

OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
Dated May 14, 2026

NEW ISSUE – BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

Enhanced/Unenhanced Ratings:  
Moody's: "Aaa" / "A1"  
PSF: "Guaranteed"

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

*In the opinion of Tax Counsel (defined herein), assuming continuing compliance by the District (defined below) after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds (defined below) with certain covenants contained in the Bond Order (defined below) and subject to the matters set forth under "TAX MATTERS" herein, interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (i) is excludable from gross income pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

*The District will NOT designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.*



**\$31,380,000**

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**(a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Lamar & Delta Counties)  
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026**

**Dated Date: June 1, 2026**

**Due: As shown on the inside cover page hereto**

**Interest to Accrue from Date of Delivery**

**AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE ...** The Chisum Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding 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, Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, an election held in the Chisum Independent School District (the "District") on May 6, 2023 (the "Election"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on May 14, 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 initial delivery to the Underwriter (detailed below), will be payable on each February 15 and August 15 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 the purpose of (i) refunding certain outstanding debt of the District as provided in Schedule I (the "Refunded Bonds") for debt service savings (ii) construction, renovation, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the district, including necessary sites, and the purchase of new school buses, and (iii) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

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

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

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*The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as, and if issued and received by the Initial Purchasers named below (the "Underwriter") and are subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinions of FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel and Tax Counsel, and Powell Law Group, LLP, Austin, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel. See "APPENDIX C – FORMS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION AND TAX COUNSEL'S OPINION" attached hereto. Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Winstead PC, San Antonio, Texas. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about June 10, 2026 (the "Date of Delivery").*

**J.P. MORGAN**

**OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.**

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

**\$31,380,000**

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**CUSIP No. Prefix 170175 <sup>(1)</sup>**

| <b>Maturity Date<br/>(8/15)</b> | <b>Principal<br/>(\$)</b> | <b>Interest Rate<br/>(%)</b> | <b>Initial Yield <sup>(2)</sup><br/>(%)</b> | <b>CUSIP No. <sup>(1)</sup><br/>Suffix</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| 2027                            | 2,015,000                 | 5.000                        | 2.790                                       | FN8  |
| 2028                            | 2,240,000                 | 5.000                        | 2.770                                       | FP3  |
| 2029                            | 2,215,000                 | 5.000                        | 2.820                                       | FQ1  |
| 2030                            | 935,000                   | 5.000                        | 2.890                                       | FR9  |
| 2031                            | 900,000                   | 5.000                        | 2.980                                       | FS7  |
| 2032                            | 845,000                   | 5.000                        | 3.080                                       | FT5  |
| 2033                            | 2,160,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.140                                       | FU2  |
| 2034                            | 2,275,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.220                                       | FV0  |
| 2035                            | 2,390,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.280                                       | FW8  |
| 2036                            | 2,500,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.370                                       | FX6  |
| 2037                            | 2,635,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.470 <sup>(2)</sup>                        | FY4  |
| 2038                            | 2,760,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.550 <sup>(2)</sup>                        | FZ1  |
| 2039                            | 2,890,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.650 <sup>(2)</sup>                        | GA5  |
| 2040                            | 1,845,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.690 <sup>(2)</sup>                        | GB3  |
| 2041                            | 2,775,000                 | 5.000                        | 3.770 <sup>(2)</sup>                        | GC1  |

(Interest to accrue from the initial Date of Delivery)

**Optional Redemption.** The District reserves the option to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2037, in whole or in part, before their respective scheduled maturity dates, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2036, or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. See “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions of the Bonds – Optional Redemption” herein.

<sup>(1)</sup> CUSIP numbers are included solely for the convenience of the owners of the Bonds. CUSIP is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data herein is provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed by FactSet Research Systems Inc. on behalf of the American Bankers Association. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP Services. None of the Underwriter, the District, or the Municipal Advisor is responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.

<sup>(2)</sup> Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on August 15, 2036, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**3250 Church Street  
Paris, Texas 75462**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

| <u>Name</u>     | <u>Position</u> | <u>Term Expiration</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Travis Ball     | President       | May 2028               |
| Judd Oats       | Vice-President  | May 2027               |
| James Weems     | Secretary       | May 2027               |
| Craig Burns     | Trustee         | May 2026               |
| Dashielle Floyd | Trustee         | May 2026               |
| Matt Patterson  | Trustee         | May 2028               |
| Larry Rickman   | Trustee         | May 2027               |

**ADMINISTRATION – FINANCE RELATED**

| <u>Name</u>    | <u>Position</u>  |
|----------------|------------------|
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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 D - 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 respective 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.

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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 D - 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.

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The cover page hereof, Schedule I, 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 Lamar & Delta 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, Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1) of the Texas Education Code, as amended, Chapters 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, an election held on May 6, 2023 (the "Election"), and a bond order adopted by the Board on May 14, 2026 (the "Bond Order"). The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District, payable from an 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.

**THE BONDS** .....The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds" herein.

**DATED DATE** .....June 1, 2026.

**PAYMENT OF INTEREST** ...Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of initial delivery to the Underwriter (detailed below), will be payable on each February 15 and August 15, 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 option to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2037, in whole or in part before their respective scheduled maturity dates, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2036, or on any date thereafter, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions of the Bonds – Optional Redemption" 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 FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas, Tax Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds (i) is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, and (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. See "TAX MATTERS" herein and "APPENDIX C – FORMS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION AND TAX COUNSEL'S OPINION" attached hereto.

**NOT QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**.....The District will NOT designate the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE** .....The District has received 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 D – 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 "A1" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") without regard to credit enhancement, and "Aaa" by Moody's by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State. See "APPENDIX D - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto.

**USE OF PROCEEDS** ..... Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) refunding certain outstanding debt of the District as provided in Schedule I (the "Refunded Bonds") for debt service savings (ii) construction, renovation, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the district, including necessary sites, and the purchase of new school buses, and (iii) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "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 June 10, 2026.

**LEGALITY** .....The Bonds are subject to the receipt of an approving opinion from the Attorney General of the State of Texas and an opinion from FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas and Powell Law Group, LLP, Austin, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel. See "APPENDIX C – FORMS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION AND TAX COUNSEL'S OPINION" attached hereto.

## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Relating to

\$31,380,000

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Lamar & Delta Counties)**  
**UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026**

### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes Schedule I and the appendices attached hereto, and incorporated herein, provides certain information regarding the issuance of the \$31,380,000 Chisum Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding 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, Chapters 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, an election held in the Chisum Independent School District (the "District") on May 6, 2023 (the "Election"), and that certain bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") on May 14, 2026. The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District, payable from an 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 Chisum Independent School District, 3250 Church Street, Paris, Texas 75462 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: John Blackburn, 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 Lamar & Delta 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.

### PLAN OF FINANCING

#### Purpose

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) refunding certain outstanding debt of the District as provided in Schedule I (the "Refunded Bonds") for debt service savings (ii) construction, renovation, improvement, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the district, including necessary sites, and the purchase of new school buses, and (iii) to pay for the costs of issuance of the Bonds. See "Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

#### Refunded Bonds

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

The Order provides that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds to the Underwriters shown on the cover page of this Official Statement (the "Underwriters"), the District will deposit with the Escrow Agent an amount which, together with the Escrowed Securities (defined below) purchased with a portion of the Bond proceeds and the interest to be earned on such Escrowed Securities, will be sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds. Such funds will be held by the Escrow Agent in an escrow account (the "Escrow Fund") and used to purchase some or all of the following types of obligations: (a) direct noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the Pricing Officer adopts or approves the Pricing Certificate, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the Pricing Officer approves the Pricing Certificate, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent (the "Escrowed Securities"). Under the Escrow Agreement, the Escrow Fund is irrevocably pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. Money held in the Escrow Fund will not be available to pay debt service on the Bonds.

Public Finance Partners, Minneapolis, Minnesota (the "Verification Agent") will verify at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters thereof the mathematical accuracy of the schedules that demonstrate the Escrowed Securities will mature and pay interest in such amounts which, together with uninvested funds, in the Escrow Fund, will be sufficient to pay, the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds on their redemption dates. Such maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities will not be available to pay the Bonds. See "VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS" herein.

By the deposit of the Escrowed Securities and cash, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, and the ordinance authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. It is the opinion of Co-Bond Counsel that as a result of such defeasance, and in reliance upon the report of the Verification Agent, firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds will have been made and therefore the Refunded Bonds will be deemed fully paid and no longer outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payments from the Escrowed Securities and cash held for such purpose by the Escrow Agent. See "VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS" herein.

Upon defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, the Permanent School Fund guarantee with respect thereto will terminate.

**Sources and Uses of Funds**

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

|                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>Sources of Funds:</u>            |                        |
| Par Amount of Bonds                 | \$31,380,000.00        |
| Reoffering Premium on the Bonds     | 3,275,159.20           |
| <b>TOTAL SOURCES</b>                | <b>\$34,655,159.20</b> |
| <br><u>Uses of Funds:</u>           |                        |
| Deposit into Construction Fund      | \$20,000,000.00        |
| Deposit to Current Refunding Fund   | 14,227,434.41          |
| Costs of Issuance & Rounding Amount | 268,632.67             |
| Underwriters' Discount              | 159,092.12             |
| <b>TOTAL USES</b>                   | <b>\$34,655,159.20</b> |

**THE BONDS**

**Description of the Bonds**

The Bonds will be dated June 1, 2026 (the "Dated Date") and mature on August 15 in each of the years and in the amounts shown on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of initial delivery to the Underwriter, will be payable each February 15 and August 15 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 to the registered owners appearing on the bond registration books kept by the Paying Agent/Registrar relating to the Bonds (the "Bond Register") on the Record Date (detailed below) and such interest shall be paid by the Paying Agent/Registrar (i) by check sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner recorded in the Bond Register or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by, and at the risk and expense of,

the registered owner. 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 above) 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, Chapters 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Election, and the Bond Order.

**Authorized But Unissued Bonds**

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$0 in authorized but unissued bonds remaining, as further described below.

A summary of the bonds authorized at said Election is as follows:

| <u>Purpose</u>          | <u>Amount Authorized</u> | <u>Amount Previously Issued</u> | <u>Amount This Issue*</u> | <u>Amount Remaining</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| School Building & Buses | \$50,000,000             | \$30,000,000                    | \$20,000,000              | \$0                     |

\* Includes premium on the Bonds to be deposited into the Construction Fund.

**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 D - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” attached hereto.

**Permanent School Fund Guarantee**

The District has received conditional approval from the State Commissioner of Education (the “Education 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 D - 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 to redeem the Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2037, in whole or in part, in denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2036 or any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. When the Bonds or portions thereof have been called for redemption and due provisions have been made to redeem the Bonds, the amounts so redeemed shall be payable solely from the funds provided for redemption, and interest that would otherwise accrue on the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall terminate on the date fixed for redemption.

**Selection of Bonds for Redemption**

If fewer than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be so redeemed. If fewer than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed. If a Bond (or any portion of the principal

sum thereof) shall have been called for redemption and notice of such redemption shall have been given, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

### **Notice of Redemption**

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, 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**

Any Bond(s) will be deemed paid and shall no longer be considered to be outstanding within the meaning of the Bond Order when payment of the principal of and interest on such Bond(s) to its stated maturity or redemption date has been made or will have been provided by depositing with an authorized escrow agent: (1) cash in an amount sufficient to make such payment; (2) Government Obligations (defined below) certified, in the case of a net defeasance, by an independent public accounting firm of national reputation, the District's Municipal Advisor, the Paying Agent/Registrar, or another qualified third party certifying such maturities and interest payment dates and bear such interest as will, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings therefrom, be sufficient to make such payment; or (3) a combination of moneys and Government Obligations together so certified sufficient to make such payment.

The Bond Order provides that "Government Obligations" means: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America; (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent; (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and that are, on the date of the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent; or (d) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by Texas law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds. Authorized District officials may limit these eligible securities as deemed necessary, in connection with the sale of the Bonds. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities acquired to defease any Bonds, or those for any other Government Obligations, will be maintained at any particular rating category. Further, there is no assurance that current Texas law will not be amended in a manner that expands or contracts the list of permissible defeasance securities (such list consisting of those securities identified in clauses (a) through (c) above), or any rating requirement thereon, that may be purchased with defeasance proceeds relating to the Bonds ("Defeasance Proceeds"), though the District has reserved the right to utilize any additional securities for such purpose in the event the aforementioned list is expanded. Because the Bond Order does not contractually limit such permissible defeasance securities and expressly recognizes the ability of the District to use lawfully available Defeasance Proceeds to defease all or any portion of the Bonds, registered owners of the Bonds are deemed to have consented to the use of Defeasance Proceeds to purchase such other defeasance securities, notwithstanding the fact that such defeasance securities may not be of the same investment quality as those currently identified under Texas law as permissible defeasance securities.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, the District has the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call 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**

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

### **Default and Remedies**

If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest, or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Bond Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Bond Order, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or 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 D - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto for a description of the procedures to be followed for payment of the Bonds by the Permanent School Fund in the event the District fails to make a payment on the Bonds when due. The opinion of Co-Bond Counsel 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 Co-Bond Counsel, Frost Brown Todd, LLP Houston, Texas, and Powell Law Group, LLP, Austin, Texas.

## **Delivery**

When issued; anticipated to occur on or about June 10, 2026.

## **Future Issues**

After issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$0 in authorized but unissued ad valorem tax bonds. 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 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 commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the State or other entity duly qualified and legally 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 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 shall be discontinued, printed certificates will be issued to the registered owners of the Bonds and thereafter the Bonds may be transferred, registered, and assigned on the Bond Register only upon presentation and surrender of such printed certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond(s) will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond(s) being transferred or exchanged at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. A new Bond(s) issued in an exchange or transfer of a Bond(s) will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bond(s) to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. Any new Bond(s) registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like kind and aggregate principal amount and having the same maturity or maturities as the Bond(s) surrendered for exchange or transfer. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be utilized initially in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bond(s).

### **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](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in 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 D – 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 D 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 Lamar County Appraisal District and Delta County Appraisal District (each, an "Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, each Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within its 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, each 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 each 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.

Through December 31, 2026, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2026 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5,320,000 (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property (collectively, the "Appraisal Cap"). The maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year's increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the maximum property value.

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 each Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by each 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 the ad valorem taxes of each school district in the State imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes, (1) a \$140,000 exemption of the appraised value of all residence homesteads, (2) an additional \$60,000 exemption of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

### **Local Option Homestead Exemptions**

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all residence homesteads (but not less than \$5,000); and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised 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 reducing or repealing an 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.

The total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is 65 years of age or older or disabled may be adjusted to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead.

### **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 the voters provides a person an exemption from taxation by a taxing unit of \$125,000 of the appraised value of the 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. Such exemption is applicable from and after the 2026 tax year.

### **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 outside of the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or outside of 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 and 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. 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. 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, Texas Tax Code, to clarify that "damage" for the purposes of such statute is limited to "physical damage." For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35, Texas 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 (formerly Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended (“Chapter 313”) previously allowed school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain entities to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, for a ten-year period during 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 was not fully taxable was excluded from the school district’s taxable property values. Therefore, a school district was not subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement. See “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts” herein.

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 service tax securing a series of 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.

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 Districts by timely initiating a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, taxing units such as the District may bring suit against the Appraisal Districts 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, and situated in a county with a population of 1.2 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 \$62,883,169 for the 2026 tax year and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

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

## **Levy and Collection of Taxes**

The District is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and 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 Lamar County Appraisal District and the Delta County Appraisal District have the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in the respective County. Each 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 grants a State-mandated exemption to the market value of the residence homestead of persons 65 years of age or older or disabled of \$60,000. They do not grant a \$60,000 local option exemption.

The District does not grant an additional exemption on the market value of residence homesteads.

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

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

The District grants a freeport exemption.

The District does not tax nonbusiness personal property.

On November 5, 2007, the Board officially determined not to grant a "goods-in-transit" exemption.

In accordance with Section 11.131 of the Tax Code, the District grants a complete exemption on the residential homesteads of veterans judged to be 100% disabled or unemployable by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

The District has entered into an Economic Development Agreement authorized under Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended (a "Chapter 313 Agreement"), limiting the taxable appraised value for maintenance and operations purposes to \$30,000,000, beginning in tax year 2025 and extending through tax year 2034, with Mockingbird Solar Center, LLC. The District has also entered into a Chapter 313 Agreement limiting the taxable appraised value for maintenance and operations purposes to \$30,000,000, beginning in tax year 2028 and extending through tax year 2037, with MRG Goody Solar Project, LLC.

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

| Month    | Cumulative Penalty | Cumulative Interest | Total |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|-------|
| February | 6%                 | 1%                  | 7%    |
| March    | 7%                 | 2%                  | 9%    |
| April    | 8%                 | 3%                  | 11%   |
| May      | 9%                 | 4%                  | 13%   |
| June     | 10%                | 5%                  | 15%   |
| July     | 12%                | 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 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 v. The Texas Taxpayer & Student Fairness Coal.*, 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 despite 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: a maintenance and operations (“M&O”) tax to pay current expenses and an interest and sinking fund (“I&S”) tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts are prohibited from levying an M&O tax at a rate intended to create a surplus in M&O tax revenues to pay the district’s debt service. Current law also requires school districts to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount. See “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations” herein. Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is also subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize, on a per student basis 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 adopted 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. Pursuant to voter approval at a Statewide election held on November 4, 2025 and legislation passed by both houses of the Legislature, the following 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. Additionally, the Legislature passed legislation authorizing roughly \$8.5 billion in funding for public schools and providing districts with a \$55 per-student increase to their base funding beginning September 1, 2025, as well as providing 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 created an education savings account program (commonly referred to as vouchers) for students that attend private schools or are home schooled. The legislation became effective September 1, 2025, when the state fiscal biennium began, though families will not receive ESA funds until the 2026-2027 school year. The amount spent for purposes of the program for the 2026-2027 biennium may not exceed \$1 billion. Beginning on September 1, 2027, the legislation requires the Legislature to re-appropriate funds for the program for each subsequent State fiscal 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: (1) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (2) a percentage determined by formula if

the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (3) the prior year State Compression Percentage. For any year, the maximum State Compression Percentage is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2026, the State Compression Percentage is set at 63.22%.

**Maximum Compressed Tax Rate.** The Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (the “MCR”) is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of 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 the MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district’s MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district’s MCR for the current year, then the school district’s MCR is instead equal to the school district’s prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district’s MCR and any other school district’s MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. During the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, the Legislature took action to reduce the MCR for the 2025-2026 school year. 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. Pursuant to voter approval at a Statewide election held on November 4, 2025, the residential homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution will 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. The constitutional amendment took 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 in such year. Additionally, a school district’s levy of Copper Pennies is subject to compression if the guaranteed yield (i.e., the guaranteed level of local tax revenue and State aid generated for each cent of tax effort) of Copper Pennies is increased from one year to the next. See “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 the 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 supplemented for all school districts by various weights to account for differences among school districts and their student populations. Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, special education funding is provided through a service-intensity model, with the Commissioner establishing eight tiers of intensity and at least four service groups to determine funding levels based on the type and intensity of services students receive, rather than categorical placement. Additional allotments also support students who: (i) are diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, (ii) are economically disadvantaged, or (iii) 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 change to 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 the 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 Education Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Education Commissioner. 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 Education Commissioner. In the 2025 Regular Legislative Session, the 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 Education Commissioner may proportionally reduce the amount of funding a school district receives under the Foundation School Program and the ADA calculation if the school district operates on a calendar that provides less than the State-mandated minimum instruction time in a school year. The Education Commissioner may also adjust a school district's ADA as it relates to State funding where disaster, flood, extreme weather or other calamity has a significant effect on a school district's attendance.

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 as such state law existed on January 1, 2025, 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." 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 Education Commissioner to delay the date of the election otherwise required to be ordered before September 1. The Education Commissioner shall set a date by which each district that receives approval to delay an election must order the election and requires the Education 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 Education 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 Education 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 Education Commissioner must reduce the school district's local revenue level to the level that would produce the school district's guaranteed entitlement, by detaching certain types of property from the school district and annexing the property to a property-poor school district or, if necessary, consolidate the school district with a property-poor school district. Provisions governing detachment and annexation of taxable property by the Education Commissioner do not provide for assumption of any of the transferring school district's existing debt.

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

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" Chapter 49 school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District has entered into a wealth equalization agreement with the Commissioner for the purchase of attendance credits for the 2025-26 school year, for the purpose of implementing permitted wealth equalization options.

A district's status as to any excess local revenue in Tier One and its wealth per student for Copper Penny purposes in Tier Two must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the maximum permitted levels, the excess must be reduced by exercising one of the permitted wealth equalization options. If the District were to consolidate (or consolidate its tax base for all purposes) with a property-poor district, the outstanding debt of each district could become payable from the consolidated district's combined property tax base, and the District's ratio of taxable property to debt could become diluted. If the District were to detach property voluntarily, a portion of its outstanding debt (including the Bonds) could be assumed by the district to which the property is annexed, in which case timely payment of the Bonds could become dependent in part on the financial performance of the annexing district.

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

### **TAX RATE LIMITATIONS**

#### **M&O Tax Rate Limitations**

A school district is authorized to levy 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 a M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on July 31, 1965, under Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended (now codified as Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, as amended).

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

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

#### **I&S Tax Rate Limitations**

A school district is also authorized to issue bonds and levy taxes for payment of bonds subject to voter approval of one or more propositions submitted to the voters under Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, which provides a tax unlimited as to rate or amount for the support of school district bonded indebtedness. See "THE BONDS – Security 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 of Texas that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, "exempt bonds"), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the "50-cent Test"). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district's local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district's I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the 50-cent Test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the 50-cent Test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. The Bonds are issued in part as "new money bonds" and are subject to the 50-cent Test. The District has not utilized projected values or State assistance to satisfy the 50-cent Test.

### **Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate**

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

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

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

The governing body of a school district generally cannot adopt a tax rate exceeding the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate without approval by a majority of the voters approving the higher rate at an election to be held on the next uniform election date. Further, subject to certain exceptions for areas declared disaster areas, State law requires the board of trustees of a school district to conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate exceeding the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and sets certain parameters for conducting and disclosing the results of such efficiency audit. An election is not required for a tax increase to address increased expenditures resulting from certain natural disasters in the year following the year in which such disaster occurs; however, the amount by which the increased tax rate exceeds the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate for such year may not be considered by the school district in the calculation of its subsequent Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

The calculation of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate does not limit or impact the District's ability to set an I&S tax rate in each year sufficient to pay debt service on all of the District's 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 – I. Pension Plan" as set out in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended August 31, 2025, as set forth in APPENDIX B 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 – J. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans" in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended August 31, 2025, as set forth in APPENDIX B attached hereto.

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 August 31, 2015. See "CHANGE IN NET ASSETS" in APPENDIX B 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 2024-2025 fiscal year, the District had a net pension liability of \$4,039,724.

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

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to receipt of the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District 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 opinion of Co-Bond Counsel, FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas, and Powell Law Group, LLP, Austin, Texas, that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District. Tax Counsel will deliver its opinion that interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103(a) of the Code and other matters as set forth under "TAX MATTERS" herein.

Copies of the opinions of Co-Bond Counsel and Tax Counsel issued in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are attached hereto as APPENDIX C – FORMS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL OPINION AND TAX COUNSEL’S OPINION. The legal fees to be paid to Co-Bond Counsel and Tax Counsel are contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Winstead PC, San Antonio, Texas. The legal fee to be paid to counsel to the Underwriter for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the sale of the delivery of the Bonds.

Co-Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firms have not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in their capacity as Co-Bond Counsel, such firms have reviewed the information under the captions “THE BONDS” (exclusive of the subcaptions “Payment Record,” “Future Issues,” “Permanent School Fund Guarantee” and “Default and Remedies,” as to which no opinion is expressed), “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS,” “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM,” “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS,” “LEGAL MATTERS” (excluding the information under the subcaption “Litigation,” as to which no opinion is expressed), “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE” (excluding the information under the subcaption “Compliance with Prior Agreements,” as to which no opinion is expressed), “LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS” and “OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale” in the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and such firms are of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the legal issues contained under such captions and subcaptions is an accurate description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Bond Order. Tax 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 herein, except that, in its capacity as Tax Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information under the caption “TAX MATTERS” in the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the legal issues contained under such caption is an accurate description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Bond Order.

Though they may represent the Municipal Advisor and the Underwriter from time to time in matters unrelated to the Bonds, Co-Bond Counsel and Tax Counsel have been engaged by and only represent the District with respect to the issuance of the Bonds. The legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds expresses the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues expressly addressed therein. In rendering legal opinions, the attorneys do not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction nor does the rendering of such opinions guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise from the transaction.

### **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**

### **Tax Exemption**

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the opinion of FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas, Tax Counsel, to the effect that interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (i) is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to Section 103 of the Code, and (ii) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the federal alternative minimum tax imposed certain on corporations. The statutes, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change. A form of Tax Counsel’s opinion appears in APPENDIX C attached hereto.

For tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, corporations that are classified as an “applicable corporation” (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) may be subject to an alternative minimum tax imposed under section 55 of the Code on their “adjusted financial statement income” (as defined in Section 56A of the Code) for such taxable year. Because interest on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, is included in an applicable corporation’s “adjusted financial statement income,” ownership of the Bonds could subject an applicable corporation to alternative minimum tax consequences.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, FBT Gibbons LLP, Houston, Texas, as Tax Counsel, will rely upon representations and certifications of the District made in certificates pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and will assume continuing compliance by the District with the provisions of the Bond Order subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. The Bond Order contains covenants by the District with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facilities financed therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested, the

periodic calculation and payment to the United States Department of the Treasury (the "Treasury") of arbitrage "profits" from the investment of the proceeds, and the reporting of certain information to the Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

Except as described above, Tax Counsel, will express no other opinion with respect to any other federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds. Tax Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result, but represents its legal judgment based upon its review of existing statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions and the representations and covenants of the District described above. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") with respect to the matters addressed in the opinion of Tax Counsel, and Tax Counsel's opinion is not binding on the IRS. The IRS has an ongoing program of auditing the tax-exempt status of the interest on municipal obligations. If an audit of the Bonds is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the District as the "taxpayer," and the owners of the Bonds would have no right to participate in the audit process. In responding to or defending an audit of the tax-exempt status of the interest on the Bonds, the District may have different or conflicting interests from the owners of the Bonds. Public awareness of any audit of the Bonds could adversely affect the value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of its ultimate outcome.

### **Tax Changes**

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

### **Ancillary Tax Consequences**

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations such as the Bonds may result in collateral federal tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, owners of an interest in a financial asset securitization investment trust ("FASIT"), individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their own tax advisors as to the applicability of these consequences to their particular circumstances.

### **Tax Accounting Treatment of Discount Bonds**

Any Bonds that have an original yield above their interest rate, as set forth herein (for purposes of this section, the "Tax-Exempt OID Bonds"), are being initially offered and sold to the public at an original issue discount ("OID") from the amounts payable at maturity thereon. OID is the excess of the stated redemption price of a bond at maturity (the face amount) over the "issue price" of such bond. The issue price is the initial offering price to the public (other than to bond houses, brokers or similar persons acting in the capacity of underwriters or wholesalers) at which a substantial amount of bonds of the same maturity are sold pursuant to that initial offering. For federal income tax purposes, OID on each bond will accrue over the term of the bond. The amount accrued will be based on a single rate of interest, compounded semiannually (the "yield to maturity") and, during each semi-annual period, the amount will accrue ratably on a daily basis. The OID accrued during the period that an initial purchaser of a Tax-Exempt OID Bond at its issue price owns it is added to the purchaser's tax basis for purposes of determining gain or loss at the maturity, redemption, sale or other disposition of that Tax-Exempt OID Bond. In practical effect, accrued OID is treated as stated interest, that is, excludible from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

In addition, original issue discount that accrues in each year to an owner of a Tax-Exempt OID Bond is included in the calculation of the distribution requirements of certain regulated investment companies and may result in some of the ancillary federal income tax consequences discussed above. Consequently, owners of any Tax-Exempt OID Bond should be aware that the accrual of original issue discount in each year may result in an corporate alternative minimum tax liability, if applicable, additional distribution requirements or other ancillary federal income tax consequences although the owner of such Tax-Exempt OID Bond has not received cash attributable to such original issue discount in such year.

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

## **Tax Accounting Treatment of Premium Bonds**

“Acquisition Premium” is the excess of the cost of a bond over the stated redemption price of such bond. Any Bonds that are being sold at original yield below their interest rate, as set forth herein (collectively, the “Premium Bonds”), are being initially offered and sold to the public with Acquisition Premium. For federal income tax purposes, bond premium is amortized over the period to maturity of a Premium Bond, based on the yield to maturity of that Premium Bond (or, in the case of a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity, the amortization period may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on that Premium Bond), compounded semiannually. This amount is amortized ratably over that semiannual period on a daily basis. For purposes of determining the owner’s gain or loss on the sale, redemption (including redemption at maturity) or other disposition of a Premium Bond, the owner’s tax basis in the Premium Bond is reduced by the amount of bond premium that is amortized during the period of ownership. For federal income tax purposes, the amount of Acquisition Premium on the Premium Bonds must be amortized and will reduce the bondholder’s adjusted basis in that bond; however, no amount of amortized Acquisition Premium on the Premium Bonds may be deducted in determining bondholder’s taxable income for federal income tax purposes. As a result, an owner may realize taxable gain for federal income tax purposes from the sale or other disposition of a Premium Bond for an amount equal to or less than the amount paid by the owner for that Premium Bond. A purchaser of a Premium Bond in the initial public offering who holds that Premium Bond to maturity (or, in the case of a callable Premium Bond, to its earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on that Premium Bond) will realize no gain or loss upon the retirement of that Premium Bond.

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

## **State, Local and Foreign Taxes**

Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax implications of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds under applicable state or local laws. Foreign investors should also consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences unique to investors who are not United States persons.

## **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Subject to certain exceptions, information reports describing interest income, including original issue discount, with respect to the Bonds will be sent to each registered holder and to the Internal Revenue Service. Payments of interest and principal may be subject to backup withholding under section 3406 of the Code if a recipient of the payments fails to furnish to the payor such owner’s social security number or other taxpayer identification number (“TIN”), furnishes an incorrect TIN, or otherwise fails to establish an exemption from the backup withholding tax. Any amounts so withheld would be allowed as a credit against the recipient’s federal income tax. Special rules apply to partnerships, estates and trusts, and in certain circumstances, and in respect of Non-U.S. Holders, certifications as to foreign status and other matters may be required to be provided by partners and beneficiaries thereof.

## **Future and Proposed Legislation**

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the Federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under Federal or state law and could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds. Any such proposal could limit the value of certain deductions and exclusions, including the exclusion for tax-exempt interest. The likelihood of any such proposal being enacted cannot be predicted. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

## **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.

## **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 ("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 Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org), as further described below under "Availability of Information from MSRB."

### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually. 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 5 and Tables 7 through 13, and in APPENDIX B attached hereto. The District will update and provide this information within twelve 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 B 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 August 31<sup>st</sup>. Accordingly, it must provide updated information by the last day of February in each year, unless it changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of such change with the MSRB.

### **Notice of Certain Events**

The District will file with the MSRB notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds 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) appointment of a successor or additional Paying Agent/Registrar or the change of name of a Paying Agent/Registrar, 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, (A) any event described in clause (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur; the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, and (B) as used in clauses (15) and (16) in the immediately preceding

paragraph, "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in Rule 15c2-12) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12.

### **Limitations and Amendments**

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of 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 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 Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement.

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if (1) the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell 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 or (b) any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may also repeal or amend these provisions if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of 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 Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12. If the District amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided.

### **Compliance with Prior 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.

## **CONCENTRATION OF TAX BASE**

As shown in "Table 9 – Ten Largest Taxpayers" of "APPENDIX A – SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT" the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for, in the aggregate, over 62% of the District's tax base, with the top taxpayer accounting for over 53%. Adverse developments in economic conditions, particularly in the utility industry, could adversely impact the businesses in the District and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. If any major taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to timely pay debt service on its 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. 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 D - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

## 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 expected to be rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") 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 "A1" by Moody's 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 Co-Bond Counsel and Tax 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 a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on page -ii- herein, less an Underwriter's discount of \$159,092.12. 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.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, one of the Underwriters of the Bonds, has entered into negotiated dealer agreements (each, a “Dealer Agreement”) with each of Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. (“CS&Co.”) and LPL Financial LLC (“LPL”) for the retail distribution of certain securities offerings at the original issue prices. Pursuant to each Dealer Agreement, each of CS&Co. and LPL may purchase Bonds from JPMS at the original issue price less a negotiated portion of the selling concession applicable to any Bonds that such firm sells.

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 respective 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. Certain of the Underwriter and its affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking services for the District for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

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

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**

Malnory, McNeal & Company, PC, Paris, Texas (“The Auditor”), 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. The Auditor has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

#### **Verification of Arithmetical and Mathematical Computations**

The Verification Agent will deliver to the District, on or before the settlement date of the Bonds, its verification report indicating that it has verified the mathematical accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities, to pay, when due, the maturing principal of, interest on and related call premium requirements, if any, of the Refunded Bonds.

The Verification Agent relied on the accuracy, completeness and reliability of all information provided to it by, and on all decisions and approvals of, the District. In addition, the Verification Agent has relied on any information provided to it by the District’s retained advisors, consultants or legal counsel.

The verification report will be relied upon by Co-Bond Counsel in rendering their opinions with respect to the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds.

#### **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, SEC Rule 15c2-12.

**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 was approved by the Board of the District 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 approved the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and authorized its further use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriter.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

/s/ Travis Ball  
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:  
/s/ James Weems  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

**SCHEDULE I**  
**REFUNDED BONDS**

**Refunded Bonds**

| <b>Series</b>                                     | <b>Principal Amount</b> | <b>Maturities</b> | <b>Principal Being Redeemed</b> | <b>Interest Rates</b> | <b>Redemption Date</b> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Chisum Independent School District                |                         |                   |                                 |                       |                        |
| Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds |                         |                   |                                 |                       |                        |
| Series 2016                                       |                         |                   |                                 |                       |                        |
|   | \$1,075,000             | 08/15/2027        | \$1,075,000                     | 5.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,130,000               | 08/15/2028        | 1,130,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,175,000               | 08/15/2029        | 1,175,000                       | 5.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | ***                     | ***               | ***                             | ***                   | ***                    |
|   | 1,350,000               | 08/15/2033        | 1,350,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,400,000               | 08/15/2034        | 1,400,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,460,000               | 08/15/2035        | 1,460,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,515,000               | 08/15/2036        | 1,515,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,580,000               | 08/15/2037        | 1,580,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,640,000               | 08/15/2038        | 1,640,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |
|   | 1,705,000               | 08/15/2039        | 1,705,000                       | 4.000%                | 08/15/2026             |

**APPENDIX A**  
**SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT**

**TABLE 1 - VALUATIONS, EXEMPTIONS AND TAX SUPPORTED DEBT**

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <u>District Direct Debt</u>  |                     |
| 2025 Tax Year Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(1)</sup>                 | \$1,690,741,091     |
| Outstanding Unlimited Tax Debt (as of May 14, 2026) <sup>(2)</sup> | \$45,535,000        |
| Plus: The Bonds  | 31,380,000          |
| Less: Refunded Bonds   | 14,030,000          |
| Total Direct Debt <sup>(3)</sup>                                   | <u>\$62,885,000</u> |
| As a % of 2024 Assessed Valuation <sup>(3)</sup>                   | 4.38%               |
| As a % of 2025 Assessed Valuation <sup>(3)</sup>                   | 3.72%               |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Lamar and Delta County Appraisal Districts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the Bonds; excludes the Refunded Bonds.

**TABLE 2 - TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION BY CATEGORY <sup>(1)</sup>**

| Property Use Category | Tax Year               |                        |                        |                        |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                       | 2025                   | 2024                   | 2023                   | 2022                   | 2021                   |
| Real Property         | \$2,051,459,425        | \$2,023,851,246        | \$1,629,974,878        | \$1,253,092,454        | \$1,179,067,756        |
| Non Real Property     | 899,748,414            | 718,010,714            | 628,116,464            | 604,692,414            | 543,455,594            |
| Gross Value           | \$2,951,207,839        | \$2,741,861,960        | \$2,258,091,342        | \$1,857,784,868        | \$1,722,523,350        |
| Less Exemptions       | 1,260,466,748          | 1,306,837,842          | 958,976,294            | 635,538,727            | 577,997,366            |
| Net Taxable Value     | <u>\$1,690,741,091</u> | <u>\$1,435,024,118</u> | <u>\$1,299,115,048</u> | <u>\$1,222,246,141</u> | <u>\$1,144,525,984</u> |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Lamar and Delta County Appraisal Districts.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers.

**TABLE 3 - VALUATION AND TAX SUPPORTED DEBT HISTORY**

| Fiscal Year Ended 8/31 | Estimated Population <sup>(1)</sup> | Taxable Assessed Valuation <sup>(2)</sup> | Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita | Total Tax Supported Debt Outstanding | Ratio of Tax Supported Debt to Taxable Evaluation | Tax Supported Debt Per Capita |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 2022                   | 5,452                               | \$1,144,525,984                           | \$209,928                             | \$25,270,000                         | 2.21%   | \$4,635                       |
| 2023                   | 5,567                               | 1,222,246,141                             | 219,552                               | 52,985,000                           | 4.34%   | 9,518                         |
| 2024                   | 5,595                               | 1,299,115,048                             | 232,192                               | 49,575,000                           | 3.82%   | 8,861                         |
| 2025                   | 5,628                               | 1,435,024,118                             | 254,979                               | 45,535,000                           | 3.17%   | 8,091                         |
| 2026                   | 5,515                               | 1,690,741,091                             | 306,571                               | 61,240,000 <sup>(3)</sup>            | 3.62%   | 11,104                        |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Lamar and Delta County Appraisal Districts.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the Bonds; excludes the Refunded Bonds.

**TABLE 4 - TAX RATE, LEVY AND COLLECTION HISTORY <sup>(1)</sup>**

| Fiscal Year Ended<br>8/31 | Tax Year | Tax Rate | Distribution    |                                 | Tax Levy     | % of Current<br>Tax<br>Collections<br>to Tax Levy | % of Total<br>Tax<br>Collections<br>to Tax Levy |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---|---|
|                           |          |          | General<br>Fund | Interest and<br>Sinking<br>Fund |              |   |   |
| 2022                      | 2021     | \$1.2334 | \$0.9634        | \$0.2700                        | \$12,920,101 | 99.14%  | 99.88%  |
| 2023                      | 2022     | 1.1128   | 0.9328          | 0.1800                          | 13,406,968   | 99.19%  | 100.07%   |
| 2024                      | 2023     | 1.1580   | 0.7380          | 0.4200                          | 14,976,657   | 99.10%  | 99.91%  |
| 2025                      | 2024     | 1.0894   | 0.6694          | 0.4200                          | 15,757,079   | 98.92%  | 99.45%  |
| 2026                      | 2025     | 1.0894   | 0.6694          | 0.4200                          | 16,416,928   | 97.00% <sup>(2)</sup>                             | 97.00% <sup>(2)</sup>                           |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: The District's unaudited records as of April 15, 2026.

**TABLE 5 - TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS<sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

| Name of Taxpayer               | Taxpayer Type                | 2025/2026<br>Taxable<br>Assessed<br>Valuation | % of Total<br>Taxable<br>Assessed<br>Valuation |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| Vistra Corp                    |                              | \$347,818,010                                 | 20.57%   |
| Kimberly-Clark Corp.           | Industrial Manufacturing     | 216,834,450                                   | 12.82%   |
| South Bow (USA) LP             | Oil & Gas Pipeline           | 62,622,200                                    | 3.70%  |
| Gulf South Pacific Pipeline    | Oil & Gas Pipeline           | 49,301,620                                    | 2.92%  |
| Delco Trailers Inc             | Industrial Manufacturing     | 47,677,275                                    | 2.82%  |
| Paris Farm Solar LLC           | Solar Farm                   | 42,594,690                                    | 2.52%  |
| Oncor Electric Delivery Co LLC | Electric Utility/Power Plant | 36,400,100                                    | 2.15%  |
| Midcontinent Express           | Oil & Gas Pipeline           | 32,215,450                                    | 1.91%  |
| Mockingbird Solar Center LLC   | Solar Farm                   | 30,043,496                                    | 1.78%  |
| Load Trail LLC                 | Transportation Equipment     | 26,379,186                                    | 1.56%  |
|                                |                              | <u>\$891,886,477</u>                          | <u>52.75%</u>                                  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: Lamar and Delta County Appraisal Districts.

<sup>(2)</sup> As shown in the table above, the ten largest taxpayers in the District currently account for over 52% of the District's tax base, with the majority of such property comprised of utility, paper, oil and gas and related business activities. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the utility and oil and gas industries, could adversely impact the businesses that own such properties in the District and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. 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.

**TABLE 6 - ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT <sup>(1)</sup>**

| Taxing Body  | Amount               | As Of     | Percent Overlapping | Amount Overlapping  |
|--|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Delta Co   | \$ -                 | 3/31/2026 | 5.59%               | \$ -                |
| Lamar Co   | 4,120,000            | 3/31/2026 | 20.24%              | 833,888             |
| Paris, City of   | 129,140,000          | 3/31/2026 | 18.53%              | 23,929,642          |
| Roxton, City of  | -                    | 3/31/2026 | 100.00%             | -                   |
| <b>Total Overlapping Debt</b>  | <b>\$133,260,000</b> |           |                     | <b>\$24,763,530</b> |
| Chisum Independent School District <sup>(2)</sup>                              |                      |           |                     | <b>\$62,885,000</b> |
| <b>Total Direct and Overlapping Debt <sup>(2)</sup></b>                        |                      |           |                     | <b>\$87,648,530</b> |
| Ratio of Net Direct & Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(2)</sup> |                      |           |                     | 5.18%               |
| Per Capita Direct & Overlapping Debt <sup>(2)</sup>                            |                      |           |                     | \$15,893            |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes the Bonds; excludes the Refunded Bonds.

**TABLE 7 - DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

| Fiscal Year Ending 8/31 | Outstanding Debt Service | Refunded <sup>(1)</sup> Bonds | Plus: The Bonds     |                     |                     | Total Debt Service  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                         |                          |                               | Principal           | Interest            | Total               |                     |
| 2026                    | \$3,624,200              | \$291,850                     | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$3,332,350         |
| 2027                    | 3,621,950                | 1,658,700                     | 2,015,000           | 1,852,292           | 3,867,292           | 5,830,542           |
| 2028                    | 3,625,700                | 1,659,950                     | 2,240,000           | 1,468,250           | 3,708,250           | 5,674,000           |
| 2029                    | 3,626,250                | 1,659,750                     | 2,215,000           | 1,356,250           | 3,571,250           | 5,537,750           |
| 2030                    | 3,626,500                | 426,000                       | 935,000             | 1,245,500           | 2,180,500           | 5,381,000           |
| 2031                    | 3,621,700                | 426,000                       | 900,000             | 1,198,750           | 2,098,750           | 5,294,450           |
| 2032                    | 3,624,100                | 426,000                       | 845,000             | 1,153,750           | 1,998,750           | 5,196,850           |
| 2033                    | 3,628,300                | 1,776,000                     | 2,160,000           | 1,111,500           | 3,271,500           | 5,123,800           |
| 2034                    | 3,620,550                | 1,772,000                     | 2,275,000           | 1,003,500           | 3,278,500           | 5,127,050           |
| 2035                    | 3,623,800                | 1,776,000                     | 2,390,000           | 889,750             | 3,279,750           | 5,127,550           |
| 2036                    | 3,622,400                | 1,772,600                     | 2,500,000           | 770,250             | 3,270,250           | 5,120,050           |
| 2037                    | 3,626,300                | 1,777,000                     | 2,635,000           | 645,250             | 3,280,250           | 5,129,550           |
| 2038                    | 3,625,100                | 1,773,800                     | 2,760,000           | 513,500             | 3,273,500           | 5,124,800           |
| 2039                    | 3,623,750                | 1,773,200                     | 2,890,000           | 375,500             | 3,265,500           | 5,116,050           |
| 2040                    | 2,982,050                | -                             | 1,845,000           | 231,000             | 2,076,000           | 5,058,050           |
| 2041                    | 1,816,650                | -                             | 2,775,000           | 138,750             | 2,913,750           | 4,730,400           |
| 2042                    | 1,817,150                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,817,150           |
| 2043                    | 1,814,400                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,814,400           |
| 2044                    | 1,818,400                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,818,400           |
| 2045                    | 1,813,600                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,813,600           |
| 2046                    | 1,816,600                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,816,600           |
| 2047                    | 1,817,000                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,817,000           |
| 2048                    | 1,814,800                | -                             | -                   | -                   | -                   | 1,814,800           |
|                         | <b>\$68,251,250</b>      | <b>\$18,968,850</b>           | <b>\$31,380,000</b> | <b>\$13,953,792</b> | <b>\$45,333,792</b> | <b>\$94,616,192</b> |

**TABLE 8 - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND BUDGET PROJECTIONS**

|  |             |                    |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance as of September 1, 2025 <sup>(1)</sup> |             | <b>\$1,374,089</b> |
| Estimated Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements for FYE Ended 2026   | \$3,332,350 |                    |
| Projected Interest & Sinking Fund Local Revenue                        | 7,101,113   |                    |
| ASAHE from Texas Education Agency <sup>(2)</sup>                       | 169,229     |                    |
| Transfers In/(Out)   | -           |                    |
| Projected Interest & Sinking Fund Balance, 8/31/2026 (Ending)          |             | <b>\$5,312,081</b> |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Fund Balance                                |             | \$3,937,992        |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Texas Education Agency 2025-2026 Summary of Finances dated April 2, 2026.

**TABLE 9 – AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

| Date Authorized | Purpose                 | Amount Authorized | Amount Previously Issued <sup>(1)</sup> | Amount This Issue <sup>(1)</sup> | Authorized but Unissued |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5/6/2023        | School Building & Buses | \$50,000,000      | \$30,000,000                            | \$20,000,000                     | \$0                     |

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes any premium allocations that the District has applied against voted authorization.

**TABLE 10 - OTHER OBLIGATIONS <sup>(1)(2)</sup>**

Direct Borrowing

At August 31, 2025, the District had a contract for direct borrowing with a total outstanding balance of \$108,535 on its Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2016. The funds were used to purchase a new fleet of buses and update their vehicle inventory.

Limited Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2016

| FYE August 31 | Principal | Interest | Total     |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 2026          | \$108,535 | \$3,250  | \$111,785 |
|               | \$108,535 | \$3,250  | \$111,785 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: The Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

**TABLE 11 - SCHEDULE OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES HISTORY <sup>(1)</sup>**

| For Fiscal Year ended August 31,                                 | <u>2025</u>         | <u>2024</u>         | <u>2023</u>          | <u>2022</u>         | <u>2021</u>         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenues:</b>   |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Total Local and Intermediate Sources                             | \$10,770,405        | \$10,286,936        | \$11,828,262         | \$11,461,571        | \$11,049,937        |
| State Program Revenues   | 4,243,321           | 4,244,727           | 2,228,879            | 2,185,022           | 1,852,378           |
| Federal Program Revenues   | 239,265             | 73,092              | 17,764               | 5,691               | 11,551              |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>  | <b>\$15,252,991</b> | <b>\$14,604,755</b> | <b>\$14,074,905</b>  | <b>\$13,652,284</b> | <b>\$12,913,866</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>   |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Current:   |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Instruction  | \$7,942,368         | \$7,566,254         | \$6,592,225          | \$6,087,913         | \$6,150,779         |
| Instructional Resources & Media Services                         | 101,383             | 98,435              | 100,547              | 110,479             | 98,774              |
| Curriculum & Staff Development                                   | 36,561              | 6,755               | 21,423               | 77,857              | 21,086              |
| Instructional Leadership   | 122,968             | 165,583             | 22,341               | -                   | -                   |
| School Leadership  | 943,418             | 907,072             | 774,507              | 723,114             | 713,170             |
| Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services                      | 342,410             | 177,683             | 165,236              | 163,371             | 197,053             |
| Social Work Services   | -                   | -                   | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Health Services  | 206,274             | 152,414             | 139,250              | 141,012             | 139,721             |
| Student Transportation   | 588,455             | 543,691             | 547,599              | 472,638             | 290,164             |
| Food Services  | 35,775              | 36,752              | 33,121               | 30,180              | 33,115              |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities                          | 876,001             | 888,526             | 801,064              | 803,616             | 547,267             |
| General Administration   | 812,439             | 753,308             | 703,014              | 985,033             | 593,898             |
| Facilities Maintenance & Operations                              | 1,547,143           | 1,572,182           | 1,476,763            | 1,673,060           | 1,210,010           |
| Security and Monitoring Services                                 | 182,627             | 249,070             | 477,919              | 168,620             | 119,115             |
| Data Processing Services   | 181,734             | 169,420             | 126,804              | 121,442             | 117,260             |
| Community Services   | -                   | -                   | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Principal on Long-Term Debt                                      | 116,714             | 132,254             | 127,990              | 123,882             | 119,939             |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt                                       | 6,140               | 10,547              | 14,811               | 18,919              | 22,862              |
| Bond Issuance Costs and Fees                                     | -                   | -                   | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Capital Outlay   | -                   | 550,877             | 2,168,213            | 803,093             | -                   |
| Contracted Instructional Services Between Public Schools         | -                   | -                   | 202,817              | 87,001              | 513,044             |
| Payments to Shared Service Arrangements                          | 20,000              | 18,000              | 733,025              | 641,976             | 602,223             |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges                                  | 319,519             | 257,962             | 229,961              | 225,860             | 226,687             |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>  | <b>\$14,381,929</b> | <b>\$14,256,785</b> | <b>\$15,458,630</b>  | <b>\$13,459,066</b> | <b>\$11,716,167</b> |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b> | <b>\$871,062</b>    | <b>\$347,970</b>    | <b>(\$1,383,725)</b> | <b>\$193,218</b>    | <b>\$1,197,699</b>  |
| <b>Other Financing Sources and (Uses):</b>                       |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Transfers In   | -                   | -                   | -                    | -                   | -                   |
| Transfers Out  | (23,973)            | (69,109)            | -                    | -                   | (\$47,342)          |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>                  | <b>(23,973)</b>     | <b>(69,109)</b>     | <b>-</b>             | <b>-</b>            | <b>(47,342)</b>     |
| Special Item:  |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Special Item (Use)   | -                   | (39,298)            | -                    | (44,849)            | -                   |
| Extraordinary Item:  |                     |                     |                      |                     |                     |
| Extraordinary Item (Resource)                                    | -                   | -                   | -                    | 446,248             | 67,751              |
| Net Change in Fund Balances                                      | 847,089             | 239,563             | (1,383,725)          | 594,617             | 1,218,108           |
| <b>Fund Balances - Beginning</b>                                 | <b>\$5,457,550</b>  | <b>\$5,217,987</b>  | <b>\$6,601,712</b>   | <b>\$6,007,095</b>  | <b>\$4,788,987</b>  |
| <b>Fund Balances - Ending<sup>(2)</sup></b>                      | <b>\$6,304,639</b>  | <b>\$5,457,550</b>  | <b>\$5,217,987</b>   | <b>\$6,601,712</b>  | <b>\$6,007,095</b>  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Estimated General Fund Balance as of August 31, 2026 is expected to be approximately \$6,904,959.23.

**TABLE 12 - GENERAL OPERATING FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET <sup>(1)</sup>**

| For Fiscal Year Ended August 31  | <u>2025</u>        | <u>2024</u>        | <u>2023</u>        | <u>2022</u>        | <u>2021</u>        |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Cash & Cash Equivalents  | \$6,314,788        | \$5,466,541        | \$5,578,556        | \$6,743,573        | \$6,580,379        |
| Taxes Receivable, Net  | 368,018            | 330,931            | 343,932            | 351,834            | 340,583            |
| Due from Other Governments   | 633,311            | 544,606            | 146,486            | 139,104            | 83,095             |
| Due from Other Funds   | 114,440            | 135,019            | -                  | 77,339             | 315,032            |
| Other Receivables  | 13,409             | 13,387             | 13,387             | 13,387             | 12,477             |
| Inventories  | 1,968              | 4,058              | 4,977              | 3,871              | 3,954              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>  | <b>\$7,445,934</b> | <b>\$6,494,542</b> | <b>\$6,087,338</b> | <b>\$7,329,108</b> | <b>\$7,335,520</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Current Liabilities:   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Accounts Payable   | \$11,888           | \$34,955           | \$3,456            | \$1,219            | \$109,131          |
| Accrued Wages Payable  | 689,371            | 604,110            | 380,947            | 329,438            | 350,143            |
| Due to Other Funds   | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | 3,301              |
| Due to Other Governments   | -                  | -                  | 79,078             | -                  | 484,809            |
| Accrued Expenditures   | 72,018             | 66,996             | 61,938             | 44,905             | 40,457             |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>   | <b>\$773,277</b>   | <b>\$706,061</b>   | <b>\$525,419</b>   | <b>\$375,562</b>   | <b>\$987,841</b>   |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>                                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Deferred Revenue   | \$368,018          | \$330,931          | \$343,932          | \$351,834          | \$340,584          |
| <b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                               | <b>\$368,018</b>   | <b>\$330,931</b>   | <b>\$343,932</b>   | <b>\$351,834</b>   | <b>\$340,584</b>   |
| <b>FUND BALANCES:</b>  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Nonspendable Fund Balances:  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Inventories  | 1,968              | 4,058              | 4,977              | 3,871              | 3,954              |
| Restricted Fund Balances:  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt   | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| Committed Fund Balances:   |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Construction   | -                  | -                  | -                  | 61,357             | 865,000            |
| Other Committed Fund Balance   | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  | -                  |
| Unassigned Fund Balance:   | 6,302,671          | 5,453,492          | 5,213,010          | 6,536,484          | 5,138,141          |
| <b>Total Fund Balances</b>   | <b>6,304,639</b>   | <b>5,457,550</b>   | <b>5,217,987</b>   | <b>6,601,712</b>   | <b>6,007,095</b>   |
| <b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balances</b> | <b>\$7,445,934</b> | <b>\$6,494,542</b> | <b>\$6,087,338</b> | <b>\$7,329,108</b> | <b>\$7,335,520</b> |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

**TABLE 13 - CURRENT INVESTMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>**

At August 31, 2025, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$30,399,348 and the bank balance was \$30,482,075. The District's investments at August 31, 2025, are shown below:

| Investments or Investment Type            | Maturity | Fair Value          |
|---|----------|---------------------|
| Interest from bank account <sup>(2)</sup> | N/A      | \$183,432.59        |
| <b>Total Investments</b>                  |          | <b>\$183,432.59</b> |

<sup>(1)</sup> Source: The District's Audited Financial Statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: The District's unaudited records as of April 15, 2026.

**APPENDIX B**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

***Chisum Independent School  
District***

***Annual Financial Report***

***For the Year Ended  
August 31, 2025***

**Malnory, McNeal & Company, PC**

*Certified Public Accountants*

CHISUM  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT*

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

Chisum Independent School District  
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*Introductory Section*

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Chisum Independent School District  
Name of School District

Lamar  
County

139-905  
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 August 31, 2025, at a meeting of the board of trustees of such school district on the 11th day of December, 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)

*Financial Section*



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees  
Chisum Independent School District  
Paris, Texas

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Chisum Independent School District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended August 31, 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 the District, as of August 31, 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.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

#### **Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

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

likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

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

#### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, and the schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of District pension contributions, and schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, and schedule of the District OPEB contributions identified as Required Supplementary Information in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. the Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable, the Budgetary Schedules required by the Texas Education Agency, the Use of Funds Report (J-4), and Schedule of Expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such

information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the introductory section, Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable, Budgetary Schedules required by the Texas Education Agency, the Use of Funds Report (J-4), and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and Schedule of Required Responses to Selected First Indicators, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 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.

Paris, Texas  
November 20, 2025

*McDermott, McNeal & Company PC*  
Certified Public Accountants

## MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Chisum Independent School District’s annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District’s financial performance during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the District’s financial statements, which follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District’s total combined net position was \$13,962,838 at August 31, 2025. This is an increase of \$4,621,189 from August 31, 2024. This increase is due to an increase in assets and a decrease in liabilities over the prior year. The majority of the increase in assets is from an increase in cash, primarily due to recent debt issuance for the construction of the new high school. The primary decrease in liabilities is from continued payoff of outstanding debt. For more detailed information, please see paragraph: Government-Wide Financial Analysis.
- The total costs of the District’s programs were \$27,781,986 as shown on Exhibit C-2 of the financial statements. The total expenditures were \$2,773,413 more than the 2023-2024 school year.
- The general fund reported a fund balance this year of \$6,304,639 an increase of \$847,089 over the previous year’s fund balance. The Capital Outlay expenses for 24-25 were \$7,746,813. The Chapter 41 Recapture Payment (function 91) to Texas Education Agency to equalize wealth was decreased from 2023-24 school year from \$39,298 to \$0 for the 2024-25 school year. Debt service ended the year with \$1,374,089 fund balance, an increase of \$325,313. For more detailed information, please see paragraphs: Financial Analysis of the District’s Funds and General Fund Budgetary Highlights.
- The District earned a School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating of Superior Achievement for the school year 2023-2024.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts—*management’s discussion and analysis* (this section), the *basic financial statements*, and *required supplementary information*. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both *long-term* and *short-term* information about the District’s *overall* financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the government, reporting the District’s operations in *more detail* than the government-wide statements.
- The *governmental funds* statements tell how *general government* services were financed in the *short term* as well as what remains for future spending.
- *Fiduciary fund* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a *trustee or agent* for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

## Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes *all* of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position—the difference between the District's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's tax base.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include Governmental *activities*. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, extracurricular activities, curriculum and staff development, health services, and general administration. Property taxes and grants finance most of these activities.

## Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant *funds*—not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes. Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants. The Board of Trustees establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.

The District has two kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds*—Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how *cash and other financial assets* that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed *short-term* view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Fiduciary funds*—The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for certain funds. It is also responsible for other assets that – because of a trust arrangement – can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net assets. We exclude these activities from the District's government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following analysis of comparative balances and changes therein is inclusive of the current year's and prior year's operations. Our analysis focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the district's governmental activities.

The District's *combined* net position was approximately \$13,962,837 at August 31, 2025. (See Table A-1) The District net position increased by \$4,621,188 from the year ending August 31, 2024. The net effect of GASB 75 on current year's net position was approximately \$3.0 million. Unrestricted net position – the part that can be used finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – decreased from (\$1,918,011) to (900,134)

Long-term liabilities decreased by \$3,574,878 mainly due to the payments made towards the bond debt. Deferred resource outflows related to pension and OPEB liabilities increased by \$ 85,744 and deferred resource inflows related to pension and OPEB liabilities decreased by \$453,212 Approximately \$1,374,089 of the District's restricted net position represents proceeds from local taxes and is restricted for debt service.

The District's total revenues were \$24,352,718 (see Table A-2). Sixty-seven percent of the District's revenue was realized from local property taxes, while eleven percent came from state aid. Thirteen percent came from state and federal grants, while one percent came from charges for services and eight percent from other resources. The total cost of all programs and services was \$19,731,529; forty-eight percent of these costs are for instruction.

**Table A-1**  
**The District's Net Position**  
**Governmental Activities**

|                                       | <u>2025</u>         | <u>2024</u>        |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Current and Other Asset               | \$31,592,516        | \$36,743,055       |
| Capital and Non-Current               | <u>38,750,769</u>   | <u>32,803,088</u>  |
| Total Assets                          | 70,343,285          | <u>69,546,143</u>  |
| <br>                                  |                     |                    |
| Deferred Outflow of Resources         | <u>3,755,452</u>    | <u>3,669,678</u>   |
| <br>                                  |                     |                    |
| Current Liabilities                   | 1,148,686           | 858,869            |
| Long Term Liabilities                 | 49,509,279          | 53,881,692         |
| Net Pension Liability                 | 4,039,724           | 4,258,768          |
| Net OPEB Liability                    | <u>2,942,170</u>    | <u>1,925,591</u>   |
| Total Liabilities                     | 57,639,859          | <u>60,924,920</u>  |
| <br>                                  |                     |                    |
| Deferred inflow of Resources          | <u>2,496,040</u>    | <u>2,949,252</u>   |
| <br>                                  |                     |                    |
| Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets |                     |                    |
| Net of Related Debt                   | 13,488,882          | 10,209,232         |
| Restricted                            | 1,374,089           | 1,050,428          |
| Unrestricted                          | <u>(900,133)</u>    | <u>(1,918,011)</u> |
| Total Net Position                    | <u>\$13,962,838</u> | <u>\$9,341,649</u> |

**Table A-2**  
**Change in the District's Net Position**  
**Governmental Activities**

|   | <u>2025</u>          | <u>2024</u>         |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Revenues</b>   |                      |                     |
| <b>Program Revenues:</b>  |                      |                     |
| Charges for Services  | \$ 298,912           | \$449,274           |
| Operating Grants and Contributions                                      | 3,177,803            | 3,507,414           |
| <b>General Revenues</b>   |                      |                     |
| Property Taxes  | 16,272,573           | 14,879,215          |
| State Aid – Formula   | 2,759,957            | 3,514,147           |
| Investment Earnings   | 1,506,344            | 1,579,751           |
| Other   | 337,129              | 270,721             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>   | <u>24,352,718</u>    | <u>24,200,522</u>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                      |                     |
| Instruction and instructional related                                   | 9,510,093            | 10,184,371          |
| Inst leadership/school administration                                   | 1,143,964            | 1,279,254           |
| Guidance, social work, health,<br>transportation                        | 1,230,344            | 1,121,343           |
| Food Services   | 806,969              | 805,025             |
| Extracurricular activities  | 1,621,444            | 1,799,357           |
| General Administration  | 840,571              | 787,752             |
| Plant Maintenance and security  | 1,790,594            | 1,800,046           |
| Security & monitoring   | 337,950              | 420,711             |
| Data Processing   | 176,357              | 168,536             |
| Debt Service  | 1,933,724            | 2,040,276           |
| Payments to fiscal agent/member<br>districts-shared service arrangement | 20,000               | 18,000              |
| Intergovernmental charges   | 319,519              | 257,962             |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>   | <u>19,731,529</u>    | <u>20,682,633</u>   |
| Excess (Deficiency) before Other<br>Resources, Uses & Transfers         | 4,621,189            | 3,517,889           |
| Extraordinary Item Outflow  | --                   | (39,298)            |
| Change in Net Position  | <u>4,621,189</u>     | <u>3,478,591</u>    |
| <b>Beginning Net Position</b>   | <u>9,341,649</u>     | <u>5,863,058</u>    |
| <b>Ending Net Position</b>  | <u>\$ 13,962,838</u> | <u>\$ 9,341,649</u> |

Table A-3 presents the cost of each of the District's largest functions and as well as each function's *net cost* (total cost less fees generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid). The net cost reflects state revenues as well as local tax dollars.

- The cost of all *governmental* activities this year was \$19,731,529.
- However, the amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was \$16,272,573. Those who directly benefited from some of the programs paid a portion of the cost of \$298,912 while some cost was paid by grants and contributions restricted for specific operations of \$3,177,803.

**Table A-3  
Net Cost of Selected District Functions**

|                                | Total Cost of Services |               | Net Cost of Services |             |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------|
|                                | 2025                   | 2024          | 2025                 | 2024        |
| Instruction                    | \$ 9,384,365           | \$ 10,184,371 | (7,823,104)          | (8,113,156) |
| Food Service                   | 806,969                | 805,025       | (82,535)             | (163,185)   |
| Plant Maintenance & Operations | 1,790,594              | 1,800,046     | (1,725,491)          | (1,757,532) |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular   | 1,621,444              | 1,799,357     | (1,345,023)          | (1,497,278) |

### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

2024-25 School Year: Revenues from governmental fund types totaled \$24,773,357 an increase of 1.5% over the preceding year. General fund costs increased 1% over the previous year. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$847,089. Property tax rates on the debt service fund for the 2024-25 school year was at 0.420 with the tax rate for M&O decreasing to \$0.6694.

### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revised its general fund budget several times. The original budget for the general fund was \$14,201,698 and it ended the year with a total expense of \$14,381,929. Some of the amendments were for retention stipends; property/casualty insurance premium increases; gym floor repair; A/C units and food service deficit; competition cheer program; band instruments and uniforms; and to reimburse the district for pre-award items to general operation from the safe cycle 2 grant.

### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### Capital Assets

At the end of 2025, the District had invested 38,750,769 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, equipment, buildings, and vehicles. (See Table A-4.) This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of 5,947,672 over last year.

**Table A-4  
District's Capital Assets**

|                                | Governmental<br><u>Activities</u> |                     |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                | <u>2025</u>                       | <u>2024</u>         |
| Land                           | \$487,301                         | \$487,301           |
| Buildings and improvements     | 46,179,804                        | 46,179,804          |
| Vehicles                       | 2,703,858                         | 2,655,420           |
| Construction in progress       | 9,623,244                         | 1,876,431           |
| Equipment                      | 7,239,626                         | 7,171,561           |
| Infrastructure                 | <u>2,366,250</u>                  | <u>2,366,250</u>    |
| Totals at historical cost      | 68,600,083                        | 60,736,768          |
| Total accumulated depreciation | <u>(29,849,314)</u>               | <u>(27,933,678)</u> |
| Net capital assets             | <u>38,750,769</u>                 | <u>32,803,088</u>   |

**Long-Term Debt**

At year-end the District had \$49,509,279 in bonds outstanding as shown in Table A-5. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

**Table A-5  
District's Long-Term Debt**

|  | 2025              | 2024              |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Chisum                                 |                   |                   |
| Maintenance - Tax Note 2016            | \$ 108,535        | \$ 220,680        |
| Unlimited Tax School Bonds Series 2016 | 20,000,000        | 23,450,000        |
| Unlimited Tax School Bonds Series 2023 | 25,535,000        | 26,125,000        |
| Unamortized Premium                    | <u>3,865,744</u>  | <u>4,081,443</u>  |
| Total Chisum Bonds/Notes               | 49,509,279        | 53,877,123        |
| Roxton                                 |                   |                   |
| Loans                                  | <u>--</u>         | 4,569             |
| Total Roxton Bonds/Notes               | --                | 4,569             |
| Total Bonds/Notes                      | <u>49,509,279</u> | <u>53,881,692</u> |

## **ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

2025-26 School Year: Revenues projected for 25-26 are increased over those received in 24-25 due to higher property values. The amount of recapture for 2025-26 is estimated at zero. As of November 2025, our student enrollment has decreased over 24-25 by 33 students.

The Board of Trustees adopted a 2025-26 Maintenance and Operation tax rate of \$0.6694 as a result of tax compression as required by HB3. The 25-26 Debt Service tax rate is \$.042.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

*Basic Financial Statements*

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**AUGUST 31, 2025**

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes               | 1   | Governmental<br>Activities |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                         |   |                            |
| 1110                                   | <i>Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>            | \$ 30,333,405              |
| 1225                                   | <i>Property Taxes Receivable (Net)</i>      | 492,006                    |
| 1240                                   | <i>Due from Other Governments</i>           | 751,728                    |
| 1290                                   | <i>Other Receivables (Net)</i>              | 13,409                     |
| 1300                                   | <i>Inventories</i>                          | 1,968                      |
| Capital Assets:                        |   |                            |
| 1510                                   | <i>Land</i>                                 | 487,301                    |
| 1520                                   | <i>Buildings and Improvements, Net</i>      | 23,301,266                 |
| 1530                                   | <i>Furniture and Equipment, Net</i>         | 3,413,884                  |
| 1580                                   | <i>Construction in Progress</i>             | 9,623,244                  |
| 1590                                   | <i>Infrastructure, Net</i>                  | 1,925,074                  |
| 1000                                   | Total Assets                                | <u>70,343,285</u>          |
| <b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b> |   |                            |
|  | <i>Deferred Outflow Related to Pensions</i> | 1,386,258                  |
|  | <i>Deferred Outflow Related to OPEB</i>     | 2,369,194                  |
| 1700                                   | Total Deferred Outflows of Resources        | <u>3,755,452</u>           |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                    |   |                            |
| 2110                                   | <i>Accounts Payable</i>                     | 13,488                     |
| 2140                                   | <i>Interest Payable</i>                     | 82,602                     |
| 2165                                   | <i>Accrued Liabilities</i>                  | 1,050,012                  |
| 2180                                   | <i>Due to Other Governments</i>             | 2,584                      |
| Noncurrent Liabilities:                |   |                            |
| 2501                                   | <i>Due Within One Year</i>                  | 1,753,535                  |
| 2502                                   | <i>Due in More Than One Year</i>            | 47,755,744                 |
| 2540                                   | <i>Net Pension Liability</i>                | 4,039,724                  |
| 2545                                   | <i>Net OPEB Liability</i>                   | 2,942,170                  |
| 2000                                   | Total Liabilities                           | <u>57,639,859</u>          |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>  |   |                            |
|  | <i>Deferred Inflow Related to Pensions</i>  | 59,503                     |
|  | <i>Deferred Inflow Related to OPEB</i>      | 2,436,537                  |
| 2600                                   | Total Deferred Inflows of Resources         | <u>2,496,040</u>           |
| <b>NET POSITION:</b>                   |   |                            |
| 3200                                   | Net Investment in Capital Assets            | 13,488,882                 |
| Restricted For:                        |   |                            |
| 3850                                   | Debt Service                                | 1,374,089                  |
| 3900                                   | Unrestricted                                | (900,133)                  |
| 3000                                   | Total Net Position                          | <u>\$ 13,962,838</u>       |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes | Functions/Programs                                     | 1<br>Expenses        | 3<br>Program Revenues   |                     | 4<br>Operating<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Net (Expense)<br>Revenue and<br>Changes in<br>Net Position |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
|                          |  |                      | Charges for<br>Services |                     |   |  |
|                          | Governmental Activities:                               |                      |                         |                     |   |  |
| 11                       | <i>Instruction</i>                                     | \$ 9,384,365         | \$ 34,850               | \$ 1,526,411        | \$ (7,823,104)                                |  |
| 12                       | <i>Instructional Resources and Media Services</i>      | 125,728              | --                      | 9,187               | (116,541)                                     |  |
| 13                       | <i>Curriculum and Staff Development</i>                | 91,521               | --                      | 46,055              | (45,466)                                      |  |
| 21                       | <i>Instructional Leadership</i>                        | 119,053              | --                      | 8,754               | (110,299)                                     |  |
| 23                       | <i>School Leadership</i>                               | 933,390              | --                      | 73,451              | (859,939)                                     |  |
| 31                       | <i>Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services</i>   | 346,795              | --                      | 21,388              | (325,407)                                     |  |
| 33                       | <i>Health Services</i>                                 | 202,118              | --                      | 170,179             | (31,939)                                      |  |
| 34                       | <i>Student Transportation</i>                          | 681,431              | --                      | 41,075              | (640,356)                                     |  |
| 35                       | <i>Food Service</i>                                    | 806,969              | 31,109                  | 693,325             | (82,535)                                      |  |
| 36                       | <i>Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities</i>         | 1,621,444            | 232,953                 | 43,468              | (1,345,023)                                   |  |
| 41                       | <i>General Administration</i>                          | 840,571              | --                      | 40,631              | (799,940)                                     |  |
| 51                       | <i>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</i>           | 1,790,594            | --                      | 65,103              | (1,725,491)                                   |  |
| 52                       | <i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>                | 337,950              | --                      | 235,199             | (102,751)                                     |  |
| 53                       | <i>Data Processing Services</i>                        | 176,357              | --                      | 16,610              | (159,747)                                     |  |
| 72                       | <i>Interest on Long-term Debt</i>                      | 1,878,530            | --                      | 186,560             | (1,691,970)                                   |  |
| 73                       | <i>Bond Issuance Costs and Fees</i>                    | 55,194               | --                      | --                  | (55,194)                                      |  |
| 93                       | <i>Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangement</i> | 20,000               | --                      | 407                 | (19,593)                                      |  |
| 99                       | <i>Other Intergovernmental Charges</i>                 | 319,519              | --                      | --                  | (319,519)                                     |  |
| TG                       | Total Governmental Activities                          | <u>19,731,529</u>    | <u>298,912</u>          | <u>3,177,803</u>    | <u>(16,254,814)</u>                           |  |
| TP                       | Total Primary Government                               | <u>\$ 19,731,529</u> | <u>\$ 298,912</u>       | <u>\$ 3,177,803</u> | <u>(16,254,814)</u>                           |  |
|                          | General Revenues:                                      |                      |                         |                     |   |  |
| MT                       | <i>Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes</i>     |                      |                         |                     | 10,053,998                                    |  |
| DT                       | <i>Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service</i>         |                      |                         |                     | 6,218,575                                     |  |
| IE                       | <i>Investment Earnings</i>                             |                      |                         |                     | 1,506,344                                     |  |
| SF                       | <i>State Aid-Formula Grants</i>                        |                      |                         |                     | 2,759,957                                     |  |
| MI                       | <i>Miscellaneous</i>                                   |                      |                         |                     | 337,129                                       |  |
| TR                       | Total General Revenues                                 |                      |                         |                     | <u>20,876,003</u>                             |  |
| CN                       | Change in Net Position                                 |                      |                         |                     | 4,621,189                                     |  |
| NB                       | Net Position - Beginning                               |                      |                         |                     | 9,341,649                                     |  |
| NE                       | Net Position - Ending                                  |                      |                         |                     | <u>\$ 13,962,838</u>                          |  |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2025

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes              | 10<br>General<br>Fund | 50<br>Debt<br>Service<br>Fund |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>                        |                       |                               |
| 1110                                  | \$ 6,314,788          | \$ 1,372,696                  |
| 1225                                  | 368,018               | 123,988                       |
| 1240                                  | 633,311               | 3,977                         |
| 1260                                  | 114,440               | --                            |
| 1290                                  | 13,409                | --                            |
| 1300                                  | 1,968                 | --                            |
| 1000                                  | <u>7,445,934</u>      | <u>1,500,661</u>              |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>                   |                       |                               |
| Current Liabilities:                  |                       |                               |
| 2110                                  | \$ 11,888             | \$ --                         |
| 2160                                  | 689,371               | --                            |
| 2170                                  | --                    | --                            |
| 2180                                  | --                    | 2,584                         |
| 2200                                  | 72,018                | --                            |
| 2000                                  | <u>773,277</u>        | <u>2,584</u>                  |
| <b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b> |                       |                               |
|                                       | 368,018               | 123,988                       |
| 2600                                  | <u>368,018</u>        | <u>123,988</u>                |
| <b>FUND BALANCES:</b>                 |                       |                               |
| Nonspendable Fund Balances:           |                       |                               |
| 3410                                  | 1,968                 | --                            |
| Restricted Fund Balances:             |                       |                               |
| 3480                                  | --                    | 1,374,089                     |
| 3490                                  | --                    | --                            |
| Committed Fund Balances:              |                       |                               |
| 3545                                  | --                    | --                            |
| 3600                                  | 6,302,671             | --                            |
| 3000                                  | <u>6,304,639</u>      | <u>1,374,089</u>              |
| 4000                                  | <u>\$ 7,445,934</u>   | <u>\$ 1,500,661</u>           |

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| 60<br>Capital<br>Projects<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | 98<br>Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 22,409,340                     | \$ 236,581                     | \$ 30,333,405                        |
| --                                | --                             | 492,006                              |
| --                                | 114,440                        | 751,728                              |
| --                                | --                             | 114,440                              |
| --                                | --                             | 13,409                               |
| --                                | --                             | 1,968                                |
| <u>22,409,340</u>                 | <u>351,021</u>                 | <u>31,706,956</u>                    |
| \$ --                             | \$ 1,600                       | \$ 13,488                            |
| --                                | 53,748                         | 743,119                              |
| --                                | 114,440                        | 114,440                              |
| --                                | --                             | 2,584                                |
| 228,616                           | 6,259                          | 306,893                              |
| <u>228,616</u>                    | <u>176,047</u>                 | <u>1,180,524</u>                     |
| --                                | --                             | 492,006                              |
| --                                | --                             | <u>492,006</u>                       |
| --                                | --                             | 1,968                                |
| --                                | --                             | 1,374,089                            |
| 22,180,724                        | --                             | 22,180,724                           |
| --                                | 174,974                        | 174,974                              |
| --                                | --                             | 6,302,671                            |
| <u>22,180,724</u>                 | <u>174,974</u>                 | <u>30,034,426</u>                    |
| \$ <u>22,409,340</u>              | \$ <u>351,021</u>              | \$ <u>31,706,956</u>                 |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 AUGUST 31, 2025

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Total fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet   | \$ 30,034,426        |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:         |                      |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.                                | 38,750,769           |
| Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.      | 492,006              |
| Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.           | (45,535,000)         |
| Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.            | (82,602)             |
| Payables for notes which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.                    | (108,535)            |
| Bond premiums are amortized in the SNA but not in the funds.   | (3,865,744)          |
| Deferred Resource Inflows related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.                                     | (2,436,537)          |
| Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability is not reported in the funds.    | (2,942,170)          |
| Deferred Resource Outflows related to OPEB are not reported in the funds.                                    | 2,369,194            |
| Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds. | (4,039,724)          |
| Deferred Resource Inflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.                         | (59,503)             |
| Deferred Resource Outflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.                        | <u>1,386,258</u>     |
| Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position  | <u>\$ 13,962,838</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025**

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes                                  | 10<br><u>General<br/>Fund</u> | 50<br><u>Debt<br/>Service<br/>Fund</u> |
|---|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                               |  |
| 5700 <i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>                | \$ 10,770,405                 | \$ 6,328,522                           |
| 5800 <i>State Program Revenues</i>                        | 4,243,321                     | 186,560                                |
| 5900 <i>Federal Program Revenues</i>                      | 239,265                       | --                                     |
| 5020 <b>Total Revenues</b>                                | <u>15,252,991</u>             | <u>6,515,082</u>                       |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                                      |                               |  |
| Current:  |                               |  |
| 0011 <i>Instruction</i>                                   | 7,942,368                     | --                                     |
| 0012 <i>Instructional Resources and Media Services</i>    | 101,383                       | --                                     |
| 0013 <i>Curriculum and Staff Development</i>              | 36,561                        | --                                     |
| 0021 <i>Instructional Leadership</i>                      | 122,968                       | --                                     |
| 0023 <i>School Leadership</i>                             | 943,418                       | --                                     |
| 0031 <i>Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services</i> | 342,410                       | --                                     |
| 0033 <i>Health Services</i>                               | 206,274                       | --                                     |
| 0034 <i>Student Transportation</i>                        | 588,455                       | --                                     |
| 0035 <i>Food Service</i>                                  | 35,775                        | --                                     |
| 0036 <i>Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities</i>       | 876,001                       | --                                     |
| 0041 <i>General Administration</i>                        | 812,439                       | --                                     |
| 0051 <i>Facilities Maintenance and Operations</i>         | 1,547,143                     | --                                     |
| 0052 <i>Security and Monitoring Services</i>              | 182,627                       | --                                     |
| 0053 <i>Data Processing Services</i>                      | 181,734                       | --                                     |
| 0071 <i>Principal on Long-term Debt</i>                   | 116,714                       | 1,565,000                              |
| 0072 <i>Interest on Long-term Debt</i>                    | 6,140                         | 2,094,575                              |
| 0073 <i>Bond Issuance Costs and Fees</i>                  | --                            | 15,494                                 |
| 0081 <i>Capital Outlay</i>                                | --                            | --                                     |
| 0093 <i>Payments to Shared Service Arrangements</i>       | 20,000                        | --                                     |
| 0099 <i>Other Intergovernmental Charges</i>               | 319,519                       | --                                     |
| 6030 <b>Total Expenditures</b>                            | <u>14,381,929</u>             | <u>3,675,069</u>                       |
| 1100 <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)</b>  |                               |  |
| 1100 <b>Expenditures</b>                                  | <u>871,062</u>                | <u>2,840,013</u>                       |
| Other Financing Sources and (Uses):                       |                               |  |
| 7915 <i>Transfers In</i>                                  | --                            | --                                     |
| 8911 <i>Transfers Out</i>                                 | (23,973)                      | --                                     |
| 8949 <i>Other Uses</i>                                    | --                            | (2,514,700)                            |
| 7080 <b>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</b>      | <u>(23,973)</u>               | <u>(2,514,700)</u>                     |
| 1200 <b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>                   | <u>847,089</u>                | <u>325,313</u>                         |
| 0100 <b>Fund Balances - Beginning</b>                     | <u>5,457,550</u>              | <u>1,048,776</u>                       |
| 3000 <b>Fund Balances - Ending</b>                        | <u>\$ 6,304,639</u>           | <u>\$ 1,374,089</u>                    |

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EXHIBIT C-2

| 60<br>Capital<br>Projects<br>Fund | Other<br>Governmental<br>Funds | 98<br>Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ 1,025,230                      | \$ 219,422                     | \$ 18,343,579                        |
| --                                | 463,301                        | 4,893,182                            |
| --                                | 1,297,331                      | 1,536,596                            |
| <u>1,025,230</u>                  | <u>1,980,054</u>               | <u>24,773,357</u>                    |
| --                                | 826,064                        | 8,768,432                            |
| --                                | --                             | 101,383                              |
| --                                | 45,323                         | 81,884                               |
| --                                | --                             | 122,968                              |
| --                                | --                             | 943,418                              |
| --                                | --                             | 342,410                              |
| --                                | --                             | 206,274                              |
| --                                | --                             | 588,455                              |
| --                                | 737,022                        | 772,797                              |
| --                                | 153,753                        | 1,029,754                            |
| --                                | --                             | 812,439                              |
| --                                | --                             | 1,547,143                            |
| --                                | 216,013                        | 398,640                              |
| --                                | --                             | 181,734                              |
| --                                | --                             | 1,681,714                            |
| --                                | --                             | 2,100,715                            |
| --                                | --                             | 15,494                               |
| 7,746,813                         | --                             | 7,746,813                            |
| --                                | --                             | 20,000                               |
| --                                | --                             | 319,519                              |
| <u>7,746,813</u>                  | <u>1,978,175</u>               | <u>27,781,986</u>                    |
| <u>(6,721,583)</u>                | <u>1,879</u>                   | <u>(3,008,629)</u>                   |
| --                                | 23,973                         | 23,973                               |
| --                                | --                             | (23,973)                             |
| --                                | --                             | (2,514,700)                          |
| --                                | 23,973                         | (2,514,700)                          |
| <u>(6,721,583)</u>                | <u>25,852</u>                  | <u>(5,523,329)</u>                   |
| 28,902,307                        | 149,122                        | 35,557,755                           |
| <u>\$ 22,180,724</u>              | <u>\$ 174,974</u>              | <u>\$ 30,034,426</u>                 |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|  |           |                  |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds   | \$        | (5,523,329)      |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because: |           |                  |
| Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.   |           | 7,863,316        |
| The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.           |           | (1,915,644)      |
| Certain property tax revenues are deferred in the funds. This is the change in these amounts this year.    |           | 76,487           |
| Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.               |           | 1,565,000        |
| Repayment of loan principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.               |           | 116,714          |
| Defeasement of debt is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.                       |           | 2,475,000        |
| (Increase) decrease in accrued interest from beginning of period to end of period.                         |           | 6,486            |
| Bond premiums are reported in the funds but not in the SOA.  |           | 215,699          |
| Other Post Employment benefit related transactions:  |           |                  |
| Contributions made after the measurement date.   | 84,278    |                  |
| Contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year.                        | (88,052)  |                  |
| The District's proportionate share of the TRS OPEB expense.  | 188,969   |                  |
| Net effect of GASB 75 OPEB recognition.  |           | 185,195          |
| Pension Contributions made after the measurement date in current FY were de-expanded & reduced NPL.        |           |                  |
| Contributions made after the measurement date are de-expended.   | 335,522   |                  |
| Contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year.                        | (372,586) |                  |
| The District's proportionate share of the TRS pension expense.   | (406,671) |                  |
| Net effect of GASB 68 Pension expense recognition.   |           | <u>(443,735)</u> |
| Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities                                | \$        | <u>4,621,188</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2025

Private-purpose  
Trust  
Funds

Private-Purpose  
Trust Fund

Custodial  
Funds

Data  
Control  
Codes

| <u>Data Control Codes</u> |                               | <u>Private-Purpose Trust Fund</u> | <u>Custodial Funds</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS:</b>            |                               |                                   |                        |
| 1110                      | Cash and Cash Equivalents     | \$ 4,936                          | \$ 61,009              |
| 1260                      | Due from Other Funds          | --                                | --                     |
| 1800                      | Restricted Assets             | 393,475                           | --                     |
| 1000                      | Total Assets                  | <u>398,411</u>                    | <u>61,009</u>          |
| <b>LIABILITIES:</b>       |                               |                                   |                        |
| Current Liabilities:      |                               |                                   |                        |
| 2000                      | Total Liabilities             | <u>--</u>                         | <u>--</u>              |
| <b>NET POSITION:</b>      |                               |                                   |                        |
| 3800                      | Held in Trust                 | \$ 398,411                        | \$ --                  |
| 3800                      | Restricted for Other Purposes | --                                | 61,009                 |
| 3000                      | Total Net Position            | <u>\$ 398,411</u>                 | <u>\$ 61,009</u>       |

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**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
FIDUCIARY FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|  | Private<br>Purpose<br>Trusts | Custodial<br>Funds          |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | <u>                    </u>  | <u>                    </u> |
| <b>ADDITIONS:</b>                                  |                              |                             |
| Investment Income                                  | \$ 11,510                    | \$ 3,997                    |
| Net (Decrease) in Fair Value of Investments        | 17,810                       | --                          |
| Student Groups Fundraising Activities              | --                           | 37,678                      |
| Student Group Fees/Dues                            | --                           | 125,563                     |
| Contributions from Foundations, Gifts and Bequests | --                           | 20,260                      |
| Total Additions                                    | <u>29,320</u>                | <u>187,498</u>              |
| <b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>                                 |                              |                             |
| Student Fundraiser Expense                         | --                           | 16,552                      |
| Student Group Fees/Dues                            | --                           | 115,756                     |
| Supplies / Events                                  | --                           | 55,316                      |
| Scholarship Awards                                 | 1,860                        | --                          |
| Administrative Expenses                            | 3,727                        | --                          |
| Total Deductions                                   | <u>5,587</u>                 | <u>187,624</u>              |
| <b>Change in Fiduciary Net Position</b>            | 23,733                       | (126)                       |
| Net Position-Beginning of the Year                 | 374,678                      | 61,135                      |
| Net Position-End of the Year                       | <u>\$ 398,411</u>            | <u>\$ 61,009</u>            |

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# CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

#### 1. Reporting Entity

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

#### 2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

##### a. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

# CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Capital Projects Fund: This is the District's fund to account for the resources provided through bonds to build new facilities and make renovations to existing facilities.

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most federal and some state financial assistance is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund, and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods

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

Private-Purpose Trust Funds: These funds are used to report trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments not reported in other fiduciary fund types. The Laura Gregory Trust is reported here.

Custodial Funds: These funds are used to report student activity funds and other resources held in a purely custodial capacity. Custodial funds typically involve only the receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of fiduciary resources to individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

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

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

# CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

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

### 3. Financial Statement Amounts

#### a. Property Taxes

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

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

#### b. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items. There were no prepaid items at August 31, 2025.

#### c. Capital Assets

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

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

| <b><u>Asset Class</u></b> | <b><u>Estimated Useful Lives</u></b> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Infrastructure            | 30                                   |
| Buildings                 | 50                                   |
| Building Improvements     | 20                                   |
| Vehicles                  | 2-15                                 |
| Office Equipment          | 3-15                                 |
| Computer Equipment        | 3-15                                 |

#### d. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position (the government-wide Statement of Net Position and governmental funds balance sheet) will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position and/or fund

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

balance that applies to one or more future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statements of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to one or more future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

e. Receivable and Payable Balances

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

There are no significant receivables which are not scheduled for collection within one year of year end.

f. Interfund Activity

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

g. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of management's estimates.

h. Data Control Codes

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

i. Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

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

**Restricted Fund Balance** - represents amounts that are constrained by external parties, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed Fund Balance** - represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action by the District's Board of Trustees. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes those

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constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the Board of Trustees. Commitments are typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

Assigned Fund Balance - represents amounts which the District intends to use for a specific purpose, but that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent may be stipulated by the Board of Trustees or by an official or body to which the Board of Trustees delegates the authority. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service, or permanent fund are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type or the fund's primary purpose. Assignments within the general fund convey that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District itself.

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

Fund Balance Policy - In an effort to provide adequate cash flow for operations, maintain a strong credit rating, and plan for unanticipated extraordinary costs, the District shall strive to maintain in the general fund an unassigned fund balance of at least two months operations.

j. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

k. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

### 4. 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' 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.

### 5. Other Post-Employment Benefits

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) 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' fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) 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.

### 6. Implementation of New Standards

In the current fiscal year, the District implemented the following new standards. The applicable provisions of the new standards are summarized below. Implementation is reflected in the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

#### GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*

In the current fiscal year, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This Statement requires that liabilities for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means. A liability for certain types of compensated absences – including parental leave, military leave, and jury duty leave – should not be recognized until the leave commences. A liability for specific types of compensated absences should not be recognized until the leave is used.

This Statement also establishes guidance for measuring a liability for leave that has not been used, generally using an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements. A liability for leave that has been used but not yet paid or settled should be measured at the amount of the cash payment or noncash settlement to be made. Certain salary-related payments that are directly and incrementally associated with payments for leave also should be included in the measurement of the liabilities. With respect to financial statements prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus, this Statement requires that expenditures be recognized for the amount that normally would be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

This Statement amends the existing requirements to disclose the gross increases and decreases in a liability for compensated absences to allow governments to disclose only the net change in the liability (as long as they identify it as a net change). In addition, governments are no longer required to disclose which governmental funds typically have been used to liquidate the liability for compensated absences.

The requirements of the Statement are effective for fiscal year beginning after December 15, 2023 and for all reporting periods thereafter.

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## GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*

In the current fiscal year, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*. This Statement requires a government to assess whether a concentration or constraint makes the primary government reporting unit or other reporting units that report a liability for revenue debt vulnerable to the risk of a substantial impact. Additionally, this statement requires a government to assess whether an event or events associated with a concentration or constraint that could cause the substantial impact have occurred, have begun to occur, or are more likely than not to begin to occur within 12 months of the date the financial statements are issued.

The District has reviewed this Statement and determined the provisions of this GASB statement are not applicable to the governmental entity and therefore do not affect its financial statements.

## B. Compliance and Accountability

### 1. Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 38, "Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures," violations of finance-related legal and contractual provisions, if any, are reported below, along with actions taken to address such violations:

| <u>Violation</u> | <u>Action Taken</u> |
|------------------|---------------------|
| None reported    | Not applicable      |

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

Following are funds having deficit fund balances or fund net position at year end, if any, along with remarks which address such deficits:

| <u>Fund Name</u> | <u>Deficit Amount</u> | <u>Remarks</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| None reported    | Not applicable        | Not applicable |

## C. Deposits and Investments

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

### 1. Cash Deposits:

At August 31, 2025, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$30,399,348 and the bank balance was \$30,482,075. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2025, and during the year ended August 31, 2025, were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the District's name.

### 2. Investments:

The District is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, 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

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maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

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

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

The District's investments at August 31, 2025 is shown below.

| <u>Investments or Investment Type</u> | <u>Maturity</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| None                                  | N/A             | \$ --             |
| Total Investments                     |                 | \$ --             |

### 3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

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

#### a. Credit Risk

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

#### b. Custodial Credit Risk

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

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

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

#### c. Concentration of Credit Risk

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

#### d. Interest Rate Risk

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

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e. Foreign Currency Risk

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

4. Investment Accounting Policy

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

D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2025, was as follows:

|  | Beginning<br>Balances | Increases    | Decreases | Ending<br>Balances |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------------|
| <i>Capital assets not being depreciated:</i> |                       |              |           |                    |
| Land   | \$ 487,301            | \$ --        | \$ --     | \$ 487,301         |
| Construction in progress                     | 1,876,431             | 7,746,813    | --        | 9,623,244          |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated   | 2,363,732             | 7,746,813    | --        | 10,110,545         |
| <i>Capital assets being depreciated:</i>     |                       |              |           |                    |
| Buildings and improvements                   | 46,179,804            | --           | --        | 46,179,804         |
| Equipment                                    | 7,171,561             | 68,065       | --        | 7,239,626          |
| Vehicles                                     | 2,655,420             | 48,438       | --        | 2,703,858          |
| Infrastructure                               | 2,366,250             | --           | --        | 2,366,250          |
| Total Capital Assets being depreciated       | 58,373,035            | 116,503      | --        | 58,489,538         |
| Less accumulated depreciation for:           |                       |              |           |                    |
| Buildings and improvements                   | (21,518,119)          | (1,360,419)  | --        | (22,878,538)       |
| Equipment                                    | (4,108,089)           | (359,150)    | --        | (4,467,239)        |
| Vehicles                                     | (1,947,651)           | (114,710)    | --        | (2,062,361)        |
| Infrastructure                               | (359,811)             | (81,365)     | --        | (441,176)          |
| Total accumulated depreciation               | (27,933,670)          | (1,915,644)  | --        | (29,849,314)       |
| Total capital assets depreciated, net        | 30,439,365            | (1,799,141)  | --        | 28,640,224         |
| Governmental activities capital assets, net  | \$ 32,803,097         | \$ 5,947,672 | \$ --     | \$ 38,750,769      |

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Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

|    |  |    |              |
|----|--|----|--------------|
| 11 | Instruction                            | \$ | 781,063      |
| 12 | Instruction Resources & Media Services |    | 27,110       |
| 13 | Curriculum & Staff Development         |    | 9,637        |
| 34 | Student Transportation                 |    | 107,924      |
| 35 | Food Services                          |    | 32,236       |
| 36 | Extracurricular Activities             |    | 617,077      |
| 41 | General Administration                 |    | 31,064       |
| 51 | Plant Maintenance and Operations       |    | 256,274      |
| 52 | Security and Monitoring Services       |    | 53,259       |
|    |  |    | \$ 1,915,644 |

**E. Interfund Balances and Activities**

1. Due To and From Other Funds

Balances due to and due from at August 31, 2025, consisted of the following:

| Due To Fund  | Due From Fund              | Amount     | Purpose                                 |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------|---|
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 211 | \$ 26,178  | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 224 | 22,939     | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 225 | 39         | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 240 | 47,614     | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 289 | 2,711      | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 410 | 3,481      | Cover funds that are due from the State |
| General Fund | Special Revenue – Fund 429 | 11,479     | Cover funds that are due from the State |
|              |                            | \$ 114,440 |   |

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

2. Transfer To and From Other Funds

Transfers to and from other funds at August 31, 2025, consisted of the following:

| Transfers From Fund | Transfer To Fund           | Amount    | Purpose   |
|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| General Fund        | Special Revenue – Fund 240 | \$ 23,973 | Reimburse expenditures due to shortage in food service revenue. |

**F. Short-Term Debt Activity**

The District accounts for short-term debts for maintenance purposes through the General Fund. The proceeds from loans are shown in the financial statements as Other Resources. The District had no short-term loans as of August 31, 2025.

**G. Long-Term Obligations**

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

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## 1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include debt and other long-term liabilities. Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended August 31, 2025, are as follows:

|                               | Beginning<br>Balance | Increases    | Decreases    | Ending<br>Balance | Amounts<br>Due Within<br>One Year |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bonds                         | \$ 49,575,000        | \$ --        | \$ 4,040,000 | \$ 45,535,000     | 1,645,000                         |
| Maintenance and tax note      | 220,680              | --           | 112,145      | 108,535           | 108,535                           |
| Loans                         | 4,569                | --           | 4,569        | --                | --                                |
| Issuance of premiums          | 4,081,443            | --           | 215,699      | 3,865,744         | --                                |
| Total                         | 53,881,692           | --           | 4,372,413    | 49,509,279        | 1,753,535                         |
| Net Pension Liability         | 4,258,768            | --           | 219,044      | 4,039,724         | --                                |
| Net OPEB Liability            | 1,925,591            | 1,016,579    | --           | 909,012           | --                                |
| Total Governmental Activities | \$ 60,066,051        | \$ 1,016,579 | \$ 4,591,457 | \$ 54,458,015     | 1,753,535                         |

Annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of August 31, 2025:

| Year Ended<br>June 30, | Governmental Activities |               |   |          |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---|----------|
|                        | Bonds                   |               | Notes from Direct Borrowings<br>and Direct Placements |          |
|                        | Principal               | Interest      | Principal   | Interest |
| 2026                   | \$ 1,645,000            | \$ 1,979,200  | \$ 108,535  | \$ 3,250 |
| 2027                   | 1,725,000               | 1,896,950     | -   | -        |
| 2028                   | 1,815,000               | 1,810,700     | -   | -        |
| 2029                   | 1,895,000               | 1,731,250     | -   | -        |
| 2030                   | 1,990,000               | 1,636,500     | -   | -        |
| 2031-2035              | 11,160,000              | 6,958,450     | -   | -        |
| 2036-2040              | 13,115,000              | 4,324,600     | -   | -        |
| 2041-2045              | 7,110,000               | 1,970,200     | -   | -        |
| 2046-2048              | 5,040,000               | 408,400       | -   | -        |
| Total                  | \$ 45,535,000           | \$ 22,716,250 | \$ 108,535  | \$ 3,250 |

| Original<br>Issue<br>Amount | Description   | Interest<br>Rate % | Range of<br>Maturities | Debt<br>Outstanding |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| \$29,245,000                | Unltd. Tax School Building & Ref Bonds, Series 2016 | 3.00 – 5.00        | 2018-40                | \$20,000,000        |
| 28,605,000                  | Unltd Tax School Building Bonds, Series, 2023       | 3.00 – 5.00        | 2024-48                | 25,535,000          |
| 1,000,000                   | Maintenance & Tax Note, 2016                        | 2.896              | 2017-26                | 108,535             |
|                             | Total long-term debt payable                        |                    |                        | 45,643,535          |
|                             | Less current portion                                |                    |                        | (1,753,535)         |
|                             | Plus unamortized premiums on issuance               |                    |                        | 3,865,744           |
|                             | Total Long-Term Portion of Debt                     |                    |                        | 47,755,744          |

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the general obligation bond indentures. The District appears to be in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions as of year-end.

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## 2. Defeased Debt

During the current fiscal year, the District used \$2,529,194 of its resources to defease \$2,475,000 of the District's Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 by placing them with an escrow agent. The escrow agent invested the funds in Unites States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series (the "SLGS"), which by 8/15/26 will result in the available cash to pay the principal and interest of \$2,586,374. The current balance of defeased bonds are summarized below:

| Series | Principal Issued | Dated    | Principal Defeased | Maturity Defeased | Redemption Date | Redemption Price |
|--------|------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2016   | \$29,245,000     | 8/1/2016 | \$2,475,000        | 8/15/2041         | 8/15/2026       | 100%             |

## 3. Direct Borrowing

At August 31, 2025, the District had a contract for direct borrowing with a total outstanding balance of \$108,535 for the Maintenance and Tax Note, Series 2016. The funds were used to purchase a new fleet of busses and update their vehicle inventory.

## 4. Arbitrage

The Tax Reform Act of 1986 instituted certain arbitrage restrictions with respect to the issuance of tax-exempt bonds after August 31, 1986. Arbitrage regulations deal with the investment of all tax-exempt bond proceeds at an interest yield greater than the interest yield paid to bondholders. Generally, all interest paid to bondholders can be retroactively rendered taxable if applicable rebates are not reported and paid to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at least every five years. During the current year, the District performed calculations of excess investment earnings on various bonds and financing and at August 31, 2025 does not expect to incur a liability.

## 5. Compensated Absences

The State of Texas has created a minimum personal leave program consisting of five days per year leave with no limit on accumulation and transferability among districts for every teacher regularly employed in Texas public schools.

The District's local Board of Education is required to establish a leave plan. Local school districts may provide additional leave beyond the state minimum. The District provides an additional three days leave above the state granted five days per year.

As of the year ended September 30, 2025, no liability for compensated absences has been recognized because the criteria for recognition under GASB Statement 101 has not been met.

## H. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During the fiscal year 2025, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

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### I. Pension Plan

#### 1. Plan Description

The District participates in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, 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 workload and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

#### 2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <https://www.trs.texas.gov/learning-resources/publications>; by writing to TRS at attention Finance Division, PO Box 149676, Austin, TX, 78714-0185, or by calling 1-800-223-8778.

#### 3. Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3 percent (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes, including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs, can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (1.) 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 cost-of-living-adjustment (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 cost of living adjustment (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 was applied to eligible annuitants' payments beginning with their January 2024 payment:

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

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

#### 4. Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% 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 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2019 through 2025.

|   | <u>Contributions and Rates</u> |             |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|
|   | <u>2024</u>                    | <u>2025</u> |
| Member  | 8.25%                          | 8.25%       |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (NECE – State) Employers | 8.25%                          | 8.25%       |
| District Employer Contributions                           | \$ 372,586                     | \$ 355,522  |
| District Member Contributions                             | \$ 767,774                     | \$ 769,799  |
| NECE On-Behalf Contributions to District                  | \$ 461,711                     | \$ 546,117  |

Contributors to the plan include active 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 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.

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

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there are two additional surcharges an employer is subject to:

- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.
- 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.

### 5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 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 Investment Rate of Return    | 7.00%   |
| Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2023           | 3.87%*  |
| Inflation                                       | 2.30%   |
| Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period | 2123  |
| Salary Increases Including Inflation            | 2.95% to 8.95% including inflation                  |
| Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes          | None  |

The source for the rate is the Bond Buyers 20 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 rates.

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 actuarial valuation report dated November 21, 2023.

### 6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on the pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers, and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 legislative 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 these 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 expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of

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pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of August 31, 2024, are summarized below:

| Asset Class *                                 | Target Allocation** | Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return*** | Expected Contribution To Long-Term Portfolio Returns |
|---|---------------------|---|--|
| <b>Global Equity</b>                          |                     |   |  |
| U.S.  | 18.0 %              | 4.4 %   | 1.0 %  |
| Non-U.S. Developed                            | 13.0                | 4.2   | 0.8  |
| Emerging Markets                              | 9.0                 | 5.2   | 0.7  |
| Private Equity*                               | 14.0                | 6.7   | 1.2  |
| <b>Stable Value</b>                           |                     |   |  |
| Government Bonds                              | 16.0                | 1.9   | 0.4  |
| Absolute Return*                              | 0.0                 | 4.0   | 0.00   |
| Stable Value Hedge Funds                      | 5.0                 | 3.0   | 0.20   |
| <b>Real Return</b>                            |                     |   |  |
| Real Estate                                   | 15.0                | 6.6   | 1.2  |
| Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure | 6.0                 | 5.6   | 0.4  |
| Commodities                                   | 0.0                 | 2.5   | 0.0  |
| <b>Risk Parity</b>                            | 8.0                 | 4.0   | 0.4  |
| <b>Asset Allocation Leverage</b>              |                     |   |  |
| Cash  | 2.0                 | 1.0   | 0.00   |
| Asset Allocation Leverage                     | (6.0)               | 1.3   | (0.1)  |
| <b>Inflation Expectation</b>                  |                     |   | 2.4  |
| <b>Volatility Drag****</b>                    |                     |   | (0.7)  |
| <b>Expected Return</b>                        | 100.0 %             |   | 7.9 %  |

\* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.

\*\* Target allocations are based on the FY2024 policy model.

\*\*\* Capital Market Assumptions (CMA) come from 2024 SAA Study CMA Survey (as of 12/31/2023).

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

## 7.. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the Net Pension Liability of the plan using the discount rate of 7.00%, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one 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 | \$ 6,452,463                         | \$ 4,039,724          | \$ 2,040,598                         |

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

At August 31, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$4,039,724 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 | \$ | 4,039,724        |
| State's Proportionate Share that is Associated with District           | \$ | <u>5,919,612</u> |
| Total  | \$ | <u>9,959,336</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 District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

At August 31, 2024, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0066133723%, which was an increase of 0.0004134217% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

#### Changes in Assumptions and Benefits Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation -

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

The Texas 2023 Legislature passed Senate Bill 10 (SB 10), which provided a stipend payment to certain retirees and variable ad hoc cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) 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, an adjustment was made to reflect the legislation in the rolled forward liabilities for the current measurement year, August 31, 2024. SB 10 and House Joint Resolution 2 (HJR 2) of the 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

For the year ended August 31, 2025, The District recognized pension expense of \$ 1,486,751 and revenue of \$ 707,493 for the support provided by the State.

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At August 31, 2025, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources

|  | <u>Deferred<br/>Outflows of<br/>Resources</u> | <u>Deferred<br/>Inflows of<br/>Resources</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience  | \$ 222,664                                    | \$ 31,540                                    |
| Changes in Actuarial Assumptions   | 208,580                                       | 27,963                                       |
| Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings  | 24,556  | --   |
| Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions | <u>594,936</u>                                | <u>--</u>                                    |
| Total as of August 31, 2022 Measurement Date   | \$ 1,050,736                                  | \$ 59,503                                    |
| Contributions Paid to TRS Subsequent to the Measurement Date   | <u>335,522</u>                                | <u>--</u>                                    |
| Total as of fiscal year end  | \$ <u>1,386,258</u>                           | \$ <u>59,503</u>                             |

The District recognized \$ 335,522 as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from the District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the measurement year ended August 31, 2025. The other amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

| <u>Year Ended August 31</u> | <u>Pension Expense Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2026                        | \$ 222,399                    |
| 2027                        | \$ 611,567                    |
| 2028                        | \$ 168,054                    |
| 2029                        | \$ (49,045)                   |
| 2030                        | \$ 38,258                     |
| Thereafter                  | \$ --                         |

J. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans

1. Plan Description

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

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

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### 2. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the TRS-Care's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.trs.texas.gov/learning-resources/publication>; by writing to TRS at P.O. Box 149676, Austin, TX, 78714-0185; or by calling (800) 223-8778..

### 3. Benefits Provided

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

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

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

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

### 4. Contributions

Contribution rates for the TRS-Care plan are established in state statute by the Texas Legislature, and there is no continuing obligation to provide benefits beyond each fiscal year. The TRS-Care plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and is subject to change based on available funding. Funding for TRS-Care is provided by retiree premium contributions and contributions from the State, active employees, and participating employers are 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 public school. The actual public school contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, which is 0.75% of each active employee's pay for fiscal year 2024. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

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|  | <b>Contribution Rates</b> |            |
|--|---------------------------|------------|
|  | 2024                      | 2025       |
| Active Employee                                    | 0.65%                     | 0.65%      |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity<br>(NECE) - State | 1.25%                     | 1.25%      |
| Employers  | 0.75%                     | 0.75%      |
| Federal/Private Funding Remitted<br>By Employers   | 1.25%                     | 1.25%      |
| Current Fiscal year District Contributions         |                           | \$ 84,270  |
| Current Fiscal year Member Contributions           |                           | \$ 60,651  |
| 2023 Measurement year NECE Contributions           |                           | \$ 110,328 |

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

5. 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   | General Inflation   |
| Rates of Retirement  | Wage Inflation      |
| Rates of Termination | Rates of Disability |

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

Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Valuation Date        | August 31, 2023, rolled 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 the Society of Actuaries' 2013 Study "Health Care Costs – From Birth to Death"  |
| Election Rates        | Normal Retirement: 65% participation rate prior to age 65 and 40% participation rate after age 65.<br>Pre-65 retirees: 25% are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65. |

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|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Expenses                       | Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.   |
| Projected Salary Increases     | 2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation *  |
| Healthcare Trend Rates         | 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. Initial prescription drug trend rate of 7.25% for all retirees. Initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 11 years. |
| Ad Hoc Post-Employment Changes | None   |

The initial medical trend rate was 6.75% for non-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.

## 6. 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.

## 7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact on the net OPEB liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used in measuring the net OPEB liability.

|   | 1% Decrease In<br>Discount Rate<br>(2.87%) | Current Single<br>Discount Rate<br>(3.87%) | 1% Increase In<br>Discount Rate<br>(4.87%) |
|---|--|--|--|
| District's Proportionate Share of<br>Net OPEB Liability | \$ 3,495,435                               | \$ 2,942,170                               | \$ 2,495,123                               |

## 8. Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the new OPEB liability if a healthcare trend rate that is 1% less than and 1% greater than the assumed healthcare cost trend rate:

|   | 1% Decrease<br>in Healthcare<br>Trend Rate | Current<br>Healthcare Cost<br>Trend Rate | 1% Increase<br>in Healthcare<br>Trend Rate |
|---|--|--|--|
| District's Proportionate Share of<br>Net OPEB Liability | \$ 2,395,960                               | \$ 2,942,170                             | \$ 3,653,935                               |

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## 9. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At August 31, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$2,942,170 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<br>Collective Net OPEB Liability | \$ | 2,942,170        |
| State's Proportionate Share that is<br>Associated with the District    | \$ | <u>3,686,499</u> |
| Total  | \$ | <u>6,628,669</u> |

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 District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024.

At August 31, 2024, the District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0096936447% which was an increase of 0.0009956393% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

## 10. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

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

- The single 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 table used to model the impact of aging on the underlying claims were revised.

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

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

For the year ended August 31, 2025, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(580,094) and revenue of \$(479,177) for support by the State.

At August 31, 2025, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits from the following sources:

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|  | <u>Deferred<br/>Outflow<br/>Of Resources</u> | <u>Deferred<br/>Inflow<br/>Of Resources</u> |
|--|--|---|
| Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience  | \$ 563,915                                   | \$ 1,468,302                                |
| Changes in Actuarial Assumptions   | 376,563                                      | 959,996                                     |
| Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings   | --   | 8,239                                       |
| Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions | <u>1,344,446</u>                             | <u>--</u>                                   |
| Total as of August 31, 2024, Measurement Date  | \$ 2,284,924                                 | \$ 2,436,537                                |
| Contributions Paid to TRS Subsequent to the Measurement Date   | <u>84,270</u>                                | <u>--</u>                                   |
| Total at fiscal year-end   | <u>\$ 2,369,194</u>                          | <u>\$ 2,436,537</u>                         |

The District recognized \$84,270 as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the measurement year ended August 31, 2025. The other amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

| <u>Year Ended August 31</u> | <u>OPEB</u> | <u>Expense Amount</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 2026                        | \$          | (177,497)             |
| 2027                        |             | (44,242)              |
| 2028                        |             | (108,355)             |
| 2029                        |             | (65,590)              |
| 2030                        |             | (3,680)               |
| Thereafter                  |             | 247,751               |

**Medicare Part D Subsidies**

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006, established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, the subsidy payments received by TRS-Care on behalf of the District were \$67,574, \$50,840, and \$43,160, respectively.

**K. Employee Health Care Coverage**

The District participates in TRS Active Care sponsored by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and administered through Aenta and Caremark (pharmacy). TRS-Active Care provides health care coverage to employees (and their dependents) of participating public education entities. Authority for the plan can be found in the Texas Insurance Code, Title 8, Subtitle H, Chapter 1579, and in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 3, Chapter 41. The plan began operations on September 1, 2022. This is a premium-based plan. Payments are made on a monthly basis for all covered employees. The District contributed up to \$473 per month per enrolled employee. Employees at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay the additional cost of the premiums for themselves and their dependents.

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#### L. Workers Compensation Coverage

The District participates in a self-insured Worker's Compensation plan, (through Claims Administrative Services) to provide workers compensation coverage to staff members. Estimates of claims payable and of claims incurred but not reported at August 31, 2023, are reflected as accrued expenditures of the Fund. The District's self-insured retention provides for claims up to \$1,000,000 for any individual participant and an aggregate limit equal to \$45,305. This is the maximum the District would be responsible for during the plan year. Claims exceeding this amount would be shared by the remaining members of the pool up to statutory amount. Midwest Employers Casualty Company provides for claims over the \$1,000,000 individual limit.

#### M. Unemployment Compensation

During the current year, the District provided unemployment compensation coverage to its employees through participation in the TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's Unemployment Compensation Program is authorized by section 22.005 of the Texas Education Code and Chapter 172 of the Texas Local Government Code. All members participating in the Fund execute interlocal agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties.

The Fund meets its quarterly obligation to the Texas Workforce Commission. Expenses are accrued each month until the quarterly payment has been made. Expenses can be reasonably estimated; therefore, there is no need for specific or aggregate stop loss coverage for Unemployment Compensation pool.

#### N. Commitments and Contingencies

##### 1. Contingencies

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

##### 2. Litigation

The District is currently a defendant in legal proceedings. At this time, the outcome of the litigation is unknown. The District plans to vigorously defend itself against any litigation.

#### O. Shared Service Agreement

The District participates in a Shared Service Agreement (SSA) for deaf education services with seven other school districts. The District does not account for revenues or expenditures of this program and does not disclose them in these financial statements. The District neither has a joint ownership interest in capital assets purchased by the fiscal agent, North Lamar ISD, nor does the District have a 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 Chisum ID. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA. Shared Service Arrangement expenditures of \$20,000 were attributed Chisum ISD participation.

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### P. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 20, 2025, the date the financials were available for release noting nothing that is required to be disclosed.

### Q. Tax Abatement

The District's Board of Trustees approved an Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (the "Applications") and entered into Agreements for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes (the "Agreements") by and between Chisum Independent School District and the various Agreement Holders, pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313. The Agreement Holders qualified for the Chapter 313 value limitation agreement under Texas Tax Code § 313.024(b)(5), as renewable energy electric generation projects.

Chapter 313 value limitation agreements are a part of a statewide program, originally created in 2001, that allows school districts to limit the taxable value of an approved project for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) for a period of years specified in the statute. A project under a Chapter 313 value limitation agreement must be consistent with the State's goal to "encourage large scale capital investments in this state." Texas Tax Code § 313 grants eligibility to companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, renewable electric energy generation, clean coal projects, nuclear power generation, and data centers.

In order to qualify for a Chapter 313 value limitation agreement, applicants are required to meet a series of capital investment, job creation, and wage requirements specified by State law. At the time of the Applications' approval, the District's Board of Trustees and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (the "Comptroller") determined that the projects satisfy such criteria and recommended approval of the projects. Documentation of the applications, the agreements, and State reporting requirements can be viewed at the Comptroller's website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/development/prop-tax/chc313/agreement-docs.php>.

The Agreement Holders must maintain a viable presence in the District for the entire period of the value limitation plus a period of years thereafter. In addition, there are specific reporting requirements, which are monitored on an annual and biennial basis in order to ensure that relevant job, wage, and operational requirements are being met.

In the event that an Agreement Holder terminates the Agreement without the consent of the District, or in the event that an Agreement Holder or its successor-in-interest fails to comply in any material respect with the terms of the Agreement or fails to meet any material obligation under the Agreement, then the District shall be entitled to the recapture of all *ad valorem* tax revenue lost as a result of the Agreement, together with the payment of penalty and interest, on that recaptured *ad valorem* tax revenue. Penalties on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Texas Tax Code § 33.01(a), or its successor statute. Interest on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Texas Tax Code § 33.01(c), or its successor statute. The Agreement provides an administrative procedure to determine any company liability. Ultimately, enforcement of any payment obligation is through the local state district court.

In the current fiscal year, the Agreement Holders are in full compliance with all its obligations under law and the individual agreements.

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Below is information related to property tax abatement agreements:

Agreement Holder: Mockingbird Solar Center, LLC  
 Comptroller Agreement: 1711  
 Original Agreement Date: 10-24-2022  
 First Year of Value Limitation: 2025  
 Tax Year Covered by this Report: 2024

| Market Value of Qualified Property | (B)<br>Taxable Value for M&O Purposes | (C)<br>M&O Taxes Paid for Tax Year 2024 | (D)<br>Agreement Holder's M&O Tax Reduction | (E)<br>Revenue Loss Protection Payment | (F)<br>Supplemental Payment to District | (G)<br>Net Benefit to District (C+E+F) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| \$79,981,540.00                    | \$79,981,540.00                       | \$535,396.43                            | \$0.00                                      | \$0.00                                 | \$108,800.00                            | \$644,196.43                           |

Agreement Holder: Eagle Springs Solar, LLC  
 Comptroller Agreement: 1948  
 Original Agreement Date: 12-12-2022  
 First Year of Value Limitation: 2026  
 Tax Year Covered by this Report: 2024

| Market Value of Qualified Property | (B)<br>Taxable Value for M&O Purposes | (C)<br>M&O Taxes Paid for Tax Year 2024 | (D)<br>Agreement Holder's M&O Tax Reduction | (E)<br>Revenue Loss Protection Payment | (F)<br>Supplemental Payment to District | (G)<br>Net Benefit to District (C+E+F) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| \$0.00                             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                  | \$0.00                                      | \$0.00                                 | \$0.00                                  | \$0.00                                 |

Agreement Holder: MRG Goody Solar Project, LLC  
 Comptroller Agreement: 1951  
 Original Agreement Date: 12-12-2022  
 First Year of Value Limitation: 2026  
 Tax Year Covered by this Report: 2024

| Market Value of Qualified Property | (B)<br>Taxable Value for M&O Purposes | (C)<br>M&O Taxes Paid for Tax Year 2024 | (D)<br>Agreement Holder's M&O Tax Reduction | (E)<br>Revenue Loss Protection Payment | (F)<br>Supplemental Payment to District | (G)<br>Net Benefit to District (C+E+F) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|
| \$0.00                             | \$0.00                                | \$0.00                                  | \$0.00                                      | \$0.00                                 | \$108,800.00                            | \$108,800.00                           |

## *Required Supplementary Information*

Required supplementary information includes financial information and disclosures required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board but not considered a part of the basic financial statements.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

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| Data<br>Control<br>Codes                        | Budgeted Amounts                               |                   |                   | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |                  |
|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|---|------------------|
|   | 1  | 2                 | 3                 |   |                  |
|   | Original                                       | Final             | Actual            |   |                  |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                                |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 5700  | Local and Intermediate Sources                 | \$ 10,212,701     | \$ 10,376,801     | \$ 10,770,405   | \$ 393,604       |
| 5800  | State Program Revenues                         | 4,110,996         | 4,110,996         | 4,243,321   | 132,325          |
| 5900  | Federal Program Revenues                       | 60,000            | 60,000            | 239,265   | 179,265          |
| 5020  | Total Revenues                                 | <u>14,383,697</u> | <u>14,547,797</u> | <u>15,252,991</u>                                       | <u>705,194</u>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                            |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| Current:  |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| Instruction and Instructional Related Services: |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0011  | Instruction                                    | 7,916,965         | 8,075,755         | 7,942,368   | 133,387          |
| 0012  | Instructional Resources and Media Services     | 103,797           | 107,397           | 101,383   | 6,014            |
| 0013  | Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 44,661            | 44,661            | 36,561  | 8,100            |
|   | Total Instruction and Instr. Related Services  | <u>8,065,423</u>  | <u>8,227,813</u>  | <u>8,080,312</u>  | <u>147,501</u>   |
| Instructional and School Leadership:            |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0021  | Instructional Leadership                       | 203,875           | 126,375           | 122,968   | 3,407            |
| 0023  | School Leadership                              | 919,315           | 954,515           | 943,418   | 11,097           |
|   | Total Instructional and School Leadership      | <u>1,123,190</u>  | <u>1,080,890</u>  | <u>1,066,386</u>  | <u>14,504</u>    |
| Student Support Services:                       |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0031  | Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services   | 265,401           | 344,001           | 342,410   | 1,591            |
| 0033  | Health Services                                | 204,750           | 211,150           | 206,274   | 4,876            |
| 0034  | Student Transportation                         | 599,465           | 606,009           | 588,455   | 17,554           |
| 0035  | Food Services                                  | 27,670            | 40,870            | 35,775  | 5,095            |
| 0036  | Extracurricular Activities                     | 875,496           | 1,135,846         | 876,001   | 259,845          |
|   | Total Student Support Services                 | <u>1,972,782</u>  | <u>2,337,876</u>  | <u>2,048,915</u>  | <u>288,961</u>   |
| Administrative Support Services:                |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0041  | General Administration                         | 775,813           | 825,569           | 812,439   | 13,130           |
|   | Total Administrative Support Services          | <u>775,813</u>    | <u>825,569</u>    | <u>812,439</u>  | <u>13,130</u>    |
| Support Services:                               |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0051  | Facilities Maintenance and Operations          | 1,458,677         | 1,584,379         | 1,547,143   | 37,236           |
| 0052  | Security and Monitoring Services               | 143,632           | 321,262           | 182,627   | 138,635          |
| 0053  | Data Processing Services                       | 177,353           | 182,953           | 181,734   | 1,219            |
|   | Total Support Services                         | <u>1,779,662</u>  | <u>2,088,594</u>  | <u>1,911,504</u>  | <u>177,090</u>   |
| Debt Service:                                   |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0071  | Debt Service                                   | 142,803           | 131,832           | 116,714   | 15,118           |
| 0072  | Interest on Long-Term Debt                     | --                | 10,971            | 6,140   | 4,831            |
|   | Total Debt Service                             | <u>142,803</u>    | <u>142,803</u>    | <u>122,854</u>  | <u>19,949</u>    |
| Intergovernmental Charges:                      |  |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 0093  | Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Dist.-SSA      | 20,000            | 20,000            | 20,000  | --               |
| 0099  | Other Intergovernmental Charges                | 322,025           | 322,025           | 319,519   | 2,506            |
|   | Total Intergovernmental Charges                | <u>342,025</u>    | <u>342,025</u>    | <u>339,519</u>  | <u>2,506</u>     |
| 6030  | Total Expenditures                             | <u>14,201,698</u> | <u>15,045,570</u> | <u>14,381,929</u>                                       | <u>663,641</u>   |
| 1100  | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)   |                   |                   |   |                  |
| 1100  | Expenditures                                   | <u>181,999</u>    | <u>(497,773)</u>  | <u>871,062</u>  | <u>1,368,835</u> |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses):                 |  |                   |                   |   |                  |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

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| Data<br>Control<br>Codes |  | 1                   | 2                   | 3                   | Variance with<br>Final Budget<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---|
|                          |  | Budgeted Amounts    |                     | Actual              |   |
|                          |  | Original            | Final               |                     |   |
| 7915                     | <i>Operating Transfers In</i>            | 491,636             | 497,636             | --                  | (497,636)   |
| 8911                     | <i>Operating Transfers Out</i>           | (673,635)           | (679,635)           | (23,973)            | 655,662   |
| 7080                     | Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses) | (181,999)           | (181,999)           | (23,973)            | 158,026   |
| 1200                     | Net Change in Fund Balance               | --                  | (679,772)           | 847,089             | 1,526,861   |
| 0100                     | Fund Balance - Beginning                 | 5,457,550           | 5,457,550           | 5,457,550           | --  |
| 3000                     | Fund Balance - Ending                    | <u>\$ 5,457,550</u> | <u>\$ 4,777,778</u> | <u>\$ 6,304,639</u> | <u>\$ 1,526,861</u>                                     |

CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY  
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|   | Measurement Year Ended August 31, |                      |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2024                              | 2023                 | 2022                | 2021                | 2020                | 2019                | 2018                | 2017                | 2016                | 2015                |
| District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)  | 0.0066133723%                     | 0.0061999506%        | 0.0058960506%       | 0.0049348542%       | 0.0044209111%       | 0.0039927768%       | 0.0038637808%       | 0.0037999138%       | 0.0038006729%       | 0.0038163000%       |
| District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)   | \$ 4,039,724                      | \$ 4,258,768         | \$ 3,500,334        | \$ 1,256,733        | \$ 2,367,750        | \$ 2,075,570        | \$ 2,126,719        | \$ 1,215,008        | \$ 1,436,218        | \$ 1,349,011        |
| States Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)<br>associated with the District               | 5,919,612                         | 6,169,959            | 5,501,321           | 2,544,768           | 5,285,167           | 4,462,919           | 4,702,469           | 2,831,921           | 3,515,393           | 3,339,510           |
| Total   | <u>\$ 9,959,336</u>               | <u>\$ 10,428,727</u> | <u>\$ 9,001,655</u> | <u>\$ 3,801,501</u> | <u>\$ 7,652,917</u> | <u>\$ 6,538,489</u> | <u>\$ 6,829,188</u> | <u>\$ 4,046,929</u> | <u>\$ 4,951,611</u> | <u>\$ 4,688,521</u> |
| District's Covered Payroll  | \$ 9,306,348                      | \$ 8,100,360         | \$ 7,657,111        | \$ 7,070,829        | \$ 7,652,917        | \$ 7,650,232        | \$ 8,469,552        | \$ 5,002,211        | \$ 6,076,426        | \$ 5,819,791        |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)<br>as a percentage of its Covered Payroll | 43.41%                            | 52.58%               | 45.71%              | 17.77%              | 30.94%              | 27.13%              | 25.11%              | 24.29%              | 23.64%              | 23.18%              |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability   | 77.51%                            | 73.15%               | 75.62%              | 88.79%              | 75.54%              | 75.24%              | 73.74%              | 82.17%              | 78.00%              | 78.43%              |

CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS  
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|   | Fiscal Year Ended August 31, |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2025                         | 2024         | 2023         | 2022         | 2021         | 2020         | 2019         | 2018         | 2017         | 2016         |
| Contractually Required Contribution                             | \$ 335,522                   | \$ 372,586   | \$ 318,692   | \$ 275,127   | \$ 210,594   | \$ 182,395   | \$ 139,380   | \$ 130,161   | \$ 124,539   | \$ 120,757   |
| Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution | (335,522)                    | (372,586)    | (318,692)    | (275,127)    | (210,594)    | (182,395)    | (139,380)    | (130,161)    | (124,539)    | (120,757)    |
| Contribution Deficiency (Excess)                                | \$ -                         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| District's Covered Payroll                                      | \$ 9,330,900                 | \$ (306,348) | \$ 8,100,360 | \$ 7,657,111 | \$ 7,070,829 | \$ 6,483,901 | \$ 7,033,422 | \$ 9,381,333 | \$ 7,536,528 | \$ 5,071,604 |
| Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll                         | 3.60%                        | -121.62%     | 3.93%        | 3.59%        | 2.98%        | 2.81%        | 1.98%        | 1.39%        | 1.65%        | 2.38%        |

CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY  
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|  | Measurement Year Ended August 31, |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                     |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2024                              | 2023                | 2022                | 2021                | 2020                | 2019                | 2018                | 2017                |
| District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)  | 0.0096936447%                     | 0.0086980054%       | 0.0086504893%       | 0.0077323225%       | 0.0072773573%       | 0.0063864336%       | 0.0061464906%       | 0.0057995644%       |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)   | \$ 2,942,170                      | \$ 1,925,591        | \$ 2,071,274        | \$ 2,982,702        | \$ 2,766,452        | \$ 3,020,222        | \$ 3,068,999        | \$ 2,522,013        |
| State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)<br>associated with the District              | 3,686,499                         | 2,323,521           | 2,526,628           | 3,996,156           | 3,717,449           | 4,013,200           | 4,489,024           | 4,067,412           |
| <b>Total</b>   | <u>\$ 6,628,669</u>               | <u>\$ 4,249,112</u> | <u>\$ 4,597,902</u> | <u>\$ 6,978,858</u> | <u>\$ 6,483,901</u> | <u>\$ 7,033,422</u> | <u>\$ 7,558,023</u> | <u>\$ 6,589,425</u> |
| District's Covered Payroll   | \$ 9,306,348                      | \$ 8,100,360        | \$ 7,657,111        | \$ 7,070,829        | \$ 6,483,901        | \$ 7,033,422        | \$ 9,381,333        | \$ 7,536,528        |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)<br>as a percentage of its Covered Payroll | 31.61%                            | 23.77%              | 27.05%              | 42.18%              | 42.67%              | 42.94%              | 32.71%              | 33.46%              |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total OPEB Liability   | 13.70%                            | 14.94%              | 11.52%              | 6.18%               | 4.99%               | 2.66%               | 1.57%               | 0.91%               |

Note: Only eight years of data is presented in accordance with GASB #75, paragraph 245. "The information for all fiscal years for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS  
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

|   | Fiscal Year Ended August 31, |              |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|   | 2025                         | 2024         | 2023         | 2022         | 2021         | 2020         | 2019         | 2018         |
| Contractually Required Contribution                             | \$ 84,270                    | \$ 88,052    | \$ 75,453    | \$ 71,051    | \$ 60,407    | \$ 55,318    | \$ 45,326    | \$ 42,402    |
| Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution | (84,270)                     | (88,052)     | (75,453)     | (71,050)     | (60,407)     | (55,318)     | (45,326)     | (42,402)     |
| Contribution Deficiency (Excess)                                | \$ -                         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ 1         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         | \$ -         |
| District's Covered Payroll                                      | \$ 9,330,900                 | \$ 9,306,348 | \$ 8,100,360 | \$ 7,657,111 | \$ 7,070,829 | \$ 6,483,901 | \$ 7,033,422 | \$ 9,381,333 |
| Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll                         | 0.90%                        | 0.95%        | 0.93%        | 0.93%        | 0.85%        | 0.85%        | 0.64%        | 0.45%        |

Note: Only eight years of data is presented in accordance with GASB #75, paragraph 245. "The information for all fiscal years for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

**Budget**

The official budget was prepared for adoption for all Governmental Fund Types. The budget was prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in the United States of America. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data:

- a. Prior to August 20 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year. 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 after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
- c. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

Once a budget is approved, it can be amended at function and fund level only by approval of a majority of the members of the Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings.

Each amendment must have Board approval. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board and are not made after fiscal year end as required by law.

Each amendment is controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at August 31, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either cancelled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget. There were no end-of-year outstanding encumbrances that were provided for in the subsequent year's budget.

**Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations**

The district expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following funds in the noted function:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Function</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|
| NONE        | NONE            |

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

*Changes of benefit terms:*

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

*Changes of assumptions:*

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

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Defined Other Post-Employment Benefits

*Changes of benefit terms:*

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

*Changes of assumptions:*

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

The single discount rate changed from 4.13 percent as of August 31, 2023 to 3.87 percent 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.

## *Other Supplementary Information*

This section includes financial information and disclosures not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and not considered a part of the basic financial statements. It may, however, include information which is required by other entities.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

| Year Ended<br>August 31           | Tax Rates        |                   | 3<br>Assessed/Appraised<br>Value For School<br>Tax Purposes | 10<br>Beginning<br>Balance<br>9/1/24 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
|                                   | 1<br>Maintenance | 2<br>Debt Service |   |                                      |
| 2016 and Prior Years              | \$ Various       | \$ Various        | \$ Various  | \$ 138,606                           |
| 2017                              | 1.0400           | 0.2065            | 961,600,117   | 20,245                               |
| 2018                              | 1.0400           | 0.1950            | 971,459,028   | 21,609                               |
| 2019                              | 1.0400           | 0.1900            | 1,000,495,476   | 20,469                               |
| 2020                              | 0.9700           | 0.1800            | 1,163,839,477   | 22,082                               |
| 2021                              | 0.9640           | 0.1800            | 1,122,604,359   | 28,952                               |
| 2022                              | 0.9634           | 0.1800            | 1,127,015,087   | 39,114                               |
| 2023                              | 0.9328           | 0.1800            | 1,204,795,851   | 54,056                               |
| 2024                              | 0.7380           | 0.4200            | 1,293,321,009   | 132,476                              |
| 2025 (School Year<br>Under Audit) | 0.6694           | 0.4200            | 1,446,399,742   | --                                   |
| 1000 Totals                       |                  |                   |   | \$ <u>477,608</u>                    |

8000 - Total Taxes Refunded under Section 26.1115, Tax Code

9000 - Portion of Row 1000 for Taxes Paid into Tax Increment Zone Under Chapter 311, Tax Code

| 20<br>Current<br>Year's<br>Total Levy | 31<br>Maintenance<br>Collections | 32<br>Debt Service<br>Collections | 40<br>Entire<br>Year's<br>Adjustments | 50<br>Ending<br>Balance<br>8/31/25 | 99<br>Total Taxes<br>Refunded Under<br>Sect. 26.1115(c) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| \$ --                                 | \$ 5,150                         | \$ 525                            | \$ (4,817)                            | \$ 128,114                         |   |
| --                                    | 1,342                            | 266                               | (225)                                 | 18,412                             |   |
| --                                    | 1,199                            | 225                               | (222)                                 | 19,963                             |   |
| --                                    | 1,234                            | 226                               | (285)                                 | 18,724                             |   |
| --                                    | 1,803                            | 335                               | (1,844)                               | 18,100                             |   |
| --                                    | 2,418                            | 451                               | (2,126)                               | 23,957                             |   |
| --                                    | 3,801                            | 710                               | (2,719)                               | 31,884                             |   |
| --                                    | 4,826                            | 931                               | (6,470)                               | 41,829                             |   |
| --                                    | 5,769                            | 3,283                             | (32,701)                              | 90,723                             |   |
| 15,757,079                            | 9,804,956                        | 6,151,900                         | 373,596                               | 173,819                            |   |
| <u>\$ 15,757,079</u>                  | <u>\$ 9,832,498</u>              | <u>\$ 6,158,852</u>               | <u>\$ 322,187</u>                     | <u>\$ 565,524</u>                  |   |
|                                       |                                  |                                   |                                       |                                    | \$ <u>78,817</u>  |
|                                       | \$ <u>--</u>                     |                                   |                                       |                                    |   |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM*  
*BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE*  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

**EXHIBIT J-2**

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes                          | 1                | 2               | 3                                  |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
|   | Budget           | Actual          | Variance<br>Positive<br>(Negative) |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>                                  |                  |                 |                                    |
| 5700 <i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>        | \$ 46,480        | \$ 38,164       | \$ (8,316)                         |
| 5800 <i>State Program Revenues</i>                | 18,700           | 151,155         | 132,455                            |
| 5900 <i>Federal Program Revenues</i>              | 496,525          | 522,077         | 25,552                             |
| 5020 Total Revenues                               | <u>561,705</u>   | <u>711,396</u>  | <u>149,691</u>                     |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>                              |                  |                 |                                    |
| Current:  |                  |                 |                                    |
| Student Support Services:                         |                  |                 |                                    |
| 0035 <i>Food Services</i>                         | 743,704          | 737,022         | 6,682                              |
| Total Student Support Services                    | <u>743,704</u>   | <u>737,022</u>  | <u>6,682</u>                       |
| 6030 Total Expenditures                           | <u>743,704</u>   | <u>737,022</u>  | <u>6,682</u>                       |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) |                  |                 |                                    |
| 1100 Expenditures                                 | <u>(181,999)</u> | <u>(25,626)</u> | <u>156,373</u>                     |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses):                   |                  |                 |                                    |
| 7915 <i>Operating Transfers In</i>                | 181,999          | 23,973          | (158,026)                          |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)     | <u>181,999</u>   | <u>23,973</u>   | <u>(158,026)</u>                   |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balance                   | --               | (1,653)         | (1,653)                            |
| 0100 Fund Balance - Beginning                     | 1,653            | 1,653           | --                                 |
| 3000 Fund Balance - Ending                        | <u>\$ 1,653</u>  | <u>\$ --</u>    | <u>\$ (1,653)</u>                  |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EXHIBIT J-3**

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

| Data Control Codes  | 1                  | 2                   | 3                            |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|   | Budget             | Actual              | Variance Positive (Negative) |
| <b>REVENUES:</b>  |                    |                     |                              |
| 5700 <i>Local and Intermediate Sources</i>                            | \$ 6,080,173       | \$ 6,328,522        | \$ 248,349                   |
| 5800 <i>State Program Revenues</i>                                    | 158,721            | 186,560             | 27,839                       |
| 5020 <i>Total Revenues</i>  | <u>6,238,894</u>   | <u>6,515,082</u>    | <u>276,188</u>               |
| <b>EXPENDITURES:</b>  |                    |                     |                              |
| Debt Service:   |                    |                     |                              |
| 0071 <i>Debt Service</i>  | 1,565,000          | 1,565,000           | --                           |
| 0072 <i>Interest on Long-Term Debt</i>                                | 2,131,700          | 2,094,575           | 37,125                       |
| 0073 <i>Bond Issuance Costs and Fees</i>                              | 27,494             | 15,494              | 12,000                       |
| <i>Total Debt Service</i>   | <u>3,724,194</u>   | <u>3,675,069</u>    | <u>49,125</u>                |
| 6030 <i>Total Expenditures</i>  | <u>3,724,194</u>   | <u>3,675,069</u>    | <u>49,125</u>                |
| 1100 <i>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</i> | <u>2,514,700</u>   | <u>2,840,013</u>    | <u>325,313</u>               |
| Other Financing Sources (Uses):                                       |                    |                     |                              |
| 8949 <i>Other Uses</i>  | (2,514,700)        | (2,514,700)         | --                           |
| 7080 <i>Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)</i>                  | <u>(2,514,700)</u> | <u>(2,514,700)</u>  | <u>--</u>                    |
| 1200 <i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>                                | --                 | 325,313             | 325,313                      |
| 0100 <i>Fund Balance - Beginning</i>                                  | --                 | 1,048,776           | 1,048,776                    |
| 3000 <i>Fund Balance - Ending</i>                                     | <u>\$ --</u>       | <u>\$ 1,374,089</u> | <u>\$ 1,374,089</u>          |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

USE OF FUNDS REPORT - SELECT STATE ALLOTMENT PROGRAM  
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes                                 |  | Responses  |
|--|--|------------|
| <b><u>Section A: Compensatory Education Programs</u></b> |  |            |
| AP1  | Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the district's fiscal year?                        | Yes        |
| AP2  | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?  | Yes        |
| AP3  | List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the district's fiscal year.                   | \$ 709,478 |
| AP4  | List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28 29, 30) | \$ 840,897 |
| <b><u>Section B: Bilingual Education Programs</u></b>    |  |            |
| AP5  | Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year?                                      | Yes        |
| AP6  | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?   | Yes        |
| AP7  | List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.                                 | \$ 29,870  |
| AP8  | List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25)                         | \$ 38,595  |



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### Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and On Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed In Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Board of Trustees  
Chisum Independent School District  
Paris, Texas

Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Chisum Independent School District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended August 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2025.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the 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.



November 20, 2025  
Paris, Texas

Certified Public Accountants



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### Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Board of Trustees  
Chisum Independent School District  
Paris, Texas

Members of the Board of Trustees:

#### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

##### **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited the Chisum Independent School District's ("the District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2025. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of the auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2025.

##### **Basis for Opinion of Each Major Federal Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

##### **Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

##### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the

compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually, or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Certified Public Accountants

November 20, 2025  
Paris, Texas

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS*  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

A. Summary of Auditor's Results

1. Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

One or more material weaknesses identified?      Yes   X   No

One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?      Yes   X   None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?      Yes   X   No

2. Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

One or more material weaknesses identified?      Yes   X   No

One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?      Yes   X   None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Version of compliance supplement used in audit: November 2025

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, para. 200.516(a)??      Yes   X   No

Identification of major programs:

| <u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u> | <u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| 84.027A & 84.173A                   | Special Education Cluster                 |

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?   X   Yes      No

B. Financial Statement Findings

NONE

C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

NONE

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS*  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

| <u>Finding/Recommendation</u> | <u>Current Status</u> | <u>Management's Explanation<br/>If Not Implemented</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| None                          |                       |  |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN*  
*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025*

None

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

**EXHIBIT K-1**

| (1)   | (2)                      | (2A)  | (3)                     |
|---|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Federal Grantor/<br>Pass-Through Grantor/<br>Program or Cluster Title | Federal<br>ALN<br>Number | Pass-<br>Through<br>Entity<br>Identifying<br>Number | Federal<br>Expenditures |
| <b>CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER:</b>                                       |                          |   |                         |
| <u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>                                |                          |   |                         |
| Passed Through State Department of Education:                         |                          |   |                         |
| School Breakfast Program  | 10.553                   | 202521N109946                                       | \$ 163,446              |
| National School Lunch Program   | 10.555                   | 202520N119946                                       | 322,121                 |
| Total Passed Through State Department of Education                    |                          |   | <u>485,567</u>          |
| Total U. S. Department of Agriculture                                 |                          |   | <u>485,567</u>          |
| Total Child Nutrition Cluster   |                          |   | <u>485,567</u>          |
| <b>FOOD DISTRIBUTION CLUSTER:</b>                                     |                          |   |                         |
| <u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>                                |                          |   |                         |
| Passed Through State Department of Agriculture:                       |                          |   |                         |
| Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Non-cash)                        | 10.565                   | ML9BQLDAWHA3  | 36,511                  |
| Total U. S. Department of Agriculture                                 |                          |   | <u>36,511</u>           |
| Total Food Distribution Cluster                                       |                          |   | <u>36,511</u>           |
| <u>U. S. Department of Education</u>                                  |                          |   |                         |
| <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER</b>                                      |                          |   |                         |
| Passed through State Department of Education:                         |                          |   |                         |
| IDEA-B Formula  | 84.027A                  | 256600011399056600                                  | 7,295                   |
| IDEA-B Formula  | 84.027A                  | 256600011399056600                                  | 252,436                 |
| IDEA-B Pre-school   | 84.173A                  | 256610011399056610                                  | 4,010                   |
| Total Special Education Cluster                                       |                          |   | <u>263,741</u>          |
| <b>OTHER PROGRAMS:</b>  |                          |   |                         |
| Passed through State Department of Education:                         |                          |   |                         |
| Title IV, Part A  | 84.424A                  | 25680101139905                                      | 33,929                  |
| ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs                        | 84.010A                  | 25610101139905                                      | 416,510                 |
| ESEA Title II, Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting     | 84.367A                  | 25694501139905                                      | 45,323                  |
| Perkins V: Strengthening CTE for 21st Century                         | 84.048A                  | 25420006139905                                      | 15,751                  |
| Total Passed Through State Department of Education                    |                          |   | <u>511,513</u>          |
| Total U. S. Department of Education                                   |                          |   | <u>511,513</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>                           |                          |   | <u>\$ 1,297,332</u>     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Chisum Independent School District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements. Federal grants funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant and accordingly when such funds are received, they are recorded as deferred revenues until earned.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CFDA 10.565) received like-kind goods. The monetary value of these goods was \$36,511 for the year ended August 31, 2025. This monetary value was reported on the schedule.

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement. 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, if any, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at August 31, 2025, may be impaired. Negative amounts shown, if any, represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying basic financial statements for such contingency.

Chisum Independent School District has elected to not use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

**Reconciliation of Federal Awards**

The following reconciles federal expenditures per the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) to the federal revenue reported on Exhibit C-2:

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Federal expenditures per SEFA   | \$ 1,297,332        |
| E-Rate Reimbursement            | 86,581              |
| SHARS                           | <u>152,684</u>      |
| Federal revenue per Exhibit C-2 | <u>\$ 1,536,597</u> |

**CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES TO SELECTED SCHOOL FIRST INDICATORS  
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

| Data<br>Control<br>Codes |  | Responses |
|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| SF1                      | Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report on the financial statements as a whole?   | Yes       |
| SF2                      | Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement at fiscal year-end?   | No        |
| SF3                      | Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies? (If the school district was issued a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered <b>to not have made</b> timely payments.)<br><br>Payments to the TRS and TWC are considered timely if a warrant hold that was issued in connection to the untimely payment was cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued.<br><br>Payments to the IRS are considered timely if a penalty or delinquent payment notice was cleared within 30 days from the date the notice was issued. | Yes       |
| SF4                      | Was the school district issued a warrant hold? Even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days, the school district is considered to have been issued a warrant hold.   | No        |
| SF5                      | Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state or federal funds?  | No        |
| SF6                      | Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?  | No        |
| SF7                      | Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year-end?   | Yes       |
| SF8                      | Did the school board members discuss the school district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the school district adopted its budget?   | Yes       |
| SF9                      | Total accumulated accretion on CABs included in government-wide financial statements at fiscal year-end  | \$ --     |

**APPENDIX C**

**FORMS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION**

**AND**

**TAX COUNSEL'S OPINION**



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\_\_\_\_\_, 2026

WE HAVE ACTED as Co-Bond Counsel for CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “*District*”), in connection with the issuance of bonds (the “*Bonds*”) described as follows:

CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026, dated June 1, 2026, in the principal amount of \$31,380,000 and maturing on August 15 in the years 2027 through 2041, inclusive. The Bonds are issuable in fully-registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or integral multiples thereof, bear interest, are subject to redemption prior to maturity, and may be transferred and exchanged as set out in the Bonds and in the bond order (the “*Order*”) adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District authorizing their issuance. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings so assigned in the Order.

WE HAVE ACTED as Co-Bond Counsel for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion (the “*Opinion*”) with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. In such capacity, we have participated in the preparation of, and have examined, a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds and the bonds that are being refunded with the proceeds of the Bonds (the “*Refunded Bonds*”), as described in the Order. The transcript contains certified copies of certain proceedings of the District; certain certifications and representations, and other material facts within the knowledge and control of the District, upon which we rely; and certain other customary documents and instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds. We also have examined executed Bond No. R-1 of this issue. We also have examined such portions of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Texas as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of rendering this Opinion.

WE HAVE NOT BEEN REQUESTED to examine, and have not investigated or verified, any original proceedings, records, data, or other material, but have relied upon the transcript of certified proceedings. We have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the District or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds. Our role in connection with the District's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

BASED UPON SUCH EXAMINATION, it is our opinion that, under existing law:

(A) 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 District, enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, except to the extent that the rights and remedies of the owners of the Bonds may be limited by laws heretofore or hereafter enacted relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions, and the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases; and the Bonds have been authorized and delivered in accordance with existing law; and

(B) The Bonds are payable, both as to principal and interest, from the receipts of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon taxable property located within the District, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

OUR OPINION IS BASED ON EXISTING LAW AS OF THE DATE HEREOF, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement this Opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention, or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, this Opinion is not a guarantee of result and represents our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law that we deem relevant to such opinion and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above. We express no opinion as to any matters not specifically covered hereby.

Respectfully submitted,



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WE HAVE ACTED AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL (“*Special Tax Counsel*”) to the CHISUM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the “*District*”) in connection with the issuance by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 in the aggregate principal amount of \$31,380,000 (the “*Bonds*”). The Bonds are authorized pursuant to an election held May 6, 2023, and a bond order Authorizing the Issuance of Chisum Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2026, adopted on May 14, 2026, by the Board of Trustees of the District (the “*Bond Order*”).

AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL, we have reviewed (1) the applicable and pertinent laws of the United States of America, (2) the opinion of FBT Gibbons LLP and Powell Law Group, LLP as co-bond counsel to the District (the “*Bond Counsel*”), (3) customary certifications and opinion of officials of the Issuer, (4) the transcript of the bonds that are being refunded (the “*Refunded Bonds*”) with the proceeds of the Bonds, (5) the firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds, (6) certificates executed by officers of the District relating to the expected use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and certain other funds of the Issuer and the projects financed thereby and to certain other facts solely within the knowledge and control of the District (the “*Tax Certificate*”), (7) the Bond Order and certain tax covenants therein, and (8) such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinion set forth herein. In such examination, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original copies of all documents submitted to us as certified copies, and the accuracy of the statements and information contained in such certificates.

WE HAVE SERVED AS SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL for the District solely to pass upon the matters set forth in our opinion below for federal income tax purposes and for no other purpose. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the District. We have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the District or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the sufficiency of the security for or the marketability of the Bonds or the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any offering material relating to the Bonds. With respect to the validity of the Bonds, we are relying upon the opinion of Bond Counsel. We express no opinion concerning any effect on the following opinion which may result from changes in law effected after the date hereof.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that as of the date hereof, and assuming continuing compliance after the date hereof by the Issuer with the provisions of the Bond

Order, including the tax covenants therein, and in reliance upon the representations and certifications of the District made in the Tax Certificate that:

Under existing federal statutes, decisions, regulations and rulings existing on this date, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as in effect on the date hereof (the “*Code*”), and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest on the Bonds may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

WE NOTE THAT the Bonds have not been designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under Section 265 of the Code.

WE EXPRESS NO OTHER OPINION with respect to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences under present law or any proposed legislation resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the ownership, acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds.

OUR OPINION IS BASED ON EXISTING LAW AS OF THE DATE HEREOF, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement this Opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention, or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, this Opinion is not a guarantee of result and represents our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law that we deem relevant to such opinion and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above. We express no opinion as to any matters not specifically covered hereby.

Respectfully submitted,

FBT GIBBONS LLP

## 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 concluded on June 2, 2025. 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 called a first special session, which began on July 21, 2025, and ended on August 15, 2025. The Governor called a second special session, which began on August 15, 2025, and ended on September 4, 2025 (the regular session together with the special sessions may hereinafter be referred to as the “89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session”). The TEA, the State Board of Education (the “SBOE”), and the Texas Permanent School Fund Corporation (the “PSF Corporation”) are in the process of monitoring the implementation of legislation signed by the Governor and make no representation regarding any actions taken by the Legislature in the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session that may materially impact themselves, the Guarantee Program, the Act, and Texas school finance in general.

### 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, 2025, 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, 2025, 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, 2025, and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2025, the most recent year for which audited financial information regarding the Fund is available. The 2025 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the PSF Corporation has not obligated itself to update the 2025 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](http://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 as required by Section 13(f), are available from the SEC at [www.sec.gov/edgar](http://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, generally, 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 internal and external legal 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 appropriated 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 Fund<sup>1</sup>

| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u>      | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> <sup>2</sup> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| PSF(CORP) Distribution    | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -        | \$ -             | \$ -        | \$2,076                  | \$2,156     | \$2,156     |
| PSF(SBOE) Distribution    | 1,056       | 1,056       | 1,236       | 1,236       | 1,102       | 1,102            | 1,731       | -                        | -           | -           |
| PSF(SLB) Distribution     | -           | -           | -           | 300         | 600         | 600 <sup>3</sup> | 415         | 115                      | -           | -           |
| Per Student Distribution  | 215         | 212         | 247         | 306         | 347         | 341              | 432         | 440                      | 430         | 428         |

<sup>1</sup> In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the first fiscal year in which distributions were made by the PSF Corporation.

<sup>3</sup> 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 Rate</u> <sup>1</sup> | 2.5%           | 4.2%           | 3.3%           | 3.5%           | 3.7%           | 2.974%         | 4.18%          | 3.32%          | 3.45%          |

<sup>1</sup> Includes only distributions to the ASF authorized 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 and allows for the use of derivatives and other leverage. The IPS provides that the Fund's investment objectives are as follows:

- Generate continuous distributions for the benefit of public schools in Texas;
- Maintain purchasing power, after spending, inflation, and student population growth, in order to maintain intergenerational equity with respect to distributions;
- Provide a maximum level of return consistent with prudent risk levels, while maintaining sufficient liquidity needed to support distributions and BGP obligations; and
- Strive to 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, effective January 1, 2026 (which is subject to change from time to time):

| <b>Asset Class</b>                 | <b>Target Allocation</b> | <b>Range<sup>1</sup></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Cash Equivalent                    | 3.0%                     | n/a                      |
| Core Bonds                         | 9.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Non-Core Bonds (High Yield)        | 3.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Non-Core Bonds (Bank Loans)        | 3.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Large Cap U.S. Equity              | 15.0%                    | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Small/Mid-Cap U.S. Equity          | 3.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Non-U.S. Developed Equity          | 8.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Absolute Return                    | 6.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Private Debt (Liquid Substitute)   | 9.5%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Private Equity (Liquid Substitute) | 20.0%                    | +/- 10.0%                |
| Real Estate                        | 10.5%                    | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Natural Resources                  | 4.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |
| Infrastructure                     | 6.0%                     | +/- 5.0%                 |

<sup>1</sup> Range reflect threshold approved by the Board. Subtracted results will not go below zero.

The table below sets forth the comparative investments of the PSF for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2024 and 2025, as set forth in the Annual Report for the 2025 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.

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## Comparative Investment Schedule – PSF(CORP)

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2025 and 2024

| ASSET CLASS                            | August 31,<br>2025 | August 31,<br>2024 | Amount of<br>Increase<br>(Decrease) | Percent<br>Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>EQUITY</b>                          |                    |                    |                                     |                   |
| Domestic Small Cap                     | \$3,732.4          | \$ 3,651.3         | \$81.1                              | 2.2%              |
| Domestic Large Cap                     | <u>7,860.0</u>     | <u>8,084.6</u>     | <u>(224.6)</u>                      | <u>-2.7%</u>      |
| Total Domestic Equity                  | 11,592.4           | 11,735.9           | (143.5)                             | -1.2%             |
| International Equity                   | <u>5,093.7</u>     | <u>4,131.1</u>     | <u>962.6</u>                        | <u>23.3%</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                    | <b>16,686.1</b>    | <b>15,867.0</b>    | <b>819.1</b>                        | <b>5.2%</b>       |
| <b>FIXED INCOME</b>                    |                    |                    |                                     |                   |
| Domestic Fixed Income                  | -                  | -                  | -                                   | -                 |
| US Treasuries                          | -                  | -                  | -                                   | -                 |
| Core Bonds                             | 5,464.4            | 8,151.6            | (2,687.2)                           | -33.0%            |
| Bank Loans                             | 3,908.4            | 2,564.1            | 1,344.3                             | 52.4%             |
| High Yield Bonds                       | 1,569.2            | 2,699.5            | (1,130.3)                           | -41.9%            |
| Emerging Market Debt                   | -                  | -                  | -                                   | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL FIXED INCOME</b>              | <b>10,942.0</b>    | <b>13,415.2</b>    | <b>(2,473.2)</b>                    | <b>-18.4%</b>     |
| <b>ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS</b>         |                    |                    |                                     |                   |
| Absolute Return                        | 3,247.4            | 3,106.0            | 141.4                               | 4.6%              |
| Real Estate                            | 6,300.8            | 6,101.0            | 199.8                               | 3.3%              |
| Private Equity                         | 12,170.5           | 8,958.8            | 3,211.7                             | 35.9%             |
| Emerging Manager<br>Program            | -                  | -                  | -                                   | -                 |
| Real Return                            | -                  | -                  | -                                   | -                 |
| Private Credit                         | 3,884.3            | 2,257.9            | 1,626.4                             | 72.0%             |
| Real Assets                            | <u>5,525.2</u>     | <u>4,648.1</u>     | <u>877.1</u>                        | <u>18.9%</u>      |
| <b>TOT ALT INVESTMENTS</b>             | <b>31,128.2</b>    | <b>25,071.8</b>    | <b>6,056.4</b>                      | <b>24.2%</b>      |
| UNALLOCATED CASH                       | <u>1,335.0</u>     | <u>2,583.2</u>     | <u>(1,248.2)</u>                    | <u>-48.3%</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL PSF(CORP)<br/>INVESTMENTS</b> | <b>\$ 60,091.3</b> | <b>\$ 56,937.2</b> | <b>\$ 3,154.1</b>                   | <b>5.5%</b>       |

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2025.

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The table below sets forth the investments of the PSF(SLB) for the year ended August 31, 2025.

### Investment Schedule - PSF(SLB)<sup>1</sup>

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2025

|  | <u>As of</u><br><u>8-31-25</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Investment Type                            |                                |
| Investments in Real Assets                 |                                |
| Sovereign Lands                            | \$ 279.84                      |
| Discretionary Internal Investments         | 989.22                         |
| Other Lands                                | 153.17                         |
| Minerals <sup>(2), (3)</sup>               | <u>4,872.77</u> <sup>(6)</sup> |
| Total Investments <sup>(4)</sup>           | \$6,294.99                     |
| Cash in State Treasury <sup>(5)</sup>      | 575.70                         |
| Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury | \$ 6,870.70                    |

<sup>1</sup> Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2025 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

<sup>2</sup> Historical Cost of investments at August 31, 2025 was: Sovereign Lands \$838,676.44; Discretionary Internal Investments \$830,739,719.64; Other Lands \$37,306,005.32; and Minerals \$13,437,552.03.

<sup>3</sup> Includes an estimated 1,000,000.00 acres in freshwater rivers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes an estimated 1,747,600.00 in excess acreage.

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

<sup>6</sup> 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 investment or 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 2026 fiscal year, the ratio is 8.17%. At February 23, 2026, there were 182 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 1,027 charter school campuses authorized under such charters, though as of such date, 41 of such campuses are not currently serving students for various reasons; therefore, there are 986 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.

Changes in SBOE-determined multiplier for State Capacity Limit

| <u>Date</u>             | <u>Multiplier</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Prior to May 2010       | 2.50              |
| May 2010                | 3.00              |
| September 2015          | 3.25              |
| February 2017           | 3.50              |
| September 2017          | 3.75              |
| February 2018 (current) | 3.50              |

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

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of December 31, 2025 the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$51,913,224,643 (unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of \$259,566,123,215 in principal amount of guaranteed bonds outstanding.

As of December 31, 2025, the estimated State Capacity Limit is \$181,696,286,251, 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 December 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 December 31, 2025, the Charter District Reserve Fund contained \$153,914,605, which represented approximately 2.61% 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 Ratings, 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**

| <b>Permanent School Fund Valuations</b> |                           |                             |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fiscal Year<br>Ended 8/31               | Book Value <sup>(1)</sup> | Market Value <sup>(1)</sup> |
| 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                                    | 47,047,688,784            | 62,766,382,537              |
| 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>                     | 50,832,583,937            | 66,549,781,438              |

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> At August 31, 2025, mineral assets, sovereign lands, other lands, and discretionary internal investments, had book values of approximately \$13.4 million, \$0.8 million, \$37.3 million, and

\$830.7 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$4,872.7 million, \$279.8 million, \$153.1 million, and \$989.2 million, respectively.

| <b>Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds</b> |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <u>At 8/31</u>                                | <u>Principal Amount<sup>(1)</sup></u> |
| 2021  | 95,259,161,922                        |
| 2022  | 103,239,495,929                       |
| 2023  | 115,730,826,682                       |
| 2024  | 125,815,981,603                       |
| 2025  | 143,940,955,098 <sup>(2)</sup>        |

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> At August 31, 2025 (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 \$230,761,751,555, of which \$86,820,796,457 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2025, there were \$143,940,955,098 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program. Using the State Capacity Limit of \$181,696,286,251 (the State Capacity Limit is currently the Capacity Limit), net of the Capacity Reserve, as of December 31, 2025, 7.86% of the Guarantee Program's capacity was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. As of December 31, 2025, the amount of outstanding bond guarantees represented 79.16% of the Capacity Limit (which is currently the State Capacity Limit). December 31, 2025 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

| <b>Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category<sup>(1)</sup></b> |                              |                              |                               |                              |                      |                              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <u>Fiscal Year Ended 8/31</u>   | <u>School District Bonds</u> |                              | <u>Charter District Bonds</u> |                              | <u>Totals</u>        |                              |
|   | <u>No. of Issues</u>         | <u>Principal Amount (\$)</u> | <u>No. of Issues</u>          | <u>Principal Amount (\$)</u> | <u>No. of Issues</u> | <u>Principal Amount (\$)</u> |
| 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  | 3,330                        | 121,046,871,603              | 103                           | 4,769,110,000                | 3,433                | 125,815,981,603              |
| 2025 <sup>(2)</sup>   | 3,444                        | 138,140,381,098              | 113                           | 5,800,574,000                | 3,557                | 143,940,955,098              |

<sup>(1)</sup> 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.

<sup>(2)</sup> At December 31, 2025 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$143,822,038,077 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,456 school district issues, aggregating \$137,938,824,077 in principal amount and 114 charter district issues, aggregating \$5,883,214,000 in principal amount. At December 31, 2025 the projected guarantee capacity available was \$32,174,623,697 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

## Discussion and Analysis Pertaining to Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2025

The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2025, 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 2025, the PSF(CORP) net position was \$60.6 billion. During the year, the PSF(CORP) continued updating and implementing the long-term strategic asset allocation, diversifying the investment mix to strengthen the Fund. The asset allocation aims to pursue the objectives of the Fund at an acceptable risk level. 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, 2025, net of fees, were 8.20%, 7.95%, and 7.40%, 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, 2025.

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 2025 Annual Report which is included by reference herein.

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\* The Private Credit asset class was renamed Private Debt, beginning in October 2024.

**PSF Returns Fiscal Year Ended 8-31-2025<sup>1</sup>**

| <u>Portfolio</u>                | <u>Return</u> | <u>Benchmark Return<sup>2</sup></u> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Total PSF(CORP) Portfolio       | 8.20          | 7.78                                |
| Domestic Large Cap Equities     | 14.50         | 15.88                               |
| Domestic Small/Mid Cap Equities | 7.64          | 5.80                                |
| International Equities          | 16.16         | 14.89                               |
| Private Credit                  | 6.87          | 9.26                                |
| Core Bonds                      | 4.02          | 3.14                                |
| Absolute Return                 | 14.98         | 6.90                                |
| Real Estate                     | 0.14          | 0.97                                |
| Private Equity                  | 8.17          | 8.61                                |
| High Yield                      | 8.18          | 8.26                                |
| Natural Resources               | 2.31          | 0.39                                |
| Infrastructure                  | 15.06         | 8.79                                |
| Bank Loans                      | 7.76          | 7.36                                |
| Short Term Investment Portfolio | 6.06          | 4.51                                |

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Benchmarks are as set forth in the Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2025.

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 2025 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 2025, \$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](http://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, 2025, 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](http://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](http://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, 2025, 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, 2025. 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.

