

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Dated February 2, 2026

NEW ISSUE – BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Enhanced/Unenhanced Ratings:
S&P: “AAA” / “A-”

PSF: “Preliminarily Approved”

(See “OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Municipal Bond Rating” herein and “APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto.)

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

The District will designate the Bonds as “Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations” for financial institutions.

\$7,960,000*

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hockley and Terry Counties)

UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

Dated Date: March 1, 2026

Due: as shown on page ii hereto

Interest to Accrue from Date of Delivery (as defined herein)

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE ... The Ropes Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”) are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the “State” or “Texas”), including Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1) of the Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the Ropes Independent School District (the “District”) on November 4, 2025 (the “Election”), and a bond order (the “Bond Order”) to be adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) on February 9, 2026. The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District, payable from a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. See “THE BONDS - Authority for Issuance” herein.

PAYMENT TERMS ... Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery to the Underwriter (detailed below), will be payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2027, until stated maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered obligations in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The definitive Bonds will be registered and delivered to Cede & Co., as the nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. DTC will act as the initial securities depository (the “Securities Depository”) for the Bonds. Book-entry interests in the Bonds will be made available for purchase in multiples of \$5,000 of the principal amount. Purchasers of the Bonds (“Beneficial Owners”) will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal of and interest on the Bonds (as applicable) will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

PURPOSE ... Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof); (ii) the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings; (iii) the purchase of new school buses; (iv) the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety, or security equipment; (v) the purchase or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes; and (vi) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See “PLAN OF FINANCING – Sources and Uses of Funds” herein.

The District has applied for and received preliminary conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of the State of Texas approves the Bonds. See “APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto.

**For Maturity Schedule, Principal Amounts, Interest Rates, Initial Yields, CUSIP Numbers,
and Redemption Provisions for the Bonds, see the inside cover page hereto.**

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as, and if issued and received by the Initial Purchaser named below (the “Underwriter”) and are subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel. See “APPENDIX D – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION” attached hereto. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Winstead PC, Austin, Texas. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about March 10, 2026” (the “Date of Delivery”).

PIPER SANDLER & Co.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

**STATED MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, CUSIP NUMBERS, AND
REDEMPTION PROVISIONS**

\$7,960,000*

**ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hockley and Terry Counties)
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2026**

CUSIP No. Prefix 776746 ⁽¹⁾

\$885,000 Serial Bonds*

Maturity Date	Principal*	Interest Rate	Initial Yield	CUSIP No. ⁽¹⁾
(2/15)	(\$)	(%)	(%)	Suffix
2027				
2028				
2029	20,000			
2030	40,000			
2031	40,000			
2032	35,000			
2033	45,000			
2034	40,000			
2035	50,000			
2036	50,000			
2037	55,000			
2038	120,000			
2039	125,000			
2040	135,000			
2041	130,000			

\$7,075,000 Term Bonds*

\$ _____ * ____% Term Bonds Due
February 15, 2046 to yield _____% CUSIP No.⁽¹⁾ Suffix ____

\$ _____ * ____% Term Bonds Due
February 15, 2051 to yield _____% CUSIP No.⁽¹⁾ Suffix ____

\$ _____ * ____% Term Bonds Due
February 15, 2056 to yield _____% CUSIP No.⁽¹⁾ Suffix ____

(Interest to accrue from Date of Delivery)

The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after February 15, 20__, in whole or in part, before their respective scheduled maturity dates, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__, or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If two or more serial bonds of consecutive maturities are combined into one or more "term" Bonds (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriter, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with provisions of the Bond Order. See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions of the Bonds" herein.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
304 Ranch Road
Ropesville, TX 79358

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Donald Rhoads	President	May 2026	
Keila Ketchersid	Vice President	May 2026	
Chad Partington	Secretary	May 2027	
Chad Brooks	Trustee	May 2028	
Donnie Halpain	Trustee	May 2027	
Tysen Mortsensen	Trustee	May 2028	
Blake Thrash	Trustee	May 2027	

ADMINISTRATION – FINANCE RELATED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Dade Cosby	Superintendent

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USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("Rule 15c2-12"), as amended and in effect on the date of this Preliminary Official Statement, 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, salesman, or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representation with respect to the Bonds, other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by either of the foregoing.

This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person, in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation, or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained from sources that are believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as a representation by the Underwriter.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the information or opinions set forth herein after the date of this Official Statement. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" attached hereto, and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" herein for a description of the undertakings of the Texas Education Agency ("TEA") and the District, respectively, to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement: The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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

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 THESE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED, OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PURCHASE THEREOF.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE THE MARKET PRICE OF THIS ISSUE 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 Municipal Advisor, or the Underwriter make 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 the caption "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein or the affairs of TEA described in "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto as such information has been provided by DTC and TEA, respectively.

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 purchasers of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, AND ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS.

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 OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES, AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE

ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SEE "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS" HEREIN.

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 hyperlinks contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this final official statement for any purposes.

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The cover page hereof, the appendices attached hereto, and any addenda, supplement or amendment attached hereto are part of this Official Statement.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

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

THE DISTRICT	The District is a political subdivision of the State located in Hockley and Terry Counties. 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. See "INTRODUCTION – Description of the District" herein.
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE	The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1) of the Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held on November 4, 2025 (the "Election"), and a bond order to be adopted by the Board on February 9, 2026 (the "Bond Order"). See "THE BONDS - Authority for Issuance" herein.
THE BONDS	The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page ii of this Official Statement. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds" herein.
DATED DATE	March 1, 2026
PAYMENT OF INTEREST	Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery, will be payable February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2027 until stated maturity, or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds" herein.
REDEMPTION	The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after February 15, 20__, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__ or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If two or more serial bonds of consecutive maturities are combined into one or more "term" Bonds (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriter, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with provisions of the Bond Order. See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions of the Bonds" herein.
SECURITY FOR THE BONDS	The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District payable from a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property located therein, without legal limitation as to rate or amount.
TAX MATTERS	In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel observes that interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE	The District has applied for and received preliminary conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of the State of Texas approves the Bonds. See "THE BONDS" – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" herein and "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto.
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.
MUNICIPAL BOND RATING	The presently outstanding unlimited tax-supported debt of the District, including the Bonds, is rated "A-" by S&P Global Ratings, Inc. ("S&P") without regard to credit enhancement, and "AAA" by S&P by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Municipal Bond Rating" herein and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto.
USE OF PROCEEDS	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof); (ii) the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings; (iii) the purchase of new school buses; (iv) the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety, or security equipment; (v) the purchase or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes; and (vi) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Purpose" and "– Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM	The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in principal denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds 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" herein.
PAYMENT RECORD	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.
DELIVERY	When issued, anticipated to occur on or about March 10, 2026.*

* Preliminary, subject to change.

LEGALITYThe Bonds are subject to the receipt of an approving opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Texas and an opinion from Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel. See “APPENDIX D – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION” attached hereto.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Relating to

\$7,960,000*

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hockley and Terry Counties)
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the appendices attached hereto, and incorporated herein, provides certain information regarding the issuance of the \$7,960,000* Ropes Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and the general laws of the State of Texas (the "State" or "Texas"), particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1) of the Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the Ropes Independent School District (the "District") on November 4, 2025 (the "Election"), and that certain bond order (the "Bond Order") to be adopted by the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") on February 9, 2026. The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District, payable from a continuing, direct annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District. See "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance" herein.

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

Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Bonds, the Bond Order, 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 by writing the Ropes Independent School District, 304 Ranch Road, Ropesville, Texas 79358 Attention: Superintendent of Schools and, during the offering period, from the District's Municipal Advisor, Live Oak Public Finance, LLC, 1515 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Suite 206, Austin, Texas 78746, Attention: Christian Merritt, upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing and handling charges.

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. Copies of the Official Statement will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and will be available through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") System. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" herein for a description of the District's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

Description of the District

The District is a political subdivision of the State located in Hockley and Terry Counties. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees who serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in May of odd-numbered years. 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. The District is a small farming community which covers the southeast corner of Hockley County and a small portion of the neighboring Terry County. The City of Ropesville, Texas, is located 22 miles southwest of Lubbock, at the intersection of US Highway 62/82 and east State Route 41 on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. The city's 2020 census population was 1430 representing a 0.92% decrease from the 2010 population.

PLAN OF FINANCING

Purpose

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the District (including the rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and improvement thereof); (ii) the purchase of the necessary sites for school buildings;

* Preliminary, subject to change.

(iii) the purchase of new school buses; (iv) the retrofitting of school buses with emergency, safety, or security equipment; (v) the purchase or retrofitting of vehicles to be used for emergency, safety, or security purposes; and (vi) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

Sources and Uses of Funds

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

<u>Sources of Funds:</u>	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$
[Net] Reoffering Premium on the Bonds	
TOTAL SOURCES	\$
<u>Uses of Funds:</u>	
Deposit into Construction Fund	\$
Costs of Issuance & Rounding Amount	
Underwriter's Discount	
TOTAL USES	\$

THE BONDS

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated March 1, 2026 (the "Dated Date") and mature on February 15 in each of the years and in the amounts shown on the page ii of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery (as defined herein), will be payable February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2027 until stated maturity or prior redemption, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be issued only in fully-registered form in denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or any integral multiple thereof within a stated maturity.

Interest on the Bonds is payable by check on the Interest Payment Date and mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar (as defined herein) on or before each Interest Payment Date to the registered owners appearing on the bond registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar of record as of the Record Date to the address of such registered owner as shown on the register (the "Bond Register"). Any accrued interest payable at maturity or redemption on a Bond shall be paid upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the principal payment office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. The principal of the Bonds is payable at stated maturity or prior redemption upon presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bonds will be issued only in fully-registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 of the principal amount for any one maturity.

The definitive Bonds will initially be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., as 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 denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or any integral multiple thereof. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the owners thereof. Debt service on the Bonds 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 (defined herein) of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, the Election, and the Bond Order.

Authorized But Unissued Bonds

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District is expected to have \$11,770,000* in authorized but unissued bonds remaining, as further described below. See "Table 9 – Authorized but Unissued Bonds" in APPENDIX A attached hereto.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

Security and Source of Payment

The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District payable from a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein. Additionally, the payment of the Bonds is expected to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto.

Permanent School Fund Guarantee

The District has applied for and received preliminary conditional approval from the Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner") for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program pursuant to Chapter 45, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code. Subject to certain conditions discussed under "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto, the payment of the Bonds will be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. In the event of default, Beneficial Owners will receive all payments due on the Bonds from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund.

Redemption Provisions of the Bonds

Optional Redemption

The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem prior to maturity the Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 20__, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on February 15, 20__ or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District may select the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed. If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed.

Mandatory Redemption

If two or more serial bonds of consecutive maturities are combined into one or more "term" Bonds (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriter, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with provisions of the Bond Order.

Selection of Bonds for Redemption

Bonds may be redeemed only in integral multiples of \$5,000 of principal amount. If a Bond subject to redemption is in a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond may be redeemed, but only in integral multiples of \$5,000. In selecting portions of Bonds for redemption, the Registrar shall treat each Bond as representing that number of Bonds of \$5,000 denomination which is obtained by dividing the principal amount of such Bond by \$5,000. Upon surrender of any Bond for redemption in part, the Registrar, in accordance with the Bond Order, shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a Bond or Bonds of like type, maturity and interest rate in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond so surrendered.

Notice of Redemption

No fewer than thirty (30) days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the District shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, in the name of the District, to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the holder appearing on the Bond Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice. ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER ONE OR MORE BONDHOLDERS FAILED TO RECEIVE SUCH NOTICE. NOTICE HAVING BEEN SO GIVEN, THE BONDS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE SPECIFIED REDEMPTION DATE, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ANY BOND OR PORTION THEREOF HAS NOT BEEN SURRENDERED FOR PAYMENT, INTEREST ON SUCH BOND OR PORTION THEREOF SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE.

DTC Redemption Provisions

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the District, so long as the Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Bond Order, or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the Beneficial Owner, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Bonds by the District will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Bonds held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds

from the Beneficial Owners. Any such selection of Bonds to be so redeemed will not be governed by the Bond Order and will not be conducted by the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants, or the persons for whom DTC participants act as nominees, with respect to the payments on the Bonds or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or Beneficial Owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Defeasance

The Bond Order provides that the District may defease the provisions of the Bond Order and discharge its obligations to the registered owners of any or all of the Bonds to pay principal of and interest thereon in any manner now or hereafter permitted by law, including (but not limited to) by depositing with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or a trust company, commercial bank or other eligible financial institution, or with the Comptroller of the State of Texas either: (1) money sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) pursuant to an escrow or trust agreement, cash and/or Defeasance Securities, the principal of and interest on which will, when due or redeemable at the option of the holder, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings thereon, provide money in an amount which, together with other moneys, if any, held in such escrow at the same time and available for such purpose, shall be sufficient to provide for the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds to the date of maturity or earlier redemption, if any; provided, however, that if any of such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to their respective dates of maturity, provision shall have been made for giving notice of redemption as provided in the Bond Order. Any surplus amount not required to accomplish such defeasance shall be returned to the District. The Bond Order provides that "Defeasance Securities" means: (i) direct non-callable obligations of United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America; (ii) non-callable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality that are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent; and (iii) non-callable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded that are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, which, in the case of (i), (ii) or (iii), may be in book-entry form. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance 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.

District officials may further limit the permitted Defeasance Securities in connection with the sale of the Bonds. In the event the District restricts such eligible securities and obligations, the final Official Statement will reflect the new authorized Defeasance Securities. There is no assurance that current State 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 Bond 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 the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used as Defeasance Securities or those for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded as being outstanding or unpaid. The District has reserved the option, however, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption, at an earlier date, those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call such Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of such Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Defeasance will automatically cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee with respect to those defeased Bonds.

Amendments to Bond Order

In the Bond Order, the District has reserved the right to amend the Bond Order without the consent of or notice to any beneficial owner for the purpose of amending the bond order in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Beneficial Owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the District may, with the consent of the holders 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 Bond Order as it relates to the Bonds; provided that, without the consent of all of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds then outstanding, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of, or interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof, the redemption price, or the rate of interest thereon or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on the Bonds, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (iii) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds of such series required to be held by Beneficial Owners of such series for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission.

Default and Remedies

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

Payment Record

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

Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as, and if issued, and subject to the receipt of an approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of the District's Bond Counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas.

Delivery

When issued; anticipated to occur on or about March 10, 2026 (the "Date of Delivery").*

Future Issues

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District is expected to have \$11,770,000* in authorized but unissued ad valorem tax bonds remaining. Aside from the Bonds, the District does not anticipate the issuance of additional new money ad valorem tax-supported debt in the next twelve months. In addition, 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 and operations taxes, public property finance contractual obligations payable from its collection of debt service taxes, delinquent tax notes, and leases for various purposes payable from State appropriations and surplus maintenance and operations taxes.

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial "Paying Agent/Registrar" is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. The Bond Order provides for the District's right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. The District covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times until the Bonds are duly paid and any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a legally qualified bank, trust company, financial institution or other agency authorized to serve as and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. Upon any changes in the Paying Agent/Registrar

* Preliminary, subject to change.

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.

Record Date for Interest Payment

The record date ("Record Date") for determining the registered owner entitled to receive a payment of interest on any Bond is the close of business on the last business day of the month preceding each interest payment date.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for thirty (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. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be fifteen (15) days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (5) 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 Bond Register at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

Registration, Transferability and Exchange

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, interest on the Bonds will be payable to the registered owner appearing on the bond registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the Record Date and such interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The principal of the Bonds is payable at maturity or redemption, upon their presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds shall be a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday, or a day when banking institutions are authorized by law to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not such a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day when banking institutions are authorized to close; and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds, payments of the principal and interest on the Bonds will be made as described in "Book-Entry-Only System."

Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar are required (i) to make any transfer or exchange during a period beginning at the opening of business forty-five (45) days before the day of the first mailing of a notice of redemption of Bonds and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (ii) to transfer or exchange any Bonds so selected for redemption when such redemption is scheduled to occur within forty-five (45) calendar days; provided however, that such limitation of transfer is not applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled balance of a Bond.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

The following describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by DTC (defined below) while the Bonds are registered in its nominee's 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 Municipal Advisor, and the Underwriter believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District cannot and does not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption 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 redemption 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.

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

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 S&P Global Ratings rating 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.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not 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 redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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 the payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC [nor its nominee], the Paying Agent/Registrar, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments 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, physical bond certificates are required to 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 Bond Order will be given only to DTC.

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 physical Bond certificates will be issued to the respective holders and the Bonds will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Bond Order and summarized under the caption "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE" above.

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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

AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

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

Valuation of Taxable Property

The Property Tax Code provides for county-wide 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 Hockley County Appraisal District and Terry County Appraisal District (jointly, 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.

Unless extended by the Legislature, through December 31, 2026, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the "Maximum Property Value") to an amount exceeding the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property. 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 effective Maximum Property Value.

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 TAX PROCEDURES — District and Taxpayer Remedies" herein.

State-Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State: (1) a \$140,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$60,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age, 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 – 2025 Legislative Sessions” for a discussion of legislation passed during the regular session and the November 4, 2025 State-wide election at which voters approved an amendment to the Texas Constitution to increase the general residential homestead exemption for school districts from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and the increase in the State mandated homestead exemption of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

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 taxable value of all residence homesteads (but not less than \$5,000); and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the taxable value of the residence 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 residence 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 presentment 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 general optional 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 residence 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 residence homestead qualified for such exemption. This freeze is transferable to a different residence homestead if a qualifying taxpayer moves and, under certain circumstances, is also transferable to the surviving spouse of a person 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. Legislation passed by the Legislature during the 89th Regular Session and approved by voters provides a person an exemption from taxation by a taxing unit of \$125,000 of the appraised value of tangible personal property the person owns that is held or used for the production of income and has taxable situs at the same location in the taxing unit. A person who leases tangible personal property is also entitled to a tax exemption of \$125,000, regardless of where the property is located in the taxing unit.

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 fewer 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 without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without 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 retail manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer’s motor vehicle, vessel or outboard motor, 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. Beginning with the 2026 tax year, all intangible personal property is exempt from State taxation.

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. The Texas Legislature amended Section 11.35, Property Tax Code, to clarify that "damage" for purposes of such statute is limited to "physical damage." For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code, as amended.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

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

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

Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code), previously allowed school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, during the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district's property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district's taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement. The 87th Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which expired by its terms on December 31, 2022. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts" herein.

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.

In the 88th Legislative Session, House Bill 5 ("HB 5" or "The Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act") was adopted to create an economic development program, subject to state oversight, which would attract jobs and investment to Texas through school district property tax abatement agreements with businesses. HB5 was codified as Chapter 403, Subchapter T, Texas Government Code ("Chapter 403") and had an effective date of 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 bonds cannot be abated under Chapter 403. Eligible projects must involve manufacturing, dispatchable power generation facilities, technology research/development facilities, or critical infrastructure projects and projects must create and maintain jobs, as well as meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District is still in the process of reviewing Chapter 403 and cannot make any representations as to what impact, if any, Chapter 403 will have on its finances or operations.

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

District and Taxpayer Remedies

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

Owners of certain property (being (i) commercial real and personal property, (ii) real and personal property of utilities, (iii) industrial and manufacturing real and personal property, and (iv) multifamily residential real property) with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount," as determined by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts, and situated in a county with a population of one million or more, may protest the determinations of an appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, appointed by the chairman of the appraisal review board, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount is set at \$61,349,201 for the 2025 tax year and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts to reflect the inflation rate.

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

Levy and Collection of Taxes

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

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year, taxes become due October 1 of the same year and become delinquent on February 1 of the following year.

The District does not tax personal property not used in the production of income, such as personal automobiles.

The District's taxes are collected by the Hockley County Tax Office & Terry County Tax Office.

The District does not allow split payments of taxes and does not give discounts for early payment of taxes.

The District has established a tax abatement program to encourage economic development. The District has not granted any tax abatements.

The District grants a State mandated \$140,000 general residence homestead exemption.

The District grants a State mandated \$60,000 residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled persons.

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

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 has not taken action to tax freeport property.

The District taxes goods-in-transit.

Charges for penalties and interest on the unpaid balance of delinquent taxes are as follows:

Month	Cumulative Penalty	Cumulative Interest^(a)	Total
February	6%	1%	7%
March	7%	2%	9%
April	8%	3%	11%
May	9%	4%	13%
June	10%	5%	15%
July	12% ^(a)	6%	18%

(a) 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 interest 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.

STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

Litigation Relating to the Texas Public School Finance System

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

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

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

Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds

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

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

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

Overview

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

Local funding is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district’s boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: (i) a maintenance and operations (“M&O”) tax to pay current expenses and (ii) an interest and sinking fund (“I&S”) tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts are prohibited from levying an M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus in M&O tax revenues to pay the district’s debt service. School districts are required to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to

pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount. See “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations” herein. Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize local funding generated by a school district’s M&O tax rate.

2025 Legislative Sessions

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) commenced on January 14, 2025 and concluded on June 2, 2025 (the “89th Regular Session”). The Legislature meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. 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 two special sessions since the conclusion of the 89th Regular Session. Additional special sessions may be called by the Governor.

During the 89th Regular Session, the Legislature considered a general appropriations act and legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures and exemptions, and investments, among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. Legislation passed by both houses of the Legislature increases: (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000, and (3) the exemption for tangible personal property used in the production of income from the current \$2,500 to \$125,000. Voters approved constitutional amendments authorizing the new exemptions at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025. Additionally, the Legislature passed legislation that would authorize roughly \$8.5 billion in funding for public schools and would provide districts with a \$55 per-student increase to their base funding beginning September 1, 2025, as well as provide districts with additional funding for teacher and staff salaries, educator preparation, special education, safety requirements and early childhood learning. Finally, legislation passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor will create an education savings account program (commonly referred to as vouchers) for students that attend private schools or home school. The legislation becomes effective September 1, 2025, when the state fiscal biennium begins for purposes of this program, and the amount spent for purposes of the program for the 2025-2027 biennium may not exceed \$1 billion. The legislation applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Beginning on September 1, 2027, the legislation requires that the amount appropriated for purposes of the program for a state fiscal biennium must be established by the legislature by appropriation for that biennium. Such program could impact attendance in the District by incentivizing students to homeschool or attend private schools, which could negatively affect the District’s attendance based funding.

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. The 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 (the “SCP”) 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 SCP is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (i) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (ii) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (iii) the prior year SCP. For any year, the maximum SCP is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2026, the SCP is set at 63.22%.

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The “Maximum Compressed Tax Rate” or 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 (described below) to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the school district’s current year SCP multiplied by \$1.00; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district’s MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district’s MCR for the current year, then the school district’s MCR is instead equal to the school district’s prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district’s MCR and any other school district’s MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase the MCR for the 2025-2026 school year is \$0.6322 and the floor is \$0.5689.

In calculating and making available school districts’ MCRs for the 2025-2026 school year, the TEA shall calculate and make available the rates as if the increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by the

89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, took effect. Such calculation for the 2025-2026 school year expires September 1, 2026. At a Statewide election held on November 4, 2025, voters approved constitutional amendments which increase (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, and (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000. Such constitutional amendments take effect for the tax year beginning January 1, 2025.

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" herein.

State Funding for School Districts

State funding for school districts is provided through the two-tiered Foundation School Program, which guarantees certain levels of funding for school districts in the State. School districts are entitled to a legislatively appropriated guaranteed yield on their Tier One Tax Rate and Enrichment Tax Rate. When a school district's Tier One Tax Rate and Enrichment Tax Rate generate tax revenues at a level below the respective entitlement, the State will provide "Tier One" funding or "Tier Two" funding, respectively, to fund the difference between the school district's entitlements and the 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 amended, as discussed herein), and in some instances is required to be used for that purpose (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations" herein), Tier Two funding may not be used for the payment of debt service or capital outlay.

The Finance System also provides an Existing Debt Allotment ("EDA") to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment ("IFA") to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment ("NIFA") to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,072,511,740 for the EDA, IFA, and NIFA.

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

Tier One. Tier One funding is the basic level of 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, other than students in average daily attendance who do not reside in the district and are enrolled in a full-time virtual program, 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 school districts with a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR, is \$6,160 plus the guaranteed yield increment adjustment (the "GYIA") for each student in ADA and is revised downward for school districts with a Tier One Tax Rate lower than the school district's MCR. The GYIA is established by October 1 of each even-numbered year for the subsequent biennium. For the 2026-27 biennium, the GYIA is set at \$55. 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 the State's 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 and retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district's total Tier One funding, divided by the district's Basic Allotment is a school district's measure of students in "Weighted Average Daily Attendance" ("WADA"), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

The fast growth allotment weights are 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$320 million for each year of the 2026-2027 state fiscal biennium.

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 Basic Allotment (multiplied by 0.02084). For the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield on each Golden Penny levied of \$129.52 per student in WADA. Copper Pennies generate a guaranteed yield per student in WADA equal to the school district's Basic Allotment multiplied by 0.008. For the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield on each Copper Penny levied of \$49.72 per student in WADA.

Existing Debt Allotment, Instructional Facilities Allotment, and New Instructional Facilities Allotment. The Foundation School Program also includes facilities funding components consisting of the IFA and the EDA, subject to legislative appropriation each State fiscal biennium. To the extent funded for a biennium, these programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a school district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of I&S tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The IFA Yield has been \$35 since the program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the 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. A school district may use additional state aid received from an IFA award only to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds for which the district received the aid. 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 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the Legislature for the 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2026-2027 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. See "State Funding for School Districts – Tax Rate and Funding Equity" below.

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, or a renovated portion of an instructional facility to be used for the first time to provide high-cost and undersubscribed career and technology education programs, as determined by the Commissioner. In the 2025 Legislative Sessions, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$150,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 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.

For the 2026-2027 school year, school districts will be held harmless and entitled to additional state aid to the extent that state and local revenue used to service eligible debt is less than the state and local revenue that would have been available to the district under state law providing for state aid to districts to account for increases in the general residence homestead exemption and the elderly or disabled tax ceiling, if any increase in a residence homestead exemption under the Texas Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under the elderly or disabled tax ceiling had not occurred.

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

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 Legislature each fiscal biennium. Therefore, school districts are 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 (6) options to reduce local revenues to a level that does not exceed the school district's respective entitlements: (1) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school districts to form a consolidated school district; all property and debt of the consolidating school districts vest in the consolidated school district; (2) a school district may detach property from its territory for annexation by a property-poor school district; (3) a school district may purchase attendance credits from the State; (4) a school district may contract to educate nonresident students from a property-poor school district by sending money directly to one or more property-poor school districts; (5) a school district may execute an agreement to provide students of one or more other school districts with career and technology education through a program designated as an area program for career and technology education; or (6) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school districts to form a consolidated taxing school district solely to levy and distribute either M&O taxes or both M&O taxes and I&S taxes. A Chapter 49 school district may also exercise any combination of these remedies. Options (3), (4) and (6) require prior approval by the Chapter 49 school district's voters. A district that enters into an agreement to exercise an option to reduce the district's local revenue level in excess of entitlement under options (3), (4), or (5) for the 2025-2026 school year and that has not previously held an election to exercise said options may request and may receive approval from the Commissioner to delay the date of the election otherwise required to be ordered before September 1. The Commissioner shall set a date by which each district that receives approval to delay an election must order the election and requires the Commissioner, not later than the 2026-2027 school year, to order detachment and annexation of district property or consolidation as necessary to reduce the district's excess local revenue to the level established by law for a district that receives approval to delay an election and subsequently fails to hold the election or does not receive voter approval at the election. A district that receives approval of a request to delay the date of an election shall pay for credit purchased in equal monthly payments as determined by the Commissioner beginning March 15, 2026, and ending August 15, 2026. Alternatively, the district may pay for credit purchased with one lump sum payment made not later than August 15, 2026, provided that the district notifies the Commissioner of the district's election to pay through a lump sum not later than March 15, 2026.

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.

THE SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2025-2026 school year, the District was NOT designated as a Chapter 49 school district with “excess local revenue” by TEA. Therefore, the District has not entered into a wealth equalization agreement with the Commissioner for the purchase of attendance credit for the 2025-2026 school year, for the purpose of implementing a permitted wealth equalization option.

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 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.

TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

M&O Tax Rate Limitations

A school district is authorized to levy maintenance and operations (“M&O”) taxes subject to approval of a proposition submitted to district voters. The maximum M&O tax rate that may be levied by a district cannot exceed the voted maximum rate or the maximum rate described in the succeeding paragraphs. 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 November 25, 1950, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2784e-1 of the Texas Education Code.

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable assessed value that may be adopted by an independent 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 district and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, the highest possible MCR for an independent 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 and Source of Payment” herein.

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Attorney General of the State that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, “exempt bonds”), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the “50-cent Test”). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district’s local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district’s I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. 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 new debt pursuant to Chapter 45, Texas Education Code and are subject to the 50-cent Test under Section 45.0031, Texas Education Code. The District has

utilized projected values and State assistance to satisfy the 50-cent. The District will use State assistance (EDA) to satisfy this threshold test.

Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate

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

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

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

DEBT LIMITATIONS

Under State law, there is no explicit bonded indebtedness limitation, although the tax rate limits described above under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" effectively impose a limit on the incurrence of debt. Such tax rate limits require school districts to demonstrate the ability to pay "new debt" from a tax rate of \$0.50. In demonstrating compliance with the requirement, a district may take into account State equalization payments and, if compliance with such requirement is contingent on receiving state assistance, a district may not adopt a tax rate for a year for purposes of paying the principal of and interest on the bonds unless the district credits to the interest and sinking fund for the bonds the amount of State assistance received or to be received in that year. The State Attorney General reviews a district's calculations showing the compliance with such test as a condition to the legal approval of the debt. As stated above, the Bonds are issued as new debt and subject to this limitation.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, RETIREMENT PLAN AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District contributes to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (the "System"), a public employee retirement system. It is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with one exception: all risks and costs are not shared by the District but are the liability of the State of Texas. The System provides service retirement and disability retirement benefits, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The System operates primarily under the provisions of the Texas Constitution and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. See "Notes to the Financial Statements – Note 10. Defined Benefit Pension Plan" as set out in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended June 30, 2025, as set forth in APPENDIX C attached hereto.

The District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program ("TRS-Care"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan administered by the TRS. TRS-Care provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under TRS. See "Notes to the Financial Statements – Note 11. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan" in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended June 30, 2025, as set forth in APPENDIX C attached hereto. On June 30, 2025, the District's proportionate share of its net OPEB liability was \$2,022,587.

In June 2012, the Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") issued Statement No. 68 *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which was later amended by GASB Statement No. 71 *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, each in an effort to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments related to pensions. GASB Statement No. 68 requires reporting entities, such as the District, to recognize their proportionate share of the net pension liability and operating statement activity related to changes in collective pension liability. Reporting entities, such as the District, that contribute to the TRS pension plan will report a liability on the face of their government-wide financial statements. Such reporting began with the District's fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. See "CHANGE IN NET ASSETS" in APPENDIX C attached hereto. GASB Statement No. 68 applies only to pension benefits and does not apply to OPEB or TRS-Care related liabilities. At the conclusion of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District had a net pension liability of \$1,404,157.

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 terms and conditions of employment of school employees. Some districts have adopted a policy to consult with employer groups with respect to certain terms and conditions of employment. Some examples of these groups are the Texas State Teachers Association, the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, the Association of Texas Professional Educators and the National Education Association.

INVESTMENT POLICIES

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

Legal Investments

Available District funds are invested as authorized by State law and in accordance with investment policies approved by the Board.

Under State law, the District is authorized to make investments meeting the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended (the "PFIA"), which currently include (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "A" or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund

or its successor; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits other than those described by clause (7) if (A) the funds invested in the banking deposits are invested through: (i) a broker with a main office or branch office in this State that the District selects from a list the governing body of the District or designated investment committee of the District adopts as required by Section 2256.025, Texas Government Code; or (ii) a depository institution with a main office or branch office in the State that the District selects; (B) the broker or depository institution selected as described by (A) above arranges for the deposit of the funds in the banking deposits in one or more federally insured depository institutions, regardless of where located, for the District's account; (C) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (D) the District appoints as the District's custodian of the banking deposits issued for the District's account: (i) the depository institution selected as described by (A) above; (ii) an entity described by Section 2257.041(d), Texas Government Code; or (iii) a clearing broker dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and operating under SEC Rule 15c3-3; (9) (i) certificates of deposit or share certificates meeting the requirements of the PFIA that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) or in any other manner and provided for by law for District deposits, or (ii) certificates of deposits where (a) the funds are invested by the District through (A) a broker that has its main office or a branch office in the State and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by law, or (B) a depository institution that has its main office or branch office in the State that is selected by the District, (b) the broker or the depository institution selected by the District arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (d) the District appoints the depository institution selected under (a) above, a custodian as described by Section 2257.041(d) of the Texas Government Code, or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the SEC and operating pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described in clause (1) above, clause (12) below, require the securities being purchased by the District or cash held by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with the remaining term of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or fewer that is rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the United States SEC that provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Investment Company Act of 1940 and that comply with federal SEC Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.); (14) no-load mutual funds registered with the SEC that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either (a) a duration of one year or more and invest exclusively in obligations described in under this heading, or (b) a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities; and (15) for bond proceeds, guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, other than the prohibited obligations described below, in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract and are pledged to the District and deposited with the District or a third party selected and approved by the District.

The District may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAAm" or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating service. The District may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution. The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than ten (10) years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

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

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

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

Under State law, the District is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies; (2) adopt by written instrument a rule, order, ordinance or resolution stating that it has reviewed its investment policy and investment strategies and records any changes made to either its investment policy or investment strategy in the respective rule, order, ordinance or resolution; (3) require any investment officers with personal business relationships or relatives with firms seeking to sell securities to the District to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the Board; (4) require the qualified representative of firms offering to engage in an investment transaction with the District to: (a) receive and review the District's investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude investment transactions conducted between the District and the business organization that are not authorized by the District's investment policy (except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the entity's entire portfolio, requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards or relates to investment transactions of the entity that are not made through accounts or other contractual arrangements over which the business organization has accepted discretionary investment authority), and (c) deliver a written statement in a form acceptable to the District and the business organization attesting to these requirements; (5) in conjunction with its annual financial audit, perform a compliance audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the District's investment policy; (6) provide specific investment training for the Treasurer, chief financial officer and investment officers; (7) restrict reverse repurchase agreements to not more than 90 days and restrict the investment of reverse repurchase agreement funds to no greater than the term of the reverse purchase agreement; (8) restrict the investment in no-load mutual funds in the aggregate to no more than 15% of the District's monthly average fund balance, excluding bond proceeds and reserves and other funds held for debt service; (9) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements; and (10) at least annually review, revise and adopt a list of qualified brokers that are authorized to engage in investment transactions with the District.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Opinions

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Texas, who will deliver his opinion, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approval of certain legal matters by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel ("Bond Counsel"), which will deliver its opinion to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District (the "Bond Opinion"). The form of Bond opinion is attached hereto as APPENDIX D. Though it may represent the Municipal Advisor and the Underwriter 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. The customary closing papers, including a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is then pending to restrain the issuance and delivery of the Bonds which would affect the provision made for their payment or security, or in any manner questioning the validity of said Bonds will also be furnished to the Underwriter. Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and 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 therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information under the captions and subcaptions "THE BONDS" (exclusive of the subcaptions "Permanent School Fund Guarantee," "DTC Redemption Provisions," "Default and Remedies," "Payment Record," and "Future Issues," as to which no opinion is expressed), "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" (except information appearing under the subcaption "Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds" as to which no opinion is expressed), "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM," "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (excluding the last sentence of the second paragraph under the subcaption "I&S Tax Rate Limitations" and the subcaption "Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" as to which no opinion is expressed), "LEGAL MATTERS

- Legal Opinions" (excluding the last two sentences of the first paragraph), "TAX MATTERS," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS," "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" (excluding the information under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Agreements," as to which no opinion is expressed), and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale" in the Official Statement, excluding any material that may be treated as included under such captions or subcaptions by cross reference or reference to other documents or sources, and such firm is of the opinion that insofar as such statements expressly summarize certain provisions of the Bonds and the Bond Order or set out the content of the Bond Opinion, such statements are accurate in all material respects. The legal fee to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent on the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Bond Counsel's legal opinion will accompany the Bonds deposited with DTC or will be printed on the Bonds in the event of the discontinuance of the Book-Entry-Only System. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Winstead PC, Austin, Texas, whose compensation is contingent on the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues expressly 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 from the transaction.

Litigation

At the time of the initial delivery of the Bonds, one or more officials of the District will provide the Underwriter with a certificate to the effect that, to the best of their knowledge, except as disclosed in this Official Statement, (i) there is no litigation or other proceeding pending against or, to their knowledge, threatened against the District in any court, agency, or administrative body (either State or federal) wherein an adverse decision would materially adversely affect the financial condition of the District and (ii) 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.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel observes that interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in Appendix D hereto.

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

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

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has made certain representations and covenanted to comply with certain restrictions, conditions and requirements designed to ensure that interest on the Bonds will not be included in federal gross

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

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

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation or otherwise prevent Beneficial Owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislature proposals or clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

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

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Bonds ends with the issuance of the Bonds, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the District or the Beneficial Owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Bonds in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, Beneficial Owners would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of tax-exempt bonds is difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the District legitimately disagrees, may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Bonds for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of bonds presenting similar tax issues may affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Bonds, and may cause the District or the Beneficial Owners to incur significant expense.

Payments on the Bonds generally will be subject to U.S. information reporting and possibly to "backup withholding." Under Section 3406 of the Code and applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, a non-corporate Beneficial Owner of Bonds may be subject to backup withholding with respect to "reportable payments," which include interest paid on the Bonds and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of the Bonds. The payor will be required to deduct and withhold the prescribed amounts if (i) the payee fails to furnish a U.S. taxpayer identification number ("TIN") to the payor in the manner required, (ii) the IRS notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect, (iii) there has been a "notified payee underreporting" described in Section 3406(c) of the Code or (iv) the payee fails to certify under penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to withholding under Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Code. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against a Beneficial Owner's federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Certain Beneficial Owners (including among others, corporations and certain tax-exempt organizations) are not subject to backup withholding. The failure to comply with the backup withholding rules may result in the imposition of penalties by the IRS.

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for the Bonds

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Pursuant to that section of the Code, a qualifying financial institution will be allowed a deduction from its own federal corporate income tax for the portion of interest expense the financial institution is able to allocate to designated "bank-qualified" investments.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Under the Texas Public Security Procedures Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended), the Bonds (i) are negotiable instruments, (ii) are investment securities to which Chapter 8 of the Texas Uniform Commercial Code applies, and (iii) are legal and authorized investments for (A) an insurance company, (B) a fiduciary or trustee, or (C) a sinking fund of a municipality or other political subdivision or public agency of the State of Texas. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies

and political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their market value. For political subdivisions in Texas which have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256, as amended), the Bonds may have to be assigned a rating of at least "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency before such obligations are eligible investments for sinking funds and other public funds. See "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Municipal Bond Rating" herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital and savings and loan associations.

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

CONCENTRATION OF TAX BASE AND EXPOSURE TO WIND AND UTILITIES INDUSTRIES

As shown in "TABLE 5 – Principal Taxpayers and Their 2025 Taxable Assessed Valuations" of "APPENDIX A – SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT" the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for, in the aggregate, 18.69% of the District's tax base and the top three taxpayers account for over 10.70% of the District's tax base. The valuation of wind turbines and other utility facilities within the State (such as those comprising a portion of the District's tax base), as determined by respective appraisal districts, have been subject to litigation related to the taxable value of such property. Taxpayers in the wind, solar and alternative energy sector have also increasingly challenged their property tax values on the basis that intangible property values have been inappropriately included in the taxable value of their projects within the State. Further, electric utilities are also subject to transfer and sole ownership by another entity, including local governments whose property is fully exempt from ad valorem taxation. The District can make no representations as to whether any taxpayer will challenge their taxable valuation or the impact of any such challenge. In addition, a portion of the District's assessed valuation is comprised of industries related to oil and gas, which are subject to fluctuation in terms of market valuation and availability (and events such as COVID-19 have significantly increased the volatility in this market sector in the past). Accordingly, the District makes no representation regarding the continued valuation of any of top ten taxpayers or the generation of future tax revenues therefrom. If any major taxpayer (or a combination of taxpayers) were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to timely pay debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien (which, in the event of bankruptcy, certain laws may preclude until the automatic stay is lifted). Such process is time-consuming and can only occur annually; in the alternative, the District may sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. See "THE BONDS – Default and Remedies" and "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT." Bondholders may become reliant upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee in the event of a payment default by the District. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In the Bond Order, the District will make 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 an "obligated person" with respect to the Bonds, within the meaning of the Securities and Exchange Commission's Rule 15c2-12. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified material events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"). This information will be available to the public free of charge from the MSRB via the EMMA at www.emma.msrb.org, as further described below under "Availability of Information from MSRB." See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" for a description of the TEA's continuing disclosure undertaking to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually with respect to the Permanent School Fund and the State, as the case may be, and to provide timely notice of certain specified events related to the guarantee, to the MSRB.

Annual Reports

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually via EMMA. 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 APPENDIX A under Tables numbered 1 through 6 and 8 through 12, and in APPENDIX C attached hereto. The District will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year. Financial information and operating data to be provided hereunder 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, other offering document, or financial report) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC in such format and manner as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information will include audited financial statements if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available within twelve (12) months after any such fiscal year end, the District will provide to the MSRB unaudited financial statements within such 12-month period and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX C or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation.

The District's current fiscal year end is June 30th. Accordingly, the District must provide updated information included in the above-referenced tables by the last day of February in each year, and audited financial statements (or unaudited financial statements, if the audit of such financial statements is not yet available) for the preceding fiscal year must be provided by June 30 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 pursuant to this Section.

Notice of Certain Events

The District shall provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (not more than ten (10) business days after 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) the appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material, (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District (as defined by Rule 15c2-12, which includes certain debt, debt-like, and debt-related obligations), if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such 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 any such financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Neither the Bonds nor the Bond Order make any provision for debt service reserves, credit enhancement (with the exception of the Texas Permanent School Fund guarantee), or liquidity enhancement. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports." The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB.

For these purposes, any event described in clause (12) in the first paragraph of this subcaption 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, 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. Additionally, the District intends the words used in clauses (15) and (16) of the first paragraph of this subcaption and the definition of "financial obligation" in these clauses 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. "Financial Obligation" is defined in the Bond Order as a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as to which a final official statement (as defined in Rule 15c2-12) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12. Neither the Bonds nor the Bond Order make any provision for debt service reserves or liquidity enhancement or credit enhancement (except with respect to the Permanent School Fund Guarantee).

In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

Availability of Information

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

Limitations 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 or 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 from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if (1) the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell the Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with Rule 15c2-12, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12 to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to the amendment or (b) any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may also repeal or amend these provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of Rule 15c2-12 or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of Rule 15c2-12 are invalid, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling the Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds. If the District so amends the agreement, it has agreed to include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information and operating data so provided.

Compliance with Prior Agreements

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

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.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

Authenticity of Financial Information

The financial data and other information contained herein have been obtained from the District's records, audited financial statements and other sources, which are believed to be reliable. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and orders contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and orders. These summaries do not purport to be complete statements of such provisions and reference is made to such documents for further information. Reference is made to original documents in all respects.

Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with 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 act 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 Underwriter 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 Underwriter's 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.

Municipal Bond Rating

The Bonds are rated "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings, Inc. ("S&P") by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. The presently outstanding debt of the District, including the Bonds, is rated "A-" by S&P without regard to credit enhancement.

An explanation of the significance of any rating may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The rating reflects only the view of such organization and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating company, if in the judgment of such company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Municipal Advisor

Live Oak Public Finance, LLC (the "Municipal Advisor") is employed as the Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Municipal Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. Live Oak Public Finance, LLC, in its capacity as Municipal Advisor, has relied on the opinions of Bond Counsel and has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants, and representations contained in any of the bond documentation with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds.

The Municipal Advisor has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with 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 Municipal Advisor does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Underwriting

The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the District at the price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on page -ii- herein, less an Underwriter's discount of \$_____. The Underwriter's obligation is subject to certain conditions precedent. The Underwriter will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds, if any of the Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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

Piper Sandler & Co., the underwriter of the Bonds, has entered into a distribution agreement ("Distribution Agreement") with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("CS&Co") for the retail distribution of certain securities offerings including the Bonds, at the original issue prices. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, CS&Co. will purchase Bonds from Piper at the original issue price less a negotiated portion of the selling concession applicable to any Bonds that CS&Co. sells.

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

The Underwriter and its affiliates also may communicate independent investment recommendations, market advice, or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or other financial instruments and at any time may hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and other financial instruments.

Use of Audited Financial Statements

Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., Lubbock, Texas ("Bolinger"), the District's independent auditor, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of the report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. Bolinger has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

Weather Events

The District is located in West Central Texas. Land located in this area is susceptible to high winds, tornados, fires and arid conditions. 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 or flooding, upon a request by the Texas Governor for federal disaster assistance in the area in which the District is located. 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. In such event, the Beneficial Owners may become reliant on the Permanent School Fund Guarantee to receive debt service payments. See "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

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.

Information from External Sources

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.

Miscellaneous

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

Authorization of the Official Statement

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District.

This Official Statement will be approved by the Board for distribution in accordance with provisions of the SEC's Rule codified at 17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c2-12, as amended.

The Bond Order will approve the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and will authorize its further use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriter.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

/s/ _____
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

APPENDIX A

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

Table 1
Valuation, Exemptions & Tax Supported Debt

2025 Total Market Value ⁽¹⁾		\$324,469,794
Less Exemptions: ⁽¹⁾		
State-Mandated Homestead Exemption	\$51,175,696	
State-Mandated Over-65 or Disabled	6,082,319	
Disabled & Deceased Veterans Exemption	126,439	
Solar	-	
Pollution Control	-	
Other Exemptions	7,268,054	
Total Exemptions		\$64,652,508
Productivity Loss		71,279,999
Homestead Cap Loss		2,912,186
Non-Homestead Cap Loss		2,352,753
2025 Net Taxable Valuation ⁽¹⁾		<u>\$183,272,348</u>
Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes (as of 6/30/2025) ⁽²⁾		
Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding ⁽³⁾		\$8,080,000
Plus: The Bonds		<u>\$7,960,000</u>
		\$16,630,000
Ratio of Tax Supported Debt to Net Taxable Assessed Valuation		8.75%
2025 Population ⁽³⁾		1,592
Per Capita Taxable Assessed Valuation		\$115,121
Per Capital Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes		\$10,075

⁽¹⁾ Source: Hockley and Terry County Appraisal Districts.

⁽²⁾ Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

⁽³⁾ Does not include Maintenance Tax Debt outstanding.

Table 2
Net Taxable Assessed Valuations by Category ⁽¹⁾

Category	Net Taxable Assessed Value for Tax Year,					
	2025 ⁽²⁾		2024		2023	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Real, Single Family Residence	151,540,521	46.70%	16,286,009	5.53%	14,364,062	5.36%
Real, Multifamily Residence	289,510	0.09%	273,700	0.09%	257,940	0.10%
Real, Vacant Lots and Land Tracts	15,053,392	4.64%	14,878,300	5.06%	13,855,151	5.17%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	97,623,754	30.09%	89,967,077	30.58%	86,162,333	32.13%
Real, Farm and Ranch Improvements	1,804,931	0.56%	117,310,121	39.87%	99,428,906	37.08%
Real, Commercial	8,339,811	2.57%	6,761,721	2.30%	6,535,111	2.44%
Real, Industrial	8,130,220	2.51%	7,976,550	2.71%	7,926,280	2.96%
Real, Oil, Gas & Other Min Resources	5,036,580	1.55%	4,770,650	1.62%	4,755,620	1.77%
Real and Tangible Personal, Utilities	18,369,850	5.66%	17,770,795	6.04%	16,912,785	6.31%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	4,763,630	1.47%	4,424,900	1.50%	3,585,220	1.34%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	4,528,387	1.40%	4,812,678	1.64%	6,283,010	2.34%
Tangible Other Personal, Mobile Home	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Residential Inventory	1,500,150	0.46%	1,569,790	0.53%	1,538,340	0.57%
Special Inventory	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Totally Exempt Property	7,489,058	2.31%	7,438,514	2.53%	6,568,250	2.45%
Total Market Value	324,469,794	100.00%	\$294,240,805	100.00%	\$268,173,008	100.00%
Less: Total Exemptions/Reductions	141,197,446		115,776,929		104,215,891	
Net Taxable Assessed Value	\$183,272,348		\$178,463,876		\$163,957,117	

Category	Net Taxable Assessed Value for Tax Year,			
	2022		2021	
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Real, Single Family Residence	85,656,666	36.93%	73,357,432	36.58%
Real, Multifamily Residence	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Real, Vacant Lots and Land Tracts	5,566,101	2.40%	1,091,011	0.54%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	83,957,765	36.20%	84,955,892	42.36%
Real, Farm and Ranch Improvements	8,621,388	3.72%	4,204,135	2.10%
Real, Commercial	5,150,961	2.22%	4,865,290	2.43%
Real, Industrial	7,832,510	3.38%	7,819,100	3.90%
Real, Oil, Gas & Other Min Resources	4,175,820	1.80%	2,087,160	1.04%
Real and Tangible Personal, Utilities	15,862,060	6.84%	9,013,749	4.49%
Tangible, Personal, Commercial	3,261,100	1.41%	3,171,350	1.58%
Tangible, Personal, Industrial	3,325,102	1.43%	3,034,020	1.51%
Tangible Other Personal, Mobile Home	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Residential Inventory	1,876,130	0.81%	767,120	0.38%
Special Inventory	-	0.00%	-	0.00%
Totally Exempt Property	6,645,998	2.87%	6,195,070	3.09%
Total Market Value	\$231,931,601	100.00%	\$200,561,329	100.00%
Less: Total Exemptions/Reductions	82,553,103		75,146,538	
Taxable Assessed Value	\$149,378,498		\$125,414,791	

⁽¹⁾ Source: Hockley and Terry County Appraisal Districts.

⁽²⁾ In 2025 tax year, a material amount of Real, Farm and Ranch Improvements were reclassified as Real, Single Family Residence.

Table 3
Valuation and Tax Supported Debt History

Fiscal Year Ended	Estimated District Population ⁽¹⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾	Per Capita Assessed Valuation	Unlimited Tax Debt	Per Capita Tax Supported Debt	Ratio of Tax Supported Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation
2022	1,343	\$125,414,791	\$93,384	\$8,500,000	\$6,329	6.78%
2023	1,440	149,378,498	103,735	8,220,000	5,708	5.50%
2024	1,489	163,957,117	110,112	7,915,000	5,316	4.83%
2025	1,592	178,463,876	112,100	7,605,000	4,777	4.26%
2026	1,605	183,272,348	114,188	15,704,000 ⁽³⁾	9,784	8.57%

⁽¹⁾ Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas

⁽²⁾ Hockley and Terry County Appraisal Districts.

⁽³⁾ Includes The Bonds, preliminary, subject to change.

Table 4
Tax Rate, Levy and Collection History

Fiscal Year Ended 6/30	Total Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	Local Maintenance	Interest and Sinking Fund	Tax Levy ⁽²⁾	% Current Collections ⁽²⁾	% Total Collections ⁽²⁾
2022	\$1.3799	\$1.0352	\$0.3447	\$1,644,581	97.99%	99.88%
2023	1.3771	1.0324	0.3447	1,953,695	97.32%	98.88%
2024	1.0582	0.7575	0.3007	1,720,143	98.35%	100.89%
2025	1.0559	0.7552	0.3007	1,808,093	95.25%	96.51%
2026	1.0541	0.7534	0.3007	1,931,874	[In Process of Collection]	

⁽¹⁾ Hockley and Terry County Appraisal Districts.

⁽²⁾ Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

Table 5
Principal Taxpayers and Their 2025 Taxable Assessed Valuations ⁽¹⁾

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% TAV</u>
Southwestern Public Service Co.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	\$9,073,250	4.95%
CHS Inc.	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	5,815,290	3.17%
United Cotton Growers Co-Op	Cotton Gin/Co-Op	4,726,370	2.58%
Ropes Farmers Co-Op Gin	Cotton Gin/Co-Op	2,986,260	1.63%
Lot Makers LLC	Industrial Manufacturing	2,584,650	1.41%
Lyntegar Electric Co-Op	Electric Utility/Power Plant	2,397,550	1.31%
Jerod & Macy Vuicich	Individual Residence	1,865,350	1.02%
Mike Henson	Residential Land	1,661,210	0.91%
North Gin, Ltd.	Cotton Gin/Co-Op	1,638,830	0.89%
Lynell Mary Glenn	Individual Residence	1,507,640	0.82%
Top 10 Totals:		\$34,256,400	18.69%

⁽¹⁾ Source: Hockley and Terry County Appraisal Districts.

⁽²⁾ The top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for over 18% of the District's tax base, with the majority of such property comprised of electric utilities. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the oil and natural gas industry, could adversely impact the businesses that own mineral properties in the District and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue (see also "CONCENTRATION OF TAX BASE AND EXPOSURE TO WIND AND UTILITIES INDUSTRIES" herein). If any major taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process, or, perhaps, to sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. Further, electric utility facilities are also subject to transfer and sole ownership by another entity, including local governments whose property is fully exempt from ad valorem taxation. Any such transfer could have a material adverse effect on the security for the Bonds. Bondholders may become reliant upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee in the event of a payment default by the District. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

Table 6
Tax Adequacy

2026 Net Principal and Interest Requirements	\$600,447		
\$0.3344 Tax Rate at 98% Collection Produces	\$600,605	(1)	
Average Net Annual Principal and Interest Requirements, 2026-2056	\$918,418		
\$0.5114 Tax Rate at 98% Collection Produces	\$918,510	(1)	(2)
Maximum Net Principal and Interest Requirements, 2027	\$1,058,785		
\$0.5896 Tax Rate at 98% Collection Produces	\$1,058,962	(1)	(2)

⁽¹⁾ Based upon the 2025 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation of \$183,272,348.

⁽²⁾ Includes The Bonds, preliminary, subject to change.

Table 7
Estimated Overlapping Debt ⁽¹⁾

Taxing Jurisdiction	As Of	Total Debt	% Overlapping	Overlapping Debt
Hockley County	11/30/2025	\$ -	4.66%	-
Ropesville, City Of	11/30/2025	-	100.00%	-
Terry County	11/30/2025	-	0.22%	-
Estimated (Net) Overlapping Debt				\$ -
Ropes ISD ⁽²⁾			100.00%	\$8,080,000
Plus: The Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2026			100.00%	\$7,960,000
Total Direct & Estimated Overlapping Debt				\$16,040,000
Total and Overlapping Debt as a % of 2025 Total Assessed Valuation				4.94%
Total and Overlapping Debt as a % of 2025 Taxable Assessed Valuation				8.75%
Total and Overlapping Debt as a Per Capita				\$10,075

⁽¹⁾ Gross Debt. Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

⁽²⁾ Does not include Maintenance Tax Debt outstanding.

Table 8
Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements ⁽¹⁾

		Plus: The Bonds			New Debt Service Fiscal Year Ending June 30
		Principal	Interest	Total	
Existing Debt Service Fiscal Year Ending June 30					
2026	\$600,447	-	-	-	\$600,447
2027	612,985	-	377,666	377,666	990,650
2028	608,826	-	405,850	405,850	1,014,676
2029	608,452	20,000	405,850	425,850	1,034,302
2030	608,777	40,000	404,850	444,850	1,053,627
2031	613,737	40,000	402,850	442,850	1,056,587
2032	617,835	35,000	400,850	435,850	1,053,685
2033	610,301	45,000	399,100	444,100	1,054,401
2034	617,501	40,000	396,850	436,850	1,054,351
2035	613,935	50,000	394,850	444,850	1,058,785
2036	616,007	50,000	392,350	442,350	1,058,357
2037	611,448	55,000	389,850	444,850	1,056,298
2038	547,472	120,000	387,100	507,100	1,054,572
2039	544,056	125,000	381,100	506,100	1,050,156
2040	545,158	135,000	374,850	509,850	1,055,008
2041	555,578	130,000	368,100	498,100	1,053,678
2042	545,016	150,000	361,600	511,600	1,056,616
2043	544,122	155,000	354,100	509,100	1,053,222
2044	298,546	380,000	346,350	726,350	1,024,896
2045	299,572	400,000	327,350	727,350	1,026,922
2046		420,000	307,350	727,350	727,350
2047		440,000	286,350	726,350	726,350
2048		460,000	264,350	724,350	724,350
2049		485,000	241,350	726,350	726,350
2050		510,000	217,100	727,100	727,100
2051		535,000	191,600	726,600	726,600
2052		565,000	164,850	729,850	729,850
2053		595,000	135,188	730,188	730,188
2054		625,000	103,950	728,950	728,950
2055		660,000	71,138	731,138	731,138
2056		695,000	36,488	731,488	731,488
Totals:	\$11,219,767	\$7,960,000	\$9,291,178	\$17,251,178	\$28,470,946
Average Debt Service					\$918,418
Maximum Debt Service					\$1,058,785

⁽¹⁾ Interest rates have been estimated for illustrative purposes.

Table 9
Authorized But Unissued Bonds ^{(1) (2)}

Purpose	Date Authorized	Amount Authorized	Amount Previously Issued	Amount This Issue	Unissued Balance
School Building	11/4/2025	\$19,750,000	\$0	\$7,960,000	\$11,770,000

The District's voters could authorize the issuance of additional new money bonds at a future election. In addition, the District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including refunding bonds, 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.

⁽¹⁾ Source: MAC of Texas.

⁽²⁾ May include original issue premium counted against voted authorization. Preliminary, subject to change.

Table 10
Other Obligations ⁽¹⁾

A summary of other long-term liabilities as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Description	Interest Rates	Year of Maturity	Amounts Outstanding	Due Within 1 Year
Time Warrant	3.240%	2033	\$595,000	\$65,000
Lease Liability			\$280,965	\$123,701
			<u>\$875,965</u>	<u>\$188,701</u>

The following schedule lists the outstanding Time Warrant at year end: ⁽²⁾

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$65,000	\$19,278	\$84,278
2027	70,000	17,172	\$87,172
2028	70,000	14,904	\$84,904
2029	75,000	12,636	\$87,636
2030	75,000	10,206	\$85,206
2031-2033	240,000	15,552	\$255,552
Total	<u>\$595,000</u>	<u>\$89,748</u>	<u>\$684,748</u>

The following schedule lists the outstanding right of use leases at year end:

Year Ending June 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$111,620	\$12,046	\$123,666
2027	71,280	6,461	77,741
2028	63,492	3,127	66,619
Total	<u>\$246,392</u>	<u>\$21,634</u>	<u>\$268,026</u>

⁽¹⁾ Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

⁽²⁾ Source: MAC of Texas.

Table 11
General Fund Revenue and Expenditure History ⁽¹⁾

	Fiscal Years Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,779,549	\$1,545,990	\$1,726,381	\$1,647,655	\$1,368,470
State Sources	6,691,706	6,248,736	5,177,950	5,081,658	4,767,656
Federal Sources	450	-	-	-	45,059
Total Revenues	\$8,471,705	\$7,794,726	\$6,904,331	\$6,729,313	\$6,181,185
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Instruction	\$4,382,652	\$3,953,474	\$3,210,384	\$3,033,546	\$2,934,632
Instructional Resources and Media Services	82,442	76,559	70,589	70,332	76,567
Curriculum and Staff Development	91,588	59,533	31,051	27,402	25,840
School Leadership	502,154	451,455	416,667	381,601	362,439
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	102,319	89,223	13,567	35,168	78,648
Health Services	79,598	76,854	73,699	71,493	75,674
Student Transportation	407,150	205,833	270,090	435,967	138,148
Food Services	12,752	14,238	11,023	7,948	8,093
Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities	995,824	792,389	587,959	562,265	531,170
General Administration	466,172	466,527	383,236	468,049	278,174
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,033,474	923,244	877,718	711,248	674,054
Security and Monitoring Services	44,300	72,554	111,237	76,829	77,072
Data Processing Services	277,516	224,758	218,489	211,131	173,772
Debt Service	261,557	156,398	190,902	167,999	89,327
Capital Outlay	-	41,418	-	-	989,866
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	219,290	97,542	179,174	1,155,940	-
Payment to Fiscal Agent	103,776	167,190	85,921	70,409	63,446
Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,532	23,560	25,299	23,720	22,007
Total Expenditures	\$9,087,096	\$7,892,749	\$6,757,005	\$7,511,047	\$6,598,929
Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(\$615,391)	(\$98,023)	\$147,326	(\$781,734)	(\$417,744)
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</u>					
Proceeds from Right of Use Leased Assets	151,007	-	\$164,145	\$331,400	-
Transfers In (Out)	(52,045)	(42,134)	58,679	(1,449)	(76,359)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$98,962	(\$42,134)	\$222,824	\$329,951	(\$76,359)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(\$516,429)	(\$140,157)	\$370,150	(\$451,783)	(\$494,103)
Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	\$2,289,076	\$2,429,233	\$2,059,083	\$2,510,866	\$3,004,969
Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$1,772,647	\$2,289,076	\$2,429,233	\$2,059,083	\$2,510,866

⁽¹⁾ Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

Table 11 A
Change in Net Assets ⁽¹⁾

	Fiscal Years Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<u>Revenues</u>					
Program Revenues:					
Charges for Services	\$496,075	\$432,988	\$341,444	\$254,279	\$218,352
Operating Grants and Contributions	907,485	887,855	1,335,126	1,107,706	805,077
Property Taxes	1,811,086	1,660,526	2,010,488	1,694,104	1,695,089
Investment Earnings	98,615	141,162	61,054	9,237	47,752
State Aid - Formula Grants	6,260,229	5,848,839	4,845,629	4,778,254	4,613,012
Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue	203,241	10,827	8,430	237,329	13,418
Extraordinary Item	-	-	-	-	36,430
Total Revenues	<u>\$9,776,731</u>	<u>\$8,982,197</u>	<u>\$8,602,171</u>	<u>\$8,080,909</u>	<u>\$7,429,130</u>
<u>Expenses</u>					
Instruction	\$4,858,474	\$4,644,358	\$4,122,757	\$3,575,957	\$3,567,713
Instructional Resources and Media Services	95,037	84,475	78,803	73,870	83,920
Curriculum and Staff Development	97,560	63,871	33,301	30,797	25,840
School Leadership	529,044	487,210	438,292	382,602	409,861
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	106,439	103,031	99,054	90,567	86,428
Health Services	82,678	82,924	77,512	70,641	78,274
Student Transportation	361,810	293,393	370,734	253,620	148,652
Food Services	317,816	318,639	319,386	254,630	216,488
Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Activities	989,169	975,634	687,827	618,097	576,172
General Administration	492,303	504,365	410,810	489,381	312,241
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,045,644	1,007,531	926,746	693,907	710,362
Security and Monitoring Services	183,789	147,873	118,731	82,506	79,277
Data Processing Services	291,948	243,998	231,452	216,747	176,399
Debt Service	195,932	305,072	238,411	405,147	324,918
Payments to Shared Services Arrangements	103,776	167,190	85,921	70,409	63,446
Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,532	23,560	25,299	23,720	22,007
Total Expenses	<u>\$9,775,951</u>	<u>\$9,453,124</u>	<u>\$8,265,036</u>	<u>\$7,332,598</u>	<u>\$6,881,998</u>
Change in Net Assets	\$780	(\$470,927)	\$337,135	\$748,311	\$547,132
Beginning Net Assets	\$2,924,517	\$3,395,444	\$3,058,309	\$2,309,998	\$1,762,866
Prior Period Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$2,925,297</u>	<u>\$2,924,517</u>	<u>\$3,395,444</u>	<u>\$3,058,309</u>	<u>\$2,309,998</u>

⁽¹⁾ The District's Audited Financial Statements.

Table 12
Current Investments ⁽¹⁾

As of June 30, 2025, the District's investable funds were invested in the following categories:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Cash on Hand	\$3,000
Cash in Bank	2,166,012
Certificates of Deposit	324,756
Lone Star Investment Pool	152,125
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	\$2,645,893

⁽¹⁾ Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY

Enrollment Statistics

<u>Year Ending 6/30</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Average Daily Attendance</u>
2021	508	440.8
2022	530	467.1
2023	559	502.9
2024	590	520.2
2025	670	595.3

School and Employee Information

Number of Teachers Holding Masters degree	11.2
Number of Teachers Holding Bachelors degree	40.4
Employee Information	
Number of Employees	92.7
Number of Teachers	53.5
Pupil/Teacher Ratio	15.2

Enrollment Statistics

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Number of Schools</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Current Enrollment</u>
Main	1	PK - 12	669

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Unemployment Rates – September Averages

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Hockley County					
Civilian Labor Force	10,283	10,138	9,922	9,635	9,684
Total Employment	9,864	9,752	9,573	9,289	9,189
Unemployment	419	386	349	346	495
Percentage Unemployment	4.07%	3.81%	3.52%	3.59%	5.11%
State of Texas					
Civilian Labor Force	15,879,033	15,714,969	15,301,250	14,793,793	14,395,285
Total Employment	15,257,506	15,080,090	14,686,983	14,244,693	13,655,443
Unemployment	708,789	645,247	617,250	561,178	720,532
Percentage Unemployment	4.46%	4.11%	4.03%	3.79%	5.01%

Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics

APPENDIX C

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information contained in this appendix consists of the Ropes Independent School District Audited Financial Statements (the "Report") for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

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

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

BOLINGER, SEGARS, GILBERT & MOSS, L.L.P.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Ropes Independent School District
Name of School District

Hockley
County

110-905
Co. – Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above-named school district were reviewed and (check one) ____ approved ____ disapproved for the year ended June 30, 2025, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of such school district on the 20th day of October, 2025.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

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

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Independent Auditor's Report

UNMODIFIED OPINIONS ON THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Board of School Trustees
Ropes Independent School District
Ropesville, Texas

Report on the Audit of Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ropes Independent School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ropes Independent School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

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 Ropes Independent School District (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 GAAP, 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.

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

GAAP requires that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4-9, budgetary comparison information on page 47, and pension and other post-retirement benefit obligation (OPEB) related information on pages 48–52 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 GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining non-major fund financial statements 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 GAAS. In our opinion, the combining non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material aspects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the audit report. The other information comprises the required Texas Education Agency (TEA) schedules, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 16, 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

Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Lubbock, Texas

October 16, 2025

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

Our discussion and analysis of the Ropes Independent School District (the District) provides an overview of the District's financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2025. It should be read in conjunction with the District's Basic Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the financial reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The net position of the District increased by \$780. The District's statement of activities shows total revenues of \$9,776,731, and total expenses of \$9,775,951.
- The District made principal payments on bonds and other debt of \$541,098 during the year ended June 30, 2025. Bond and debt obligations at June 30, 2025 total \$8,480,965. This compares to a balance of \$8,871,056 in 2024.
- Total government-wide expenses increased by \$322,827 from fiscal year 2024 to 2025. The District's total revenues on the Statement of Activities increased by \$794,534 from fiscal year 2024 to 2025.
- Total general fund expenditures were \$9,087,096 for the year ended June 30, 2025. This compares with general fund expenditures of \$7,892,749 for the year ended June 30, 2024. This change is due to expenditure increases across the board.
- The District's total revenues on the fund financial statements increased from \$9,148,044 in 2023-24 to \$10,033,937 in 2024-25. This increase is due to an increase in student population and increase in property taxes.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. The statements are organized so the reader can understand the District as a whole and then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The government-wide financial statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide information about the activities of the District as a whole and present a longer-term view of the District's property and debt obligations and other financial matters. They reflect the flow of total economic resources in a manner similar to the financial reports of a business enterprise.

Fund financial statements report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short-term as well as what resources remain for future spending. They reflect the flow of current financial resources and supply the basis for tax levies and the appropriations budget. The fiduciary statements provide financial information about activities for which the District acts solely as a trustee.

The notes to the financial statements provide narrative explanations and additional data needed for full disclosure in the government-wide statements and the fund financial statements.

The combining statements for non-major funds contain information about the District's individual non-major funds.

The section labeled Required TEA Schedules contains data used by monitoring or regulatory agencies for assurance that the District is using funds supplied in compliance with the terms of grants.

Reporting the District as a Whole

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The analysis of the District's overall financial condition and operations is presented in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Its primary purpose is to show whether the District is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. The Statement of Net Position includes all the District's assets and liabilities at the end of the year while the Statement of Activities includes all the revenues and expenses generated by the District's operations during the year. These statements apply the accrual basis of accounting which is the basis used by private sector companies.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are considered regardless of when cash is received or paid. The District's revenues are divided into those provided by outside parties who share the costs of some programs, such as tuition received from students from outside the District and grants provided by the U.S. Department of Education to assist children with disabilities or from disadvantaged backgrounds (program revenues), and revenues provided by the taxpayers or by TEA in equalization funding processes (general revenues). All the District's assets are reported whether they serve the current year or future years. Liabilities are considered regardless of whether they must be paid in the current or future years.

These two statements report the District's net position and changes in them. The District's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) provide one measure of the District's financial health, or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. To fully assess the overall health of the District, however, one should consider nonfinancial factors as well, such as changes in the District's average daily attendance or its property tax base and the condition of the District's facilities.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the District is reporting its governmental activities. The District currently has no business-type activities or component units as defined in the GASB Statement No. 34.

- Governmental activities – All of the District's basic services are reported here, including the instruction, counseling, co-curricular activities, food services, transportation, maintenance, community services, and general administration. Property taxes, tuition, fees, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds—not the District as a whole. Laws and contracts require the District to establish some funds, such as grants received from the U.S. Department of Education through TEA. The District's administration establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes.

The District's three fund types – governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary – use different accounting approaches.

- Governmental funds – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds. These use modified accrual accounting (a method that measures the receipt and disbursement of cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash) and report balances that are available for future spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general operations and the basic services it provides. We describe the differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in reconciliation schedules following the fund financial statements.
- Fiduciary funds – The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for money raised by student activities. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. We exclude these activities from the government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The District also accounts for donations for which the donor has stipulated may be used for purposes that benefit parties outside the District as a Private Purpose trust fund. This is a scholarship fund, with annual scholarships to be awarded to past students of the District in accordance with donor stipulations.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The District's net position increased during the year ended June 30, 2025, by \$780 (see Table II). Unrestricted net position (deficit) – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – decreased \$520,214 from (\$469,778) in 2024 to (\$989,992) in 2025.

Our analysis focuses on the net position (Table I) and changes in net position (Table II) of the District's governmental and business-type activities.

Statement of Net Position

Table I
Ropes Independent School District
Net Position
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,557,226	\$ 2,729,215
Other Current Assets	1,008,856	1,107,534
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	12,267,317	12,298,733
Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,833,399</u>	<u>\$ 16,135,482</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 1,771,902	\$ 2,005,996
Current Liabilities and Unearned Revenues	\$ 690,488	\$ 684,347
Long-Term Liabilities	12,771,615	12,950,524
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 13,462,103</u>	<u>\$ 13,634,871</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,217,901	\$ 1,582,090
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 2,941,618	\$ 2,538,935
Restricted for Debt Service	973,671	855,360
Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit)	(989,992)	(469,778)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,925,297</u>	<u>\$ 2,924,517</u>

Some factors impacting the District's financial position include the following:

- The District's appraised valuation of taxable property increased from \$162,553,668 to \$171,237,134, an increase of 5.3%. This increase is attributable largely to property reappraisals including mineral rights. The total school property taxes assessed for school year 2025 were \$1,808,093. This is an increase of 5.1% from the \$1,720,143 assessed in 2024 due to a decrease in tax rate.

Total tax collections for 2025 were \$1,725,991 (95.5% of the current year levy). The tax collections for 2024 were \$1,647,687 (95.8% of that year's levy).

Changes in Net Position

Table II
Ropes Independent School District
Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	June 30,	
	2025	2024
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges For Services	\$ 496,075	\$ 432,988
Operating Grants and Contributions	907,485	887,855
General Revenues:		
Maintenance and Operations Taxes	1,295,628	1,189,461
Debt Service Taxes	515,458	471,065
State Aid - Formula Grants	6,260,229	5,848,839
Investment Earnings	98,615	141,162
Miscellaneous	203,241	10,827
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 9,776,731</u>	<u>\$ 8,982,197</u>
Expenses:		
Instruction	\$ 4,858,474	\$ 4,644,358
Instructional Resources and Media Services	95,037	84,475
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	97,560	63,871
School Leadership	529,044	487,210
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	106,439	103,031
Health Services	82,678	82,924
Student Transportation	361,810	293,393
Food Services	317,816	318,639
Co-curricular / Extracurricular Activities	989,169	975,634
General Administration	492,303	504,365
Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,045,644	1,007,531
Security and Monitoring Services	183,789	147,873
Data Processing Services	291,948	243,998
Interest on Long-Term Debt	195,932	305,072
Payments to SSA	103,776	167,190
Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,532	23,560
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 9,775,951</u>	<u>\$ 9,453,124</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 780</u>	<u>\$ (470,927)</u>

Fund Balances

The District's total Governmental Funds fund balance is \$2,827,289. This fund balance is reported in the various Governmental funds as follows:

General Fund: \$1,772,647 – Of this balance, \$890,186 is committed for future construction and equipment purchases and other expenditures. The remainder of the balance is available for current spending; however, it has been the practice of the District to try and maintain a fund balance that is at least several months operating expenses. The balance in the General Fund in 2024 was \$2,289,076.

Debt Service Fund: \$935,429 – This balance is restricted for extinguishing of long-term debt. The fund balance restricted for debt service in 2024 was \$834,819.

Campus Activity Fund: \$119,213 – This balance is committed for the use of student activity groups. The fund balance committed for campus activities in 2024 was \$89,058.

Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Board of Trustees revised the District's budget several times. These budget amendments were necessary to reflect the revised estimates of revenues and expenses.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2025, the District has \$12,267,317 of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Financial statement Footnote No. 6 discloses the capital asset activity of the District for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Debt

At June 30, 2025, the District's long-term debt included \$8,200,000 in bonds and other debt payable as well as \$280,965 in lease liabilities. Interest and Sinking property taxes along with some state allotment funds will assist in making bond payments. The funding for payments on lease liabilities come from operating revenues. Financial statement Footnote No. 8 discloses the debt activity of the District for the year ended June 30, 2025.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District has budgeted \$8,614,090 in general fund revenue for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This is an increase of \$142,385 from the \$8,471,705 actual general fund revenue for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. The primary factor for the increase in revenue is an expected increase in state foundation revenue from the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the District has approved the maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7534 and interest and sinking tax rate of \$0.3007 for a total of \$1.0541.

The District has also budgeted \$8,713,314 in general fund expenditures for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This is a decrease of \$373,782 from the \$9,087,096 actual general fund expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's business office, at Ropes Independent School District, 304 Ranch Rd., Ropesville, Texas 79358.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit A-1

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

Data Control Codes		Primary Government	Governmental Activities
	ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS:		
1110	Cash and Temporary Investments	\$	2,080,345
1120	Investments		476,881
1220	Property Taxes - Delinquent		149,591
1230	Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes		(8,806)
1240	Due from Other Governments		868,071
	Capital Assets:		
1510	Land		940,453
1520	Buildings, Net		10,493,751
1530	Vehicles and Equipment, Net		675,612
1550	Right of Use Asset, Net		31,920
1580	Construction Work in Progress		125,581
1000	Total Assets	\$	15,833,399
	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
1701	Deferred Outflows Related to Refunding Debt	\$	19,172
1705	Deferred Outflows Related to Pension Liability		683,004
1706	Deferred Outflows Related to OPEB Liability		1,069,726
1700	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	1,771,902
	LIABILITIES:		
2110	Accounts Payable	\$	29,513
2140	Accrued Interest Payable		92,480
2160	Accrued Wages Payable		522,521
2200	Accrued Expenses		43,232
2300	Unearned Revenues		2,742
	Long-Term Liabilities:		
2501	Due Within One Year		513,701
2502	Due in More Than One Year		7,967,264
2516	Unamortized Bond Premium		863,906
2540	Net Pension Liability		2,022,587
2545	Net OPEB Liability		1,404,157
2000	Total Liabilities	\$	13,462,103
	DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
2605	Deferred Inflows Related to Pension Liability	\$	29,792
2606	Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB Liability		1,188,109
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	1,217,901
	NET POSITION:		
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	2,941,618
3850	Restricted for Debt Service		973,671
3900	Unrestricted Deficit		(989,992)
3000	Total Net Position	\$	2,925,297

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit B-1

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Data Control Codes		1	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
			3	4	Revenue and
			Charges for	Operating	Changes in
		Expenses	Services	Grants and	Net Position
				Contributions	6
					Total
					Governmental
					Activities
11	Instruction	\$ 4,858,474	\$ 178,100	\$ 357,626	\$ (4,322,748)
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services	95,037		2,599	(92,438)
13	Curriculum and Staff Development	97,560			(97,560)
23	School Leadership	529,044		5,754	(523,290)
31	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	106,439		2,244	(104,195)
33	Health Services	82,678		3,166	(79,512)
34	Student Transportation	361,810		4,859	(356,951)
35	Food Services	317,816	109,048	133,174	(75,594)
36	Extracurricular Activities	989,169	155,414	4,996	(828,759)
41	General Administration	492,303		13,065	(479,238)
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,045,644	53,513	15,666	(976,465)
52	Security and Monitoring Services	183,789		221,529	37,740
53	Data Processing Services	291,948		5,034	(286,914)
72	Debt Service - Interest	195,432		137,773	(57,659)
73	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	500			(500)
93	Payments to Fiscal Agent of SSA	103,776			(103,776)
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,532			(24,532)
TP	Total Primary Government	\$ 9,775,951	\$ 496,075	\$ 907,485	\$ (8,372,391)

Data
Control
Codes

General Revenues:

MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes	\$ 1,295,628
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service	515,458
SF	State Aid - Formula Grants	6,260,229
IE	Investment Earnings	98,615
MI	Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue	203,241
TR	Total General Revenues, Special Items, and Transfers	\$ 8,373,171
CN	Change in Net Position	\$ 780
NB	Net Position - Beginning	2,924,517
NE	Net Position - Ending	\$ 2,925,297

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ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-1

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025**

Data Control Codes		Major Funds			
		10	50		98
		General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS:					
1110	Cash and Temporary Investments	\$ 880,796	\$ 1,048,954	\$ 150,595	\$ 2,080,345
1120	Investments	476,881			476,881
1220	Property Taxes - Delinquent	109,531	40,060		149,591
1230	Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(6,988)	(1,818)		(8,806)
1240	Due from Other Governments	800,008	16,462	51,601	868,071
1260	Due from Other Funds	144,983			144,983
1000	Total Assets	\$ 2,405,211	\$ 1,103,658	\$ 202,196	\$ 3,711,065
LIABILITIES:					
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ 29,513	\$	\$	\$ 29,513
2160	Accrued Wages Payable	464,790		57,731	522,521
2170	Due to Other Funds		129,987	14,996	144,983
2200	Accrued Expenditures/Expenses	35,718		7,514	43,232
2300	Unearned Revenues			2,742	2,742
2000	Total Liabilities	\$ 530,021	\$ 129,987	\$ 82,983	\$ 742,991
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:					
2601	Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	\$ 102,543	\$ 38,242	\$	\$ 140,785
2600	Total Deferred Inflows	\$ 102,543	\$ 38,242	\$ 0	\$ 140,785
FUND BALANCES:					
Restricted:					
3480	Retirement of Long-Term Debt	\$	\$ 935,429	\$	\$ 935,429
Committed:					
3510	Construction	600,708			600,708
3530	Capital Expenditures for Equipment	272,187			272,187
3545	Other Committed	17,291			17,291
Assigned:					
3590	Campus Activity Funds			119,213	119,213
3600	Unassigned	882,461			882,461
3000	Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,772,647	\$ 935,429	\$ 119,213	\$ 2,827,289
4000	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Fund Balances	\$ 2,405,211	\$ 1,103,658	\$ 202,196	\$ 3,711,065

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-2

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT
OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2025

<u>Data Control Codes</u>		
	Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-1)	\$ 2,827,289
1	General capital assets are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds. This amount is the cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of the District's general capital assets.	12,267,317
2	Long-term liabilities (e.g., bonds, leases, loans payable, etc.), including premiums and discounts on related debt and gains and losses on debt refunding, do not require current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.	(9,325,699)
3	Interest on debt is recognized when due in the governmental funds but is accrued as incurred in the Statement of Activities. This amount recognizes accrued interest at year end, including interest accrued and added to the principal of the capital appreciation bonds	(92,480)
4	Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities required by GASB No. 68, a deferred resource inflow, and a deferred resource outflow. This amounted to a decrease in net position.	(1,369,375)
5	Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net post employment obligation liabilities required by GASB No. 75, a deferred resource inflow, and a deferred resource outflow. This amounted to a decrease in net position.	(1,522,540)
6	Property taxes levied, but not available, are not revenues in the governmental funds, but are accrued when earned (net of estimated uncollectible) in the Statement of Activities. This amount eliminates the deferred property tax liability reported in the governmental funds.	<u>140,785</u>
29	Total Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A-1)	\$ <u><u>2,925,297</u></u>

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ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-3

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Data Control Codes	Major Funds				
	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,779,549	\$ 530,603	\$ 238,294	\$ 2,548,446
5800	State Program Revenues	6,691,706	137,773	218,347	7,047,826
5900	Federal Program Revenues	450		437,215	437,665
5020	Total Revenues	\$ 8,471,705	\$ 668,376	\$ 893,856	\$ 10,033,937
Expenditures:					
0011	Instruction	\$ 4,382,652	\$	\$ 303,612	\$ 4,686,264
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	82,442		8,364	90,806
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	91,588			91,588
0023	School Leadership	502,154		8,331	510,485
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	102,319		204	102,523
0033	Health Services	79,598			79,598
0034	Student Transportation	407,150			407,150
0035	Food Services	12,752		290,989	303,741
0036	Extracurricular Activities	995,824		82,396	1,078,220
0041	General Administration	466,172		5,546	471,718
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,033,474			1,033,474
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	44,300		216,304	260,604
0053	Data Processing Services	277,516			277,516
0071	Debt Service - Principal	231,098	310,000		541,098
0072	Debt Service - Interest	30,459	257,266		287,725
0073	Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		500		500
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	219,290			219,290
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent of SSA	103,776			103,776
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	24,532			24,532
6030	Total Expenditures	\$ 9,087,096	\$ 567,766	\$ 915,746	\$ 10,570,608
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (615,391)	\$ 100,610	\$ (21,890)	\$ (536,671)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
7913	Proceeds from Right of Use Leased Assets	\$ 151,007	\$	\$	\$ 151,007
7915	Transfers In			52,045	52,045
8911	Transfers Out	(52,045)			(52,045)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 98,962	\$ 0	\$ 52,045	\$ 151,007
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (516,429)	\$ 100,610	\$ 30,155	\$ (385,664)
0100	July 1 - Fund Balance	2,289,076	834,819	89,058	3,212,953
3000	June 30 - Fund Balance	\$ 1,772,647	\$ 935,429	\$ 119,213	\$ 2,827,289

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit C-4

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-3)	\$ (385,664)
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 outlay in the current period.	(170,004)
Operating leases recognized in accordance with GASB No. 87 result in a right of use asset and a lease liability. The effect of the amortization of the right of use asset (\$11,970) and the payments on the lease liabilities \$11,550, resulted in a net decrease to net position.	(420)
Loss from retirement of fixed assets are recognized on the government-wide financial statements. The result of recognizing this loss is a decrease in net position.	(449)
Bond premiums and losses from defeasance are recognized as other financing resources in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements these are deferred and amortized over the life of the bond. Bond premiums and loss on defeasance were amortized during the year. The net effect of including this amounts is to increase net position.	44,008
Repayment of the bonds and other long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. This amount of repayments is an increase to net position.	529,548
Accrued interest payable at year end is not recorded on the fund financials. However, this is recorded as a liability and expense on the government-wide financial statements. The effect of including this accrued interest is to decrease net position.	48,285
GASB No. 68 and No. 75 required that certain expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows. These contributions made after the measurement date of August 31, 2024 are recognized as deferred outflows. The District's share of the unrecognized deferred inflows and outflows as of the measurement date had to be amortized. The impact of these transactions is to decrease the change in net position.	(125,095)
Property tax revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds. This is the net amount by which deferred property tax revenue changed between the current year and the prior year.	<u>60,571</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B-1).	\$ <u><u>780</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit E-1

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2025**

	<u>Private Purpose Trust Fund</u>	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$ <u>1,708</u>	\$ <u>86,959</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>1,708</u>	\$ <u>86,959</u>
NET POSITION:		
Restricted for Other Purposes	\$ <u>1,708</u>	\$ <u>86,959</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u><u>1,708</u></u>	\$ <u><u>86,959</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit E-2

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY FUND NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2025

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS:		
Contributions to Student Groups	\$	\$ 244,212
Contributions, Gifts and Donations	4,818	
Total Additions	\$ 4,818	\$ 244,212
DEDUCTIONS:		
Student Activities	\$	\$ 191,433
Other Deductions	9,600	
Total Deductions	\$ 9,600	\$ 191,433
Change in Net Position	\$ (4,782)	\$ 52,779
Net Position - July 1 (Beginning)	6,490	34,180
Net Position - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 1,708	\$ 86,959

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Ropes Independent School District (the District) is a public education agency operating under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas. The District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) applicable to governmental units. The District also complies with the appropriate version of the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (FASRG) and the requirements of contracts and grants of agencies from which it receives funds. GASB is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Board of School Trustees (the Board), a seven-member group, has fiscal accountability over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of the District. The Board is elected by the public. The Board has the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the District. All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the 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 is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

The District receives funding from local, state, and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding entities.

B. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND PRESENTATION

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the government-wide entity as a whole. These statements report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes, state foundation funds, grants, and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Internal service funds are considered governmental activities and not business-type activities. The District currently has no business-type activities.

These government-wide financial statements were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and 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. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or statement of net position. Bond premiums are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bond issue costs are charged to expense.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in programs the District operates have shared in the payment of the direct costs. The "charges for services" column includes payments made by parties that purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods or services provided by a given function or segment of the District. Examples include tuition paid by students not residing in the District, school lunch charges, etc. The "Operating Grants and Contributions" column includes amounts paid by organizations outside the District to help meet the operational or capital requirements of a given function. Examples include grants under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. If a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all of the District's functions. Taxes are always general revenues.

The District reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense is specifically identified by function and is included in the direct expense to each function allocated. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

Interfund activities between governmental funds and proprietary funds appear as due to/due from on the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and as other resources and other uses on the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. All interfund transactions between governmental funds and internal service funds are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds and fiduciary funds remain as due to/due from on the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for the District's operations, they are not included in the government-wide statements. Major governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. No amounts have been recorded for property tax revenues collected after June 30, 2025. State revenues are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are both measurable and available.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond issue costs in the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while 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.

The fiduciary fund financial statements were reported using the economic resources measurement focus and 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. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This fund is established to account for resources used for general operations. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not allocated by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. This is a budgeted fund and undesignated fund balances are considered resources available for current operations.

Debt Service Fund – This fund is used to account for payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt and other long-term debts for which tax has been dedicated. This is a budgeted fund and any unused sinking fund balances will be transferred to the general fund after all of the related debt obligations have been met.

Additionally, the government reports the following governmental fund types:

Special Revenue Funds – These funds are used to account for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by a grantor. Federal financial assistance generally is accounted for in a special revenue fund. Except for the food service fund, any unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods. The food service fund is the only required budgeted special revenue fund and historically operates at a deficit that is funded by an operating transfer from the general fund.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's food service is considered a special revenue fund since the general fund only subsidizes the food service program for all expenditures in excess of NSLP and user fees. For all other funds in this fund type, project accounting is employed to maintain integrity for the various sources of funds.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES

Private Purpose Trust Fund – The District accounts for donations for which the donor has stipulated may be used for purposes that benefit parties outside the District. The District's Private Purpose trust fund is a scholarship fund, with annual scholarships to be awarded to past students of the District in accordance with donor stipulations.

Custodial Funds – These custodial funds are used to account for activities of student groups and other organizational activities. Student activity organizations exist with the explicit approval of, and are subject to revocation by, the District's Board of School Trustees.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING APPLICABLE TO ALL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Capital assets, which include buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, vehicles, and construction in progress, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' useful lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Revenues from state and federal grants are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Funds received but unexpended are reflected as deferred revenues, and funds expended but not yet received are shown as receivables. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors generally require the District to refund all or part of the unused amount.

Supplies and materials are debited as expenditures when purchased.

District employees earn personal days each year at the local and state level in accordance with Board policies. Upon separation from service, certain employees are eligible for compensation for accumulated leave balances. GASB Statement 101, *Compensated Absences*, became effective for the current year; however, its adoption did not have a material impact and no liability is reflected in the District's financial statements related to compensated absences.

When the District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted assets, it uses the restricted assets first whenever they will have to be returned if they are not used.

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In accordance with the FASRG, the District has adopted and installed an accounting system which exceeds the minimum requirements prescribed by the State Board of Education and was approved by the State Auditor. Specifically, the District's accounting system uses codes and the code structure presented in the Accounting Code Section of the FASRG. Mandatory codes are utilized in the form provided in that section.

The Data Control Codes on the financial statements are prescribed codes required by TEA. These are used by TEA to ensure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

D. BUDGETARY DATA

The official budget was prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, for the general fund, debt service fund, and the food service special revenue fund. The remaining special revenue funds adopt project-length budgets which do not correspond to the District's fiscal year.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

- a. Prior to June 20th of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget. At least ten days public notice of the meeting must be given.
- c. Prior to July 1st, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

The budget is prepared and controlled at the function level within each fund and is amended at this level as needed. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval. Such amendments are made before the fact, and they are reflected in the official minutes of the Board. During the year, several amendments were necessary. The instruction function in the general fund exceeded the budget for the year.

E. ENCUMBRANCE ACCOUNTING

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at June 30, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either cancelled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. There were no outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2025.

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F. FUND BALANCES

The District has adopted GASB Statement 54, which redefined how fund balances of the governmental funds are presented in the financial statements. The District's fund balances are classified as follows:

Restricted – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of restrictions by external sources (creditors, laws of other governments, etc.) or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation. At fiscal year end, restricted fund balance consisted of funds restricted for the retirement of long-term debt in the debt service fund.

Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by formal action by the Board, the highest level of decision-making authority. At year end, committed fund balance consisted of amounts restricted for construction, capital expenditures, and other items in the general fund.

Assigned – Amounts that intends to be used for specific purposes. Amounts can be assigned by the Board or by an official to which the Board delegates the authority. At year end, assigned fund balance consisted of amounts assigned for use by campus activity funds in that special revenue fund.

Unassigned – Amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

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 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, as needed, unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

G. NET POSITION ON THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Net position on the Statement of Net Position includes the following:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position represents the difference between capital assets less accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt associated with capital assets, which is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted for Debt Service – This component of net position represents the balance of unspent resources acquired for the sole purpose of maintaining debt service and consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by creditors.

Unrestricted – The difference between assets and liabilities that is not reported in the Net Investment in Capital Assets, Net Position Restricted for Debt Service, or Net Position Restricted for Other Purposes.

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H. 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 value.

I. 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.

J. MANAGEMENT'S USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits and Investments

The **Public Funds Investment Act** (the Act) (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the District 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.

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Statutes authorize the District to invest in (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas and its agencies; (2) guaranteed or secured certificates of deposit issued by state and national banks domiciled in Texas, (3) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality not less than an "A", (4) no load money market funds with a weighted average maturity of 90 days or less, (5) fully collateralized repurchase agreements, (6) commercial paper having a stated maturity of 270 days or less from the date of issuance and is not rated less than A-1 or P-1 by two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or one nationally recognized credit agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit, (7) secured corporate bonds rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent, (8) public investment pools, and (9) guaranteed investment contracts for bond proceeds investment only, with defined termination date and secured by U.S. Government direct or agency obligations approved by the Act in an amount equal to the bond proceeds. The Act also requires the District to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The District is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

Policies Governing Deposits and Investments

In compliance with the **Public Funds Investment Act**, the District has adopted a deposit and investment policy. That policy does not address the following risks:

- a. Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits and Investments: In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits and investments in certificates of deposits may not be returned to it. The District's policy does not contain legal or policy requirements that would limit the exposure to custodial credit risk for deposits and investments, other than the following: The State of Texas requires that a financial institution secure deposits and investments made by state or local governments by pledging securities in excess of the highest cash balance of the government. The District is not exposed to custodial credit risk for its deposits and investments in certificates of deposit are all covered by depository insurance and pledged securities held by a third party in the District's name.
- b. Concentration of Credit Risk – The investment policy of the District contains no limitations on the amount that can be invested in any one issuer. Investments in any one issuer (other than U.S. Treasury securities, mutual funds, and external investment pools) that represent five percent or more of the total entity investments represent a concentration risk. At June 30, 2025, all of the District's investments are in certificates of deposit with its depository bank, and are completely covered by pledged securities as described in the preceding paragraph.
- c. Credit Risk – The risk that an issuer of the 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 June 30, 2025, the District was not significantly exposed to credit risk.
- d. Interest Rate Risk – Not applicable
- e. Foreign Currency Risk – Not applicable

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The carrying amount of the District's cash and temporary investments at June 30, 2025, approximates fair value and consisted of the following shown below:

	Amount	Percent	Maturity in Less than 1 Year	Credit Rating
Cash on Hand	\$ 3,000	0.1%	\$ 3,000	N/A
Cash in Bank	2,166,012	81.9%	2,166,012	N/A
Certificates of Deposit	324,756	12.3%	324,756	N/A
Lone Star Investment Pool	152,125	5.7%	152,125	AAAm
	<u>\$ 2,645,893</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,893</u>	
<u>Cash and Investment Balances</u>				
Statement of Net Position	\$ 2,557,226			
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position	<u>88,667</u>			
	<u>\$ 2,645,893</u>			

Public Funds Investment Pools

Public funds investment pools in Texas (Pools) are established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and are subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment 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's investment in Pools are reported at an amount determined by the fair value per share of the Pool's underlying portfolio, unless the Pool is 2a7-like, in which case they are reported at share value. A 2a7-like pool is one which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

3. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied by October 1st on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1st for all real and business personal property located in the District 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 1st of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 1st of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed.

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Delinquent taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of the levy. All property taxes remaining uncollected after ten years are provided for in the allowance for uncollectible 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.

4. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The amount due from other governments consisted of \$800,008 accrued and underpaid 2024-25 Foundation funds due from the state, \$16,462 underpaid 2024-25 Existing Debt Allotment funds due from the state, and \$51,601 due from various special revenue fund programs for unreimbursed grant expenditures.

5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund balances occur as a result of normal operations and are cleared periodically. Management intends to settle these balances within one year. Interfund balances at June 30, 2025, consisted of the following individual fund receivables and payables:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Fund	Total
Due from Other Funds	\$ 144,983	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 144,983
Due to Other Funds	\$ 0	\$ 14,996	\$ 129,987	\$ 144,983

Interfund transfers are defined as a flow of assets for non-exchange transactions that have not requirement of repayment. Transfers during the year ended June 30, 2025 were to reimburse the Child Nutrition Fund for excess expenditures over revenue for the year.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total
Transfers Out	\$ 52,045	\$ 0	\$ 52,045
Transfers In	\$ 0	\$ 52,045	\$ 52,045

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, was as follows:

	<u>7/1/2024</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>6/30/2025</u>
Capital Assets:					
Land	\$ 940,453	\$	\$	\$	\$ 940,453
Building	17,688,856	101,869		121,081	17,911,806
Equipment/Vehicles	1,992,992	359,644	(14,375)		2,338,261
Right of Use Asset	59,850				59,850
Construction Work in Progress	32,938	213,724		(121,081)	125,581
	<u>\$ 20,715,089</u>	<u>\$ 675,237</u>	<u>\$ (14,375)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 21,375,951</u>
Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization:					
Buildings	\$ 6,916,346	\$ 501,709	\$	\$	\$ 7,418,055
Equipment/Vehicles	1,484,050	192,525	(13,926)		1,662,649
Right of Use Asset	15,960	11,970			27,930
	<u>\$ 8,416,356</u>	<u>\$ 706,204</u>	<u>\$ (13,926)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 9,108,634</u>
Total Net Value of Capital Assets	<u>\$ 12,298,733</u>	<u>\$ (30,967)</u>	<u>\$ (449)</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 12,267,317</u>

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

Buildings and Improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and Equipment	5 - 15 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years

Depreciation and Amortization Expense were allocated as follows:

	<u>Depreciation/ Amortization</u>
Instruction	\$ 317,537
Instruction Resources and Media Services	5,921
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	5,972
School Leadership	33,286
Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	6,685
Health Services	5,190
Student Transportation	108,270
Food Services	19,805
Extracurricular Activities	70,305
General Administration	30,758
Plant Maintenance and Operations	67,387
Security and Monitoring Services	16,993
Data Processing Services	18,095
	<u>\$ 706,204</u>

The net loss on retirement of fixed assets was recognized in function 11.

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The right of use assets associated with outstanding lease liabilities are included with fixed assets.

7. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND UNEARNED REVENUE

The financial statements report separate sections for deferred outflows and inflows of resources. Deferred outflows represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. Deferred inflows represent an acquisition of fund balance that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Deferred Inflows and Outflows on the Statement on Net Position consist of the following:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Pension Related (See Note 10)	\$ 683,004	\$ 29,792
OPEB Related (See Note 11)	1,069,726	1,188,109
Unamortized Loss on Refunding	19,172	
Deferred Outflows/Inflows	<u>\$ 1,771,902</u>	<u>\$ 1,217,901</u>

Deferred Inflows on the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds consist of the following:

	General Fund	Service Fund	Total
Property Taxes - Delinquent	\$ 109,531	\$ 40,060	\$ 149,591
Less: Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	<u>6,988</u>	<u>1,818</u>	<u>8,806</u>
Total Unavailable Tax Revenues (Exhibit C-1)	<u>\$ 102,543</u>	<u>\$ 38,242</u>	<u>\$ 140,785</u>

Unearned Revenue on the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds and Statement of Net Position consist of unearned grant revenues in special revenue funds.

8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

A summary of long-term liabilities as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Description	Interest Rates	Year of Maturity	Amounts Outstanding 6/30/2025	Due within 1 Year
2020 Building Bond	3.703%	2045	\$ 3,445,000	\$ 120,000
2021 Refunding Bond	3.000%	2043	3,450,000	150,000
2022 Building Bond	1.910%	2037	710,000	55,000
Time Warrant	3.240%	2033	595,000	65,000
Finance Lease Liability			246,392	111,620
Operating Lease Liability			<u>34,573</u>	<u>12,081</u>
Total Unlimited Tax Bonds			<u>\$ 8,480,965</u>	<u>\$ 513,701</u>

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A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Description	Amounts Outstanding 7/1/2024	Additions	Reductions	Amounts Outstanding 6/30/2025
2020 Building Bond	\$ 3,560,000	\$	\$ 115,000	\$ 3,445,000
2021 Refunding Bond	3,595,000		145,000	3,450,000
2022 Building Bond	760,000		50,000	710,000
Time Warrant	660,000		65,000	595,000
Finance Lease Liability	249,933	151,007	154,548	246,392
Operating Lease Liability	46,123		11,550	34,573
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,871,056</u>	<u>\$ 151,007</u>	<u>\$ 541,098</u>	<u>\$ 8,480,965</u>
Bond Premiums	<u>\$ 908,980</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 908,980</u>

Interest expenditures for bonded debt for the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled \$256,789. Accrued interest payable at year end amounted to approximately \$92,480 and is shown as a payable on the Statement of Net Position. Interest expenditures for time warrant note for the year ended June 30, 2025 totaled \$21,384.

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the District issued \$3,950,000 in Refunding Bonds (Series 2021) with an average interest rate of 3.0% to refund \$4,236,863 of Building Bonds (Series 2013) with an average interest rate of 4.073%. The refunding resulted in \$1,066,285 gross debt service savings over the next 21 years, and an economic gain of \$835,164. The resulting book loss will be amortized over the term of the new debt. The unamortized loss a June, 30, 2025 is \$19,172.

Scheduled debt service requirements are as follows:

General Obligation Bonds			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 325,000	\$ 247,986	\$ 572,986
2027	330,000	238,835	568,835
2028	335,000	229,535	564,535
2029	345,000	220,084	565,084
2030	355,000	210,334	565,334
2031-2035	1,975,000	878,372	2,853,372
2036-2040	2,100,000	544,383	2,644,383
2041-2045	1,840,000	181,950	2,021,950
	<u>\$ 7,605,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,751,479</u>	<u>\$ 10,356,479</u>

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Time Warrant			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 65,000	\$ 19,278	\$ 84,278
2027	70,000	17,172	87,172
2028	70,000	14,904	84,904
2029	75,000	12,636	87,636
2030	75,000	10,206	85,206
2031-2033	240,000	15,552	255,552
	<u>\$ 595,000</u>	<u>\$ 89,748</u>	<u>\$ 684,748</u>

Outstanding financing lease liabilities as of June 30, 2025 consists of four bus leases. Two of these leases have 5-year terms at 2.25% with two years remaining. One lease has a 3-year term at 5.10% with one year remaining. The other lease has a 4-year term at 5.00% with 3 years remaining. All are paid annually.

Scheduled debt service requirements are as follows:

Finance Lease Liability			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 111,620	\$ 12,046	\$ 123,666
2027	71,280	6,461	77,741
2028	63,492	3,127	66,619
	<u>\$ 246,392</u>	<u>\$ 21,634</u>	<u>\$ 268,026</u>

In addition, the District has entered into an operating lease for six copiers with a 60-month term paid monthly with 36 months remaining. Interest was imputed at 4.50%.

Scheduled debt service requirements are as follows:

Operating Lease Liability			
Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 12,081	\$ 1,309	\$ 13,390
2027	12,636	791	13,427
2028	9,856	186	10,042
	<u>\$ 34,573</u>	<u>\$ 2,286</u>	<u>\$ 36,859</u>

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9. REVENUES FROM LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE SOURCES

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

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Total
Property Taxes, Penalties, Interest, and Other Tax-Related Income	\$ 1,252,758	\$ 497,757	\$	\$ 1,750,515
Food Sales			109,048	109,048
Tuition	160,600			160,600
Interest Income	65,769	32,846		98,615
Co-Curricular Student Activities	26,168		129,246	155,414
Rent	53,513			53,513
Insurance Proceeds	183,378			183,378
Other	37,363			37,363
	<u>\$ 1,779,549</u>	<u>\$ 530,603</u>	<u>\$ 238,294</u>	<u>\$ 2,548,446</u>

10. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

The District participates in a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit pension 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 work load 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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <https://www.trs.texas.gov>; by writing to TRS at attention Finance Division, PO Box 149676, Austin, TX, 78714-0185; or by calling (800) 223-8778.

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The information provided in the Notes to the Financial Statements in the 2024 and 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for TRS provides the following information regarding the Pension Plan fiduciary net position as of August 31, 2024 and 2023:

<u>Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 271,627,434,294	\$ 255,860,886,500
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(210,543,258,495)</u>	<u>(187,170,535,558)</u>
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$ 61,084,175,799</u>	<u>\$ 68,690,350,942</u>
Net Position as Percentage of Total Pension Liability	77.51%	73.15%

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% (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 five 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 five 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 post-employment benefit changes; including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLA). Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description above. Accordingly, the 2023 Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill (SB) 10 and House Joint Resolution (HJR) 2 to provide eligible retirees with a one-time stipend and an ad hoc COLA.

One-Time Stipends – Stipends, regardless of annuity amount, were paid in September 2023 to annuitants who met the qualifying age requirement on or before August 31, 2023:

- A one-time \$7,500 stipend to eligible annuitants who are 75 years of age and older.
- A one-time \$2,400 stipend to eligible annuitants age 70 to 74.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment – A COLA was dependent on Texas voters approving a constitutional amendment (Proposition 9) to authorize the COLA. Voters approved the amendment in the November 2023 election and the following COLA as applied to eligible annuitants' payments beginning with their January 2024 payment:

- 2% COLA for eligible retirees between September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2020.
- 4% COLA for eligible retirees between September 1, 2001 through August 31, 2013.
- 6% COLA for eligible retirees who retired on or before August 31, 2001.

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Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if, as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS's unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action. Actuarial implications of the funding provided in the manner are determined by the System's actuary.

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 through 2025.

The following table shows contribution rates by type of contributor for the fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the contributions by type reported by TRS which were received by TRS during the measurement year (TRS FY 2024 and 2025), and the actual contributions made by the District to TRS during their fiscal year (District FY 2024 and 2025). The reported contributions from the member and the employers are included in the calculation of the District's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability.

	Contribution Rates	
	2024	2025
Member	8.25%	8.25%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	8.25%	8.25%
Employers	8.25%	8.25%

	TRS Plan Year	
	2024	2025*
Employer Contributions	\$ 186,347	\$ 140,681
Member Contributions	430,772	341,541
NECE On-Behalf Contributions	313,159	

* Represents September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (District's Fiscal Year End)

	District Fiscal Year	
	2024	2025
Employer Contributions	\$ 162,504	\$ 191,707
Member Contributions	398,173	436,099

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

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

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is a surcharge and the employer is subject to:

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.9% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2024, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the TRS, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2023. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to August 31, 2024.

The total pension liability is determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The actuarial methods and assumptions were selected by the Board of Trustees based upon analysis and recommendations by the System's actuary. The Board of Trustees has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions used for the Plan. The actuarial methods and assumptions were primarily based on a study of actual experience for the four-year period ending August 31, 2021 and adopted in July 2022.

The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables with full generational projection using the ultimate improvement rates from the most recently published projection scale (U-MP). The active mortality rates were based on the published PUB(2010) Mortality Tables for Teachers, below median, also with full generational mortality.

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The following table discloses the assumptions that were applied to the measurement period:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2023 rolled forward to August 31, 2024
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 2024	3.87% - The source for the rate is the Bond Buyer's "20-Bond GO Index" which represents the estimated yield of a portfolio of 20 general obligation bonds maturing in 20 years based on a survey of municipal bond traders
Last year ending August 31 in	
Projection Period (100 years)	2123
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95% including inflation
Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2023. For a full description of these assumptions please see the TRS actuarial valuation report dated November 21, 2023.

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers, and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.54% of payroll in fiscal year 2025 and thereafter. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

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

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate 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.

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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, 2024 are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation % (b)	Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return (c)	Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
USA	18.00%	4.40%	1.00%
Non-U.S. Developed	13.00%	4.20%	0.80%
Emerging Markets	9.00%	5.20%	0.70%
Private Equity	14.00%	6.70%	1.20%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16.00%	1.90%	0.40%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.00%	3.00%	0.20%
Absolute Return (a)	0.00%	4.00%	0.00%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.00%	6.60%	1.20%
Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure	6.00%	5.60%	0.40%
Commodities	0.00%	2.50%	0.00%
Risk Parity	8.00%	4.00%	0.40%
Asset Allocation Leverage Cash			
Cash	2.00%	1.00%	0.00%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6.00%	1.30%	-0.10%
Inflation Expectation			2.40%
Volatility Drag (d)			-0.70%
Expected Return	<u>100.00%</u>		<u>7.90%</u>

(a)- Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments

(b) - Target allocations are based on the FY 2024 policy model

(c) - Capital Market Assumptions (CMA) come from 2024 SAA Study CMA Survey (as of 12/31/2023)

(d) - The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ <u>3,230,583</u>	\$ <u>2,022,587</u>	\$ <u>1,021,675</u>

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Pension Liabilities and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$2,022,587 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	\$	2,022,587
State's Proportionate Share that is Associated with the District		<u>3,394,472</u>
Total	\$	<u><u>5,417,059</u></u>

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2023 and rolled forward to August 31, 2024 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, 2023 through August 31, 2024.

At August 31, 2024, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0033111% which was an increase of 0.000205% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized pension expense of \$405,696 and revenue of \$313,159 for support provided by the State in the Government Wide Statement of Activities.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

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

Benefit Terms – The Texas 2023 Legislature passed SB 10, which provided a stipend payment to certain retirees and variable ad hoc COLAs to certain retirees in early fiscal year 2024. Due to its timing, the legislation and payments were not reflected in the August 31, 2023 actuarial valuation. Under the roll forward method, and adjustment was made to reflect the legislation in the rolled forward liabilities for the current measurement year, August 31, 2024. SB 10 and HJR 2 of the 88th Regular Legislative Session appropriated payments of \$1.645 billion for one-time stipends and \$3.355 billion for COLAs. This appropriation is treated as a supplemental contribution and included in other additions. Since the Legislature appropriated funds for this one-time stipend and COLA, there was no impact on the Net Pension Liability of TRS.

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Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2025, 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:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 111,482	\$ 15,791
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	104,430	14,001
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	12,295	
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between the Employer's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions	314,116	
Contributions Paid to TRS Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>140,681</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 683,004</u>	<u>\$ 29,792</u>

The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions (not including the deferred contribution paid subsequent to the measurement date) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Pension Expense (Benefit) Amount
2026	\$ 109,099
2027	308,622
2028	92,388
2029	(16,590)
2030	19,012
Thereafter	

11. 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.

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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 that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <https://www.trs.texas.gov>; by writing to TRS at PO Box 149676, Austin, TX, 78714-0185; or by calling (800) 223-8778.

Components of the net OPEB liability of the TRS-Care plan as of August 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

<u>Net OPEB Liability</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 35,168,178,563	\$ 26,028,070,267
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(4,816,646,311)</u>	<u>(3,889,765,203)</u>
Net OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 30,351,532,252</u>	<u>\$ 22,138,305,064</u>
Net Position as Percentage of Total OPEB Liability	13.70%	14.94%

Benefits Provided

TRS-Care provides health insurance coverage to all retirees from public schools and 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 GAA passed by the 88th Legislature included funding to maintain TRS-Care premiums at their current level through 2025. Also, the 86th Legislature passed Senate Bill 1682 which requires TRS to establish a contingency reserve in the TRS-Care fund equal to 60 days of expenditures. This amount is estimated at \$353,400,000 as of August 31, 2024.

The premium rates for retirees are presented below:

<u>TRS-Care Plan Premium Rates</u>		
	<u>Medicare</u>	<u>Non-Medicare</u>
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

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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.

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 an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the employer. The actual public school contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the GAA, which is 0.75% of each active employee's pay for fiscal year 2024.

The following table shows contribution rates by type of contributor for the fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the contributions by type reported by TRS which were received by TRS during the measurement year (TRS FY 2024 and 2025), and the actual contributions made by the District to TRS during their fiscal year (District FY 2024 and 2025). The district and member contributions reported are included in the calculation of the district's proportionate share of the Net TRS-Care liability for the measurement period.

	Contribution Rates	
	2024	2025
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%

	TRS Plan Year	
	2024	2025*
Employer Contributions	\$ 42,000	\$ 33,428
Member Contributions	33,936	26,909
NECE On-Behalf Contributions	52,654	

* Represents September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 (District's Fiscal Year End)

	District Fiscal Year	
	2024	2025
Employer Contributions	\$ 39,905	\$ 42,414
Member Contributions	31,525	34,360

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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 hiring a TRS retiree, employers are required to pay TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2023. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB Liability to August 31, 2024.

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, 2023 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2024:

Rates of Mortality	Rates of Disability Incidence
Rates of Retirement	General Inflation
Rates of Termination	Wage Inflation

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

Additional actuarial methods and assumptions were as follows:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2023 rolled forward to August 31, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.87% as of August 31, 2024
Aging Factors	Based on the Society of Actuaries; 2013 Study "Health Care Costs - From Birth to Death".
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs
Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation
Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

The election rates for normal retirement were 62% participation rate prior to age 65 and 25% participation rate after age 65. For pre-65 retirees, it is assumed that 30% will discontinue coverage at age 65.

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The initial medical trend rates were 6.75% for Medicare retirees. For Medicare retirees, trend rates are higher in the first two years due to anticipated growth but thereafter match those of non-Medicare retirees. The initial prescription drug trend rate was 7.25% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 11 years.

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.87% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was a decrease of 0.26% 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 Bond Buyer's "20-Bond GO index" as of August 31, 2024 using the Fixed Income Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1% point lower and 1% point higher than the discount rate that was used (3.87%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.87%)	Discount Rate (3.87%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.87%)
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,668,204	\$ 1,404,157	\$ 1,190,803

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the plan using the assumed healthcare cost trend rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is one-percentage point lower or one-percentage point higher than the assumed healthcare cost trend rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,143,477	\$ 1,404,157	\$ 1,743,848

OPEB Liabilities and OPEB Expense

At June 30, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$1,404,157 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	\$ 1,404,157
State's Proportionate Share that is Associated with the District	1,759,389
Total	\$ 3,163,546

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The Net OPEB Liability was measured as of August 31, 2023 and rolled forward to August 31, 2024 and the Total OPEB Liability used to calculate the Net OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the Net OPEB Liability was based on the employer's contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2023 thru August 31, 2024.

At August 31, 2024, the employer's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0046263% which is an increase of 0.000056% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$228,688) and revenue of \$52,654 for support provided by the State.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

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

- The discount rate changed from 4.13% as of August 31, 2023 to 3.87% as of August 31, 2024, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study.
- The tables used to model the impact of aging on the underlying claims were revised.

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

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs

At June 30, 2025, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Actuarial Experience	\$ 269,130	\$ 700,750
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	179,715	458,160
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings		3,932
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between the Employer's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions	587,453	25,267
Contributions Paid to TRS Subsequent to the Measurement Date	33,428	
Total	<u>\$ 1,069,726</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,109</u>

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The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEBs (not including the deferred contribution paid subsequent to the measurement date) will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

	OPEB Expense (Benefit) Amount
2026	\$ (75,973)
2027	(12,377)
2028	(57,334)
2029	(47,205)
2030	(13,155)
Thereafter	54,233

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

The District's risk management program includes coverage, though various third party insurance providers, to protect the District against losses related to torts, errors and omissions, theft and damage or destruction of property, employee health, and natural disasters. For the year ended June 30, 2025, there were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year.

13. INSURANCE COVERAGE

The District is a participant in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Fund (the Fund). The associated costs are accounted for in the General Fund and allocated to applicable funds. The Fund is protected against unanticipated catastrophic loss by stop loss insurance coverage. The claims administrator for the pool has estimated the District's share of unpaid claims as of June 30, 2025 to be immaterial. The District has not recorded any claims payable at June 30, 2025 related to this liability.

During the year ended June 30, 2025, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan through TRS – Active Care Program administered by the Teacher Retirement System. The District contributed \$225 of the employee-only premium per month and employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay contributions for dependents. Under this plan, the District is not liable for costs incurred beyond the premiums paid.

Payments made on behalf of the District by the state for Medicare, Part D fringe benefits and salaries amounted to \$31,425 and \$26,924 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

14. CHAPTER 313 AGREEMENTS

The District has accepted two applications for value limitation for Caprock Solar, LLC and Sundown Wind, LLC as an incentive for these entities to add taxable property within the District and create jobs. These agreements were still in the application phase as of June 30, 2025.

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In August 2022, the Texas Comptroller Office certified the limitation on appraised value of property for M&O taxes between the District and Caprock Solar, LLC. The agreement is for Caprock Solar, LLC to invest capital on a long-term basis for a valuation limitation of \$20,000,000. There is no limitation for I&S taxes. The M&O limitation is expected to start in 2028.

In August 2022, the Texas Comptroller Office certified the limitation on appraised value of property for M&O taxes between the District and Caprock Solar, LLC. The agreement is for Sundown Wind, LLC to invest capital on a long-term basis for a valuation limitation of \$20,000,000. There is no limitation for I&S taxes. The M&O limitation is expected to start in 2028.

15. LITIGATION

There is no litigation pending against the District which would have a material effect on the financial statements.

16. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Federal and State Funding

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable may be impaired.

In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying combined financial statements for such contingencies.

17. SHARED SERVICE ARRANGEMENT

The District participates in a shared service arrangement (SSA) for Special Education. The District does not account for revenues or expenditures in this program and does not disclose them in these financial statements. The District neither has a joint ownership in fixed assets purchased by the fiscal agent, Levelland ISD, nor does the District have net equity interest in the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is neither accumulating significant financial resources nor fiscal exigencies that would give rise to a future additional benefit or burden to the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EXHIBITS G-1 THROUGH G-5

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Exhibit G-1

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Data Control Codes		1 Budgeted Amounts Original	2 Amended	3 Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,508,873	\$ 1,800,373	\$ 1,779,549	\$ (20,824)
5800	State Program Revenues	6,573,229	6,878,229	6,691,706	(186,523)
5900	Federal Program Revenues		500	450	(50)
5020	Total Revenues	\$ 8,082,102	\$ 8,679,102	\$ 8,471,705	\$ (207,397)
Expenditures:					
0011	Instruction	\$ 4,468,603	\$ 4,368,603	\$ 4,382,652	\$ (14,049)
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	78,312	92,312	82,442	9,870
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	73,745	105,745	91,588	14,157
0023	School Leadership	482,153	522,153	502,154	19,999
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	100,633	112,633	102,319	10,314
0033	Health Services	78,114	90,114	79,598	10,516
0034	Student Transportation	218,745	429,752	407,150	22,602
0035	Food Services	14,861	22,861	12,752	10,109
0036	Extracurricular Activities	858,201	1,065,201	995,824	69,377
0041	General Administration	444,393	482,393	466,172	16,221
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	947,095	1,084,095	1,033,474	50,621
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	43,700	68,700	44,300	24,400
0053	Data Processing Services	256,261	307,261	277,516	29,745
0071	Debt Service - Principal	221,884	249,000	231,098	17,902
0072	Debt Service - Interest		37,884	30,459	7,425
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction		405,317	219,290	186,027
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent of SSA	100,000	120,000	103,776	16,224
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	26,000	31,000	24,532	6,468
6030	Total Expenditures	\$ 8,412,700	\$ 9,595,024	\$ 9,087,096	\$ 507,928
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (330,598)	\$ (915,922)	\$ (615,391)	\$ 300,531
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
7913	Proceeds from Right of Use Leased Assets	\$	\$ 151,007	\$ 151,007	\$ 0
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(68,889)	(93,889)	(52,045)	41,844
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	\$ (68,889)	\$ 57,118	\$ 98,962	\$ 41,844
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (399,487)	\$ (858,804)	\$ (516,429)	\$ 342,375
0100	July 1 - Fund Balance	2,289,076	2,289,076	2,289,076	0
3000	June 30 - Fund Balance	\$ 1,889,589	\$ 1,430,272	\$ 1,772,647	\$ 342,375

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Exhibit G-2

SCHEDULES OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
	<u>Plan Yr 2023</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2023</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2022</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2021</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2020</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2019</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2018</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2017</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2016</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2015</u>
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	0.00331111%	0.0031065%	0.0028027%	0.0023820%	0.0021458%	0.0020956%	0.0018778%	0.0016962%	0.0025379%	0.0015675%
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,022,587	\$ 2,133,875	\$ 1,663,891	\$ 606,617	\$ 1,149,243	\$ 1,089,365	\$ 1,033,598	\$ 542,338	\$ 959,029	\$ 554,090
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District	<u>3,394,472</u>	<u>3,449,585</u>	<u>3,045,771</u>	<u>1,343,603</u>	<u>2,817,060</u>	<u>2,347,797</u>	<u>2,357,414</u>	<u>1,251,765</u>	<u>1,455,433</u>	<u>1,477,443</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,417,059</u>	<u>\$ 5,583,460</u>	<u>\$ 4,709,662</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,220</u>	<u>\$ 3,966,303</u>	<u>\$ 3,437,162</u>	<u>\$ 3,391,012</u>	<u>\$ 1,794,103</u>	<u>\$ 2,414,462</u>	<u>\$ 2,031,533</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,220,870	\$ 4,444,785	\$ 4,035,186	\$ 3,577,229	\$ 3,465,296	\$ 2,840,799	\$ 2,573,422	\$ 2,240,965	\$ 2,094,908	\$ 2,054,326
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	38.74%	48.01%	41.23%	16.96%	33.16%	38.35%	40.16%	24.20%	45.78%	26.97%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	77.51%	73.15%	75.62%	88.79%	75.54%	75.24%	73.74%	82.17%	78.00%	78.43%

Note: GASB 68, Paragraph 81 requires that the information on this schedule be data from the period corresponding with the periods covered as of the measurement dates ending August 31 for each plan year.

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Exhibit G-3

SCHEDULES OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR PENSIONS
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 191,707	\$ 162,504	\$ 154,660	\$ 125,663	\$ 98,173	\$ 87,526	\$ 71,466	\$ 61,544	\$ 52,645	\$ 49,498
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(191,707)</u>	<u>(162,504)</u>	<u>(154,660)</u>	<u>(125,663)</u>	<u>(98,173)</u>	<u>(87,526)</u>	<u>(71,466)</u>	<u>(61,544)</u>	<u>(52,645)</u>	<u>(49,498)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,286,047	\$ 4,849,825	\$ 4,370,937	\$ 3,912,501	\$ 3,640,139	\$ 3,387,483	\$ 2,786,102	\$ 2,527,347	\$ 2,199,554	\$ 2,105,422
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	3.63%	3.35%	3.54%	3.21%	2.70%	2.58%	2.57%	2.44%	2.39%	2.35%

Note: GASB 68, Paragraph 81 requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's respective fiscal years as opposed to the time periods covered by the measurement dates ending August 31 of the preceding year.

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit G-4

**SCHEDULES OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Plan Yr 2024</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2023</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2022</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2021</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2020</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2019</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2018</u>	<u>Plan Yr 2017</u>
District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	0.0046263%	0.0046824%	0.0044282%	0.0039684%	0.0037181%	0.0033717%	0.0031114%	0.0027269%
District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 1,404,157	\$ 1,036,613	\$ 1,060,300	\$ 1,530,778	\$ 1,413,410	\$ 1,594,535	\$ 1,553,535	\$ 1,185,811
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the District	<u>1,759,389</u>	<u>1,250,833</u>	<u>1,293,399</u>	<u>2,050,902</u>	<u>1,899,284</u>	<u>2,118,781</u>	<u>2,175,990</u>	<u>1,710,140</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,163,546</u>	<u>\$ 2,287,446</u>	<u>\$ 2,353,699</u>	<u>\$ 3,581,680</u>	<u>\$ 3,312,694</u>	<u>\$ 3,713,316</u>	<u>\$ 3,729,525</u>	<u>\$ 2,895,951</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,220,870	\$ 4,444,785	\$ 4,035,186	\$ 3,577,229	\$ 3,465,296	\$ 2,840,799	\$ 2,573,422	\$ 2,240,965
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	26.90%	23.32%	26.28%	42.79%	40.79%	56.13%	60.37%	52.92%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	13.70%	14.94%	11.52%	6.18%	4.99%	2.66%	1.57%	0.91%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P50.238 states that the information on this schedule be determined as of the measurement dates ending August 31 for each plan year.

Note: This schedule shows only eight years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until ten years of data are available and reported.

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Exhibit G-5

**SCHEDULES OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30**

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 42,414	\$ 39,905	\$ 39,089	\$ 35,569	\$ 30,295	\$ 27,761	\$ 23,505	\$ 29,666
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>(42,414)</u>	<u>(39,905)</u>	<u>(39,089)</u>	<u>(35,569)</u>	<u>(30,295)</u>	<u>(27,761)</u>	<u>(23,505)</u>	<u>(29,666)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 5,286,047	\$ 4,849,825	\$ 4,370,937	\$ 3,912,501	\$ 3,640,139	\$ 3,387,483	\$ 2,786,102	\$ 2,527,347
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.80%	0.82%	0.89%	0.91%	0.83%	0.82%	0.84%	1.17%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P50.238 requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's respective fiscal years as opposed to the time periods covered by the measurement dates ending August 31 of the preceding year.

Note: This schedule shows only eight years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until ten years of data are available and reported.

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NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

A. NOTES TO SCHEDULES FOR THE TRS PENSION

Changes of Assumptions

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

Changes of Benefit Terms

The Texas 2023 Legislature passed SB 10, which provided a stipend payment to certain retirees and variable ad hoc COLAs to certain retirees in early fiscal year 2024. Due to its timing, the legislation and payments were not reflected in the August 31, 2023 actuarial valuation. Under the roll forward method, and adjustment was made to reflect the legislation in the rolled forward liabilities for the current measurement year, August 31, 2024. SB 10 and HJR 2 of the 88th Regular Legislative Session appropriated payments of \$1.645 billion for one-time stipends and \$3.355 billion for COLAs. This appropriation is treated as a supplemental contribution and included in other additions. Since the Legislature appropriated funds for this one-time stipend and COLA, there was no impact on the Net Pension Liability of TRS.

B. NOTES TO SCHEDULES FOR THE TRS OPEB PLAN

Changes of Assumptions

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

- The discount rate changed from 4.13% as of August 31, 2023 to 3.87% as of August 31, 2024, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study.
- The tables used to model the impact of aging on the underlying claims were revised.

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
NON-MAJOR FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENTS
EXHIBITS H-1 THROUGH H-2**

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Exhibit H-1

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds											Total Non-Major Governmental Funds
	205	211	240	255	270	289	410	410	427	428	461	
	Head Start	ESEA Title I Part A Improving Basic Programs	National Breakfast and Lunch Program	ESEA Title II Part A Teacher/ Principal	ESEA Title VI Part B Rural & Low Income	ESEA Title IV Part A Subpart 1	Advanced Placement Initiatives	Law Enforcement State Grants	School Safety Standards	School Safety and Security Grant	Campus Activity Fund	
ASSETS:												
Cash and Temporary Investments	\$	\$ 6,249	\$ 22,149	\$	\$	\$ 242	\$	\$	\$ 2,742	\$	\$ 119,213	\$ 150,595
Due from Other Governments	39,825	5,461	1,584	3,266		1,465						51,601
Total Assets	\$ 39,825	\$ 11,710	\$ 23,733	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 1,707	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,742	\$ 0	\$ 119,213	\$ 202,196
LIABILITIES:												
Accrued Wages Payable	\$ 22,740	\$ 10,009	\$ 21,815	\$ 1,667	\$	\$ 1,500	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 57,731
Due to Other Funds	13,627			1,369								14,996
Accrued Expenditures	3,458	1,701	1,918	230		207						7,514
Unearned Revenue									2,742			2,742
Total Liabilities	\$ 39,825	\$ 11,710	\$ 23,733	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 1,707	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,742	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 82,983
FUND BALANCES:												
Assigned:												
Campus Activity Funds	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 119,213	\$ 119,213
Total Fund Balances	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 119,213	\$ 119,213
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 39,825	\$ 11,710	\$ 23,733	\$ 3,266	\$ 0	\$ 1,707	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,742	\$ 0	\$ 119,213	\$ 202,196

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Exhibit H-2

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Special Revenue Funds

	205	211	240	255	270	289	397	427	428	429	461	Total
	Head Start	ESEA Title I Part A Improving Basic Programs	National Breakfast and Lunch Program	ESEA Title II Part A Teacher/ Principal	ESEA Title VI Part B Rural & Low Income	ESEA Title IV Part A Subpart 1	Advanced Placement Initiatives	Law Enforcement State Grants	School Safety Standards	School Safety and Security Grant	Campus Activity Fund	Non-Major Governmental Funds
Revenues:												
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	\$	\$ 109,048	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 129,246	\$ 238,294
State Program Revenues			789				204	500	116,926	99,928		218,347
Federal Program Revenues	<u>174,504</u>	<u>71,655</u>	<u>129,107</u>	<u>12,766</u>	<u>39,183</u>	<u>10,000</u>						<u>437,215</u>
Total Revenues	\$ <u>174,504</u>	\$ <u>71,655</u>	\$ <u>238,944</u>	\$ <u>12,766</u>	\$ <u>39,183</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>204</u>	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ <u>116,926</u>	\$ <u>99,928</u>	\$ <u>129,246</u>	\$ <u>893,856</u>
Expenditures:												
Instruction	\$ 174,504	\$ 66,109	\$	\$ 12,766	\$ 39,183	\$ 10,000	\$	\$	\$	\$ 1,050	\$	\$ 303,612
Instructional Resources and Media Services											8,364	8,364
School Leadership Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services							204				8,331	8,331
Food Services			290,989									290,989
Extracurricular Activities											82,396	82,396
General Administration		5,546										5,546
Security and Monitoring Services								500	116,926	98,878		216,304
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>174,504</u>	\$ <u>71,655</u>	\$ <u>290,989</u>	\$ <u>12,766</u>	\$ <u>39,183</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>204</u>	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ <u>116,926</u>	\$ <u>99,928</u>	\$ <u>99,091</u>	\$ <u>915,746</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(52,045)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>30,155</u>	\$ <u>(21,890)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):												
Transfers In	\$	\$	\$ 52,045	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 52,045
Transfers Out (Use)												0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>52,045</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>52,045</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>30,155</u>	\$ <u>30,155</u>
Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>89,058</u>	<u>89,058</u>
Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>119,213</u></u>	\$ <u><u>119,213</u></u>

**OTHER INFORMATION
REQUIRED TEA SCHEDULES
EXHIBITS J-1 THROUGH J-4**

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit J-1

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Last Ten Years Ended June 30		1		2		3		10		20		31		32		40		50		99	
		Tax Rates		Assessed/ Appraised Value for School Tax Purposes	Beginning Balance 7/1/2024	Current Year's Total Levy	Maintenance Total Collections	Debt Service Total Collections	Entire Year's Adjustments	Ending Balance 6/30/2025	Taxes Refunded Under Sec 26.1115(c)										
		Maintenance	Debt Service																		
2016 and Prior Years		Various	Various	\$	Various	\$	8,984	\$		\$	5	\$	1	\$	(176)	\$	8,802				
2017		1.1700	0.2850		94,720,230		1,447				1						1,446				
2018		1.1700	0.2850		97,168,486		1,262								(302)		960				
2019		1.1700	0.2850		107,061,133		4,762										4,762				
2020		1.0684	0.2850		111,151,115		6,994				513		137				6,344				
2021		1.0547	0.4269		113,999,932		9,009				543		220				8,246				
2022		1.0352	0.3447		119,181,151		10,445				592		197				9,656				
2023		1.0324	0.3447		141,870,270		17,251				859		287		(3,732)		12,373				
2024		0.7575	0.3007		162,553,668		27,109				(4,318)		(1,714)		(22,430)		10,711				
2025 (School Year Under Audit)		0.7552	0.3007		171,237,134				1,808,093		1,236,377		492,291		6,866		86,291				
1000	TOTALS					\$	87,263	\$	1,808,093	\$	1,234,572	\$	491,419	\$	(19,774)	\$	149,591				
8000	Total Taxes Refunded Under Section 26.1115(c), Tax Code																		\$	0	

Tax Collection Summary:	Gen. Fund (M&O)	Debt Serv. Fund	Total
Base Tax Collections	\$ 1,234,572	\$ 491,419	\$ 1,725,991
Penalty and Interest	13,177	3,829	17,006
Total	\$ 1,247,749	\$ 495,248	\$ 1,742,997

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Exhibit J-2

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
CHILD NUTRITION FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Data Control Codes	1 Budgeted Amounts		3	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Amended	Actual	
Revenues:				
5700 Local and Intermediate	\$ 85,500	\$ 109,500	\$ 109,048	\$ (452)
5800 State Program Revenues	1,000	1,000	789	(211)
5900 Federal Program Revenues	<u>136,000</u>	<u>136,000</u>	<u>129,107</u>	<u>(6,893)</u>
5020 Total Revenues	\$ <u>222,500</u>	\$ <u>246,500</u>	\$ <u>238,944</u>	\$ <u>(7,556)</u>
Expenditures:				
0035 Food Services	\$ <u>291,389</u>	\$ <u>340,389</u>	\$ <u>290,989</u>	\$ <u>49,400</u>
6030 Total Expenditures	\$ <u>291,389</u>	\$ <u>340,389</u>	\$ <u>290,989</u>	\$ <u>49,400</u>
1100 Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ <u>(68,889)</u>	\$ <u>(93,889)</u>	\$ <u>(52,045)</u>	\$ <u>41,844</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
7915 Transfers In	\$ <u>68,889</u>	\$ <u>93,889</u>	\$ <u>52,045</u>	\$ <u>(41,844)</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
0100 July 1 - Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
3000 June 30 - Fund Balance	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>	\$ <u><u>0</u></u>

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Exhibit J-3

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DEBT SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

Data Control Codes		1		2	3	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
		Budgeted Amounts				
		Original	Amended	Actual		
Revenues:						
5700	Local and Intermediate	\$ 481,814	\$ 481,814	\$ 530,603	\$ 48,789	
5800	State Program Revenues	<u>150,364</u>	<u>150,364</u>	<u>137,773</u>	<u>(12,591)</u>	
5020	Total Revenues	<u>\$ 632,178</u>	<u>\$ 632,178</u>	<u>\$ 668,376</u>	<u>\$ 36,198</u>	
Expenditures:						
0071	Debt Service - Principal	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 0	
0072	Debt Service - Interest	260,000	260,000	257,266	2,734	
0073	Bond Issuance Cost	<u>62,178</u>	<u>62,178</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>61,678</u>	
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 632,178</u>	<u>\$ 632,178</u>	<u>\$ 567,766</u>	<u>\$ 64,412</u>	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 100,610	\$ 100,610	
0100	July 1 - Fund Balance	<u>834,819</u>	<u>834,819</u>	<u>834,819</u>	<u>0</u>	
3000	June 30 - Fund Balance	<u>\$ 834,819</u>	<u>\$ 834,819</u>	<u>\$ 935,429</u>	<u>\$ 100,610</u>	

ROPES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Exhibit J-4

STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION AND BILINGUAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Section A: Compensatory Education Programs

AP 1	Did the District expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the District's fiscal year?	Yes
AP 2	Does the District have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?	Yes
AP 3	List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the District's fiscal year.	\$ 284,900
AP 4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the District's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 34)	\$ 218,136

Section B: Bilingual Education Programs

AP 5	Did the District expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the district's fiscal year?	Yes
AP 6	Does the District have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?	Yes
AP 7	List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the District's fiscal year.	\$ 7,603
AP 8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the District's fiscal year. (PICs 25, 35)	\$ 3,255

OVERALL COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL SECTION

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

Board of School Trustees
Ropes Independent School District
Ropesville, Texas

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Ropes Independent School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 16, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss LLP

Certified Public Accountants

Lubbock, Texas

October 16, 2025

APPENDIX D

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION



FORM OF OPINION

_____, 2026

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Ropes Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026

We have acted as bond counsel to Ropes Independent School District (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2026 (the “Bonds”), dated March 1, 2026, in the aggregate principal amount of \$[PAR AMOUNT]. The Bonds are authorized by a bond order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Issuer authorizing their issuance (the “Order”).

In such connection, we have reviewed a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds, including the Order, the tax certificate of the Issuer, dated the date hereof (the “Tax Certificate”), certificates of the Issuer and others, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinions set forth herein.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after original delivery of the Bonds on the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after original delivery of the Bonds on the date hereof. Accordingly, this letter speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon or otherwise used in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Bonds has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures provided to us and the due and legal execution and delivery of each such document by each party thereto other than the Issuer and that each such document constitutes a valid and binding agreement of such party. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents, and of the legal conclusions contained in the opinions, referred to in the second paragraph hereof. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Order and the Tax Certificate, including (without limitation) covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Bonds, the Order and the Tax Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases, and to the limitations on legal remedies against governmental entities such as the Issuer in the State of Texas. We express no opinion with respect

to any indemnification, contribution, liquidated damages, penalty (including any remedy deemed to constitute a penalty), right of set-off, arbitration, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, non-exclusivity of remedies, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents. Our services did not include financial or other non-legal advice. Finally, our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

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

- (1) The transcript of certified proceedings evidences complete legal authority for the issuance of the Bonds in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas presently in effect. The Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, and the Bonds have been authorized and delivered in accordance with law;
- (2) The Bonds are payable from, and secured by, the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property located within the Issuer, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and
- (3) Interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual, or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

APPENDIX E

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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

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

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) convened on January 14, 2025, and is scheduled to conclude on June 2, 2025. As of the date of this disclosure, the regular session is underway. The Texas Governor may call one or more special sessions at the conclusion of the regular session. During this time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the Guarantee Program, the TEA, the State Board of Education (the “SBOE”), the Permanent School Fund Corporation (the “PSF Corporation”), the Act, and Texas school finance generally. No representation is made regarding any actions the Legislature has taken or may take, but the TEA, SBOE, and PSF Corporation monitor and analyze legislation for any developments applicable thereto.

History and Purpose

The PSF supports the State’s public school system in two major ways: distributions to the constitutionally established Available School Fund (the “ASF”), as described below, and the guarantee of school district and charter district issued bonds through the Guarantee Program. The PSF was created in 1845 and received its first significant funding with a \$2,000,000 appropriation by the Legislature in 1854 expressly for the benefit of the public schools of Texas, with the sole purpose of assisting in the funding of public education for present and future generations. The Constitution of 1876 described that the PSF would be “permanent,” and stipulated that certain lands and all proceeds from the sale of these lands should also constitute the PSF. Additional acts later gave more public domain land and rights to the PSF. In 1953, the U.S. Congress passed the Submerged Lands Act that relinquished to coastal states all rights of the U.S. navigable waters within state boundaries. If the State, by law, had set a larger boundary prior to or at the time of

admission to the Union, or if the boundary had been approved by Congress, then the larger boundary applied. After three years of litigation (1957-1960), the U.S. Supreme Court on May 31, 1960, affirmed Texas' historic three marine leagues (10.35 miles) seaward boundary. Texas proved its submerged lands property rights to three leagues into the Gulf of Mexico by citing historic laws and treaties dating back to 1836. All lands lying within that limit belong to the PSF. The proceeds from the sale and the mineral-related rental of these lands, including bonuses, delay rentals and royalty payments, become the corpus of the Fund. Prior to the approval by the voters of the State of an amendment to the constitutional provision under which the Fund was established and administered, which occurred on September 13, 2003 (the "Total Return Constitutional Amendment"), and which is further described below, only the income produced by the PSF could be used to complement taxes in financing public education, which primarily consisted of income from securities, capital gains from securities transactions, and royalties from the sale of oil and natural gas. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment provides that interest and dividends produced by Fund investments will be additional revenue to the PSF.

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

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

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

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

Audited financial information for the PSF is provided annually through the PSF Corporation's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "Annual Report"), which is filed with the Municipal

Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). The Texas School Land Board’s (the “SLB”) land and real assets investment operations, which are part of the PSF as described below, are also included in the annual financial report of the Texas General Land Office (the “GLO”) that is included in the annual comprehensive report of the State of Texas. The Annual Report includes the Message From the Chief Executive Officer of the PSF Corporation (the “Message”) and the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”). The Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2024, as filed with the MSRB in accordance with the PSF undertaking and agreement made in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 (“Rule 15c2-12”) of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as described below, is hereby incorporated by reference into this disclosure. Information included herein for the year ended August 31, 2024, is derived from the audited financial statements of the PSF, which are included in the Annual Report as it is filed and posted. Reference is made to the Annual Report for the complete Message and MD&A for the year ended August 31, 2024, and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2024, the most recent year for which audited financial information regarding the Fund is available. The 2024 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the PSF Corporation has not obligated itself to update the 2024 Annual Report or any other Annual Report. The PSF Corporation posts (i) each Annual Report, which includes statistical data regarding the Fund as of the close of each fiscal year, (ii) the most recent disclosure for the Guarantee Program, (iii) the PSF Corporation’s Investment Policy Statement (the “IPS”), and (iv) monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program (collectively, the “Web Site Materials”) on the PSF Corporation’s web site at <https://texaspsf.org> and with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org. Such monthly updates regarding the Guarantee Program are also incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes. In addition to the Web Site Materials, the Fund is required to make quarterly filings with the SEC under Section 13(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such filings, which consist of a list of the Fund’s holdings of securities specified in Section 13(f), including exchange-traded (*e.g.*, NYSE) or NASDAQ-quoted stocks, equity options and warrants, shares of closed-end investment companies and certain convertible debt securities, are available from the SEC at www.sec.gov/edgar. A list of the Fund’s equity and fixed income holdings as of August 31 of each year is posted to the PSF Corporation’s web site and filed with the MSRB. Such list excludes holdings in the Fund’s securities lending program. Such list, as filed, is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

Management and Administration of the Fund

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Corporation, but such authorization does not affect the State Auditor's authority to conduct an audit of the PSF Corporation in accordance with State laws.

For each biennium, beginning with the 2024-2025 State biennium, the PSF Corporation is required to submit a legislative appropriations request ("LAR") to the LBB and the Office of the Governor that details a request for appropriation of funds to enable the PSF Corporation to carry out its responsibilities for the investment management of the Fund. The requested funding, budget structure, and riders are sufficient to fully support all operations of the PSF Corporation in state fiscal years 2026 and 2027. As described therein, the LAR is designed to provide the PSF Corporation with the ability to operate as a stand-alone state entity in the State budget while retaining the flexibility to fulfill its fiduciary duty and provide oversight and transparency to the Legislature and Governor.

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment

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

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

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

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

Annual Distributions to the Available School Fund¹

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023²</u>	<u>2024</u>
PSF(CORP) Distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,076	\$2,156
PSF(SBOE) Distribution	839	1,056	1,056	1,236	1,236	1,102	1,102	1,731	-	-
PSF(SLB) Distribution	-	-	-	-	300	600	600 ³	415	115	-
Per Student Distribution	173	215	212	247	306	347	341	432	440	430

¹ In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

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

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

In November 2024, the SBOE approved a \$3.6 billion distribution to the ASF for State fiscal biennium 2026-2027. In making its determination of the 2026-2027 Distribution Rate, the SBOE took into account the planned distribution to the ASF by the PSF Corporation of \$1.2 billion for the biennium.

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

<u>State Fiscal Biennium</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
<u>SBOE Distribution Rate¹</u>	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32%	3.45%

¹ Includes only distributions made to the ASF by the SBOE; see the immediately preceding table for amounts of direct SLB distributions to the ASF. In addition, the PSF Corp approved transfers of \$600 million per year directly to the ASF for fiscal biennium 2026-27.

PSF Corporation Strategic Asset Allocation

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

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

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

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

Natural Resources	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Infrastructure	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%

The table below sets forth the comparative investments of the PSF for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2023 and 2024, as set forth in the Annual Report for the 2024 fiscal year. As of January 1, 2023, the assets of the PSF(SBOE) and the PSF(SLB) were generally combined (referred to herein as the PSF(CORP)) for investment management and accounting purposes.

Comparative Investment Schedule – PSF(CORP)

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2024 and 2023				
ASSET CLASS	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
EQUITY				
Domestic Small Cap	\$3,651.3	\$ 2,975.1	\$ 676.2	22.7%
Domestic Large Cap	<u>8,084.6</u>	<u>7,896.5</u>	<u>188.1</u>	<u>2.4%</u>
Total Domestic Equity	11,735.9	10,871.6	864.3	8.0%
International Equity	<u>4,131.1</u>	<u>7,945.5</u>	<u>(3,814.4)</u>	<u>-48.0%</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	15,867.0	18,817.1	(2,950.1)	-15.7%
FIXED INCOME				
Domestic Fixed Income	-	5,563.7	-	-
US Treasuries	-	937.5	-	-
Core Bonds	8,151.6	-	-	-
Bank Loans	2,564.1	-	-	-
High Yield Bonds	2,699.5	1,231.6	1,467.9	119.2%
Emerging Market Debt	-	<u>869.7</u>	-	-
TOTAL FIXED INCOME	13,415.2	8,602.5	4,812.7	55.9%
ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS				
Absolute Return	3,106.0	3,175.8	(69.8)	-2.2%
Real Estate	6,101.0	6,525.2	(424.2)	-6.5%
Private Equity	8,958.8	8,400.7	558.1	6.6%
Emerging Manager Program	-	134.5	-	-
Real Return	-	1,663.7	-	-
Private Credit	2,257.9	-	-	-
Real Assets	<u>4,648.1</u>	<u>4,712.1</u>	<u>(64.0)</u>	<u>-1.4%</u>
TOT ALT INVESTMENTS	25,071.8	24,612.0	459.8	1.9%
UNALLOCATED CASH	<u>2,583.2</u>	<u>348.2</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>641.9%</u>
TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS	56,937.2	\$ 52,379.8	\$ 4,557.4	8.7%

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

The table below sets forth the investments of the PSF(SLB) for the year ended August 31, 2024.

Investment Schedule - PSF(SLB)¹

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2024

	As of <u>8-31-24</u>
Investment Type	
Investments in Real Assets	
Sovereign Lands	\$ 277.47
Discretionary Internal Investments	457.01
Other Lands	153.15
Minerals ^{(2), (3)}	<u>4,540.61</u> ⁽⁶⁾
Total Investments ⁽⁴⁾	5,428.23
Cash in State Treasury ⁽⁵⁾	0
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$ 5,428.23

¹ Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2024 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

² Historical Cost of investments at August 31, 2024 was: Sovereign Lands \$838,730.24; Discretionary Internal Investments \$318,902,420.97; Other Lands \$37,290,818.76; and Minerals \$13,437,063.73.

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

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

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

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

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

The School District Bond Guarantee Program

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

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

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

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

Generally, the regulations that govern the School District Bond Guarantee Program (the "SDBGP Rules") limit guarantees to certain types of notes and bonds, including, with respect to refunding bonds issued by school districts, a requirement that the bonds produce debt service savings. The SDBGP Rules include certain accreditation criteria for districts applying for a guarantee of their bonds, and limit guarantees to districts that have less than the amount of annual debt service per

average daily attendance that represents the 90th percentile of annual debt service per average daily attendance for all school districts, but such limitation will not apply to school districts that have enrollment growth of at least 25% over the previous five school years. The SDBGP Rules are codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC section 33.6 and are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/facilities-funding-and-standards/bond-guarantee-program>.

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

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

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

Pursuant to the CDBGP Rules, the Education Commissioner annually determines the ratio of charter district students to total public school students, for the 2025 fiscal year, the ratio is 7.86%. At February 27, 2025, there were 188 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 1,222 charter school campuses authorized under such charters, though as of such date, 264 of such campuses are not currently serving students for various reasons; therefore, there are 958 charter school campuses actively serving students in Texas. Section 12.101, Texas Education Code, limits the number of charters that the Education Commissioner may grant to a total number of 305 charters. While legislation limits the number of charters that may be granted, it does not limit the number of campuses that may operate under a particular charter. For information regarding the capacity of the Guarantee Program, see “Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program.” The Act provides that the Education Commissioner may not approve the guarantee of refunding or refinanced bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program in a total amount that exceeds one-half of the total amount available for the guarantee of charter district bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program

The capacity of the Fund to guarantee bonds under the Guarantee Program is limited to the lesser of that imposed by State law (the "State Capacity Limit") and that imposed by regulations and a notice issued by the IRS (the "IRS Limit", with the limit in effect at any given time being the "Capacity Limit"). From 2005 through 2009, the Guarantee Program twice reached capacity under the IRS Limit, and in each instance the Guarantee Program was closed to new bond guarantee

applications until relief was obtained from the IRS. The most recent closure of the Guarantee Program commenced in March 2009 and the Guarantee Program reopened in February 2010 after the IRS updated regulations relating to the PSF and similar funds.

Prior to 2007, various legislation was enacted modifying the calculation of the State Capacity limit; however, in 2007, Senate Bill 389 (“SB 389”) was enacted, providing for increases in the capacity of the Guarantee Program, and specifically providing that the SBOE may by rule increase the capacity of the Guarantee Program from two and one-half times the cost value of the PSF to an amount not to exceed five times the cost value of the PSF, provided that the increased limit does not violate federal law and regulations and does not prevent bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program from receiving the highest available credit rating, as determined by the SBOE. SB 389 further provided that the SBOE shall at least annually consider whether to change the capacity of the Guarantee Program. Additionally, on May 21, 2010, the SBOE modified the SDBGP Rules, and increased the State Capacity Limit to an amount equal to three times the cost value of the PSF. Such modified regulations, including the revised capacity rule, became effective on July 1, 2010. The SDBGP Rules provide that the Education Commissioner will estimate the available capacity of the PSF each month and may increase or reduce the State Capacity Limit multiplier to prudently manage fund capacity and maintain the AAA credit rating of the Guarantee Program but also provide that any changes to the multiplier made by the Education Commissioner are to be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at the next meeting following the change. See “Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds” below.

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

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

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

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of January 31, 2025 the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$48,560,433,760 (unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of \$242,802,168,800 in principal amount of guaranteed bonds outstanding.

As of January 31, 2025, the estimated State Capacity Limit is \$169,961,518,160, which is lower than the IRS Limit, making the State Capacity Limit the current Capacity Limit for the Fund.

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

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

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

2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

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

The percentage of the charter district scholastic population to the overall public school scholastic population has grown from 3.53% in September 2012 to 7.86% in February 2025. TEA is unable to predict how the ratio of charter district students to the total State scholastic population will change over time.

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

Since the initial authorization of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act has established a bond guarantee reserve fund in the State treasury (the “Charter District Reserve Fund”). Formerly, the Act provided that each charter district that has a bond guaranteed must annually remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 10% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on its bonds due to the guarantee by the PSF. SB 1480 modified the Act insofar as it pertains to the Charter District Reserve Fund. Effective September 1, 2017, the Act provides that a charter district that has a bond guaranteed must remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 20% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on the bond due to the guarantee by the PSF. The amount due shall be paid on receipt by the charter district of the bond proceeds. However, the deposit requirement will not apply if the balance of the Charter District Reserve Fund is at least equal to 3.00% of the total amount of outstanding guaranteed bonds issued by charter districts. At January 31, 2025, the Charter District Reserve Fund contained \$120,355,020, which represented approximately 2.44% of the guaranteed charter district bonds. The Reserve Fund is held and invested as a non-commingled fund under the administration of the PSF Corporation staff.

Charter District Risk Factors

Open-enrollment charter schools in the State may not charge tuition and, unlike school districts, charter districts have no taxing power. Funding for charter district operations is largely from amounts appropriated by the Legislature. Additionally, the amount of State payments a charter district receives is based on a variety of factors, including the enrollment at the schools operated by a charter district, and may be affected by the State's economic performance and other budgetary considerations and various political considerations.

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

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

As described above, the Act includes a funding "intercept" function that applies to both the School District Bond Guarantee Program and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, school districts are viewed as the "educator of last resort" for students residing in the geographical territory of the district, which makes it unlikely that State funding for those school districts would be discontinued, although the TEA can require the dissolution and merger into another school district if necessary to ensure sound education and financial management of a school district. That is not the case with a charter district, however, and open-enrollment charter schools in the State have been dissolved by TEA from time to time. If a charter district that has bonds outstanding that

are guaranteed by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program should be dissolved, debt service on guaranteed bonds of the district would continue to be paid to bondholders in accordance with the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, but there would be no funding available for reimbursement of the PSF by the Comptroller for such payments. As described under “The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program,” the Act established the Charter District Reserve Fund, to serve as a reimbursement resource for the PSF.

Ratings of Bonds Guaranteed Under the Guarantee Program

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

Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds

Permanent School Fund Valuations		
Fiscal Year Ended 8/31	Book Value ⁽¹⁾	Market Value ⁽¹⁾
2020	\$36,642,000,738	\$46,764,059,745
2021	38,699,895,545	55,582,252,097
2022	42,511,350,050	56,754,515,757
2023	43,915,792,841	59,020,536,667
2024 ⁽²⁾	46,276,260,013	56,937,188,265

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

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 2024, mineral assets, sovereign lands, other lands, and discretionary internal investments, had book values of approximately \$13.4 million, \$0.8 million, \$37.2 million, and \$318.9 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$4,540.6 million, \$277.4 million, \$153.1 million, and \$457.0 million, respectively.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds	
At 8/31	Principal Amount ⁽¹⁾
2020	\$90,336,680,245
2021	95,259,161,922
2022	103,239,495,929
2023	115,730,826,682
2024	125,815,981,603 ⁽²⁾

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

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 2024 (the most recent date for which such data is available), the TEA expected that the principal and interest to be paid by school districts and charter districts over the remaining life of the bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program was \$196,294,405,488, of which \$70,478,423,885 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2024, there were \$125,815,981,603 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program. Using the State Capacity Limit of \$169,961,518,160 (the State Capacity Limit is currently the Capacity Limit), net of the Capacity Reserve, as of January 31, 2025, 7.69% of the Guarantee Program's capacity was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. As of January 31, 2025, the amount of

outstanding bond guarantees represented 76.33% of the Capacity Limit (which is currently the State Capacity Limit). January 31, 2025 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category⁽¹⁾

Fiscal Year Ended <u>8/31</u>	<u>School District Bonds</u>		<u>Charter District Bonds</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>
2020	3,296	87,800,478,245	64	2,536,202,000	3,360	90,336,680,245
2021	3,346	91,951,175,922	83	3,307,986,000	3,429	95,259,161,922
2022	3,348	99,528,099,929	94	3,711,396,000	3,442	103,239,495,929
2023	3,339	111,647,914,682	102	4,082,912,000	3,441	115,730,826,682
2024 ⁽²⁾	3,330	121,046,871,603	103	4,769,110,000	3,433	125,815,981,603

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

⁽²⁾ At January 31, 2025 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$129,723,799,121 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,437 school district issues, aggregating \$124,794,149,121 in principal amount and 109 charter district issues, aggregating \$4,929,650,000 in principal amount. At January 31, 2025 the projected guarantee capacity available was \$39,780,221,830 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

Discussion and Analysis Pertaining to Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2024, including the Message from the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, the Management's Discussion and Analysis, and other schedules contained therein. Reference is made to the Annual Report, as filed with the MSRB, for the complete Message and MD&A. Investment assets managed by the PSF Corporation are referred to throughout this MD&A as the PSF(CORP). The Fund's non-financial real assets are managed by the SLB and these assets are referred to throughout as the PSF(SLB) assets.

At the end of fiscal year 2024, the PSF(CORP) net position was \$57.3 billion. During the year, the PSF(CORP) continued implementing the long-term strategic asset allocation, diversifying the investment mix to strengthen the Fund. The asset allocation is projected to increase returns over the long run while reducing risk and portfolio return volatility. The PSF(CORP) is invested in global markets and liquid and illiquid assets experience volatility commensurate with the related indices. The PSF(CORP) is broadly diversified and benefits from the cost structure of its investment program. Changes continue to be researched, crafted, and implemented to make the cost structure more effective and efficient. The PSF(CORP) annual rates of return for the one-year, five-year, and ten-year periods ending August 31, 2024, net of fees, were 10.12%, 7.31%, and 6.32%, respectively (total return takes into consideration the change in the market value of the Fund during the year as well as the interest and dividend income generated by the Fund's investments). See "Comparative Investment Schedule - PSF(CORP)" for the PSF(CORP) holdings as of August 31, 2024.

Effective February 1, 2024, Texas PSF transitioned into a new strategic asset allocation. The new allocation of the PSF Corporation updated the strategic asset allocation among public equities, fixed income, and alternative assets, as discussed herein. Alternative assets now include private credit, absolute return, private equity, real estate, natural resources, and infrastructure. For a description of the accrual basis of accounting and more information about performance, including comparisons to established benchmarks for certain periods, please see the 2024 Annual Report which is included by reference herein.

PSF Returns Fiscal Year Ended 8-31-2024¹

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Benchmark Return²</u>
Total PSF(CORP) Portfolio	10.12	9.28
Domestic Large Cap Equities	27.30	27.14
Domestic Small/Mid Cap Equities	18.35	18.37
International Equities	18.82	18.08
Private Credit	1.41	0.93
Core Bonds	7.08	7.30
Absolute Return	11.50	8.87
Real Estate	(6.42)	(7.22)
Private Equity	4.62	4.23
High Yield	12.03	12.53
Natural Resources	12.36	6.42
Infrastructure	4.41	3.63
Bank Loans	3.02	3.23
Short Term Investment Portfolio	2.42	2.28

¹ Time weighted rates of return adjusted for cash flows for the PSF(CORP) investment assets. Does not include SLB managed real estate or real assets. Returns are net of fees. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

² Benchmarks are as set forth in the Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

The SLB is responsible for the investment of money in the Real Estate Special Fund Account (RESFA) of the PSF (also referred to herein as the PSF(SLB)). Pursuant to applicable law, money in the PSF(SLB) may be invested in land, mineral and royalty interest, and real property holdings. For more information regarding the investments of the PSF(SLB), please see the 2024 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

The Fund directly supports the public school system in the State by distributing a predetermined percentage of its asset value to the ASF. In fiscal year 2024, \$2.2 billion was distributed to the ASF, \$600 million of which was distributed by the PSF(CORP) on behalf of the SLB.

Other Events and Disclosures

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

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

As of August 31, 2024, certain lawsuits were pending against the State and/or the GLO, which challenge the Fund's title to certain real property and/or past or future mineral income from that property, and other litigation arising in the normal course of the investment activities of the PSF. Reference is made to the Annual Report, when filed, for a description of such lawsuits that are pending, which may represent contingent liabilities of the Fund.

PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

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

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

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

Annual Reports

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

The TEA and the PSF Corporation may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly-available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information includes audited financial statements of, or relating to, the State or the PSF, when and if such audits are commissioned and available. In the event audits are not available by the filing deadline, unaudited financial statements will be provided by such deadline, and audited

financial statements will be provided when available. Financial statements of the State will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to state governments, as such principles may be changed from time to time, or such other accounting principles as the State Auditor is required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation. The financial statements of the Fund are required to be prepared to conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

The PSF Corporation reports as a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities and reports to the State of Texas as a discretely presented component unit accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Measurement focus refers to the definition of the resource flows measured. Under the accrual basis of accounting, all revenues reported are recognized in the period they are earned or when the PSF Corporation has a right to receive them. Expenses are recognized in the period they are incurred, and the subsequent amortization of any deferred outflows. Additionally, costs related to capital assets are capitalized and subsequently depreciated over the useful life of the assets. Both current and long-term assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of net position.

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

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

Event Notices

The TEA and the PSF Corporation will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. Such notices will be provided not more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event. The TEA or the PSF Corporation will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Guarantee Program: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Guarantee Program, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Guarantee Program; (7) modifications to rights of holders of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the

meaning of the federal securities laws; (8) bond calls, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (11) rating changes of the Guarantee Program; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Guarantee Program (which is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Guarantee Program in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program); (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Guarantee Program or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (14) the appointment of a successor or additional trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program or the change of name of a trustee, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (15) the incurrence of a financial obligation of the Guarantee Program, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Guarantee Program, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Guarantee Program, any of which reflect financial difficulties. (Neither the Act nor any other law, regulation or instrument pertaining to the Guarantee Program make any provision with respect to the Guarantee Program for bond calls, debt service reserves, credit enhancement, liquidity enhancement, early redemption, or the appointment of a trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program.) In addition, the TEA or the PSF Corporation will provide timely notice of any failure by the TEA or the PSF Corporation to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under “Annual Reports.”

Availability of Information

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

Limitations and Amendments

The TEA and the PSF Corporation have agreed to update information and to provide notices of material events only as described above. The TEA and the PSF Corporation have not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that is provided, except as described above. The TEA and the PSF Corporation make no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell bonds at any future date. The TEA and the PSF Corporation disclaim any contractual or tort

liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the TEA and the PSF Corporation to comply with its agreement.

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

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

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

Except as stated below, during the last five years, the TEA and the PSF Corporation have not failed to substantially comply with their previous continuing disclosure agreements in accordance with Rule 15c2-12. On April 28, 2022, TEA became aware that it had not timely filed its 2021 Annual Report with EMMA due to an administrative oversight. TEA took corrective action and filed the 2021 Annual Report with EMMA on April 28, 2022, followed by a notice of late filing made with EMMA on April 29, 2022. TEA notes that the 2021 Annual Report was timely filed on the TEA website by the required filing date and that website posting has been incorporated by reference into TEA's Bond Guarantee Program disclosures that are included in school district and charter district offering documents. On March 31, 2023, the TEA and the PSF Corporation became aware that the 2022 operating data was not timely filed with EMMA due to an administrative oversight. TEA and PSF Corporation took corrective action and filed a notice of late filing with EMMA on April 4, 2023. The annual operating data was previously posted to EMMA on March 31, 2023.

SEC Exemptive Relief

On February 9, 1996, the TEA received a letter from the Chief Counsel of the SEC that pertains to the availability of the "small issuer exemption" set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12.

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

