | 32,226,210                     | 21,069,765           |
| Restricted                                  | 14,676,644                     | 8,737,117            |
| Unrestricted                                | (8,194,350)                    | (9,603,027)          |
| <b>Total Net Position</b>                   | <b>\$ 38,708,504</b>           | <b>\$ 20,203,855</b> |

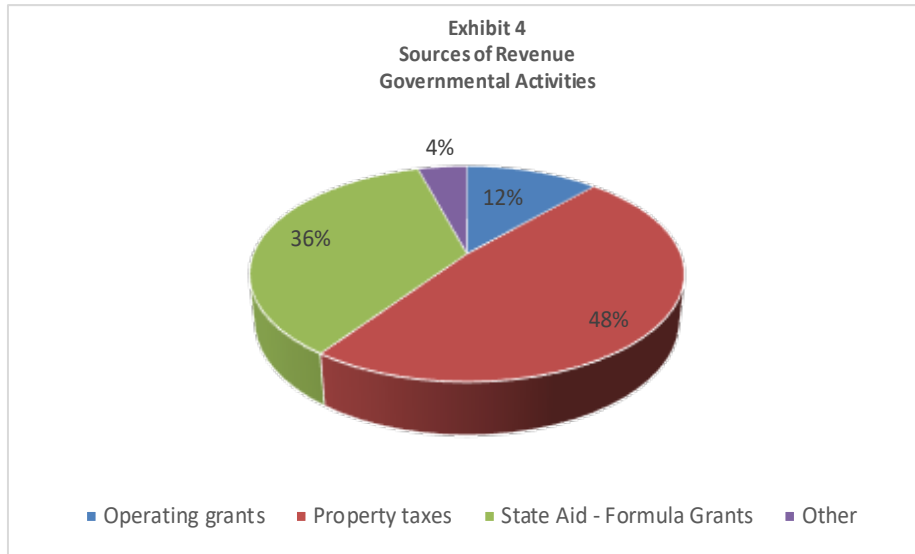
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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Exhibit 3 Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities**

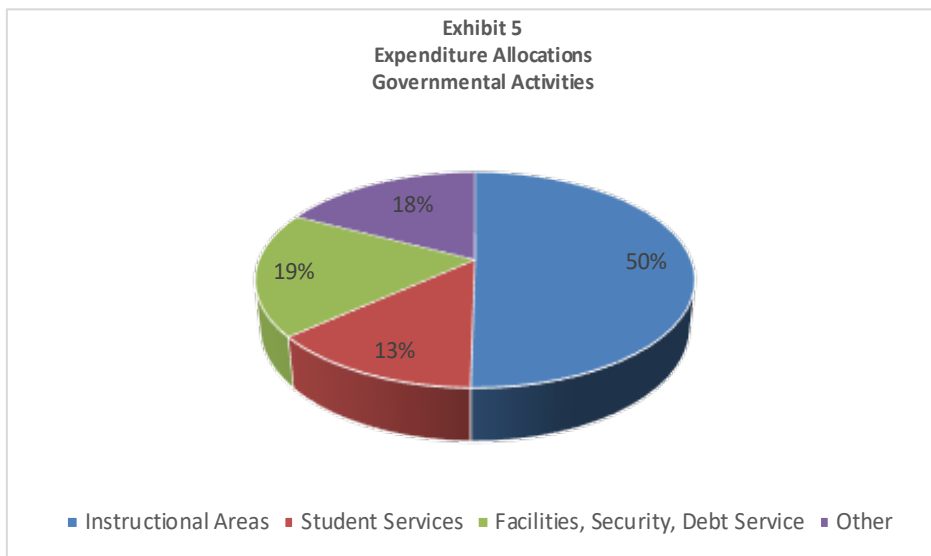
|  | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                      |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|  | <b>2024</b>                    | <b>2023</b>          |
| <b>Program Revenues</b>  |                                |                      |
| Charges for services   | \$ 1,603,052                   | \$ 1,477,436         |
| Operating grants   | 14,289,962                     | 17,356,229           |
| <b>General Revenues</b>  |                                |                      |
| Property taxes   | 58,195,329                     | 59,838,487           |
| State Aid - Formula Grants                                     | 31,752,528                     | 24,525,984           |
| Grants and contributions<br>not restricted                     | 11,527,935                     | -                    |
| Interest earnings  | 3,095,214                      | 2,432,017            |
| Other  | 580,566                        | 1,646,823            |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>121,044,586</b>             | <b>107,276,976</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>  |                                |                      |
| Instruction  | 44,813,560                     | 41,270,118           |
| Instructional resources<br>and media services                  | 685,291                        | 672,422              |
| Curriculum and staff development                               | 4,342,956                      | 4,182,726            |
| Instructional leadership                                       | 1,694,656                      | 2,094,577            |
| School leadership  | 4,503,359                      | 4,541,427            |
| Guidance, counseling, and<br>evaluation services               | 4,370,817                      | 3,859,434            |
| Health services  | 793,793                        | 721,152              |
| Student transportation   | 4,099,526                      | 3,236,004            |
| Food service   | 6,642,906                      | 2,674,827            |
| Extracurricular activities                                     | 2,890,157                      | 2,965,539            |
| General administration   | 5,586,000                      | 5,252,407            |
| Facilities maintenance and<br>operations                       | 11,976,946                     | 9,398,759            |
| Security and monitoring services                               | 2,314,509                      | 1,851,969            |
| Data processing services                                       | 2,720,432                      | 2,618,924            |
| Community services   | 35,138                         | 119,939              |
| Interest on long-term debt                                     | 4,862,268                      | 7,530,719            |
| Debt issuance costs and fees                                   | 13,688                         | 8,200                |
| Payments to Juvenile Justice<br>Alternative Education Programs | 3,000                          | 13,260               |
| Other intergovernmental charges                                | 190,935                        | 168,480              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>102,539,937</b>             | <b>93,180,883</b>    |
| Increase in Net Position                                       | 18,504,649                     | 14,096,093           |
| <b>Beginning Net Position</b>                                  | <b>20,203,855</b>              | <b>6,107,762</b>     |
| <b>Ending Net Position</b>                                     | <b>\$ 38,708,504</b>           | <b>\$ 20,203,855</b> |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Other Financial Highlights.** For the year ended August 31, 2024 the District's total revenues were \$121 million. Approximately, 48% of the District's revenue was generated from property taxes, 36% was state aid & grants and contributions-unrestricted, and 12% operating grants and contributions. (See Exhibit 4).



For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District's total cost of all programs and services was \$103 million. Approximately 50% of the District's governmental activities were dedicated to instructional areas. Direct student services, such as counseling, nursing, and transportation services, comprised 13% of governmental expenses. The costs to operate facilities, including utilities, security services and debt payments comprised 19% of the cost of all programs (See Exhibit 5).



**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Governmental Funds Financial Analysis**

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District's governmental funds reported ending fund balances of \$54 million. Of this amount, \$35.3 million constitutes unassigned fund balance available for use in activities at the District's discretion. The remainder of the fund balance is designated as non-spendable, restricted or committed, to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been purposed for bond projects, debt service and other obligations of the District.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned and total fund balance to the total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 47% of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 51% of that same amount.

The Debt Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$9.6 million, which is restricted for the payment of debt service requirements. Other Governmental Funds have a total fund balance of \$5.5 million representing a decrease for the current year of \$1.1 million.

The ESSER III Grant Fund has a total fund balance of \$0, representing no change for the current year.

**Capital Assets and Long-Term Liabilities**

**Capital Assets**

At August 31, 2024, the District had \$206 million of capital assets, net of depreciation/amortization, including land, equipment, buildings, vehicles, and right-to-use assets. This amount represents a net decrease of \$2.7 million compared to last year (See Exhibit 6.)

**Exhibit 6 Capital Assets**

|                                       | <u>2024</u>           | <u>2023</u>           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Land                                  | \$ 3,683,057          | \$ 3,683,057          |
| Buildings and improvements            | 292,912,952           | 288,665,641           |
| Furniture and equipment               | 18,290,772            | 17,792,567            |
| Right-to-use assets                   | 3,179,763             | 3,179,763             |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <u>318,066,544</u>    | <u>313,321,028</u>    |
| Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization | <u>(111,640,110)</u>  | <u>(104,192,661)</u>  |
| <b>Net Capital Assets</b>             | <u>\$ 206,426,434</u> | <u>\$ 209,128,367</u> |

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District's capital spending totaled approximately \$5.1 million in buildings and improvements and capital equipment. For more information on the District's capital assets, see Note 4 in the financial statements.

**Debt Administration.** For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District had \$179 million in long-term debt outstanding. This represents a net decrease of \$17 million, or 9%, over last year. (See Exhibit 7).

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)**

**Exhibit 7 District's Long-Term Debt**

|  | <b>2024</b>           | <b>2023</b>           | <b>Percentage<br/>Change</b> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Bonds and Notes Payable                            | \$ 159,903,644        | \$ 172,992,005        | -8%                          |
| Premiums   | 14,088,762            | 14,965,155            | -6%                          |
| Lease liability                                    | 1,449,135             | 2,050,253             | -29%                         |
| Accreted interest on capital<br>appreciation bonds | 3,700,040             | 6,164,298             | -40%                         |
| Long Term Debt Outstanding                         | <u>\$ 179,141,581</u> | <u>\$ 196,171,711</u> | -9%                          |

The District's bonds presently carry A1 and A ratings from Moody's Investor Services and Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, respectively. For more information on the District's long-term debt, see Note 6 in the financial statements.

**Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, budget amendments are necessary to realign funds, which will increase and/or decrease various function levels and object series within the budget. All necessary budget amendments, which change the function level for appropriations and object series for revenues, are formally approved by the School Board and recorded in the board minutes each month. The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget were necessary amendments for changes in situations and estimates.

The District increased its General Fund local revenues budget by \$4 million and its General Fund state revenues budget by \$2 million. The District increased its General Fund expenditure budget by \$4 million, with the largest increase seen in Function 11 or instruction.

The District amended its Child Nutrition Program Fund revenue budget by \$2.9 million and amended the expenditure budget \$19 thousand. Additionally, the Debt Service Fund expenditure budget was amended by \$6.5 million.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

In August, the Board of Trustees adopted a deficit General Fund budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Appropriations totaled \$87,226,639 million. The appraised property values for the 2024-2025 budget were projected to increase 11.07% with a 98% property tax collection rate. The Maintenance and Operations tax rate was increased to \$0.7869 per \$100 valuation while the Interest and Sinking ("I&S") tax rate remained the same at \$0.4375 per \$100 valuation. Student enrollment was projected at 6,950 students.

**Contacting the District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the funding it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's Finance Department at Lancaster Independent School District, 422 S. Centre Ave., Lancaster, TX 75146. You may also view previous year's financial reports on the District's website at [www.lancasterisd.org](http://www.lancasterisd.org).



## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**





**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**August 31, 2024**

Exhibit A-1

| <u>Data Control</u> |   | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
|---------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <u>Codes</u>        |   |                                |
|                     | <b>Assets</b>   |                                |
| 1110                | Cash and cash equivalents                                       | \$ 54,145,622                  |
| 1225                | Property taxes receivables, net                                 | 3,266,518                      |
| 1240                | Due from other governments                                      | 8,085,278                      |
| 1290                | Other receivables, net  | 44,011                         |
| 1300                | Inventories   | 1,406                          |
| 1410                | Prepaid expenses  | 34,929                         |
|                     | <b>Capital assets not subject to depreciation/amortization:</b> |                                |
| 1510                | Land  | 3,683,057                      |
|                     | <b>Capital assets net of depreciation/amortization:</b>         |                                |
| 1520                | Buildings and improvements, net                                 | 198,051,438                    |
| 1530                | Furniture and equipment, net                                    | 3,317,531                      |
| 1550                | Right-to-use assets, net  | 1,374,408                      |
| <b>1000</b>         | <b>Total Assets</b>   | <u>272,004,198</u>             |
|                     | <b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>                           |                                |
|                     | Deferred charge on refunding                                    | 1,241,317                      |
|                     | Deferred outflows - pension                                     | 13,194,396                     |
|                     | Deferred outflows - OPEB  | 6,833,807                      |
| <b>1700</b>         | <b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>                     | <u>21,269,520</u>              |
|                     | <b>Liabilities</b>  |                                |
| 2110                | Accounts payable  | 2,055,662                      |
| 2140                | Interest payable  | 233,552                        |
| 2150                | Payroll deductions and withholdings                             | 806,567                        |
| 2160                | Accrued wages payable   | 4,863,979                      |
| 2180                | Due to other governments  | 29,307                         |
| 2200                | Accrued expenses  | 323,447                        |
| 2300                | Unearned revenue  | 142,948                        |
|                     | <b>Noncurrent Liabilities:</b>                                  |                                |
| 2501                | Due within one year   | 7,055,419                      |
| 2502                | Due in more than one year                                       | 172,086,162                    |
| 2540                | Net pension liability   | 29,600,492                     |
| 2545                | Net OPEB liability  | 12,223,176                     |
| <b>2000</b>         | <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <u>229,420,711</u>             |
|                     | <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                            |                                |
|                     | Deferred inflows - Pension                                      | 2,781,295                      |
|                     | Deferred inflows - OPEB   | 22,363,208                     |
| <b>2600</b>         | <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                      | <u>25,144,503</u>              |
|                     | <b>Net Position</b>   |                                |
| 3200                | Net investment in capital assets                                | 32,226,210                     |
|                     | Restricted for:   |                                |
| 3820                | Federal and state programs                                      | 4,411,780                      |
| 3850                | Debt service  | 10,264,864                     |
| 3900                | Unrestricted  | (8,194,350)                    |
| <b>3000</b>         | <b>Total Net Position</b>                                       | <u>\$ 38,708,504</u>           |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Exhibit B-1*

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**Year Ended August 31, 2024**

| Data Control Codes              | Functions/Programs  | Expenses              | Program Revenue      |                                    | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
|                                 |   |                       | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Governmental Activities                           |
| <b>Governmental activities:</b> |   |                       |                      |                                    |   |
| 11                              | Instruction   | \$ 44,813,560         | \$ -                 | \$ 1,317,211                       | \$ (43,496,349)                                   |
| 12                              | Instructional resources and media services                  | 685,291               | -                    | 17,766                             | (667,525)   |
| 13                              | Curriculum and staff development                            | 4,342,956             | -                    | 237,470                            | (4,105,486)                                       |
| 21                              | Instructional leadership                                    | 1,694,656             | -                    | 44,509                             | (1,650,147)                                       |
| 23                              | School leadership   | 4,503,359             | -                    | 143,200                            | (4,360,159)                                       |
| 31                              | Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services               | 4,370,817             | -                    | 119,912                            | (4,250,905)                                       |
| 33                              | Health services   | 793,793               | -                    | 1,069,443                          | 275,650   |
| 34                              | Student transportation                                      | 4,099,526             | -                    | 100,627                            | (3,998,899)                                       |
| 35                              | Food service  | 6,642,906             | 163,071              | 9,443,806                          | 2,963,971   |
| 36                              | Extracurricular activities                                  | 2,890,157             | 1,129,922            | 44,446                             | (1,715,789)                                       |
| 41                              | General administration                                      | 5,586,000             | -                    | 117,104                            | (5,468,896)                                       |
| 51                              | Facilities maintenance and operations                       | 11,976,946            | 310,059              | 120,074                            | (11,546,813)                                      |
| 52                              | Security and monitoring services                            | 2,314,509             | -                    | 37,624                             | (2,276,885)                                       |
| 53                              | Data processing services                                    | 2,720,432             | -                    | 40,769                             | (2,679,663)                                       |
| 61                              | Community services  | 35,138                | -                    | 350                                | (34,788)  |
| 72                              | Interest on long-term debt                                  | 4,862,268             | -                    | 1,435,651                          | (3,426,617)                                       |
| 73                              | Debt issuance costs and fees                                | 13,688                | -                    | -                                  | (13,688)  |
| 95                              | Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs | 3,000                 | -                    | -                                  | (3,000)   |
| 99                              | Other intergovernmental charges                             | 190,935               | -                    | -                                  | (190,935)   |
| <b>TG</b>                       | <b>Total Governmental Activities</b>                        | <u>\$ 102,539,937</u> | <u>\$ 1,603,052</u>  | <u>\$ 14,289,962</u>               | <u>(86,646,923)</u>                               |
| <b>General Revenues:</b>        |   |                       |                      |                                    |   |
| Taxes:                          |   |                       |                      |                                    |   |
| <b>MT</b>                       | Property taxes, levied for general purposes                 |                       |                      |                                    | 37,485,358  |
| <b>DT</b>                       | Property taxes, levied for debt service                     |                       |                      |                                    | 20,709,971  |
| <b>SF</b>                       | State-aid formula grants                                    |                       |                      |                                    | 31,752,528  |
| <b>GC</b>                       | Grants and contributions not restricted                     |                       |                      |                                    | 11,527,935  |
| <b>IE</b>                       | Investment earnings   |                       |                      |                                    | 3,095,214   |
| <b>MI</b>                       | Miscellaneous   |                       |                      |                                    | 580,566   |
| <b>TR</b>                       | <b>Total General Revenues</b>                               |                       |                      |                                    | <u>105,151,572</u>                                |
| <b>CN</b>                       | Change in net position                                      |                       |                      |                                    | 18,504,649  |
| <b>NB</b>                       | <b>Net Position - Beginning</b>                             |                       |                      |                                    | <u>20,203,855</u>                                 |
| <b>NE</b>                       | <b>Net Position - Ending</b>                                |                       |                      |                                    | <u>\$ 38,708,504</u>                              |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Exhibit C-1*

**BALANCE SHEET  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
August 31, 2024**

| Data Control Codes  |   | General Fund         | Debt Service Fund    | ESSER III Grant Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 1110  | Cash and temporary investments  | \$ 42,691,692        | \$ 9,576,959         | \$ -                 | \$ 1,876,971             | \$ 54,145,622            |
| Receivables:  |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 1225  | Property taxes receivable, net  | 2,343,033            | 923,485              | -                    | -                        | 3,266,518                |
| 1240  | Receivables from other governments  | 3,682,614            | -                    | 963,394              | 3,439,270                | 8,085,278                |
| 1260  | Due from other funds  | 11,549,538           | 47,683               | 646,098              | 3,803,759                | 16,047,078               |
| 1290  | Other receivables   | 44,011               | -                    | -                    | -                        | 44,011                   |
| 1300  | Inventories   | 1,406                | -                    | -                    | -                        | 1,406                    |
| 1410  | Prepaid items   | 11,832               | -                    | -                    | 23,097                   | 34,929                   |
| <b>1000</b>   | <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$ 60,324,126</b> | <b>\$ 10,548,127</b> | <b>\$ 1,609,492</b>  | <b>\$ 9,143,097</b>      | <b>\$ 81,624,842</b>     |
| <b>Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b> |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>   |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 2110  | Accounts payable  | \$ 755,519           | \$ -                 | \$ 319,917           | \$ 982,052               | \$ 2,057,488             |
| 2150  | Payroll withholdings payable  | 806,567              | -                    | -                    | -                        | 806,567                  |
| 2160  | Accrued wages payable   | 4,389,161            | -                    | 79,502               | 395,316                  | 4,863,979                |
| 2170  | Due to other funds  | 12,647,280           | 49,711               | 1,210,073            | 2,140,014                | 16,047,078               |
| 2180  | Payable to other governments  | -                    | -                    | -                    | 27,481                   | 27,481                   |
| 2200  | Accrued expenditure   | 323,447              | -                    | -                    | -                        | 323,447                  |
| 2300  | Unearned revenue  | -                    | -                    | -                    | 142,948                  | 142,948                  |
| <b>2000</b>   | <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b>18,921,974</b>    | <b>49,711</b>        | <b>1,609,492</b>     | <b>3,687,811</b>         | <b>24,268,988</b>        |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                                |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 2600  | Unavailable revenue - property taxes                                      | 2,324,129            | 915,440              | -                    | -                        | 3,239,569                |
| 2600  | Unavailable revenue - SHARS   | 119,103              | -                    | -                    | -                        | 119,103                  |
| <b>2600</b>   | <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                                | <b>2,443,232</b>     | <b>915,440</b>       | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>                 | <b>3,358,672</b>         |
| <b>Fund Balances:</b>   |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| <b>Nonspendable:</b>  |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 3410  | Inventories   | 1,406                | -                    | -                    | -                        | 1,406                    |
| 3430  | Prepaid items   | 11,832               | -                    | -                    | 23,097                   | 34,929                   |
| <b>Restricted:</b>  |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 3450  | Grant restrictions  | -                    | -                    | -                    | 4,411,780                | 4,411,780                |
| 3470  | Capital acquisitions  | -                    | -                    | -                    | 494,479                  | 494,479                  |
| 3480  | Debt service  | -                    | 9,582,976            | -                    | -                        | 9,582,976                |
| <b>Committed:</b>   |   |                      |                      |                      |                          |                          |
| 3545  | Other committed fund balance  | 3,645,000            | -                    | -                    | 525,930                  | 4,170,930                |
| 3600  | <b>Unassigned</b>   | <b>35,300,682</b>    | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>                 | <b>35,300,682</b>        |
| <b>3000</b>   | <b>Total Fund Balances</b>  | <b>38,958,920</b>    | <b>9,582,976</b>     | <b>-</b>             | <b>5,455,286</b>         | <b>53,997,182</b>        |
| <b>4000</b>   | <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b> | <b>\$ 60,324,126</b> | <b>\$ 10,548,127</b> | <b>\$ 1,609,492</b>  | <b>\$ 9,143,097</b>      | <b>\$ 81,624,842</b>     |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET FOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**August 31, 2024**

*Exhibit C-1R*

| <u>Data<br/>Control<br/>Codes</u> |  |                             |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
|                                   | <b>Total Fund Balance, Governmental Funds</b>  | <b>\$ 53,997,182</b>        |
|                                   | Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:   |                             |
| <b>1</b>                          | Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. Capital assets at historical cost, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, where applicable.                  | 206,426,434                 |
| <b>2</b>                          | Property taxes receivable have been levied and are due this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, these property taxes and related penalty and interest amounts (net of allowance for uncollectible accounts). | 3,239,569                   |
| <b>3</b>                          | School Health and Related Services receivable has been determined and is due to the District, but is not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures.   | 119,103                     |
| <b>4</b>                          | Deferred inflows relating to pension activities  | (2,781,295)                 |
| <b>5</b>                          | Deferred inflows relating to OPEB activities   | (22,363,208)                |
|                                   | Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:   |                             |
| <b>6</b>                          | General obligation bonds   | (159,903,644)               |
| <b>7</b>                          | Premium/Discount on bond issuance  | (14,088,762)                |
| <b>8</b>                          | Deferred loss on refunding   | 1,241,317                   |
| <b>9</b>                          | Accreted interest on premium compound interest bonds   | (3,700,040)                 |
| <b>10</b>                         | Lease liability  | (1,449,135)                 |
| <b>11</b>                         | Accrued interest payable   | (233,552)                   |
| <b>12</b>                         | Net pension liability  | (29,600,492)                |
| <b>13</b>                         | Net OPEB liability   | (12,223,176)                |
| <b>14</b>                         | Deferred outflows relating to pension activities   | 13,194,396                  |
| <b>15</b>                         | Deferred outflows relating to OPEB activities  | <u>6,833,807</u>            |
| <b>29</b>                         | <b>Total Net Position- Governmental Activities</b>   | <b><u>\$ 38,708,504</u></b> |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended August 31, 2024**

*Exhibit C-2*

| Data Control Codes        |  | General Fund         | Debt Service Fund   | ESSER III Grant Fund | Other Governmental Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|---------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>           |  |                      |                     |                      |                          |                          |
| 5700                      | Local, intermediate, and out-of-state                      | \$ 40,900,947        | \$ 21,432,226       | \$ -                 | \$ 1,722,868             | \$ 64,056,041            |
| 5800                      | State program revenues                                     | 35,782,643           | 1,435,651           | -                    | 1,318,238                | 38,536,532               |
| 5900                      | Federal program revenues                                   | 1,781,163            | -                   | 3,108,185            | 15,077,403               | 19,966,751               |
| <b>5020</b>               | <b>Total Revenues</b>                                      | <u>78,464,753</u>    | <u>22,867,877</u>   | <u>3,108,185</u>     | <u>18,118,509</u>        | <u>122,559,324</u>       |
| <b>Expenditures</b>       |  |                      |                     |                      |                          |                          |
| <b>Current:</b>           |  |                      |                     |                      |                          |                          |
| 0011                      | Instruction  | 37,277,740           | -                   | 1,909,337            | 3,866,593                | 43,053,670               |
| 0012                      | Instruction resources and media services                   | 647,329              | -                   | -                    | -                        | 647,329                  |
| 0013                      | Curriculum and instructional staff development             | 905,251              | -                   | 540,937              | 2,791,497                | 4,237,685                |
| 0021                      | Instructional leadership                                   | 1,415,155            | -                   | 235                  | 184,719                  | 1,600,109                |
| 0023                      | School leadership  | 4,256,836            | -                   | -                    | 12,152                   | 4,268,988                |
| 0031                      | Guidance, counseling and evaluation services               | 3,450,619            | -                   | -                    | 677,632                  | 4,128,251                |
| 0033                      | Health services  | 752,567              | -                   | -                    | -                        | 752,567                  |
| 0034                      | Student transportation                                     | 3,889,854            | -                   | -                    | -                        | 3,889,854                |
| 0035                      | Food services  | -                    | -                   | -                    | 6,137,157                | 6,137,157                |
| 0036                      | Extracurricular activities                                 | 2,340,661            | -                   | -                    | 984,790                  | 3,325,451                |
| 0041                      | General administration                                     | 5,154,342            | -                   | 81,242               | 18,052                   | 5,253,636                |
| 0051                      | Facilities maintenance and operations                      | 10,308,752           | -                   | 377,714              | 3,309,793                | 13,996,259               |
| 0052                      | Security and monitoring services                           | 1,801,926            | -                   | -                    | 580,554                  | 2,382,480                |
| 0053                      | Data processing services                                   | 2,264,128            | -                   | 198,720              | 630,214                  | 3,093,062                |
| 0061                      | Community services   | 18,583               | -                   | -                    | 14,119                   | 32,702                   |
| <b>Debt service:</b>      |  |                      |                     |                      |                          |                          |
| 0071                      | Principal on long-term debt                                | 601,118              | 13,088,361          | -                    | -                        | 13,689,479               |
| 0072                      | Interest on long-term debt                                 | 601,757              | 7,493,769           | -                    | -                        | 8,095,526                |
| 0073                      | Bond and issuance costs and fees                           | 5,200                | 8,488               | -                    | -                        | 13,688                   |
| <b>Intergovernmental:</b> |  |                      |                     |                      |                          |                          |
| 0095                      | Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program | 3,000                | -                   | -                    | -                        | 3,000                    |
| 0099                      | Other intergovernmental charges                            | 190,935              | -                   | -                    | -                        | 190,935                  |
| <b>6030</b>               | <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                  | <u>75,885,753</u>    | <u>20,590,618</u>   | <u>3,108,185</u>     | <u>19,207,272</u>        | <u>118,791,828</u>       |
| 1100                      | Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures          | <u>2,579,000</u>     | <u>2,277,259</u>    | <u>-</u>             | <u>(1,088,763)</u>       | <u>3,767,496</u>         |
| 1200                      | Net change in fund balances                                | 2,579,000            | 2,277,259           | -                    | (1,088,763)              | 3,767,496                |
| <b>0100</b>               | <b>Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)</b>              | <u>36,379,920</u>    | <u>7,305,717</u>    | <u>-</u>             | <u>6,544,049</u>         | <u>50,229,686</u>        |
| <b>3000</b>               | <b>Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)</b>                   | <u>\$ 38,958,920</u> | <u>\$ 9,582,976</u> | <u>\$ -</u>          | <u>\$ 5,455,286</u>      | <u>\$ 53,997,182</u>     |

**LANCASTER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND**  
**CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**For the Year Ended August 31, 2024**

*Exhibit C-2R*

| <u>Data<br/>Control<br/>Codes</u>   |   |
|---|---|
| Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (from C-2)   | \$ 3,767,496  |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (B-1) are different because:  |   |
| 1   | Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period. |
|   | Capital outlay 5,101,911  |
|   | Depreciation/amortization expense (7,672,990)   |
|   | Loss on disposals (130,854)   |
| 2   | Property tax revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 24,224  |
| 3   | State health and related service revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. 119,103   |
| 4   | Changes in deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB 3,493,665  |
| 5   | Changes in deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB 3,283,817   |
| 6   | Repayment of bond principal and lease liability is an expenditure in the governmental fund, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 13,689,479  |
| Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and these are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds: |   |
| 7   | Changes in the net pension liabilities (6,497,010)  |
| 8   | Changes in the net OPEB liabilities 92,550  |
| 9   | Decrease in interest payable not recognized in fund statements 17,805   |
| 10  | Amortization of bond premium 876,393  |
| 11  | Amortization of deferred loss on refunded bonds (125,198)   |
| 12  | Accreted interest on capital appreciation bonds 2,464,258   |
|   | <u>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (see B-1)</u> <u>\$ 18,504,649</u>   |

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The basic financial statements of Lancaster 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.

**Reporting Entity**

The Lancaster Independent School District (District) is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (Board), which has governance responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within 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.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities* normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to students or users who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary funds. Agency funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. 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 funds utilize the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are expected to be collected during the current budgetary period or within 60 days thereafter to pay liabilities outstanding at the close of the budgetary period. Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept.



**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)**

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.

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.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- The *general fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- The *debt service fund* accounts for the resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.
- The *ESSER III* Fund account for federal stimulus ESSER III funds granted to LEAs through the American Rescue Plan Act to address learning loss and the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on certain student subgroups, identify and provide homeless children and youth with services in light of challenges of the coronavirus, and enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

**Governmental Funds**

**Special Revenue Funds:** The District accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, a specific purpose by the District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most federal and some state financial award programs are accounted for in these funds and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.

**Capital Projects Fund:** The District accounts for the proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions in the capital projects fund.

The District does not have any fiduciary funds.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)**

Nonmajor governmental funds of the District include federal, state and local grant funds accounted for as *special revenue funds*. Additionally, the *capital projects fund*, which is used to account for the proceeds from sales of bonds and other revenues to be used for authorized construction and technology projects/enhancements, is included in the nonmajor governmental funds of the District.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to students or users for goods, services, or privileges provided and 2) operating grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes and investment income.

Operating expenses for the internal service fund include the cost of services and administrative expenses. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**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.

**Receivables and Payables**

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 \$2.8 million outstanding at August 31, 2024, it is expected that the District will collect approximately \$500,000 during the upcoming year.

**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 and when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period after the close of the fiscal year.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Property Taxes (continued)**

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:

|                                      | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Debt Service<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Totals</u>       |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Gross property taxes receivable      | \$ 2,753,029        | \$ 1,089,916                 | \$ 3,842,945        |
| Allowance for uncollectible taxes    | (409,996)           | (166,431)                    | (576,427)           |
| <b>Net Property Taxes Receivable</b> | <u>\$ 2,343,033</u> | <u>\$ 923,485</u>            | <u>\$ 3,266,518</u> |

**Inventories and Prepaid Items**

The District records purchases of supplies as expenditures, utilizing the purchase method of accounting for inventory in accordance with the Resource Guide.

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

**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 being depreciated, and right-to use assets amortized, using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

| <u>Assets</u>              | <u>Estimated Useful<br/>Lives</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Buildings and improvements | 50                                |
| Buses                      | 15                                |
| Office equipment           | 7                                 |
| Vehicles                   | 5                                 |
| Right-to-Use Assets        | Lease term                        |
| Computer equipment         | 3                                 |

**Long-term Obligations**

In the financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. The difference between this method and the interest method is immaterial. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued and any premiums received are reported as other financing sources. Discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position includes a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. It is the deferred charge on refunding reported in the government-wide statement of net position, deferred amounts related to pension, and deferred amounts related to OPEB. The deferred charge on refunding resulted from the difference between the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The deferred amounts related to pension and OPEB relate differences between estimated and actual investment earnings, changes in actuarial assumptions, and other pension and OPEB related changes.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position includes a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and therefore will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. Unavailable revenue is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from two sources: property taxes and grants. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. In the government-wide financial statements the District reports deferred amounts related to pension and deferred amounts related to OPEB.

**Pensions**

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's 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 market value.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)**

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.

**Net Position and Fund Balances**

Lancaster Independent School District reports fund balances in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

**Nonspendable fund balance** – amounts that are not in spendable form or are required to be maintained intact. As such, inventory and prepaid items have been properly classified in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Exhibit C-1).

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Net Position and Fund Balances (continued)**

**Restricted fund balance** – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of local, state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors. The General Fund includes \$3,645,000 that is being set aside to pay Qualified Zone Academy Maintenance Tax Notes.

**Committed fund balance** – amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e. the Board of Trustees). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the District takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint. The District establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a commitment of the fund. At August 31, 2024, the Board has committed funds totaling \$525,930 relative to the Campus Activity Fund and other special revenue funds, and \$3,645,000 relative the General Fund.

**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. 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 convey that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District itself.

**Unassigned fund balance** – amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes 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.

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position invested in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding balances of any borrowings used for acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislations adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

**Net Position Flow Assumptions**

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 and unrestricted 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.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Fund Balance Flow Assumptions**

The District will sometimes 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, and then, finally, unassigned fund balance.

**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.

**Data Control Codes**

The Data Control Codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in the Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. TEA requires school districts to display these codes in the financial statements filed with the Agency in order to ensure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

**Use of Estimates**

The presentation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires the use of management's estimates. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Leases**

Lessee: The District is a lessee for several noncancellable leases for property and equipment. The District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) 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 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 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 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.

**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Leases (continued)**

- 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 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 purchase option price that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability. Lease assets are reported with other capital assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

**Implementation of New Accounting Standards**

GASB issued Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections - an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, in June 2022. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements of this statement were implemented in fiscal year 2024.

**Note 2 - 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.

**Cash Deposits**

At August 31, 2024, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (including fiduciary balances, but excluding the investments listed below) was \$8.8 million and the bank balance was \$12 million. The District's cash deposits 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.

**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.

**Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)**

**Investments (continued)**

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<br/>Maturity (Days)</u> | <u>Amortized Cost</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lone Star Investment Pool            | 23                                  | \$ 44,836,284         |
| TexPool Investment Pool              | 36                                  | 527,737               |
|                                      |                                     | <u>\$ 45,364,021</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 investment pools at net asset value per unit/share.

**Public Funds Investment Pools**

Public funds investment pools in Texas (Pools) are established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 79 of the Texas Government Code, and are subject to the provisions of the Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. In addition to other provisions of the Act designed to promote liquidity and safety of principal, the Act requires Pools to: 1) have an advisory board composed of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool; 2) maintain a continuous rating of no lower than AAA or AAA-m or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service; and 3) maintain the market value of its underlying investment portfolio within one half of one percent of the value of its shares. The District participates in the following public funds investment pools:

- Lone Star Investment Pool** - The Lone Star Investment Pool (Lone Star) is a local government investment pool organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. Lone Star is administered by First Public, a subsidiary of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASS), with Standish and American Beacon Advisors managing the investment and reinvestment of Lone Star's assets. State Street Bank provides custody and valuation services to Lone Star. All of the board of trustees' eleven members are Lone Star participants by either being employees or elected officials of a participant. Lone Star has established an advisory board composed of both pool members and non-members. Lone Star is rated AAAM by Standard and Poor's. Lone Star has three different funds: Government Overnight, Corporate Overnight, and Corporate Overnight Plus. Each seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per unit. The District is only invested in the Government Overnight Fund.



**Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)**

**Investments (continued)**

**Public Funds Investment Pools (continued)**

- **TexPool Investment Pool** - The TexPool Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool) is a local government investment pool organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts oversees TexPool. Federated Investors, Inc. is the administrator and investment manager of TexPool under a contract with the State Comptroller. In accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the State Comptroller has appointed the TexPool Investment Advisory Board to advise with respect to TexPool. The board is composed equally of participants in TexPool Portfolios and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool Portfolios and are qualified to advise in respect to TexPool Portfolios. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. TexPool is rated AAAM by Standard & Poor's. All investments are stated at amortized cost, which usually approximates the market value of the securities. The stated objective of TexPool is to maintain a stable average \$1.00 per unit net asset value; however, the \$1.00 net asset value is not guaranteed or insured. The financial statements can be obtained from the Texas Trust Safekeeping Trust Company website at [www.ttstc.org](http://www.ttstc.org).

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Note 3 - Receivables**

Receivables as of year-end for the District's individual major and nonmajor funds in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

|   | <u>General Fund</u> | <u>Debt Service<br/>Fund</u> | <u>ESSER III Grant<br/>Fund</u> | <u>Nonmajor<br/>Governmental<br/>Funds</u> | <u>Total</u>         |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Property taxes                          | \$ 2,753,029        | \$ 1,089,916                 | \$ -                            | \$ -                                       | \$ 3,842,945         |
| Due from other governments              | 3,682,614           | -                            | 963,394                         | 3,439,270                                  | 8,085,278            |
| Other                                   | 44,011              | -                            | -                               | -  | 44,011               |
| Gross receivables                       | 6,479,654           | 1,089,916                    | 963,394                         | 3,439,270                                  | 11,972,234           |
| Less allowance for doubtful<br>accounts | (409,996)           | (166,431)                    | -                               | -  | (576,427)            |
| <b>Net Total Receivables</b>            | <u>\$ 6,069,658</u> | <u>\$ 923,485</u>            | <u>\$ 963,394</u>               | <u>\$ 3,439,270</u>                        | <u>\$ 11,395,807</u> |

Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered to be available to liquidate liabilities of the current period or in connection with resources that have been received, but not yet earned.

**Note 4 - Capital Assets**

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

|  | <u>Balance<br/>September 01, 2023</u> | <u>Additions</u>      | <u>Retirements</u>  | <u>Balance<br/>August 31, 2024</u> |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Capital Assets, not being Depreciated</b>           |                                       |                       |                     |                                    |
| Land   | \$ 3,683,057                          | \$ -                  | \$ -                | \$ 3,683,057                       |
| <b>Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated</b>     | 3,683,057                             | -                     | -                   | 3,683,057                          |
| <b>Capital Assets, being Depreciated</b>               |                                       |                       |                     |                                    |
| Buildings and improvements                             | 288,665,641                           | 4,247,311             | -                   | 292,912,952                        |
| Furniture and equipment                                | 17,792,567                            | 854,600               | (356,395)           | 18,290,772                         |
| Right-to-Use Asset -Leases                             | 3,179,763                             | -                     | -                   | 3,179,763                          |
| <b>Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated</b>         | 309,637,971                           | 5,101,911             | (356,395)           | 314,383,487                        |
| <b>Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for:</b> |                                       |                       |                     |                                    |
| Buildings and improvements                             | (89,213,535)                          | (5,647,979)           | -                   | (94,861,514)                       |
| Furniture and Equipment                                | (13,775,556)                          | (1,423,226)           | 225,541             | (14,973,241)                       |
| Right-to-Use Asset - Leases                            | (1,203,570)                           | (601,785)             | -                   | (1,805,355)                        |
| <b>Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization</b>     | (104,192,661)                         | (7,672,990)           | 225,541             | (111,640,110)                      |
| <b>Governmental Capital Assets</b>                     | <u>\$ 209,128,367</u>                 | <u>\$ (2,571,079)</u> | <u>\$ (130,854)</u> | <u>\$ 206,426,434</u>              |

**Note 4 - Capital Assets (continued)**

Depreciation and amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

| <u>Function</u>   | <u>Depreciation/<br/>Amortization<br/>Expense</u> |
|---|---|
| Instruction   | \$ 3,394,833                                      |
| Instructional resources and<br>Curriculum and staff development | 53,411  |
| Instructional leadership  | 304,547   |
| School leadership   | 132,006   |
| Guidance, counseling and<br>evaluation services                 | 352,236   |
| Health services   | 340,623   |
| Student transportation  | 62,095  |
| Food Services   | 320,953   |
| Extracurricular activities                                      | 504,975   |
| General administration  | 271,737   |
| Facilities maintenance and operations                           | 426,896   |
| Security and monitoring services                                | 1,119,277   |
| Data processing services  | 199,400   |
| Community services  | 187,303   |
| <b>Total Governmental Depreciation</b>                          | <u>\$ 7,672,990</u>                               |

Net investment in capital assets for governmental activities as of August 31, 2024 is calculated as follows:

|   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Capital assets                          | \$ 206,426,434       |
| Bonds payable                           | (159,903,644)        |
| Premiums                                | (14,088,762)         |
| Deferred amount on refunding            | 1,241,317            |
| Lease liability                         | (1,449,135)          |
| <b>Net Investment in Capital Assets</b> | <u>\$ 32,226,210</u> |

**Note 5 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

Interfund balances consist of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements that result primarily from payroll and other regularly occurring charges that are paid by the general fund and then charged back to the appropriate other fund. Additionally, some lending/borrowing may occur between two or more nonmajor governmental funds.

The composition of interfund balances as of August 31, 2024, is as follows:

|                                 | <u>Interfund<br/>Receivable</u> | <u>Interfund<br/>Payable</u> | <u>Net</u>     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Governmental Funds</b>       |                                 |                              |                |
| General Fund                    | \$ 11,549,538                   | \$ 12,647,280                | \$ (1,097,742) |
| Debt Service Fund               | 47,683                          | 49,711                       | (2,028)        |
| ESSER III Grant Fund            | 646,098                         | 1,210,073                    | (563,975)      |
| Nonmajor Governmental Funds     | 3,803,759                       | 2,140,014                    | 1,663,745      |
| <b>Total Governmental Funds</b> | <u>16,047,078</u>               | <u>16,047,078</u>            | <u>-</u>       |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <u>\$ 16,047,078</u>            | <u>\$ 16,047,078</u>         | <u>\$ -</u>    |

Interfund transfers are defined as “flows of assets without equivalent flow of assets in return and without a requirement for repayment.” The District did not report any interfund transfers for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024.

**Note 5 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers (continued)**

Interfund transfers generally fall into two categories: (1) transfers to cover debt service payments to comply with debt covenants, (2) transfers to cover operating expenditures/deficits in accordance with District policy or legal requirements and (3) transfers to the capital projects fund to be assigned for future capital expenditures.

The interfund balances are anticipated to be repaid within one year.

**Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities**

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:

|   | <u>Balance</u><br><u>September 1, 2023</u> | <u>Additions</u>  | <u>Retirements</u>     | <u>Balance</u><br><u>August 31, 2024</u> | <u>Due Within</u><br><u>One Year</u> |
|---|--|-------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| General obligation bonds                                | \$ 172,992,005                             | \$ -              | \$ (13,088,361)        | \$ 159,903,644                           | \$ 3,807,531                         |
| Accreted interest on premium<br>compound interest bonds | 6,164,299                                  | 181,267           | (2,645,526)            | 3,700,040                                | 2,797,469                            |
| Premiums/discounts                                      | 14,965,155                                 | -                 | (876,393)              | 14,088,762                               | -                                    |
| Lease liability   | 2,050,253                                  | -                 | (601,118)              | 1,449,135                                | 450,419                              |
|   | <u>\$ 196,171,712</u>                      | <u>\$ 181,267</u> | <u>\$ (17,211,398)</u> | <u>\$ 179,141,581</u>                    | <u>\$ 7,055,419</u>                  |
| <br>  |  |                   |                        |  |                                      |
| Deferred Loss on Refunding                              | <u>\$ 1,366,515</u>                        | <u>\$ -</u>       | <u>(125,198)</u>       | <u>\$ 1,241,317</u>                      |                                      |

**General Obligation Bonds**

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District. These are issued as current interest bonds, term bonds, and capital appreciation bonds (CAB) with various amounts of principal maturing each year. Bonds payable for the year ended August 31, 2024 were as follows:

| <u>Issue</u>   | <u>Original</u><br><u>Amount</u><br><u>Outstanding</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u><br><u>(%)</u> | <u>Maturity</u><br><u>Date</u> | <u>Debt</u><br><u>Outstanding</u><br><u>8/31/24</u> |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Qualified Zone Academy Maintenance Tax Notes,<br>Series 2012 | \$ 6,075,000   | 4.00%                              | 8/15/2027                      | \$ 6,075,000  |
| Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013                   | 8,975,000  | 2.00% to 4.00%                     | 2/15/2035                      | 8,110,000   |
| Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014                   | 8,760,000  | 2.00% to 4.00%                     | 2/15/2029                      | 5,000,000   |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015-A           | 48,110,000   | 2.00% to 4.00%                     | 2/15/2045                      | 26,326,639  |
| Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-B                 | 9,630,000  | 1.50% to 4.00%                     | 2/15/2035                      | 6,645,000   |
| Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-C                 | 56,821,933   | 2.00% to 5.00%                     | 2/15/2034                      | 39,922,005  |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016             | 7,400,000  | 2.00% to 3.25%                     | 2/15/2045                      | 5,535,000   |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2017             | 64,210,000   | 2.00% to 5.00%                     | 2/15/2045                      | 62,290,000  |
|  | <u>\$ 209,981,933</u>                                  |                                    |                                | <u>\$ 159,903,644</u>                               |

**Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**General Obligation Bonds (continued)**

Debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

| <u>Year Ending<br/>August 31,</u> | <u>Principal</u>      | <u>Interest</u>      | <u>Totals</u>         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2025                              | \$ 3,807,531          | \$ 10,105,962        | \$ 13,913,493         |
| 2026                              | 6,825,000             | 7,087,962            | 13,912,962            |
| 2027                              | 13,225,000            | 6,760,757            | 19,985,757            |
| 2028                              | 7,470,000             | 6,200,307            | 13,670,307            |
| 2029                              | 7,775,000             | 5,892,657            | 13,667,657            |
| 2030 - 2034                       | 40,286,113            | 25,356,134           | 65,642,247            |
| 2035 - 2039                       | 39,090,000            | 14,685,312           | 53,775,312            |
| 2040 - 2044                       | 33,725,000            | 5,580,019            | 39,305,019            |
| 2045                              | 7,700,000             | 188,450              | 7,888,450             |
|                                   | <u>\$ 159,903,644</u> | <u>\$ 81,857,560</u> | <u>\$ 241,761,204</u> |

**Accretion on Capital Appreciation Bonds**

A portion of the bonds sold in the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, were capital appreciation bonds. The obligations have par values of \$140,000 and maturity values of \$1,305,000. The interest on these obligations will be paid upon maturity in the fiscal year August 31, 2030. The accreted values of these bonds at August 31, 2024 are \$952,961.

A portion of the bonds sold in the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015-C, were capital appreciation bonds. The obligations have a par value of \$3,231,933 and maturity values of \$11,140,000. The interest on these obligations will be paid upon maturity in the fiscal years August 31, 2023 through 2025. The accreted value of those bonds at August 31, 2024 are \$2,747,079.

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. The information is required under SEC rule 15c2-12 to enable investors to analyze the financial condition and operations of the District.

**Note 6 - Long-Term Liabilities (continued)**

**Right to Use Lease Liabilities**

The District has two leases for buses that have an interest rate of 3.42% and a remaining term as of September 1, 2021 of 73 months. In addition, the District also had a Dell lease that has an interest rate of 5.25% that expired during the fiscal year. As of August 31, 2024, the values of the lease liabilities was \$1,449,135. Monthly lease payments range from \$593 to \$40,487 and mature in fiscal year 2027. The leases qualify as other than short-term lease as defined by Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87 (“GASB 87”). Therefore the District has recorded right-to-use lease assets and the lease liability at an amount equal to the initial measurement of the related lease liability. The liability was measured at a discount rate of 3.42%. The rights to use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the asset. At August 31, 2024, the right to use asset related to leases is \$3,179,763 and accumulated amortization is \$1,805,355.

Debt service requirements to maturity for the right to use lease liabilities are as follows:

| Year Ending<br>August 31, | Lease Liability     |                  | Totals              |
|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                           | Principal           | Interest         |                     |
| 2025                      | \$ 450,419          | \$ 42,544        | \$ 492,963          |
| 2026                      | 466,067             | 26,896           | 492,963             |
| 2027                      | 482,259             | 12,074           | 494,333             |
| 2028                      | 50,390              | 10,704           | 61,094              |
|                           | <u>\$ 1,449,135</u> | <u>\$ 92,218</u> | <u>\$ 1,541,353</u> |

**Note 7 - Revenues from Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State Sources**

During the current year, revenues from local and intermediate sources consisted of the following:

|                                  | General Fund         | Debt Service Fund    | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Total                |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Property Taxes                   | \$ 37,466,454        | \$ 20,704,651        | \$ -                        | \$ 58,171,105        |
| Investment Income                | 2,225,797            | 727,575              | 5,866                       | 2,959,238            |
| Rent                             | 310,059              | -                    | -                           | 310,059              |
| Co-curricular student activities | 146,190              | -                    | -                           | 146,190              |
| Food Sales                       | -                    | -                    | 163,071                     | 163,071              |
| Other                            | 752,447              | -                    | 1,553,931                   | 2,306,378            |
|                                  | <u>\$ 40,900,947</u> | <u>\$ 21,432,226</u> | <u>\$ 1,722,868</u>         | <u>\$ 64,056,041</u> |

**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan**

**Plan Description**

The District participates in a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit pension plan that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (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 workload and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at <https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/acfr-2022.pdf> , or by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698, or by calling (512) 542-6592.

**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 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 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 date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic postemployment benefit changes, including automatic 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 the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' 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.

In May 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature approved the TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) that provides for gradual contribution increases from the state, participating employers, and active employees to make the pension fund actuarially sound. This action causing the pension fund to be actuarially sound, allowed the legislature to approve funding for a 13th check in September 2019. All eligible members retired as of December 31, 2018 received an extra annuity check in either the matching amount of their monthly annuity or \$2,000, whichever was less.

**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)**

**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% 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 2019 thru 2025.

|                                  | <b>Contribution Rates</b>                        |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
|                                  | <b>September 1, 2023<br/>to August 31, 2024</b>  | <b>September 1, 2022<br/>to August 31, 2023</b> |
| Member                           | 8.25%  | 8.00%   |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity | 8.25%  | 8.00%   |
| Employers                        | 8.25%  | 8.00%   |
|                                  | <b>Current Fiscal<br/>Year<br/>Contributions</b> |   |
| Employer (District)              | \$ 2,228,248                                     |   |
| Employee (Member)                | 4,439,623  |   |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity |  |   |
| On-Behalf Contributions (State)  | 3,125,659  |   |

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).



**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)**

**Contributions (continued)**

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 the 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 part 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.
- 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 educational service centers must contribute 1.8 percent of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2023, gradually increasing to 2 percent 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.

**Actuarial Assumptions**

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

| <b>Component</b>  | <b>Result</b>   |
|---|---|
| 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 Rate                                     | 7.00%   |
| Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2020                       | 4.13% - The 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" |
| Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period (100 years) | 2122  |
| Inflation   | 2.30%   |
| Salary Increases  | 2.95% to 8.95% including inflation  |
| Benefit changes during the year                             | None  |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes                      | None  |

The actuarial methods and assumptions are 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.

**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)**

**Discount Rate**

A single discount rate of 7.00 percent 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 percent. The projection of 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 8.50 percent of payroll in fiscal year 2020 gradually increasing to 9.50 percent of payroll in fiscal year 2024 increasing to 9.56 percent 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 projected future benefits payment 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 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:

| Asset Class                                | Target Allocation <sup>2</sup> | Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return <sup>3</sup> | Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Global Equity</b>                       |                                |   |  |
| USA  | 18.00%                         | 4.00%   | 1.00%  |
| Non-U.S. Developed                         | 13.00%                         | 4.50%   | 0.90%  |
| Emerging Markets                           | 9.00%                          | 4.80%   | 0.70%  |
| Private Equity <sup>1</sup>                | 14.00%                         | 7.00%   | 1.50%  |
| <b>Stable Value</b>                        |                                |   |  |
| Government Bonds                           | 16.00%                         | 2.50%   | 0.50%  |
| Absolute Return <sup>1</sup>               |                                | 3.60%   |  |
| Stable Value Hedge Funds                   | 5.00%                          | 4.10%   | 0.20%  |
| <b>Real Return</b>                         |                                |   |  |
| Real Estate                                | 15.00%                         | 4.90%   | 1.10%  |
| Energy, Natural Resources & Infrastructure | 6.00%                          | 4.80%   | 0.40%  |
| Commodities                                |                                | 4.40%   |  |
| <b>Risk Parity</b>                         | 8.00%                          | 4.50%   | 0.40%  |
| <b>Asset Allocation Leverage</b>           |                                |   |  |
| Cash                                       | 2.00%                          | 3.70%   |  |
| Asset Allocation Leverage                  | -6.00%                         | 4.40%   | -0.10%   |
| Inflation Expectation                      |                                |   | 2.30%  |
| Volatility Drag <sup>4</sup>               |                                |   | -0.90%   |
| <b>Expected Return</b>                     | 100.00%                        |   | 8.00%  |

<sup>1</sup> Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.

<sup>2</sup> Target allocations are based on the fiscal year 2023 policy model.

<sup>3</sup> Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt as of August 31, 2023.

<sup>4</sup> The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)**

**Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis**

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

|   | <b>Discount Rate</b>           |                                 |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | <b>1% Decrease<br/>(6.00%)</b> | <b>Current Rate<br/>(7.00%)</b> | <b>1% Increase<br/>(8.00%)</b> |
| District's proportional share of the Net Pension Liability: | \$ 44,254,375                  | \$ 29,600,492                   | \$ 17,415,781                  |

**Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

At August 31, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$29,600,492 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for 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:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability | \$ 29,600,492               |
| State's proportionate share that is associated with the District       | <u>36,576,541</u>           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <u><u>\$ 66,177,033</u></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 employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023, the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0431% which was an increase 0.0042% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

The General, Capital Projects and Special Revenue Funds are used to liquidate pension liabilities.

**Changes 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 will be paid in January 2024. Therefore, this contingent liability was not reflected as of August 31, 2023.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,077,674. The District also recognized an additional on-behalf revenue and expense of \$5,522,741 representing for support provided by the State.

**Note 8 - Defined Benefit Retirement Plan (continued)**

**Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation (continued)**

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>Outflows of<br/>Resources</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows<br/>of Resources</u> |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Differences between expected and actual economic experience  | \$ 1,054,676                     | \$ (358,430)                             |
| Changes of assumption  | 2,799,627                        | (685,132)                                |
| Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings  | 4,307,590                        | -  |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the District's<br>contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 2,804,255                        | (1,737,733)                              |
| District contributions subsequent to the measurement<br>date of the net pension liability                              | 2,228,248                        | -  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <u>\$ 13,194,396</u>             | <u>\$ (2,781,295)</u>                    |

Deferred outflows of resources resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$2,228,248 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended August 31, 2025. 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:

| <u>Year ending<br/>August 31,</u> | <u>Pension Expense<br/>Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2025                              | \$ 1,595,616                      |
| 2026                              | 938,225                           |
| 2027                              | 3,814,921                         |
| 2028                              | 1,501,218                         |
| 2029                              | 334,873                           |
|                                   | <u>\$ 8,184,853</u>               |

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans**

**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.

**OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detail information about the TRS-Care's fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued TRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at [https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/cafr\\_2022.pdf](https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/cafr_2022.pdf), or by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698, or by calling (512) 542-6592.

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**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.

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

| <b>TRS-Care Monthly for Retirees</b>     |                 |       |                     |     |
|--|-----------------|-------|---------------------|-----|
|  | <b>Medicare</b> |       | <b>Non-Medicare</b> |     |
| 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 |

**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 participating employers based on active employee compensation. The TRS Board of trustees does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**Contributions (continued)**

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 salary. Section 1575.204 establishes a public school contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the employer. The actual public school 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.

|   | <u>Contribution Rates</u>                           |   |
|---|---|---|
|   | <u>September 1,<br/>2023 to August<br/>31, 2024</u> | <u>September 1,<br/>2022 to August<br/>31, 2023</u> |
| Active Employee                               | 0.65%   | 0.65%   |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)      | 1.25%   | 1.25%   |
| Employers                                     | 0.75%   | 0.75%   |
| Federal/Private Funding remitted by Employers | 1.25%   | 1.25%   |

|  | <u>Current Fiscal<br/>Year<br/>Contributions</u> |
|--|--|
| District Contributions                   | \$ 476,040                                       |
| Employee Contributions                   | 346,790  |
| Non-employer Contributing Entity (State) | 905,142  |

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (regardless of whether or not 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.

**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:

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: (a) Rates of Mortality, (b) Rates of Retirement, (c) Rates of Termination, (d) Rates of Disability, (e) General Inflation, and (f) Wage Inflation.

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (continued)**

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:

| <u>Component</u>  | <u>Result</u>  |
|---|--|
| 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  | 4.13% as of August 31, 2023  |
| Long-term Expected Rate                                     | 7.00%  |
| Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2020                       | The initial medical trend rates were 7.75% for Medicare retirees and 7.00% for non-Medicare retirees. The initial prescription drug trend was 7.75% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 12 years. |
| Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period (100 years) | 2121   |
| Inflation   | 2.30%  |
| Benefit changes during the year                             | None   |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes                      | None   |

**Discount Rate**

A single discount rate of 4.13% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. There 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.

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis**

*Discount Rate* – The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (4.13%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability.

|   | <b>Discount Rate</b> |                     |                    |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>1% Decrease</b>   | <b>Current Rate</b> | <b>1% Increase</b> |
|   | <b>(3.13%)</b>       | <b>(4.13%)</b>      | <b>(5.13%)</b>     |
| District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability: | \$ 14,396,356        | 12,223,176          | \$ 10,449,809      |

**OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs**

At August 31, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$12,223,176 for its proportionate share of the TRS's Net OPEB Liability. This liability reflects a reduction for 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 | \$ 12,223,176        |
| State's proportionate share that is associated with District        | 14,749,140           |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 26,972,316</b> |

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 the OPEB 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 OPEB Liability was 0.0552% which was an increase of 0.0038% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022. The General, Capital Projects and Special Revenue Funds are used to liquidate OPEB liabilities.

*Healthcare Cost Trend Rates* – The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if a healthcare trend rate that is 1% less than and 1% greater than the health trend rates assumed.

|   | <b>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate</b> |                     |                    |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
|   | <b>1% Decrease</b>                | <b>Current Rate</b> | <b>1% Increase</b> |
|   |                                   |                     |                    |
| District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability: | \$ 10,065,173                     | \$ 12,223,176       | \$ 14,999,453      |



**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**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 (TOL) 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.

**Changes of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date**

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

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized negative OPEB expense of \$2,66,567. The District also recognized negative on-behalf expense and revenue of \$3,153,055 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 other post-employment benefits from the following sources:

|  | <b>Deferred<br/>Outflows<br/>of Resources</b> | <b>Deferred<br/>Inflows<br/>of Resources</b> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences between expected and actual economic experience  | \$ 553,006                                    | \$ (10,283,487)                              |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions   | 1,668,374                                     | (7,484,575)                                  |
| Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings  | 5,281   | -  |
| Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions | 4,131,107                                     | (4,595,146)                                  |
| District contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the net OPEB liability                                    | <u>476,039</u>                                | <u>-</u>                                     |
| <b>Total</b>   | <u>\$ 6,833,807</u>                           | <u>\$ (22,363,208)</u>                       |

The \$476,039 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ending August 31, 2025. The net amounts of the District’s balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| <b>Year Ending<br/>August 31:</b> | <b>OPEB Expense<br/>Amount</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2025                              | \$ (3,682,951)                 |
| 2026                              | (3,122,334)                    |
| 2027                              | (2,363,348)                    |
| 2028                              | (2,276,398)                    |
| 2029                              | (2,219,995)                    |
| Thereafter                        | <u>(2,340,414)</u>             |
|                                   | <u>\$ (16,005,440)</u>         |

**Note 9 - Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (continued)**

**Medicare Part D**

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, 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 the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the subsidy payments received by TRS-Care on-behalf of the District were \$275,846, \$279,203, and \$199,923, respectively. The information for the year ended August 31, 2024 is an estimate provided by the Teacher Retirement System. These payments are recorded as equal revenues and expenditures in the governmental funds financial statements of the District.

**Note 10 - Risk Management**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and cyber-attacks for which the District is insured. The District purchases property, auto, liability, privacy & information security, violent acts, and workers' compensation and unemployment insurance coverage from the Texas Association of School Boards. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year for any category of risk and settlements have not exceeded coverage.

**Note 11 - Commitments and 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. The District is undergoing a forensic audit and as of the date of this report, it has not been finalized. 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.

**Note 12 - Litigation**

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

**Note 13 - Arbitrage Liability**

The District did not have any arbitrage liability to report for fiscal year 2024.