

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Dated July 9, 2026

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Enhanced/Unenhanced Ratings:
Moody's: "___" / "___"
PSF: "Applied For"

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

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

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



\$3,240,000*
SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Bastrop and Fayette Counties)
UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

Dated Date: August 1, 2026

Due: As shown on page ii herein

Interest to Accrue from Date of Delivery (defined below)

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE AND SECURITY ... The Smithville Independent School District (the "District") is issuing its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State" or "Texas"), including Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on June 8, 2026. As permitted by the Act, in the Bond Order, the Board has delegated to certain District officials the ability to execute an approval certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") evidencing the final sale terms of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the "Order") which is expected to be executed on July 14, 2026. See "THE BONDS - Authority for Issuance" herein. The District has applied for and anticipates receiving 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 Texas approves the Bonds. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein.

PAYMENT TERMS ... Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery, will be payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing August 15, 2026, until stated maturity, 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 within a stated maturity. 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 the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. **Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased.** So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, principal of and interest on the Bonds (as applicable) will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

PURPOSE ... Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the refunding of a portion of the District's outstanding debt, as more particularly described in "SCHEDULE I – Refunded Bonds" (the "Refunded Bonds"), in order to achieve present value debt service savings, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Sources and Uses of Funds" herein.

**For Stated Maturities, Principal Amounts, Interest Rates, Initial Yields, CUSIP Numbers,
and Redemption Provisions for the Bonds, see page ii herein**

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and received by the Underwriter of the Bonds named below (the "Underwriter") and are subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "APPENDIX D – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION" hereto). Certain matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Leon, Alcalá, Morse & Reynolds, PLLC. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about August 7, 2026 (the "Date of Delivery").*

STEPHENS INC.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment without notice. These securities may not be sold, nor may offers to buy them be accepted, prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of, these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration, qualification or filing under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

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

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SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

CUSIP No. Prefix 832645 ⁽¹⁾

Maturity Date	Principal (\$)	Interest Rate (%)	Initial Yield⁽²⁾ (%)	CUSIP No. Suffix⁽¹⁾
8/15/2026				
8/15/2027				
8/15/2028				
8/15/2029				
8/15/2030				

(Interest to accrue from the initial Date of Delivery)

Redemption Provisions* ... The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to stated maturity.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

⁽¹⁾ 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 (or their agents or counsel) are responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein. CUSIP numbers for the Bonds are subject to change after the issuance as a result of various post-issuance events, including, but not limited to, a partial defeasance of the Bonds.

⁽²⁾ Initial yields at which Bonds are priced are established by and are the sole responsibility of the Underwriter, and subject to certain hold-the-offering-price restrictions in the purchase agreement with the District, may be changed at any time at the Underwriter's discretion.

**SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 479
Smithville, Texas 78957**

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Grant Gutierrez	President	May 2029
Chris Hinnant	Vice President	May 2029
Chelsa Vinklarek	Secretary	May 2027
Bryan Jones	Trustee	May 2027
Candice Parsons	Trustee	May 2028
Josh Magden	Trustee	May 2027
Michael Hancock	Trustee	May 2028

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
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USE OF INFORMATION IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as amended (the "Rule") and in effect on the date of this Preliminary Official Statement, this document constitutes an "official statement" of the District with respect to the Bonds that has been "deemed final" by the District as of its date except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by the Rule.

No dealer, broker, salesman, or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representation with respect to the Bonds, other than as 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, including the cover page, schedule and appendices hereto, 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 District or the Underwriter.

The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall under any circumstances create any implication that there has been no change in the information or opinions set forth herein after the date of this Official Statement. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" 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 Municipal Advisor provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Municipal Advisor 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 Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

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

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

None of the District, the Municipal Advisor or the Underwriter make any representation or warranty with respect to the information contained in this Official Statement regarding The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") or its book-entry-only system described under the caption "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" or the affairs of TEA described under the caption "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM", 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, INCLUDING ALL SCHEDULES AND APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS.

NEITHER THE UNITED STATES SEC 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 MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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

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

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The cover page hereof, the schedules and appendices hereto, and any addenda, supplement or amendment 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 Smithville Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State" or "Texas") located in Bastrop and Fayette Counties. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Board trustees serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in May of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. See "INTRODUCTION – Description of the District".
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE	The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on June 8, 2026. As permitted by the Act, in the Bond Order, the Board has delegated to certain District officials the ability to execute an approval certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") evidencing the final sale terms of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the "Order") which is expected to be executed on July 14, 2026. See "THE BONDS - Authority for Issuance" herein.
THE BONDS	The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page ii of this Official Statement. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds".
DATED DATE	August 1, 2026.
PAYMENT OF INTEREST ...	Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery and will be payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing August 15, 2026, until stated maturity. See "THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds".
REDEMPTION*	The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to stated maturity.
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. See "THE BONDS - Security and Source of Payment".
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE	The District has applied for and anticipates receiving 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 Texas approves the Bonds. See "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein.
TAX MATTERS	In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel observes that interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.
QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS.....	The Bonds will be deemed designated by the District as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.
MUNICIPAL BOND RATING ...	Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned an underlying, unenhanced rating of "___" to the Bonds. Moody's has assigned a rating of "___" to the Bonds based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. Moody's generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas "Aaa". See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein. An explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The ratings reflect only the views of such organization and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. (see "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION – Municipal Bond Rating" herein).
USE OF PROCEEDS	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the refunding of a portion of the District's outstanding debt, as more particularly described in "SCHEDULE I – Refunded Bonds" (the "Refunded Bonds"), in order to achieve present value debt service savings, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. See "PLAN OF FINANCING - Purpose" and "—Sources and Uses of Funds".
BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM	The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or integral multiples 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".
PAYMENT RECORD	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.

DELIVERY	When issued, anticipated to occur on or about August 7, 2026* (the "Date of Delivery").
LEGALITY	The Bonds are subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel. See "APPENDIX D – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION" herein.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Relating to

\$3,240,000*
SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Bastrop and Fayette Counties)
UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the schedule and appendices hereto, provides certain information regarding the issuance of the \$3,240,000* Smithville Independent School District (the "District") Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including Chapter 1207 of the Texas Government Code, as amended (the "Act"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on June 8, 2026. As permitted by the Act, in the Bond Order, the Board has delegated to certain District officials the ability to execute an approval certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") evidencing the final sale terms of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the "Order") which is expected to be executed on July 14, 2026. 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".

Included in this Official Statement are descriptions of the Bonds, the 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 upon request from the District 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 by electronic mail without charge or by standard mail upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges.

This Official Statement speaks only as to 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" 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 and is located in Bastrop and Fayette Counties. The District is governed by a seven-member 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 (i) the refunding of a portion of the District's outstanding debt, as more particularly described in "SCHEDULE I – Refunded Bonds" (the "Refunded Bonds"), in order to achieve present value debt service savings, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

* Preliminary, subject to change

Refunded Bonds

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

The Order and Deposit Letter provide that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, the District will deposit with the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent an amount which will be sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds on their redemption date. Such funds will be held uninvested by the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent pending their disbursement to redeem the Refunded Bonds on their redemption date, and such funds will be irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds.

The Refunded Bonds Paying Agent will provide a certificate at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriter thereof certifying that the funds on deposit with the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds on the redemption date.

By the cash deposit with the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent pursuant to the Deposit Letter, the District will have effected the defeasance of all of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of Chapter 1207 and the order authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. As a result of such defeasance, the Refunded Bonds will be outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payments from the cash held for such purpose by the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent, such Refunded Bonds will not be deemed as being outstanding obligations of the District, payable from the sources and secured in the manner provided in the order authorizing their issuance or for any other purpose, and the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts held by the Refunded Bonds Paying Agent for the payment of the Refunded Bonds. Upon defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, the payment of such Refunded Bonds will no longer be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of Texas.

Sources and Uses of Funds

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

<u>Sources of Funds:</u>	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$
[Net] Reoffering Premium on the Bonds	
Issuer Contribution	
TOTAL SOURCES	_____
	\$
<u>Uses of Funds:</u>	
Deposit to Escrow Fund	\$
Underwriter's Discount	
Costs of Issuance and Contingency ⁽¹⁾	
TOTAL USES	_____
	\$

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

THE BONDS

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated August 1, 2026 (the "Dated Date") and shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page ii. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Delivery, will be payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing August 15, 2026, until stated maturity and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form in principal denominations of \$5,000 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 upon their presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar.

The definitive Bonds will initially be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 principal amount or integral multiples 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 purchasers of the Bonds (“Beneficial Owners”). See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including the Act and the Order.

Security and Source of Payment

The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District payable from a continuing and 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”. 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 “—Permanent School Fund Guarantee”, “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”, and “APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”.

Permanent School Fund Guarantee

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has applied for and anticipates receiving conditional approval from the Commissioner of Education 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 “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” and “APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”, 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.

The Permanent School Fund Guarantee will terminate with respect to Bonds that are defeased. See “THE BONDS – Defeasance.”

Redemption Provisions of the Bonds*

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

DTC Notice 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 proposed amendment to the 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 any other action premised on such notice or any such notice. 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. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

Defeasance

The Order provides that the Bonds may be defeased, refunded or discharged in any manner permitted by applicable law. Under current State law, such discharge may be accomplished by either (i) depositing with the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas (the “State Comptroller”) a sum of money equal to the principal of and all interest to accrue on the Bonds to maturity or (ii) by depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, amounts sufficient to provide for the payment of the Bonds; provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested in (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 of the United States of America, and that 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 governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding obligations to refund the Bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent. The foregoing obligations may be in book-entry-only form, and shall mature and/or bear interest in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment of the Bonds.

There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Order does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is

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no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid for any purposes. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge or 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. Defeasance will automatically cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee with respect to those defeased Bonds.

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

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

Amendments to Order

The District may, without the consent of or notice to any holders of the Bonds, from time to time and at any time amend the 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 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 or interest on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Order, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or 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 Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the Bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. In so ruling, the Court declared that statutory language such as "sue and be sued", in and of itself, did not constitute a clear and unambiguous waiver of sovereign immunity. In *Tooke*, the Court noted the enactment in 2005 of sections 271.151-.160, Texas Local Government Code (the "Local Government Immunity Waiver Act"), which, according to the Court, waives "immunity from suit for contract claims against most local governmental entities in certain circumstances." The Local Government Immunity Waiver Act covers school districts and relates to contracts entered into by school districts for providing goods or services to school districts. The District is not aware of any State court construing the Local Government Immunity Waiver Act in the context of whether contractual undertakings of local governments that relate to their borrowing powers are contracts covered by the Local Government Immunity Waiver Act. Neither the remedy of mandamus nor any other type of injunctive relief was at issue in *Tooke*, and it is unclear whether *Tooke* will be construed to have any effect with respect to the exercise of mandamus, as such remedy has been interpreted by State courts. In general, State courts have held that a writ of mandamus may be issued to require public officials to perform ministerial acts that clearly pertain to their duties. State courts have held that a ministerial act is defined as a legal duty that is prescribed and defined with a precision and certainty that leaves nothing to the exercise of discretion or judgment, though mandamus is not available to enforce purely contractual duties. However, mandamus may be used to require a public officer to perform legally-imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract to which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party (including the payment of monies due under a contract). As a result, bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants. 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.

The opinion of Bond Counsel will be qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors and may be limited by general principles of equity that permit the exercise of judicial discretion and by governmental immunity. See "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein 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.

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 approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of the District's Bond Counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas. See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "APPENDIX D – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION" herein.

Delivery

When issued; anticipated to occur on or about August 7, 2026.*

Future Issues

The District has no authorized but unissued ad valorem tax bonds. Aside from the Bonds and any future refunding bonds issued for debt service savings, the District does not anticipate the issuance of additional new money ad valorem tax-supported debt in the next twelve months.

The District's voters could authorize the issuance of additional new money bonds at a future election. In addition, the District may, without voter approval, 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 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 person to whom the interest payable on the Bonds on any interest payment date means the close of business on the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date; provided, however, that the Record Date for the interest payment made on August 15, 2026 shall be August 7, 2026, the Date of Delivery.

In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five (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.

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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 or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bonds 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. New Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than seventy-two (72) hours after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like kind and aggregate principal amount and having the same maturity or maturities as the Bond or Bonds 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 Bonds.

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 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 and the Underwriter cannot and do 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 stated maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation, and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but neither the District nor the Municipal Advisor take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of This Official Statement

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

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 Order and summarized under the caption "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE" above.

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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

AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

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

Valuation of Taxable Property

The Property Tax Code provides for 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 Bastrop Central Appraisal District and the Fayette County Appraisal District (together the "Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three (3) years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES — District and Taxpayer Remedies."

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 \$5.32 million (the "maximum property value") to an amount exceeding the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property (collectively, the "Appraisal Cap"). 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 the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the District, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES — District and Taxpayer Remedies".

State Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to school district taxes imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes, (1) a \$140,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein), (2) a \$60,000 exemption of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled, see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein), 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 homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit.

Cities, counties and school districts are prohibited from repealing or reducing a general optional homestead exemption (described in (1) above) that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

State Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes

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

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 sixty-five (65) years old or older or disabled may be adjusted to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the MCR of the M&O 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. From and after the 2026 tax year, a person is entitled to 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.

Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions

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

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

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

Other Exempt Property

Other major categories of exempt property include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if used for public purposes, property exempt by federal law, property used for pollution control, farm products owned by producers, property of nonprofit corporations used for scientific research or educational activities benefitting a college or university, designated historic sites, solar and wind-powered energy devices, and certain classes of intangible personal property. Beginning with the 2026 tax year, all intangible personal property is exempt from taxation.

Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster

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

Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code was amended to clarify that the temporary tax exemption applies only to property physically harmed as a result of a declared disaster. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code, as amended.

Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

A city or county, by petition of the landowners or by action of its governing body, may create one or more tax increment reinvestment zones (“TIRZ”) within its boundaries. At the time of the creation of the TIRZ, a “base value” for the real property in the TIRZ is established, and the amount by which the appraised value of taxable real property located in the TIRZ for a year exceeds the base value is known as the “captured appraised value.” The “tax increment” for a year is the amount of property taxes levied and collected by each participating taxing unit on the captured appraised value. During the existence of the TIRZ, all or a portion of the tax increment of a city or county, and of each other overlapping taxing unit that has elected to participate, is required to be deposited into the tax increment fund for the TIRZ and is restricted to paying planned project and financing costs within the TIRZ, and such amounts are not available for the payment of other obligations of such taxing units.

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

Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (former 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, during the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district’s property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district’s taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement. The 87th Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which expired by its terms on December 31, 2022 (see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts”).

During the regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 (codified as Chapter 403, Texas Government Code, Subchapter T, Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology and Innovation Act (“Chapter 403”)) was enacted into law. Chapter 403 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. The effective date of Chapter 403 was January 1, 2024. Under Chapter 403, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for maintenance and operations property taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. Chapter 403 also provides a 100% abatement of maintenance and operations taxes for eligible property during a project’s construction period. **Taxable valuation for purposes of the debt service taxes securing the Bonds cannot be abated under Chapter 403.** Eligible projects are limited and include manufacturing, dispatchable power generation facilities, technology research/development facilities, or critical infrastructure projects. Projects must create and maintain jobs, as well as meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District does not expect that Chapter 403 will have any material adverse effect on its ability to repay the Bonds or its finances or operations more generally.

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

District and Taxpayer Remedies

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

Owners of certain property (being (i) commercial real and personal property, (ii) real and personal property of utilities, (iii) industrial and manufacturing real and personal property, and (iv) multifamily residential real property) with a taxable value in excess of the current year “minimum eligibility amount”, as determined by the State Comptroller, 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”. The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for providing notice to property owners of

reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

Levy and Collection of Taxes

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

The Property Tax Code permits taxpayers owning homes or certain small 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, commencing on February 1 and ending on August 1, and without penalty or interest. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster" for further information related to a discussion of the applicability of this section of the Property Tax Code.

District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

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

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

The Appraisal Districts have the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units within their respective County. The Appraisal Districts are governed by a board of directors, with certain of such board members being appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within their respective Counties and certain of such board members being elected by qualified voters in the Counties.

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year, taxes become due October 1 of the same year (or when tax bills are mailed) and generally become delinquent on February 1 of the following year.

The District's taxes are collected by the Bastrop County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office (the "Tax Assessor/Collector").

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

The District provides the State-mandated exemption to the market value of residence homesteads of \$140,000.

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

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

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

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

The District does not permit split payments, and discounts are not allowed.

The District does not exempt “freeport property” from taxation.

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

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

The District is not currently a participant in any tax abatement or tax limitation agreements, except with respect to the Chapter 313 Agreement (defined below).

The District collects an additional 20% penalty to defray attorney costs in the collection of delinquent taxes over and above the penalty automatically assessed under the Property Tax Code.

The District has executed the value limitation agreement described below (a “Chapter 313 Agreement”), which was authorized under former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code (“Chapter 313”). Under Chapter 313, Texas school districts could grant value limitation agreements that limit the taxable value of certain qualified investments for maintenance and operations tax purposes. **Chapter 313 Agreements do not impact school district interest and sinking fund taxes used to pay bonded indebtedness, including the Bonds.**

- The District has entered into a Chapter 313 Agreement limiting the taxable appraised value for maintenance and operations purposes to \$20,000,000 through tax year 2031, with Big Star Solar, LLC.

STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

Litigation Relating to the Texas Public School Finance System

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

On May 13, 2016, the Court issued its opinion in the most recent school finance litigation, *Morath 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 “[d]espite the imperfections of the current school funding regime, it meets minimum constitutional requirements.” The Court also noted that:

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

Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds

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

Clauses of the U.S. and Texas Constitutions” (collectively, the “Contract Clauses”), which prohibit the enactment of laws that impair prior obligations of contracts.

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

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

Overview

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

Local funding for school districts is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district’s boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: 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 “89th Regular Session”) commenced on January 14, 2025 and concluded on June 2, 2025. The Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may call 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 (any such special sessions, collectively with the 89th Regular Session, are referred to herein as the “2025 Legislative Sessions”).

During the 89th Regular Session, the Legislature considered a general appropriations act and legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures and exemptions, and investments, among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. At an election held on November 4, 2025 voters approved constitutional amendments necessary to implement legislation increasing: (1) effective January 1, 2025, the State mandated general homestead exemption of the appraised value for all homesteads from \$100,000 to \$140,000, (2) effective January 1, 2025, the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000, and (3) effective January 1, 2026, the exemption for tangible personal property used in the “production of income” from \$2,500 to \$125,000. Additionally, legislation signed into law authorizes roughly \$8.5 billion in funding for public schools and would provide districts with a \$55 per-student increase to their base funding beginning September 1, 2025, as well as provide districts with additional funding for teacher and staff salaries, educator preparation, special education, safety requirements and early childhood learning. Finally, legislation signed into law will create an education savings account (“ESA”) program (commonly referred to as vouchers) for students that attend private schools or home school. The legislation became effective on 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. The legislation applies beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Beginning on September 1, 2027, the legislation requires that the amount appropriated for purposes of the program for a state fiscal biennium must be established by the legislature by appropriation for that biennium. Such program could impact attendance in the District by incentivizing students to homeschool or attend private schools, which could negatively affect the District’s attendance-based funding. The District is still in the process of reviewing legislation passed during the 2025 Legislative Sessions and cannot make any representations as to the full impact of such legislation.

Further, the District can make no representations or predictions regarding the scope of legislation that may be considered in any special session or future session of the Legislature or the potential impact of such legislation at this time. The District does intend to monitor applicable legislation related thereto.

Local Funding for School Districts

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

State Compression Percentage. The "State Compression Percentage" or "SCP" is a statutorily-defined percentage of the rate of \$1.00 per \$100 that is used to determine a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (described below). The State Compression Percentage is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (i) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (ii) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (iii) the prior year SCP. For any year, the maximum SCP is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2026, the SCP is set at 63.22%.

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The "Maximum Compressed Tax Rate" or the "MCR" is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate (described below) to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the "State Compression Percentage" (as discussed above) multiplied by \$1.00; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then MCR is equal to the prior year's 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. For the 2025-2026 school year, the Legislature reduced the MCR, establishing \$0.6322 as the maximum rate and \$0.5689 as the floor.

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

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

School districts may levy an Enrichment Tax Rate at a level of their choice, subject to the limitations described under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate." However, to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR for such year. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts" 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 (see "– Local Revenue Level In Excess of Entitlement")), 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.

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

Tier One. Tier One funding is the basic level of programmatic funding guaranteed to a school district, consisting of a State-appropriated baseline level of funding (the “Basic Allotment”) for each student in “Average Daily Attendance” (being generally calculated as the sum of student attendance, 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, the demographics of students in ADA, and the educational programs the students are being served in, to make up most of a school district’s Tier One entitlement under the Foundation School Program.

The Basic Allotment for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district’s MCR, is \$6,160 plus the guaranteed yield increment adjustment (the “GYIA”) for each student in ADA and is revised downward for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate lower than the school district’s MCR. The 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. In subsequent biennia, the TEA will calculate the GYIA, which will be determined as the estimated cost to the State to maintain the guaranteed Golden Pennies yield of State and local funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort at the 96th percentile. Effectively, the Legislature has adopted a policy change so that the Basic Allotment will automatically increase in future biennia, at a rate akin to the level of property values increases across the State.

The Basic Allotment is then supplemented for all school districts by various weights to account for differences among school districts and their student populations. Such additional allotments include, but are not limited to, increased funds for students in ADA who: (i) attend a qualified special education program, (ii) are diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, (iii) are economically disadvantaged, or (iv) have limited English language proficiency. Additional allotments to mitigate differences among school districts include, but are not limited to: (i) a transportation allotment for mileage associated with transporting students who reside two miles or more from their home campus, (ii) a fast growth allotment (for school districts in the top 25% of enrollment growth relative to other school districts), (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further the State’s goal of increasing the number of students who attain a postsecondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher compensation incentive allotment to increase teacher retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district’s total Tier One funding, divided by the Basic Allotment, is a school district’s measure of students in “Weighted Average Daily Attendance” (“WADA”), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

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

Beginning with the 2026-2027 fiscal biennium, school districts will also receive an annual allotment of \$106 per enrolled student. The funds under this allotment may only be used for specific operational costs related to transportation, hiring retired teachers, providing health insurance and employee benefits and paying for payroll taxes, contributions and other costs related to member contributions under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, utilities, and property and casualty insurance.

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 Legislative Sessions, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$150,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium for NIFA allotments.

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

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

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

Furthermore, a school district may not adopt a tax rate until its effective local revenue level is at or below the level that would produce its guaranteed entitlement under the Foundation School Program. If a school district fails to exercise a permitted option, the 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 school year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" district by the TEA. Accordingly, the District was required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law. The District intends to reduce its wealth per student, if needed, pursuant to Option 3, an agreement to purchase attendance credits pursuant to Chapter 49, Texas Education Code, as amended.

A district's local revenue levels must be tested for each future school year and, if local revenues exceed the district's entitlements, the district must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District's local revenues should exceed its entitlements in future school years, it will be required to exercise one or more of the permitted options to reduce local revenues.

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. The wealth equalization requirements described above apply only to a district's M&O taxes; they do not apply to, and may not be satisfied from, the ad valorem taxes a district levies and collects for the payment of debt service on its unlimited tax bonds, including the Bonds. Consequently, the District's obligation to reduce its wealth per student does not reduce or divert the taxes the District is required to levy and collect for payment of the Bonds. Certain of the wealth equalization options could, however, affect the District's outstanding debt: if the District were to reduce its wealth per student by consolidating (or consolidating 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 reduce its wealth per student by detaching 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 maximum voted M&O tax rate for the District is \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation as approved by the voters at an election held on April 6, 1963, pursuant to Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended ("Article 2784e-1").

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

For the State fiscal year ending in 2026 (the 2025-2026 school year), the State Compression Percentage was set at 63.22%, resulting in a maximum MCR of \$0.6322 per \$100 of taxable value. The District's Local Compressed rate was lower than the State Compressed rate resulting in a MCR of \$0.6242 per \$100 of taxable value. For a detailed discussion of State funding for school districts, see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts" herein.

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

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Texas Attorney General that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, "exempt bonds"), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the "50-cent Test"). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district's local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district's I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the 50-cent Test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the 50-cent Test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, are not subject to the 50-cent Test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds issued to refund exempt bonds) are included in the annual debt service for calculation of the 50-cent Test when applied to subsequent bond issues that are subject to the 50-cent Test. The Bonds are issued as refunding bonds under Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code. As such, they are not subject to 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, or (b) the rate of \$0.05 per \$100 of taxable value; and (iii) the school district’s current I&S tax rate (as described below). 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).

Effective for the 2026 tax year and thereafter, a district’s current I&S tax rate defaults to a rate that provides the minimum dollar amount required to service the school district’s debt for the current year (taking into account State assistance for debt service and any excess collections from the prior year not used to service debt), unless a higher rate is approved in accordance with Section 26.05(a-1), Texas Tax Code. Under Section 26.05(a-1), Texas Tax Code, the governing body of a school district may approve an I&S tax rate that exceeds such minimum rate only if (i) the rate is proposed by a motion that states the minimum rate, the proposed rate, the difference between the two rates, and the purpose for which the excess revenue will be used, and (ii) the motion is approved by at least 60 percent of the members of the governing body. If the governing body approves a higher I&S rate under such procedure, that rate is considered the current I&S rate for the applicable tax year, and the Voter-Approval Tax Rate is recalculated to reflect the higher I&S tax rate. This procedure does not limit the District’s obligation to levy taxes at a rate sufficient to pay debt service on its outstanding obligations, including the Bonds. However, this tax rate setting limitation could constrain the District’s ability to create a surplus from which the Bonds could be repaid in the event of unexpected delays in the receipt of I&S taxes.

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.

Except with respect to the required procedure to exceed the default minimum I&S tax rate (as discussed above), the calculation of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate does not limit or impact the District’s ability to set an I&S tax rate in each year sufficient to pay debt service on all of the District’s tax-supported debt obligations, including the Bonds.

Before adopting its annual tax rate, a public meeting must be held for the purpose of adopting a budget for the succeeding year. A notice of public meeting to discuss the school district’s budget and proposed tax rate must be published in the time, format and manner prescribed in Section 44.004 of the Texas Education Code. Section 44.004(e) of the Texas Education Code provides that a person who owns taxable property in a school district is entitled to an injunction restraining the collection of taxes by the school district if the school district has not complied with such notice requirements or the language and format requirements of such notice as set forth in 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.

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, prior to issuance, 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 noted above, the Bonds are not issued as “new debt” and, therefore, are not subject to the 50-cent test requirement.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, RETIREMENT PLAN AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District’s employees participate in a retirement plan (the “Plan”) with the State of Texas. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (“TRS”). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 68, the District is required to report its proportionate share of net pension liability. This requirement applies only to pension benefits and does not apply to other post-employment benefits or TRS-Care related liabilities. On August 31, 2025, the District’s share of TRS’s net pension liability was \$5,091,320. For more detailed information concerning the Plan, see “NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – G. Pension Plan” within Appendix C.

In addition to its participation in the TRS, the District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (the “TRS-Care Retired Plan”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan administered by the System that provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the TRS. The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 75 for accounting and financial reporting of Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (“OPEB”). On August 31, 2025, the District’s proportionate share of net OPEB liability was \$3,679,851. For more detailed information concerning the TRS-Care Retired Plan, see “NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – H. Other Post-Employment Benefits – Retiree Health Care Plan” within Appendix C.

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

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 less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less that is rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the United States SEC that provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Investment Company Act of 1940 and that comply with federal SEC Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.); and (14) no-load mutual funds registered with the SEC that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either (a) a duration of one year or more and invest exclusively in obligations described in 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. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution. The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than ten (10) years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

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

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

Under State law, the District's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." At least quarterly the District's investment officers must submit an investment report to the Board detailing: (1) the investment position of the District, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, the ending market value and the

fully accrued interest for the reporting period of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it relates to: (a) adopted investment strategies and (b) State law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board.

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

Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information under the captions and subcaptions "PLAN OF FINANCING" (exclusive of the subcaption "Sources and Uses of Funds", as to which no opinion is expressed), "THE BONDS" (exclusive of the subcaptions "Permanent School Fund Guarantee," "DTC Notice Provisions," "Default and Remedies," "Payment Record," and "Future Issues," as to which no opinion is expressed), "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" (except information appearing under the subcaption "Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds," as to which no opinion is expressed), "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM," "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (excluding the last sentence of the second paragraph under the subcaption "I&S Tax Rate Limitations" and the subcaption "Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate," in each case as to which no opinion is expressed), "LEGAL MATTERS" (only insofar as such caption describes Bond Counsel's opinions and specifically excluding the fourth and fifth paragraphs thereof and the information under the subcaption "Litigation", as to which no opinion is expressed), "TAX MATTERS," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS," "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" (excluding the information under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Agreements," as to which no opinion is expressed), and "OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION - Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale" in the Official Statement, excluding any material that may be treated as included under such captions or subcaptions by cross-reference or reference to other documents or sources and further excluding all information regarding DTC and its book-entry-only system and information regarding the Permanent School Fund Guarantee, and such firm is of the opinion that insofar as such statements expressly summarize certain provisions of the Bonds and the Order or set out the content of Bond Counsel's opinion, such statements are accurate in all material respects.

Though it represents purchasers of school district bonds (which includes the Underwriter) from time to time in matters unrelated to the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District with respect to the issuance of the Bonds.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Leon, Alcalá, Morse & Reynolds, PLLC. The legal fee to be paid to underwriter's counsel is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

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

In the opinion of various officials of the District, except as disclosed in this Official Statement, 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.

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

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

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

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

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

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

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of amounts treated as interest on, the Bonds may otherwise

affect a Beneficial Owner's federal, state or local tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences depends upon the particular tax status of the Beneficial Owner or the Beneficial Owner's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

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

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

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

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

Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for the Bonds

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

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Under the Texas Public Security Procedures Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 1201, as amended), the Bonds (i) are negotiable instruments, (ii) are investment securities to which Chapter 8 of the Texas Uniform Commercial Code applies, and (iii) are legal and authorized investments for (A) an insurance company, (B) a fiduciary or trustee, or (C) a sinking fund of a municipality or other political subdivision or public agency of the State of Texas. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies and political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their market value. For political subdivisions in Texas which have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the PFIA, 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 \$2 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.

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.

WEATHER EVENTS

The District is located in Central Texas, in Bastrop and Fayette Counties. Land located in this area is susceptible to severe thunderstorms, heavy rain and flooding, hail, high winds, tornadic activity, wildfire, drought, extreme heat, and winter ice storms. By way of example, in 2011 the Bastrop County Complex Fire, one of the most destructive wildfires in Texas history, burned tens of thousands of acres and destroyed approximately 1,600 homes in Bastrop County. If a future weather event or other natural disaster significantly damaged all or part of the properties comprising the tax base within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenues and/or necessitate an increase in the District's tax rate. Texas law allows school districts to increase property tax rates without voter approval upon the occurrence of certain disasters and upon a gubernatorial or presidential declaration of disaster. See "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" herein. There can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the District or damage to the District's facilities will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will even carry flood or other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that any such insurance proceeds will be sufficient to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements or District facilities. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected, and any insurance recovery for damaged District facilities may be insufficient to repair or replace such facilities.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

The District in the Order has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended (the "Rule"). Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). This information will be available to the public free of charge from the MSRB via the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org, as further described below under "Availability of Information from MSRB". See "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" for a description of the TEA's continuing disclosure undertaking to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually with respect to the Permanent School Fund and the State, as the case may be, and to provide timely notice of certain specified events related to the guarantee to the MSRB.

Annual Reports

The District shall provide annually to the MSRB, (1) within six months after the end of each fiscal year of the District, financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in APPENDIX A of this Official Statement (but excluding any tables concerning the overlapping debt of other entities), and (2) if not provided as part of such financial information and operating data, audited financial statements of the District. Any financial statements to be provided shall be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX C hereto or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation, and in substantially the form included in this Official Statement, and (ii) audited, if the District commissions an audit of such financial statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited financial statements within such 12-month period and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes available.

The District's current fiscal year end is August 31. Accordingly, it must provide updated information other than the financial statements by the last day of February in each year and the financial statements by August 31 of the following year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) with the MSRB prior to the next date by which the District otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data as set forth above.

All financial information, operating data, financial statements and notices required to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB. Financial information and operating data to be provided as set forth above may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific

reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the SEC, as permitted by the Rule.

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 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 trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material, (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District (as defined by the Rule, 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.

For these purposes, any event described in clause (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur; the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District. The term "financial obligation" used in clauses (15) and (16) of the immediately preceding paragraph means: (A) debt obligation; (B) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) a guarantee or either (A) or (B). The term "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

Neither the Bonds nor the 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.

Availability of Information from MSRB

All information and documentation filing required to be made by the District in accordance with its undertaking made for the Bonds will be made with the MSRB in electronic format in accordance with MSRB guidelines. Access to such filings will be provided, without charge to the general public, by the MSRB via EMMA at www.emma.msrb.org.

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 the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent or (b) any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District may also repeal or amend these provisions if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or any court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this

sentence would not prevent an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds giving effect to (a) such provisions as so amended and (b) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule. If the District amends its agreement, it must include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and data provided.

Compliance with Prior Agreements

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

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The District's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025 are included in this Official Statement as an appendix; however, the District's Auditor has not performed any procedures on such financial statements since the date of the Auditor's report, and has not performed any procedures on any other financial information of the District, including without limitation any of the information contained in this Official Statement and has not been asked to consent to inclusion of its report, or otherwise be associated with this Official Statement.

OTHER 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

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned an underlying, unenhanced rating of "___" to the Bonds. Moody's is expected to assign a rating of "___" to the Bonds based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. Moody's generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas "Aaa".

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. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities.

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 opinion of Bond Counsel and has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants, and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

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

Underwriting

The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the District at the price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on page -ii- herein, less an Underwriter's discount of \$_____ (and no accrued interest). 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. Subject to certain hold-the-offering-price restrictions in the purchase agreement related to the Bonds that are of limited duration, the Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

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

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

In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Underwriter and its affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the District.

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

Miscellaneous

The financial data and other information contained herein have been obtained from the District's records, audited financial statements and other sources which are believed to be reliable. There is no guarantee that any of the assumptions or estimates contained herein will be realized. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and resolutions contained in this Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and resolutions. 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.

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, the Rule.

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.

The Bond Order also authorized designated officials of the District to approve the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto. The Order further authorizes its use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriter.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

/s/ _____
Pricing Officer

SCHEDULE I
REFUNDED BONDS

Refunded Bonds*

Series	Principal Amount Outstanding	Maturities	Principal Being Redeemed	Interest Rates	Redemption Date and Price
Smithville Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2017	\$410,000	08/15/2041 ⁽¹⁾	\$410,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	425,000	08/15/2042 ⁽¹⁾	425,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	445,000	08/15/2043 ⁽¹⁾	445,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	460,000	08/15/2044 ⁽²⁾	460,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	480,000	08/15/2045 ⁽²⁾	480,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	500,000	08/15/2046 ⁽²⁾	500,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%
	520,000	08/15/2047 ⁽²⁾	520,000	4.000%	8/15/2026@100.00%

**Preliminary, subject to change.*

⁽¹⁾ Represents mandatory sinking fund payment for a term bond (Term Bond 08/15/2043).

⁽²⁾ Represents mandatory sinking fund payment for a term bond (Term Bond 08/15/2047).

APPENDIX A

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

TABLE 1 - ASSESSED VALUATION AND GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

2025 Market Valuation		\$4,952,997,676
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Less: Exemptions		
Homestead Exemption (State Mandated)	\$442,162,478	
Over 65 Exemption	76,739,661	
Disabled Veterans Exemption	23,103,049	
Disabled Persons Exemption	4,217,622	
Productivity Loss	2,424,209,536	
Homestead Cap Value Loss	39,045,047	
23.231 Cap Loss	29,420,186	
Pollution Control	11,045	
Historical Exemptions	155,715	
Community Land Trust Exemption	17,213	
Other Exemptions	211,653,893	<u>\$3,250,735,445</u>
2025 Taxable Assessed Valuation		<u><u>\$1,702,262,231</u></u>
Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes as of June 1, 2026		
Outstanding Unlimited Tax Bonds		\$31,515,000
Plus: The Bonds		\$3,240,000
Less: The Refunded Bonds		<u>\$3,240,000</u>
Total Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes		<u><u>\$31,515,000</u></u>
Estimated Interest and Sinking Funds as of August 31, 2026 ⁽³⁾		\$2,760,000
Ratio of Total Debt Payable From Ad Valorem to Taxable Assessed Valuation		1.85%
2026 Estimated Population		13,436
Per Capita Taxable Assessed Valuation		\$126,694
Per Capita Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes		\$2,346

⁽¹⁾ Source: Bastrop Central and Fayette County Appraisal Districts. The 2026 preliminary assessed value is \$1,727,337,483. Reflects valuation used for the levy of the District's I&S tax. All valuation figures throughout Appendix A reflect the District's I&S tax valuation unless otherwise noted.

⁽²⁾ Includes frozen property values for homesteads of taxpayers 65 years or older, their surviving spouses and disabled taxpayers.

⁽³⁾ Source: The District's records. Represents an estimation that is unaudited.

TABLE 2 - CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

<u>Property Use Category</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$972,613,511	\$1,019,733,136	\$960,014,594	\$887,076,636	\$653,427,878
Real, Multi-Family	19,148,058	16,710,494	18,086,319	15,816,642	10,836,993
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	63,814,577	61,971,616	56,528,282	56,052,063	41,700,928
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	2,441,014,451	2,428,767,781	2,285,507,470	2,276,702,428	905,812,766
Real, Farm & Ranch Improvements	752,634,091	771,500,173	744,455,306	709,201,390	463,565,421
Real, Commercial & Industrial	109,561,821	101,201,068	83,372,472	70,242,484	58,071,132
Real, Gas and Minerals	7,507,932	9,704,391	11,339,891	8,850,920	6,055,764
Real and Tangible, Utilities	62,840,020	59,278,436	65,138,748	53,257,332	49,065,891
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	254,372,068	213,887,002	86,158,681	81,208,214	21,661,872
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes	53,194,856	52,991,445	50,801,286	48,043,094	30,451,674
Inventory, Residential / Special	213,166	169,085	96,536	18,066	404,361
Other Totally Exempt Property	216,083,125	211,667,250	208,939,026	191,610,207	145,189,674
Total Market Value	\$4,952,997,676	\$4,947,581,877	\$4,570,438,611	\$4,398,079,476	\$2,386,244,354
Less: Total Exemption/Reductions	\$3,250,735,445	\$3,130,879,582	\$2,960,688,297	\$2,804,724,901	\$1,192,005,850
Net Certified Taxable Value	\$1,702,262,231	\$1,816,702,295	\$1,609,750,314	\$1,593,354,575	\$1,194,238,504

⁽¹⁾ Source: Bastrop Central and Fayette County Appraisal Districts. The 2026 preliminary assessed value is \$1,727,337,483.

⁽²⁾ Includes frozen property values for homesteads of taxpayers 65 years or older, their surviving spouses and disabled taxpayers.

<u>Property Use Category</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	19.64%	20.61%	21.00%	20.17%	27.38%
Real, Multi-Family	0.39%	0.34%	0.40%	0.36%	0.45%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	1.29%	1.25%	1.24%	1.27%	1.75%
Real, Acreage (Land Only)	49.28%	49.09%	50.01%	51.77%	37.96%
Real, Farm & Ranch Improvements	15.20%	15.59%	16.29%	16.13%	19.43%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	2.21%	2.05%	1.82%	1.60%	2.43%
Real, Gas and Minerals	0.15%	0.20%	0.25%	0.20%	0.25%
Real and Tangible, Utilities	1.27%	1.20%	1.43%	1.21%	2.06%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	5.14%	4.32%	1.89%	1.85%	0.91%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes	1.07%	1.07%	1.11%	1.09%	1.28%
Inventory, Residential / Special	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%
Other Totally Exempt Property	4.36%	4.28%	4.57%	4.36%	6.08%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

TABLE 3 - VALUATION AND TAX-SUPPORTED DEBT HISTORY

Fiscal Year Ending August 31	Estimated Population ⁽¹⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita	Tax Supported Debt Outstanding at End of Year	Ratio of Tax Supported Debt To Taxable Assessed Valuation	Tax Supported Debt Per Capita
2023	13,461	\$1,593,354,575	\$118,368	\$34,500,000	2.17%	\$2,563
2024	13,130	1,609,750,314	122,601	33,195,000	2.06%	2,528
2025	13,280	1,816,702,295	136,800	31,515,000	1.73%	2,373
2026	13,436	1,702,262,231	126,694	29,175,000 ⁽⁴⁾	1.71%	2,171
2027	13,436	1,727,337,483 ⁽³⁾	128,560	26,810,000 ⁽⁴⁾	1.55%	1,995

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

⁽²⁾ Source: Bastrop Central and Fayette County Appraisal Districts.

⁽³⁾ Preliminary, subject to change.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

TABLE 4 - PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended August 31	Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	General Fund	Interest and Sinking Fund	Levy ⁽²⁾	% Current Collections ⁽²⁾	% Total Collections ⁽²⁾
2022	\$1.2003	\$0.9603	\$0.2400	\$13,060,808	96.72%	100.44%
2023	1.1029	0.9429	0.1600	15,676,260	96.61%	99.56%
2024	0.9676	0.7876	0.1800	13,184,998	96.37%	100.06%
2025	0.9425	0.7625	0.1800	13,903,101	96.68%	100.25%
2026	0.9425	0.7625	0.1800	13,200,092 ⁽³⁾	99.85% ⁽³⁾	99.85% ⁽³⁾

⁽¹⁾ Source: Bastrop Central Appraisal District.

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

⁽³⁾ Source: District's records as of June 1. Unaudited.

TABLE 5 - HISTORICAL TOP TEN TAXPAYERS ⁽¹⁾

Taxpayer Name	Property Type	2025 AV	% of Total
Big Star Solar LLC	Wind & Solar Project	\$211,577,130	12.43%
Union Pacific Railroad Co.	Railroad	27,922,099	1.64%
EMHUGH Ltd.	Ranch	17,309,433	1.02%
LCRA Transmission Srvcs Corp	Electric Utility/Power Plant	11,996,120	0.70%
Texas Aggregates LP	Sand & Gravel Supplier	8,699,524	0.51%
Duncan Double D Ranch LP	Ranch	7,993,897	0.47%
Bluebonnet Electric Co-Op Inc.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	7,548,899	0.44%
Pacitti Ranch LLC	Ranch	5,185,946	0.30%
Lamesa Corporation	Residential Land	4,848,388	0.28%
Smithville Aggregates LLC	Sand & Gravel Supplier	4,265,640	0.25%
Top 10 Totals:		\$307,347,076	18.06%

⁽¹⁾ Source: Bastrop Central and Fayette County Appraisal Districts, and the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

TABLE 6 - ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT ⁽¹⁾

Taxing Jurisdiction	As Of	Total Debt	% Overlapping	Overlapping Debt
Bastrop County	5/31/2026	\$70,025,000	13.23%	\$9,264,308
Bastrop County MUD #1	5/31/2026	316,000	95.53%	301,875
Fayette County	5/31/2026	\$453,650	0.60%	2,722
Smithville, City of	5/31/2026	\$8,185,000	100.00%	8,185,000
Estimated (Net) Overlapping Debt				\$17,753,904
Smithville ISD		\$31,515,000	100.00%	\$31,515,000 ⁽²⁾
Total Direct & Estimated Overlapping Debt				\$49,268,904
Total and Overlapping Debt as a % of 2025 Total Assessed Valuation				0.99%
Total and Overlapping Debt as a % of 2025 Taxable Assessed Valuation				2.89%
Total and Overlapping Debt as a Per Capita				\$3,667

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

⁽²⁾ Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

TABLE 7 - OUTSTANDING UNLIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Debt Service Requirements	The Bonds ⁽¹⁾				Total Debt Service Requirements
		Less: Refunded Bonds ⁽¹⁾	Principal	Interest	Total	
2026	\$2,311,400	\$64,800	\$1,255,000	\$3,600	\$1,258,600	\$3,505,200
2027	2,061,650	129,600	1,485,000	99,250	1,584,250	3,516,300
2028	2,062,500	129,600	265,000	25,000	290,000	2,222,900
2029	2,061,550	129,600	115,000	11,750	126,750	2,058,700
2030	2,063,800	129,600	120,000	6,000	126,000	2,060,200
2031	2,063,600	129,600	-	-	-	1,934,000
2032	2,066,800	129,600	-	-	-	1,937,200
2033	2,068,200	129,600	-	-	-	1,938,600
2034	2,062,800	129,600	-	-	-	1,933,200
2035	2,065,800	129,600	-	-	-	1,936,200
2036	2,061,800	129,600	-	-	-	1,932,200
2037	2,066,000	129,600	-	-	-	1,936,400
2038	2,068,000	129,600	-	-	-	1,938,400
2039	2,067,800	129,600	-	-	-	1,938,200
2040	2,070,400	129,600	-	-	-	1,940,800
2041	2,059,800	539,600	-	-	-	1,520,200
2042	2,062,500	538,200	-	-	-	1,524,300
2043	2,067,950	541,200	-	-	-	1,526,750
2044	2,060,950	538,400	-	-	-	1,522,550
2045	2,061,850	540,000	-	-	-	1,521,850
2046	2,065,300	540,800	-	-	-	1,524,500
2047	2,066,100	540,800	-	-	-	1,525,300
2048	1,524,250	-	-	-	-	1,524,250
2049	561,350	-	-	-	-	561,350
Total	\$47,752,150	\$5,658,200	\$3,240,000	\$145,600	\$3,385,600	\$45,479,550

Average Annual Debt Service Requirement \$1,894,981
 Maximum Debt Service Requirement \$3,516,300

⁽¹⁾ Preliminary, subject to change

TABLE 8 - INTEREST AND SINKING FUND BUDGET PROJECTION

Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements, FYE 2026 ⁽¹⁾		\$3,505,200
Interest and Sinking Fund Balance, FYE 2025 ⁽²⁾	1,876,246	
Calculated Interest and Sinking Fund Levy @ 97% Collection	2,760,134	
Estimated State Assistance ⁽³⁾	535,173	5,171,553
Estimated Balance, FYE 2026		<u>\$1,666,353</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds.

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

⁽³⁾ Projected, subject to change.

TABLE 9 - AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS

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

TABLE 10 - OTHER OBLIGATIONS ⁽¹⁾

In February 2025, the District entered into a lease for new copiers totaling \$191,766 for 60 months. The District has elected to treat non-lease components (maintenance) as part of the lease. The future cash flows were discounted at a rate of 4.29% and are expected to complete in February 2030.

Future minimum lease payments under the agreement as of August 31, 2025 were as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$39,540	\$10,715	\$50,255
2027	41,959	8,296	50,255
2028	44,525	5,730	50,255
2029	47,248	3,007	50,255
2030	24,697	430	25,127
Totals	\$197,969	\$28,178	\$226,147

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

TABLE 11 - COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES ⁽¹⁾

For Fiscal Year ended August 31,	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUES:					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$13,258,307	\$12,209,954	\$15,123,252	\$11,255,191	\$10,723,831
State Program Revenues	8,385,475	9,312,246	5,117,715	8,086,196	8,322,781
Federal Program Revenues	128,219	307,630	631,855	588,101	846,305
Total Revenues	\$21,772,001	\$21,829,830	\$20,872,822	\$19,929,488	\$19,892,917
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	\$11,117,257	\$10,677,224	\$10,798,208	\$10,559,158	\$9,134,269
Instructional Resources & Media Services Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	268,609	284,632	288,117	308,106	291,314
Instructional Leadership	163,406	154,301	163,599	236,739	202,908
School Leadership	373,359	482,773	404,337	172,015	199,073
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	1,072,557	1,175,286	1,059,933	1,121,102	1,145,716
Social Work Services	582,979	587,774	426,841	374,242	372,523
Health Services	29,968	58,381	54,186	52,112	49,575
Student Transportation	240,183	242,444	274,238	270,009	309,185
Food Services	1,253,985	1,223,008	1,154,282	1,113,216	1,055,846
Extracurricular Activities	-	-	20,311	-	-
General Administration	999,756	1,162,236	977,299	957,645	865,126
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	939,394	984,761	840,173	790,426	858,871
Security Monitoring and Services	2,797,091	2,871,007	2,621,858	2,583,903	2,445,119
Data Processing Services	311,550	252,023	141,577	176,095	164,378
Community Services	528,656	464,375	404,144	442,424	477,500
Principal on Long Term Debt	127,325	135,148	106,773	127,059	119,635
Interest on Long Term Debt	39,425	51,664	45,608	43,696	41,864
Bond Issuance Costs	6,890	3,423	5,241	7,154	7,909
Facilities Acquisition & Construction	-	-	-	-	-
Payments to SSA	37,032	20,681	475,546	556,804	590,916
Intergovernmental Charges	252,330	249,989	226,718	199,204	191,718
Total Expenditures	\$21,141,752	\$21,081,130	\$20,488,989	\$20,091,109	\$18,523,445
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$630,249	\$748,700	\$383,833	(\$161,621)	\$1,369,472
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)					
Proceeds from Capital Leases	\$191,766	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	(45,703)	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$146,063	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net Change in Fund Balances	776,312	748,700	383,833	(161,621)	1,369,472
Fund Balances - Beginning	\$10,541,413	\$9,792,713	\$9,408,880	\$9,570,501	\$8,201,029
Fund Balances - Ending ⁽²⁾	\$11,317,725	\$10,541,413	\$9,792,713	\$9,408,880	\$9,570,501

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

⁽²⁾ The estimated General Fund Balance is estimated to be \$10,402,712 as of August 31, 2026.

TABLE 12 - CHANGE IN NET POSITION ⁽¹⁾

For Fiscal Year ended August 31,	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUES					
Program Revenues:					
Charges for Services	\$692,861	\$583,930	\$594,339	\$508,403	\$348,162
Operating Grants & Contributions	2,971,848	4,251,900	3,395,426	3,832,825	4,094,708
Total Program Revenues	\$3,664,709	\$4,835,830	\$3,989,765	\$4,341,228	\$4,442,870
General Revenues:					
Property Taxes - M&O	\$11,540,955	\$10,970,150	\$13,919,929	\$10,903,596	\$10,326,413
Property Taxes - I&S	2,978,310	2,612,699	2,419,129	2,670,391	2,858,472
State Aid-Formula Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Grants & Contributions Not Restricted	7,776,394	9,113,180	4,496,177	6,978,227	8,674,884
Investment Earnings	766,925	829,479	816,690	98,913	33,517
Miscellaneous	1,029,079	538,628	644,559	303,113	370,035
Total General Revenues	\$24,091,663	\$24,064,136	\$22,296,484	\$20,954,240	\$22,263,321
TOTAL REVENUES	\$27,756,372	\$28,899,966	\$26,286,249	\$25,295,468	\$26,706,191
EXPENSES					
Instruction	\$12,334,405	\$13,275,238	\$12,350,708	\$11,672,863	\$12,597,181
Instructional Resources & Media Services	268,609	291,287	292,183	312,172	291,314
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	410,342	538,688	408,329	337,682	370,292
Instructional Leadership	409,187	530,754	431,446	276,306	383,665
School Leadership	1,008,648	1,163,225	1,014,668	1,024,845	1,167,608
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	865,749	921,916	431,924	379,325	372,523
Social Work Services	29,968	59,905	55,203	59,354	55,226
Health Services	240,183	248,624	279,395	274,076	309,185
Student Transportation	1,162,985	1,154,990	1,117,526	1,040,206	1,060,561
Food Services	1,422,561	1,588,520	1,455,246	1,244,390	1,392,038
Extracurricular Activities	1,541,546	1,586,266	1,457,629	1,544,284	1,446,928
General Administration	897,170	970,341	803,965	729,370	872,533
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,747,450	2,792,439	2,672,464	2,710,897	2,352,788
Security Monitoring and Services	437,804	300,644	261,090	112,345	88,696
Data Processing Services	532,476	486,692	449,715	483,215	521,976
Community Services	127,325	119,517	106,773	128,076	119,635
Debt Service - Interest	1,178,365	1,215,003	1,257,199	1,295,615	1,329,919
Debt Service - Issuance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	-	-	76,855	163,764.00
Payments to SSA	37,032	20,681	475,546	556,804	590,916
Other Intergovernmental Charges	252,330	249,989	226,718	199,204	191,718
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,904,135	\$27,514,719	\$25,547,727	\$24,457,884	\$25,678,466
Increase (Decrease) In Net Position	\$1,852,237	\$1,385,247	\$738,522	\$837,584	\$1,027,725
Beginning Net Position	\$4,035,357	\$2,650,111	\$1,911,589	\$1,074,005	\$8,742
Prior Period Adjustment	(666,597) ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	37,538
Ending Net Position	\$5,220,997	\$4,035,358	\$2,650,111	\$1,911,589	\$1,074,005

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

⁽²⁾ As of September 1, 2024, the District implemented GASB Statement 101 related to compensated absences. Previously only compensated absences that were expected to be paid on termination were recognized as a liability on the statement of net position. Now compensated absences that are more likely than not to be paid or taken as time off are included in the liability. The change resulted in a reduction of \$666,597 on beginning governmental activities net position

TABLE 13 - CURRENT INVESTMENTS ⁽¹⁾

As of June 30, 2026 funds were invested as follows:

Description	%	Market Value	Book Value
TexPool	0.30%	\$43,214	\$43,214
Lone Star Investment Pool	99.70%	14,415,871	14,415,871
Total	100.00%	\$14,459,085	\$14,459,085

⁽¹⁾ Source: District's records. Represents unaudited information.

APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY

Smithville ISD is located primarily in southern Bastrop County, with a small portion extending into Fayette County. The District serves the City of Smithville and the rural communities of Pine Oak and Rosanky, an area that is predominantly agricultural in nature. With an estimated 2026 population of 13,436, Smithville ISD is situated at the intersection of State Highways 71 and 95, approximately 45 miles southeast of Austin, 85 miles northeast of San Antonio, and 115 miles west of Houston.

DISTRICT ENROLLMENT

<u>Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2014/15	1,763
2015/16	1,788
2016/17	1,759
2017/18	1,788
2018/19	1,802
2019/20	1,854
2020/21	1,753
2021/22	1,788
2022/23	1,885
2023/24	1,834
2024/25	1,849
2025/26 ⁽¹⁾	1,870

⁽¹⁾ Source: District's records

LABOR MARKET PROFILE

	<u>April 2026</u>	<u>Annual Averages</u>				
		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bastrop County						
Civilian Labor Force	58,124	58,065	56,667	54,274	51,060	47,380
Total Employment	56,169	55,921	54,596	52,338	49,269	45,208
Unemployment	1,955	2,144	2,071	1,936	1,791	2,172
Percent Unemployment	3.4%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	3.5%	4.6%
Fayette County						
Civilian Labor Force	10,869	10,725	10,678	10,348	10,172	10,142
Total Employment	10,488	10,316	10,271	9,938	9,761	9,634
Unemployment	381	409	407	410	411	508
Percent Unemployment	3.5%	3.8%	3.8%	4.0%	4.0%	5.0%
State of Texas						
Civilian Labor Force	15,867,910	15,883,632	15,628,870	15,248,074	14,784,035	14,366,604
Total Employment	15,235,151	15,218,369	14,985,161	14,636,691	14,200,881	13,556,544
Unemployment	632,759	665,263	643,709	611,383	583,154	810,060
Percent Unemployment	4.0%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%	5.6%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission, Labor Market Information Department

APPENDIX C

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The information contained in this appendix consists of the Smithville 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.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025



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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Smithville Independent School District
Name of School District

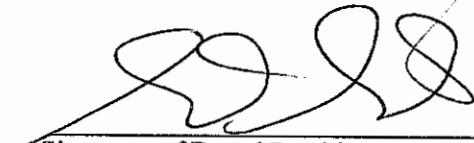
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County

011-904
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 15th day of December, 2025



Signature of Board Secretary



Signature of Board President





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Trustees
Smithville Independent School District
Smithville, 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 Smithville Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Smithville Independent School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Smithville Independent School District, as of August 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note P to the financial statements, in 2025, the entity adopted new accounting guidance in GASB Statement No. 101 related to compensated absences. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Smithville Independent School District's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 Smithville Independent School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the required supplementary information (as listed in the table of contents) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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 Smithville Independent School District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information (as listed in the table of contents) and schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 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.

The supplementary information and SEFA are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such 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 supplementary information and SEFA are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

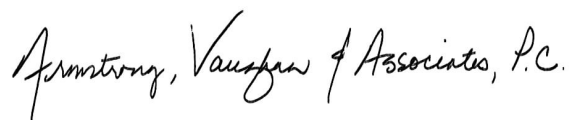
Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information (as listed in the table of contents) does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the 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 financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the 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 December 1, 2025 on our consideration of Smithville Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Smithville Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.
December 1, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Smithville Independent School District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the fiscal period ended August 31, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the Independent Auditor's Report, which precedes this Analysis and the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's net position increased by \$1.9 million as a result of this period's operations. Of this amount, \$1.0 million was reported as unrestricted net position. The net position also decreased from a change in accounting principle with the adoption of GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*.
- Total cost of all of the District's programs decreased \$1.6 million or 5.9% from prior year primarily due to a slight reduction in staff and cost cutting measures.
- Governmental fund balances increased \$1.3 million and General Fund expenditures for the fiscal period were \$278 thousand less than the final budget.

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.

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.

The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the 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 district's assets and liabilities. All of the current period'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.

- Viewed 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, one needs to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the District's tax base.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include the 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 the following kinds of funds:

- *Governmental funds*—All of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how *cash and other financial assets* can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at period-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 explain the relationship (or differences) between them.
- *Fiduciary fund*—Student activity funds are held by the district for the benefit of the various student groups. The custodial fund segregates those funds from the rest of the District's operations.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net Position

The District's net position was \$5.2 million at August 31, 2025 (See Table A-1). Of this amount, \$2.0 million is invested in capital assets, and \$2.2 million is restricted, leaving a balance in unrestricted net position of \$1.0 million.

Table A-1
Smithville Independent School District's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Percentage Change
	8/31/25	8/31/24	
<i>Assets:</i>			
Cash and Investments	\$ 13,080,799	\$ 11,950,271	9.5%
Other Current Assets	2,683,653	2,350,468	14.2%
Property and Equipment (net)	35,544,042	37,001,867	-3.9%
<i>Total Assets</i>	51,308,494	51,302,606	0.0%
<i>Deferred Outflows</i>	2,694,673	2,956,277	-8.8%
<i>Liabilities</i>			
Current Liabilities	2,715,513	2,722,005	-0.2%
Long-term Liabilities	41,867,456	42,044,898	-0.4%
<i>Total Liabilities</i>	44,582,969	44,766,903	-0.4%
<i>Deferred Inflows</i>	4,199,201	5,456,623	-23.0%
<i>Net Position:</i>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,030,987	1,835,569	10.6%
Restricted	2,172,951	1,643,245	32.2%
Unrestricted	1,017,059	556,543	-82.7%
<i>Total Net Position</i>	\$ 5,220,997	\$ 4,035,357	29.4%

Changes in Net Position

The District's total revenues were \$27.8 million. A significant amount of this revenue, \$14.5 million or 52.3% comes from local taxes, \$12.5 million or 45.2% came from state, federal and local grants, while another \$693 thousand or 2.5% is related to charges for services.

The total cost of all programs and services was \$25.9 million with \$13.0 million (50.2%) for instruction and instruction related expenses.

Table A-2 presents the cost of each of the District's functions with a comparison to the prior period.

Table A-2
Changes in Smithville Independent School District's Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Percentage Change
	2025	2024	
<i>Program Revenues:</i>			
Charges for Services	\$ 692,861	\$ 583,930	18.7%
Operating Grants & Contributions	2,971,848	4,251,900	-30.1%
<i>General Revenues:</i>			
Property Taxes	14,519,265	13,582,849	6.9%
General Grants	7,776,394	9,113,180	-14.7%
Investment Earnings	766,925	829,479	-7.5%
Miscellaneous	1,029,079	538,627	91.1%
<i>Total Revenues</i>	27,756,372	28,899,965	-4.0%
<i>Expenses:</i>			
Instruction	12,334,405	13,275,238	-7.1%
Instructional Resources & Media	268,609	291,287	-7.8%
Curriculum & Staff Development	410,342	538,688	-23.8%
Instructional Leadership	409,187	530,754	-22.9%
School Leadership	1,008,648	1,163,225	-13.3%
Guidance, Counseling, Evaluation	865,749	921,916	-6.1%
Social Work Services	29,968	59,905	-50.0%
Health Services	240,183	248,624	-3.4%
Student Transportation	1,162,985	1,154,990	0.7%
Food Service	1,422,561	1,588,520	-10.4%
Extracurricular Activities	1,541,546	1,586,266	-2.8%
General Administration	897,170	970,341	-7.5%
Plant Maintenance & Operations	2,747,450	2,792,439	-1.6%
Security Services	437,804	300,644	45.6%
Data Processing Services	532,476	486,692	9.4%
Community Services	127,325	119,517	6.5%
Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,178,365	1,215,003	-3.0%
Payments to Fiscal Agent	37,032	20,681	79.1%
Other Intergovernmental Charges	252,330	249,989	0.9%
<i>Total Expenses</i>	25,904,135	27,514,719	-5.9%
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</i>	1,852,237	1,385,246	
<i>Beginning Net Position</i>	4,035,357	2,650,111	
Prior Period Adjustment	(666,597)	-	
<i>Ending Net Position</i>	\$ 5,220,997	\$ 4,035,357	

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Revenues from governmental fund types totaled \$28.4 million, a decrease of \$709 thousand compared to the preceding period. The District experienced decreases in state and federal revenues due to a decrease in general grant funding and state aid.

Expenditures from governmental fund types totaled \$27.3 million, a decrease of \$1.0 million compared to the preceding period. This decrease is primarily made up of a slight reduction in staff and cost cutting measures.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

In accordance with state law and generally accepted accounting standards, the District prepares an annual budget for the general fund, the food service special revenue fund, and the debt service fund. Special revenue funds have budgets approved by the funding agency and are amended throughout the year as required.

The General Fund's expenditures were \$278 thousand less than the final budgeted expenditures. Combined with revenues, the General Fund balance increased \$1.3 million more than anticipated since the District expected a reduction in fund balance.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At August 31, 2025, the District had invested \$71.6 million in a broad range of capital assets, including land, equipment, vehicles and buildings (See Table A-3). The most significant change in capital assets this year was the purchase of two passenger buses, window film and other security upgrades, sound system at the stadium, and a new copier lease for multiple copiers within the District. Current disposals include the sale of several fully depreciated passenger buses and replacement of High School Marquee.

Table A-3
Changes in Smithville Independent School District's Capital Assets

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 856,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 856,905
Buildings and Improvements	64,996,551	234,488	(182,454)	65,048,585
Vehicles	3,622,111	309,129	(607,442)	3,323,798
Equipment	2,145,945	92,790	(29,947)	2,208,788
Right of Use Assets	228,460	191,766	(225,473)	194,753
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(34,848,105)</u>	<u>(2,243,489)</u>	<u>1,002,807</u>	<u>(36,088,787)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 37,001,867</u>	<u>\$ (1,415,316)</u>	<u>\$ (42,509)</u>	<u>\$ 35,544,042</u>

Land and Construction in progress are not depreciated.

Long Term Debt

At period-end the District owed \$33.5 million for outstanding bonds and leases payable (including unamortized premiums). More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT PERIOD'S BUDGETS AND TAX RATES

- The District's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2026 budget and tax rates. Those factors include property values, staffing trends, changes in enrollment, attendance rates and patterns, incoming federal funds, the local and state economy, and legislative mandates.
- Student enrollment for fiscal year 2026 is currently projected to be slightly higher than the previous fiscal year. The District will continue to study demographic trends that may impact special programs.
- The District's total tax rate remained the same from fiscal year 2025 at \$0.9425 per \$100 valuation. The Maintenance and Operations tax rate remained at \$0.7625 and the Interest & Sinking tax rate remained at \$0.18.
- District officials anticipate that the fund balances for the General, Child Nutrition and Debt Service funds will not materially change from fiscal year 2025 to fiscal year 2026.

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, we invite you to contact the District's Finance Office, 901 N.E. 6th Street, Smithville, Texas 78957.



BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes		1 Governmental Activities
	ASSETS:	
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,216,114
1120	Current Investments	10,864,685
1225	Property Taxes Receivable (Net)	932,348
1240	Due from Other Governments	1,679,548
1290	Other Receivables	65,603
1300	Inventories	6,154
	<i>Capital Assets:</i>	
1510	Land	856,905
1520	Buildings and Improvements, Net	33,700,774
1531	Vehicles, Net	569,857
1539	Furniture and Equipment, Net	263,093
1559	Right of Use Assets, Net	153,413
1000	TOTAL ASSETS:	<u>51,308,494</u>
	DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES:	
	Deferred Loss on Debt Refunding	12,345
	Deferred Pension Related Outflows	1,276,140
	Deferred OPEB Related Outflows	1,406,188
1700	TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS:	<u>2,694,673</u>
	LIABILITIES:	
2110	Accounts Payable	320,232
2140	Interest Payable	55,635
2150	Payroll Deductions & Withholding	18,673
2160	Accrued Wages	1,064,536
2180	Due to Other Governments	31,829
2200	Accrued Expenses	22,798
	<i>Noncurrent Liabilities:</i>	
2501	Due Within One Year	1,201,810
2502	Due in More Than One Year	33,096,285
2540	Net Pension Liability	5,091,320
2545	Net OPEB Liability	3,679,851
2000	TOTAL LIABILITIES:	<u>44,582,969</u>
	DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES:	
	Deferred Pension Related Inflows	467,753
	Deferred OPEB Related Inflows	3,731,448
2600	TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS:	<u>4,199,201</u>
	NET POSITION:	
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,030,987
	Restricted For:	
3850	Debt Service	1,992,886
3820	State and Federal Grant Restrictions	2,448
3890	Other Restrictions	177,617
3900	Unrestricted	1,017,059
3000	TOTAL NET POSITION:	<u>\$ 5,220,997</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Changes in Net Position
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:					
11	Instruction	\$ 12,334,405	\$ -	\$ 308,687	\$ (12,025,718)
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services	268,609	-	-	(268,609)
13	Curriculum and Staff Development	410,342	-	145,846	(264,496)
21	Instructional Leadership	409,187	-	36,071	(373,116)
23	School Leadership	1,008,648	-	-	(1,008,648)
31	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	865,749	-	167,400	(698,349)
32	Social Work Services	29,968	-	-	(29,968)
33	Health Services	240,183	-	63,136	(177,047)
34	Student transportation	1,162,985	-	-	(1,162,985)
35	Food Services	1,422,561	353,349	1,688,565	619,353
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,541,546	339,512	75,735	(1,126,299)
41	General Administration	897,170	-	-	(897,170)
51	Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,747,450	-	20,474	(2,726,976)
52	Security and Monitoring Services	437,804	-	127,737	(310,067)
53	Data Processing Services	532,476	-	-	(532,476)
61	Community Services	127,325	-	-	(127,325)
72	Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,178,365	-	338,197	(840,168)
93	Payments to Fiscal Agent	37,032	-	-	(37,032)
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges	252,330	-	-	(252,330)
TG	Total Governmental Activities	<u>25,904,135</u>	<u>692,861</u>	<u>2,971,848</u>	<u>(22,239,426)</u>
TP	Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 25,904,135</u>	<u>\$ 692,861</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,848</u>	<u>(22,239,426)</u>
<i>General Revenues:</i>					
MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				11,540,955
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				2,978,310
GC	Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Progra				7,776,394
IE	Investment Earnings				766,925
MI	Miscellaneous				1,029,079
TR	Total General Revenues				<u>24,091,663</u>
CN	Change in Net Position				1,852,237
NB	Net Position - Beginning				4,035,357
PA	Prior Period Adjustment - Change in Accounting Principle				(666,597)
NE	Net Position - Ending				<u>\$ 5,220,997</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
1110	\$ 1,532,502	\$ 505,995	\$ 177,617	\$ 2,216,114
1120	9,504,077	1,358,160	2,448	10,864,685
1225	760,073	172,275	-	932,348
1240	1,488,318	43,920	147,309	1,679,547
1260	93,942	-	-	93,942
1290	52,735	-	12,868	65,603
1300	6,154	-	-	6,154
1000	<u>\$ 13,437,801</u>	<u>\$ 2,080,350</u>	<u>\$ 340,242</u>	<u>\$ 15,858,393</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES:				
<i>LIABILITIES:</i>				
2110	\$ 295,118	\$ -	\$ 25,113	\$ 320,231
2150	18,673	-	-	18,673
2160	1,024,253	-	40,283	1,064,536
2170	-	-	93,942	93,942
2180	-	31,829	-	31,829
2200	21,959	-	839	22,798
2000	<u>1,360,003</u>	<u>31,829</u>	<u>160,177</u>	<u>1,552,009</u>
<i>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</i>				
2600	760,073	172,275	-	932,348
2600	<u>760,073</u>	<u>172,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>932,348</u>
<i>FUND BALANCES:</i>				
<i>Nonspendable:</i>				
3410	6,154	-	-	6,154
<i>Restricted:</i>				
3450	-	-	2,448	2,448
3480	-	1,876,246	-	1,876,246
3490	-	-	177,617	177,617
<i>Committed:</i>				
3545	3,157,770	-	-	3,157,770
3600	8,153,801	-	-	8,153,801
3000	<u>11,317,725</u>	<u>1,876,246</u>	<u>180,065</u>	<u>13,374,036</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES				
4000	<u>\$ 13,437,801</u>	<u>\$ 2,080,350</u>	<u>\$ 340,242</u>	<u>\$ 15,858,393</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

TOTAL FUND BALANCE - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$ 13,374,036
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position ("SNP") are different because:	
Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	35,544,042
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore, are deferred in the funds.	932,348
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, not reported in the funds.	(34,285,750)
Net pension liabilities (and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources) do not consume current financial resources and are not reported in the funds.	
Net Pension Liability	(5,091,320)
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	(467,753)
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	1,276,140
Net OPEB Liability	(3,679,851)
OPEB Related Deferred Inflows	(3,731,448)
OPEB Related Deferred Outflows	<u>1,406,188</u>
	(10,288,044)
Accrued interest payable on long-term bonds is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, not reported in the funds.	<u>(55,635)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ 5,220,997</u></u>

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

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700	\$ 13,258,307	\$ 3,116,795	\$ 604,895	\$ 16,979,997
5800	8,385,475	365,244	379,475	9,130,194
5900	128,219	-	2,190,119	2,318,338
5020	<u>21,772,001</u>	<u>3,482,039</u>	<u>3,174,489</u>	<u>28,428,529</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
0011	11,117,257	-	618,660	11,735,917
0012	268,609	-	-	268,609
0013	163,406	-	292,299	455,705
0021	373,359	-	72,292	445,651
0023	1,072,557	-	-	1,072,557
0031	582,979	-	335,497	918,476
0032	29,968	-	-	29,968
0033	240,183	-	-	240,183
0034	1,253,985	-	-	1,253,985
0035	-	-	1,426,977	1,426,977
0036	999,756	-	151,785	1,151,541
0041	939,394	-	-	939,394
0051	2,797,091	-	41,034	2,838,125
0052	311,550	-	256,007	567,557
0053	528,656	-	-	528,656
0061	127,325	-	-	127,325
0071	39,425	1,680,000	-	1,719,425
0072	6,890	1,294,900	-	1,301,790
0073	-	2,825	-	2,825
0093	37,032	-	-	37,032
0099	252,330	-	-	252,330
6030	<u>21,141,752</u>	<u>2,977,725</u>	<u>3,194,551</u>	<u>27,314,028</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>630,249</u>	<u>504,314</u>	<u>(20,062)</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)				
7913	191,766	-	-	191,766
7915	-	-	45,703	45,703
8911	(45,703)	-	-	(45,703)
7080	<u>146,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,703</u>	<u>191,766</u>
1200	776,312	504,314	25,641	1,306,267
0100	10,541,413	1,371,932	154,424	12,067,769
3000	<u>\$ 11,317,725</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,246</u>	<u>\$ 180,065</u>	<u>\$ 13,374,036</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SMITHVILLE 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 - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS \$ 1,306,267

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlay	\$ 828,173	
Depreciation	<u>(2,243,489)</u>	(1,415,316)

In the Statement of Activities, only the gain or loss on the disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale, if any, increase financial resources. Thus the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the disposed assets. (42,509)

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenue in the funds. This is the net change in those revenues over the year. (35,545)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. bonds & notes payable) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.

Proceeds from Capital Leases	(191,766)	
Principal Payment on Bonds	<u>1,719,425</u>	1,527,659

Governmental funds report required contributions to employee pensions and other post-employment benefits as expenditures. However in the Statement of Activities the cost of the benefits is recorded based on the actuarially determined cost of the plan. This is the amount that contributions exceeded the the actuarially determined expense.

Pension	(161,321)	
Retiree Insurance (OPEB)	<u>652,851</u>	491,530

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities (including accreted and accrued interest expense) do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. Governmental funds report the net effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities.

Change in Compensated Absences	(106,099)	
Change in Accrued Interest	665	
Amortization of Refunding Losses	(12,344)	
Amortization of Bond Premiums	<u>137,929</u>	20,151

CHANGE IN NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES \$ 1,852,237

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes		Custodial Funds	
		Student Activity Fund	Scholarship Trust Fund
	ASSETS:		
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 57,911	\$ -
1120	Current Investments	-	42,717
1000	<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>57,911</u>	<u>42,717</u>
	LIABILITIES:		
	<i>Current Liabilities</i>		
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 2,000
2000	<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,000</u>
	NET POSITION:		
3000	<i>Total Net Position</i>	<u>\$ 57,911</u>	<u>\$ 40,717</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

	Custodial Funds	
	Student Activity Fund	Scholarship Trust Fund
Additions:		
Contributions	\$ 93,024	\$ 3,900
Total Additions	93,024	3,900
Deductions:		
Supplies	105,363	2,000
Total Deductions	105,363	2,000
Change in Net Position	(12,339)	1,900
Total Net Position - Beginning	70,250	38,817
Total Net Position - Ending	\$ 57,911	\$ 40,717

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

a. Basis of Presentation (Continued)

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: Is used to account for all funds collected and disbursed for the retirement of governmental debt.

Additionally, the District reports the following nonmajor fund types:

Special Revenue Fund: Is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District accounts for each federal and state grant in a separate special revenue fund.

Fiduciary Funds: These funds hold resources for others for which the District is a custodian. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs.

The District reports custodial funds for the District's student activity funds and scholarship trust funds as fiduciary funds.

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

Government-wide Financial Statements: These financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and using the economic resources measurement focus. The government-wide 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 period for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal period in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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 does not consider revenues collected after its period-end to be available in the current period. Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State are recognized under the susceptible-to-accrual concept. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned, since they are both measurable and available. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

3. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less when purchased. For the District, this includes local government investment pools and money market funds.

b. Investments

The District reports investments at fair value based on the hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy, which has three levels, is based on the valuation inputs used to measure an asset's fair value: Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The District's investments in Pools are reported at an amount determined by the fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio, unless the pool maintains a consistent net asset value per share that approximates the fair value of the underlying securities. These investments are reported at net asset value.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Financial Statement Amounts (Continued)

c. 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 period following the period in which imposed. On January 1 of each period, 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. Taxes Receivable in the governmental funds are stated net of allowance for uncollectible tax receivables in the amount of \$227,610 and \$45,313 for the General and Debt Service Funds, respectively.

d. Inventories and Prepaid Items

The District records purchases of supplies as expenditures, utilizing the purchase method of accounting for inventory. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

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 period end.

f. Deferred Inflows and Outflows of Resources

A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period while a deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position. These items are presented in separate sections following assets (deferred outflows) or liabilities (deferred inflows) on the statement of net position.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
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A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Financial Statement Amounts (Continued)

g. Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed 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. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. 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.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings and Improvements	30 years
Vehicles and Equipment	5 years
Right of Use Assets	5 years

h. Interfund Activity

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

i. Pensions

The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and additions to/ deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRS. For this purpose, 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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Financial Statement Amounts (Continued)

j. Other Post-Employment Benefits

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 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's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. There are no investments as this is a pay-as-you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account.

k. Compensated Absences

The District's policies provide for accumulation of local and state personal days that carry over each year. Local days may be paid upon retirement if certain requirements are met at a rate set by the Board of Trustees per day for a maximum of 30 days. Compensated absences are recorded as a liability at the government-wide level based on an estimate of leave that has been earned that is more likely than not to be taken as time off or paid on separation. The District has estimated the liability with the first in first out flows assumption for the use of accrued leave.

l. Leases and Subscription Based IT Arrangements

At the commencement of a lease or arrangement, the District initially measures the liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the term. Subsequently, the liability is reduced by the principal portion of payments made. The right of use asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the liability, adjusted for payments made at or before the commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$100,000 or more.

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

m. 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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Financial Statement Amounts (Continued)

n. Use of Estimates

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

o. Net Position - Government-wide Statement of Net Position

Net position is classified as follows:

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

Net Investment in Capital Assets - represents the balances of capital assets less the outstanding balances of debt related to the acquisition of the capital assets. This amount is separated from unrestricted net position so that the unrestricted classification represents net position more readily available to fund operations.

Unrestricted - Represents the residual net position that is not restricted or capital in nature.

p. 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 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. 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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Financial Statement Amounts (Continued)

p. Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Continued)

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. Currently, the Superintendent and Business Officer have been delegated the authority to assign balances. Specific amounts that are not restricted or committed in a special revenue, capital projects, debt service or permanent fund are assigned for purposes in accordance with the nature of their fund type or the fund's primary purpose. Assignments within the general fund, conveys that the intended use of those amounts is for a specific purpose that is narrower than the general purposes of the District itself.

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

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

B. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with GAAP. The original budget is adopted by the District prior to the beginning of the year. The legal level of control is the function code stated in the approved budget. Appropriations lapse at the end of the year, excluding capital projects budgets.

In accordance with State law and generally accepted accounting standards, the District prepares an annual budget for the General Fund, the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program (special revenue fund), and the Debt Service Fund. The District budgets the capital projects fund for each project, which normally covers multiple years. Special revenue funds have approved budgets by the funding agency and are amended throughout the year as required.

During the year, the District amended its budget as required by State law to reflect currently levels of revenues and anticipated expenditures. There were no material changes between the original budget and the final amended budget. Additionally, there were no expenditures in excess of appropriations at the function level except for Function 52 which exceeded the final budget by 5% and total expenditures were under budget by \$277,604.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

C. Deposits and Investments

1. Cash Deposits:

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2025 and during the period ended August 31, 2025, were entirely covered by FDIC insurance and securities pledged by the District's depository.

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 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) bankers acceptances, 7) mutual funds, 8) investment pools, 9) guaranteed investment contracts, and 10) commercial paper.

The District's investments at August 31, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Investment or Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity (Days)</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Reported Value</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<i>Reported as Current Investments</i>				
Texpool	Demand	AAAm	\$ 1,088	\$ 1,088
First Public/Lone Star Investment	Demand	AAAm	10,863,597	10,863,597
Total Investments			<u>\$ 10,864,685</u>	<u>\$ 10,864,685</u>

The District participates in the Texpool Local Government Pool ("Texpool"), an external investment pool. Texpool was established as a trust company with the Treasurer of the State of Texas as trustee, segregated from all other trustees, investments, and activities of the trust company. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises oversight responsibility over Texpool. Additionally the State Comptroller has established an advisory board comprised of both participants in Texpool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with Texpool. Texpool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The pool seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

C. Deposits and Investments (Continued)

2. Investments (Continued)

The District participates in the First Public Local Government Pool ("Lone Star"), an external investment pool. A Board of Trustees composed of participants of Lone Star is responsible for the overall management of the pool. The funds are managed by two separate advisors – American Beacon and BNY Mellon. The funds within Lone Star are not registered mutual funds under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and are not available to individual investors. The pool seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00.

The District was not exposed to significant credit, custodial credit, concentration of credit, interest rate or foreign currency risk.

D. Capital Assets

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

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases/ Transfers	Ending Balances
Governmental Activities:				
<i>Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:</i>				
Land	\$ 856,905	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 856,905
<i>Total Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated</i>	<u>856,905</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>856,905</u>
<i>Capital Assets Being Depreciated:</i>				
Buildings and Improvements	64,996,551	234,488	(182,454)	65,048,585
Vehicles	3,622,111	309,129	(607,442)	3,323,798
Equipment	2,145,945	92,790	(29,947)	2,208,788
Right of Use Assets	228,460	191,766	(225,473)	194,753
<i>Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated</i>	<u>70,993,067</u>	<u>828,173</u>	<u>(1,045,316)</u>	<u>70,775,924</u>
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation For:</i>				
Buildings and Improvements	(29,722,513)	(1,765,243)	139,945	(31,347,811)
Vehicles	(3,103,251)	(258,132)	607,442	(2,753,941)
Equipment	(1,793,881)	(181,761)	29,947	(1,945,695)
Right of Use Assets	(228,460)	(38,353)	225,473	(41,340)
<i>Total Accumulated Depreciation</i>	<u>(34,848,105)</u>	<u>(2,243,489)</u>	<u>1,002,807</u>	<u>(36,088,787)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>36,144,962</u>	<u>(1,415,316)</u>	<u>(42,509)</u>	<u>34,687,137</u>
<i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	<u>\$ 37,001,867</u>	<u>\$ (1,415,316)</u>	<u>\$ (42,509)</u>	<u>\$ 35,544,042</u>

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

D. Capital Assets (Continued)

Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

11 Instruction	\$	1,416,620
23 School Leadership		1,399
34 Student Transportation		250,210
35 Food Services		79,086
36 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		391,304
51 Plant Maintenance and Operations		68,582
52 Security and Monitoring		32,468
53 Data Processing		3,820
		\$ 2,243,489

E. Interfund Balances and Activities

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

Due To Fund	Due From Fund	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 93,942	Short-term pooled cash loans
	Total	\$ 93,942	

Transfers during the year ended August 31, 2025 were as follows:

Transfer From	Transfer To	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 45,703	Supplement Other Funding
	Total	\$ 45,703	

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AUGUST 31, 2025

F. Long-Term Obligations

1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include building, refunding and maintenance bonds. Changes in long-term obligations for the period ended August 31, 2025, are as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
<i>Public Offering</i>					
2015 Refunding	\$ 1,970,000	\$ -	\$ (1,290,000)	\$ 680,000	\$ 680,000
2017 Building	8,020,000	-	(220,000)	7,800,000	230,000
2018 Building	14,135,000	-	(130,000)	14,005,000	135,000
2019 Building	9,070,000	-	(40,000)	9,030,000	40,000
Unamortized Premiums	1,950,359	-	(137,929)	1,812,430	-
Lease Liability	45,628	191,766	(39,425)	197,969	39,540
	<u>35,190,987</u>	<u>191,766</u>	<u>(1,857,354)</u>	<u>33,525,399</u>	<u>1,124,540</u>
Compensated Absences	666,597	106,099	-	772,696	77,270
Net Pension Liability	5,562,774	1,214,524	(1,685,978)	5,091,320	-
Net OPEB Liability	2,691,765	988,086	-	3,679,851	-
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>\$ 44,112,123</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,475</u>	<u>\$ (3,543,332)</u>	<u>\$ 43,069,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,201,810</u>

The change in compensated absences is a net figure.

Expenditures for the debt service requirements of bonds payable are accounted for in the Debt Service Fund. Expenditures for the debt service requirements of lease liability, net pension liability, and net other post-employment benefit liability are accounted for in the General Fund.

Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds have interest rates of 2.00-5.00%
Unlimited Tax School Refunding Bonds have interest rates of 2.00-4.00%

In accordance with Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 15c2-12, the District has entered into a continuing disclosure agreement with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The District has complied with these continuing disclosures.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
AUGUST 31, 2025

F. Long-Term Obligations (Continued)

1. Long-Term Obligation Activity (Continued)

Debt Service requirements on bonded debt at August 31, 2025, are as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Public Offering		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 1,085,000	\$ 1,226,400	\$ 2,311,400
2027	880,000	1,181,650	2,061,650
2028	920,000	1,142,500	2,062,500
2029	960,000	1,101,550	2,061,550
2030	1,005,000	1,058,800	2,063,800
2031-2035	5,670,000	4,657,200	10,327,200
2036-2040	6,905,000	3,429,000	10,334,000
2041-2045	8,310,000	2,003,050	10,313,050
2046-2049	5,780,000	437,000	6,217,000
Totals	<u>\$ 31,515,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,237,150</u>	<u>\$ 47,752,150</u>

2. Lease

In February 2025, the District entered into a lease for new copiers totaling \$191,766 for 60 months. The District has elected to treat non-lease components (maintenance) as part of the lease. The future cash flows were discounted at a rate of 4.29% and are expected to complete in February 2030.

Future minimum lease payments under the agreement as of August 31, 2025 were as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 39,540	\$ 10,715	\$ 50,255
2027	41,959	8,296	50,255
2028	44,525	5,730	50,255
2029	47,248	3,007	50,255
2030	24,697	430	25,127
Totals	<u>\$ 197,969</u>	<u>\$ 28,178</u>	<u>\$ 226,147</u>

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G. 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 work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at http://www.trs.texas.tx.us/pages/about_publications.aspx or by writing to TRS at P.O. Box 149676, Austin, TX, 78714-0185; or by calling (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.

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

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G. Pension Plan (Continued)

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 86th Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 thru 2025.

	Contribution Rates		Contributions Required and
	Plan fiscal year		
	2024	2025	Made
Member (Employee)	8.25%	8.25%	\$ 1,093,271
Non-employer Contributing Entity (State)	8.25%	8.25%	847,097
Employer	8.25%	8.25%	467,538
			<u>\$ 2,407,906</u>

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

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

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member’s first 90 days of employment.
- When any part or all of an employee’s salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.
- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

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G. Pension Plan (Continued)

4. Contributions (Continued)

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 2% of the member's salary.

5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2024 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 Rate	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 31, 2019	3.13% Fidelity 20-Year AA Municipal
Last Year in Projection Period	2123
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases Including Inflation	2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation
Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions are used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2023. For a full description of these assumptions please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 11, 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 pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.54% of payroll in fiscal year 2025 and thereafter. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

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G. Pension Plan (Continued)

6. Discount Rate

Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic 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 Portfolio Real Rate of Return	Expected Contribution to Portfolio Return
Global Equity			
U.S.	18%	4.0%	1.00%
Non-U.S. Developed	13%	4.2%	0.80%
Emerging Markets	9%	5.2%	0.70%
Private Equity	14%	6.7%	1.20%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16%	1.9%	0.40%
Absolute Return	0%	4.0%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5%	3.0%	0.20%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15%	6.6%	1.20%
Energy and Natural Resources	6%	5.6%	0.40%
Commodities	0%	2.5%	0.00%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	8%	4.0%	0.40%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2%	1.0%	0.00%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6%	1.3%	-0.10%
Inflation Expectation			2.40%
Volatility Drag			-0.70%
Total	<u>100%</u>		<u>7.90%</u>

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G. Pension Plan (Continued)

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net Pension Liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (7.00%) in measuring the Net Pension Liability.

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,132,128	\$ 5,091,320	\$ 2,571,794

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 \$5,091,320 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 Proportionate Share	\$ 5,091,320
State's Proportionate Share	8,844,944
	\$ 13,936,264

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

At August 31, 2024, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0083349% which was an increase of 0.00023667% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

There were no changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date.

For the year ended August 31, 2025, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,685,978, which included \$1,057,119 in support provided by the State.

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G. Pension Plan (Continued)

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

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 pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 280,627	\$ 39,751
Changes in actuarial assumptions	262,876	35,243
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	30,948	-
Changes in proportion and difference between the employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	234,151	392,759
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	467,538	-
	\$ 1,276,140	\$ 467,753

The \$467,538 in deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from District contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the plan year ended August 31, 2025. The net amounts of the employer’s balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending August 31,	Pension Expense Amount
2026	\$ (53,129)
2027	492,027
2028	26,845
2029	(156,151)
2030	31,257
Thereafter	-
	\$ 340,849

H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan

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 with a special funding situation. The TRS-Care program was established in 1986 by the Texas Legislature. The TRS Board of Trustees administers the TRS-Care program and the related fund in accordance with Texas Insurance Code Chapter 1575. The Board of Trustees is granted the authority to establish basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants as well as to amend benefit terms as needed under Chapter 1575.052. The Board may adopt rules, plans, procedures, and orders reasonably necessary to administer the program, including minimum benefits and financing standards.

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H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan (Continued)

2. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the TRS-Care’s fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at http://www.trs.state.tx.us/pages/about_publications.aspx, 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 and charter schools, regional education service centers and other educational districts who are members of the TRS pension plan. Optional dependent coverage is available for an additional fee. Eligible non-Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in TRS-Care Standard, a high- deductible health plan. Eligible Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in the TRS- Care Medicare Advantage medical plan and the TRS-Care Medicare Rx prescription drug plan. To qualify for TRS-Care coverage, a retiree must have at least 10 years of service credit in the TRS pension system. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. The premium rates for retirees are reflected in the following table:

TRS-Care Monthly for Retirees				
	Medicare		Non-medicare	
Retiree (or Surviving Spouse)	\$	135	\$	200
Retiree and Spouse		529		689
Retiree 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 made from the state, active employees, and school districts based upon public school district payroll. The TRS Board of Trustees does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

Texas Insurance Code, section 1575.202 establishes the state’s contribution rate which is 1.25% of the employee’s salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee’s rate which is .65% of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than .25% or not more than .75% percent of the salary of each active employee of the public or charter school. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

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H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan (Continued)

4. Contributions (Continued)

	Contribution Rates		Contributions Required and Made
	Plan fiscal year		
	2024	2025	
Member (Employee)	0.65%	0.65%	\$ 86,137
Non-employer contributing agency (State)	1.25%	1.25%	247,313
District	0.75%-1.25%	0.75%-1.25%	106,624
			\$ 440,074

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (regardless of whether or not they participate in the TRS-Care OPEB program). When employers hire a TRS retiree, they are required to pay to TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

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 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
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.87%
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Election Rates	Normal Retirement: 62% participation prior to age 65 and 25% after age 65. 30% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims cost.
Projected Salary Increases	3.05% to 9.05%, including inflation
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan (Continued)

5. Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

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 developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017. 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, with full generational projection using the ultimate improvement rates from the mortality projection scale MP-2021.

6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.87% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was an 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 Fidelity “20-year Municipal GO AA 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 of 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.

	<u>1% Decrease in</u> <u>Discount Rate (2.87%)</u>	<u>Discount Rate (3.87%)</u>	<u>1% Increase in</u> <u>Discount Rate (4.87%)</u>
District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 4,371,834	\$ 3,679,851	\$ 3,120,717

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 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
 AUGUST 31, 2025

H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan (Continued)

8. Healthcare Cost Trend Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the plan using the assumed healthcare cost trend rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1% point lower or 1% point higher than the assumed healthcare cost trend rate.

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,996,692	\$ 3,679,851	\$ 4,570,074

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

At August 31, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$3,679,851 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 Proportionate Share	\$ 3,679,851
State's Proportionate Share	4,610,803
	\$ 8,290,654

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

At August 31, 2024, the employer's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0121241%, which was a decrease of 0.0000348% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2023.

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 since the prior measurement period:

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

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H. Other Post-Employment Benefits - Retiree Health Care Plan (Continued)

9. OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs (Continued)

For the year ended August 31, 2025, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(1,145,546) including \$(599,319) in savings recognized by the State.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 705,304	\$ 1,836,445
Changes in actuarial assumptions	470,977	1,200,693
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	10,305
Changes in proportion and difference between the employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	123,283	684,005
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	106,624	-
	\$ 1,406,188	\$ 3,731,448

The \$106,624 in deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB from District contributions after the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the plan year ended August 31, 2025. The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEBs will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ending August 31,	OPEB Expense Amount
2026	\$ (642,010)
2027	(475,344)
2028	(495,332)
2029	(406,767)
2030	(267,194)
Thereafter	(145,237)
	\$ (2,431,884)

I. Medicare Part D Coverage

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 \$88,900, \$71,394, and \$68,297, respectively.

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J. Employee Health Care Coverage

During the period ended August 31, 2025, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District paid premiums of \$425 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to a third party administrator, acting on behalf of the licensed insurer. The Plan was authorized by Section 21.922, Texas Education Code and was documented by contractual agreement. The contract between the District and the third party administrator is renewable September 1, and terms of coverage and premium costs are included in the contractual provisions. Latest financial statements for the Plan are available for the year ended August 31, 2024, have been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance, Austin, Texas, and are public records.

K. Workers' Compensation

During the period ended August 31, 2025, the District met its statutory workers' compensation obligations through participation in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The members participating in the Fund execute interlocal agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The Fund provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members' injured employees.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher than expected claims costs through the purchase of stop-loss coverage for any claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retention of \$2 million. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine the reserve adequacy and fully funds those reserves. As of August 31, 2024, the Fund carries a discount reserve of \$50,247,590 for future development on reported claims and claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. For the year ended August 31, 2025, the Fund anticipated no additional liability to members beyond their contractual obligation for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial statement audit after the close of each year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2024 are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

L. Unemployment Compensation

During the period ended August 31, 2025, the District provided unemployment compensation coverage to its employees through participation in the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative 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 monthly 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 the unemployment compensation pool. For the year ended August 31, 2025, the Fund anticipates that the District has no additional liability beyond the contractual obligation for payment of contribution.

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AUGUST 31, 2025

L. Unemployment Compensation (Continued)

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial statement audit after the close of each year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2024 are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

M Risk Management

Property and Liability Program

During the period ended August 31, 2025, the District participated in the following TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund) programs:

Auto Liability
Auto Physical Damage
Privacy & Information Security
Property
School Liability

The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperative Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The members participating in the Fund execute interlocal agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties.

The Fund purchases stop-loss coverage for protection against any catastrophic and larger than anticipated claim for its Audit, Liability, and Property programs. The terms and limits of the stop-loss program vary by line of coverage. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine the adequacy of reserves and fully funds those reserves. For the year ended August 31, 2025, the Fund anticipates that the District has no additional liability beyond their contractual obligation for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial statement audit after the close of each year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2024 are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

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.

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N. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

2. Chapter 313 Agreement

On June 21, 2021, Board of Trustees approved a property value limitation agreement with Big Star Solar LLC, under a state program that is specified in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The agreement calls for the payment of M&O taxes to be limited to the first \$20 million of taxable value for a 10-year period. Any reduction in M&O tax collections or related state aid is offset through the state funding formulas or payments from the company, if needed. The agreement assumes that the project will be constructed and that minimum investment requirements will be met. Based on the data included in the application, the potential revenue protection payment from the company could reach \$1.05 million, of which, \$741 thousand was received during the 2024-25 school year.

The law also allowed the District to negotiate minimum annual supplemental payments of \$171,600 for 14 years, which may be used for any legal purpose.

3. Litigation

The District is subject to various claims through its normal course of business and employment practices. Management and legal counsel are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation against the District that would have a material financial impact on the District.

O. Joint Venture – Shared Services Arrangements

The District participates in a Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) for the Texas Community Learning Program funded under the 21st Century Grant. The District accounts for their portion of revenues and expenditures in this program and they are disclosed in these financial statements. The District does not have a joint ownership interest in capital assets purchased by the fiscal agent, Education Service Center, Region XIII 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 the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

The District participates in a Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) for the Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant. The District accounts for their portion of revenues and expenditures in this program and they are disclosed in these financial statements. The District does not have a joint ownership interest in capital assets purchased by the fiscal agent, Education Service Center, Region XIII 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 the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

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O. Joint Venture – Shared Services Arrangements (Continued)

The District participates in a Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) for the Migrant Education Program funded under Title I, Part C. The District does not account for their portion of revenues and expenditures in this program and does not disclose them in these financial statements. The District does not have a joint ownership interest in capital assets purchased by the fiscal agent, Education Service Center, Region XIII 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 the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

The District participates in a Shared Service Arrangement (SSA) for the Regional Day School Program for the Deaf. The District does not account for revenues and 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, Education Service Center, Region XIII, 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 the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

P. Change in Accounting Principle

As of September 1, 2024, the District implemented GASB Statement 101 related to compensated absences. Previously only compensated absences that were expected to be paid on termination were recognized as a liability on the statement of net position. Now compensated absences that are more likely than not to be paid or taken as time off are included in the liability. The change resulted in a reduction of \$666,597 on beginning governmental activities net position.



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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes		1		2	3	Variance with Final Budget
		Budgeted Amounts		Final	Actual	
		Original				
	REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 12,239,925	\$ 12,320,425	\$ 13,258,307	\$ 937,882	
5800	State Program Revenues	8,201,201	8,201,201	8,385,475	184,274	
5900	Federal Program Revenues	308,520	308,520	128,219	(180,301)	
5020	Total Revenues	<u>20,749,646</u>	<u>20,830,146</u>	<u>21,772,001</u>	<u>941,855</u>	
	EXPENDITURES					
0011	Instruction	11,207,755	11,119,521	11,117,257	2,264	
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	261,535	271,535	268,609	2,926	
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	180,840	168,840	163,406	5,434	
0021	Instructional Leadership	388,850	376,850	373,359	3,491	
0023	School Leadership	1,115,180	1,078,180	1,072,557	5,623	
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	605,970	587,970	582,979	4,991	
0032	Social Work Services	37,055	32,055	29,968	2,087	
0033	Health Services	273,135	245,135	240,183	4,952	
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,165,795	1,335,720	1,253,985	81,735	
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,080,060	1,003,060	999,756	3,304	
0041	General Administration	827,820	1,002,820	939,394	63,426	
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,603,510	2,903,510	2,797,091	106,419	
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	274,100	289,100	311,550	(22,450)	
0053	Data Processing Services	540,860	537,460	528,656	8,804	
0061	Community Services	122,345	127,345	127,325	20	
0071	Debt Service	50,855	50,855	46,315	4,540	
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent	25,000	37,050	37,032	18	
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	245,000	252,350	252,330	20	
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>21,005,665</u>	<u>21,419,356</u>	<u>21,141,752</u>	<u>277,604</u>	
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(256,019)</u>	<u>(589,210)</u>	<u>630,249</u>	<u>1,219,459</u>	
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7913	Proceeds from Capital Leases	-	191,766	191,766	-	
8911	Transfers Out	-	(80,500)	(45,703)	34,797	
7080	<i>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,266</u>	<u>146,063</u>	<u>34,797</u>	
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	(256,019)	(477,944)	776,312	1,254,256	
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>10,541,413</u>	<u>10,541,413</u>	<u>10,541,413</u>	<u>-</u>	
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 10,285,394</u>	<u>\$ 10,063,469</u>	<u>\$ 11,317,725</u>	<u>\$ 1,254,256</u>	

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Budgetary Information - The budget is prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District maintains strict budgetary controls. The objective of these controls is to ensure compliance with legal provisions embodied in the annual appropriated budget approved by the Board of Trustees and as such is a good management control device. The following funds have legally adopted annual budgets: General Fund, National School Breakfast and Lunch Program (Special Revenue), and Debt Service Fund.

Budgetary preparation and control is exercised at the function level. Actual expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
AUGUST 31, 2025

Measurement Period Ending August 31,	District's Proportion of Net Pension Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	State's Proportion of Net Pension Liability	Total Net Pension Liability	District's Covered Payroll for the Measurement Period	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a % of Payroll	Plan Fiducary Net Position As a % of Total Pension Liability
2024	0.0083349%	\$ 5,091,320	\$ 8,844,944	\$ 13,936,264	\$ 13,279,567	38.34%	77.51%
2023	0.0080983%	\$ 5,562,774	\$ 10,168,159	\$ 15,730,933	\$ 12,551,620	44.32%	73.15%
2022	0.0089765%	\$ 5,329,129	\$ 9,112,731	\$ 14,441,860	\$ 12,466,793	42.75%	75.62%
2021	0.0083356%	\$ 2,122,771	\$ 4,379,545	\$ 6,502,316	\$ 12,242,812	17.34%	88.79%
2020	0.0088500%	\$ 4,739,900	\$ 9,225,084	\$ 13,964,984	\$ 12,276,434	38.61%	75.54%
2019	0.0093509%	\$ 4,860,879	\$ 8,544,754	\$ 13,405,633	\$ 11,411,879	42.59%	75.24%
2018	0.0093787%	\$ 5,162,253	\$ 9,390,583	\$ 14,552,836	\$ 11,167,561	46.23%	73.74%
2017	0.0096660%	\$ 3,090,675	\$ 5,529,871	\$ 8,620,546	\$ 10,858,751	28.46%	82.17%
2016	0.0093173%	\$ 3,520,879	\$ 6,729,180	\$ 10,250,059	\$ 10,572,453	33.30%	78.00%
2015	0.0097638%	\$ 3,451,373	\$ 6,362,272	\$ 9,813,645	\$ 10,527,591	32.78%	78.43%

Note: Amounts presented for each fiscal period were determined as of the year ending August 31 of the previous calendar year.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Fiscal Year Ending August 31,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions Made	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percent Covered Payroll
2025	\$ 467,538	\$ 467,538	\$ -	\$ 13,251,765	3.53%
2024	\$ 469,703	\$ 469,703	\$ -	\$ 13,279,567	3.54%
2023	\$ 416,275	\$ 416,275	\$ -	\$ 12,551,620	3.32%
2022	\$ 418,871	\$ 418,871	\$ -	\$ 12,466,793	3.36%
2021	\$ 355,718	\$ 355,718	\$ -	\$ 12,242,812	2.91%
2020	\$ 362,185	\$ 362,185	\$ -	\$ 12,276,434	2.95%
2019	\$ 327,292	\$ 327,292	\$ -	\$ 11,411,879	2.87%
2018	\$ 314,892	\$ 314,892	\$ -	\$ 11,167,561	2.82%
2017	\$ 316,796	\$ 316,796	\$ -	\$ 10,858,751	2.92%
2016	\$ 296,035	\$ 296,035	\$ -	\$ 10,572,453	2.80%

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON PENSIONS
 AUGUST 31, 2025

The following actuarial assumptions were applied for the most recent valuation:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2023 rolled forward to August 31, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value
Single Discount Rate	7.00%
Long-term Expected Rate	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 31, 2019	3.13% Fidelity 20-Year AA Municipal
Last Year in Projection Period	2123
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases Including Inflation	2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation
Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the pension liability during the years ending August 31:

2024	None
2023	None
2022	Expected rate of return reduced from 7.25% to 7.00% Municipal bond rate increased from 1.95% to 3.91%
2021	Municipal bond rate reduced from 2.3% to 1.95%
2020	Municipal bond rate reduced from 2.6% to 2.3%
2019	Municipal bond rate reduced from 3.7% to 2.6%
2018	Inflation rate reduced from 2.5% to 2.3% Expected rate of return reduced from 8% to 7.25% Salary increases reduced from 3.5-9.5% to 3.05-9.05%
2017	None
2016	None

There have been no changes in benefit terms impacting the schedule.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
 AUGUST 31, 2025

Measurement Period Ending August 31,	District's Proportion Of Net OPEB Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	State's Proportion Of Net OPEB Liability	Total Net OPEB Liability	District's Covered Payroll for the Measurement Period	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a % of Payroll	Plan Fiducary Net Position As a % of Total OPEB Liability
2024	0.0121241%	\$ 3,679,851	\$ 4,610,803	\$ 8,290,654	\$ 13,279,567	27.71%	13.70%
2023	0.0121589%	\$ 2,691,765	\$ 3,248,028	\$ 5,939,793	\$ 12,551,620	21.45%	14.94%
2022	0.0131293%	\$ 3,143,672	\$ 3,834,785	\$ 6,978,457	\$ 12,466,793	25.22%	11.52%
2021	0.0129088%	\$ 4,979,499	\$ 6,671,419	\$ 11,650,918	\$ 12,242,812	40.67%	6.18%
2020	0.0133109%	\$ 5,060,067	\$ 6,799,517	\$ 11,859,584	\$ 12,276,434	41.22%	4.99%
2019	0.0131873%	\$ 6,236,416	\$ 8,286,799	\$ 14,523,215	\$ 11,411,879	54.65%	2.66%
2018	0.0133780%	\$ 6,679,752	\$ 9,511,571	\$ 16,191,323	\$ 11,167,561	59.81%	1.57%
2017	0.0138617%	\$ 6,027,922	\$ 8,451,443	\$ 14,479,365	\$ 10,858,751	55.51%	0.91%

Note: Amounts presented for each fiscal period were determined as of the year ending August 31 of the previous calendar year. Amounts are being accumulated until ten years are presented.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS – TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 RETIREE INSURANCE
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions Made</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>District's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percent Covered Payroll</u>
2025	\$ 106,624	\$ 106,624	\$ -	\$ 13,251,765	0.80%
2024	\$ 110,129	\$ 110,129	\$ -	\$ 13,279,567	0.83%
2023	\$ 105,475	\$ 105,475	\$ -	\$ 12,551,620	0.84%
2022	\$ 107,736	\$ 107,736	\$ -	\$ 12,466,793	0.86%
2021	\$ 100,847	\$ 100,847	\$ -	\$ 12,242,812	0.82%
2020	\$ 101,173	\$ 101,173	\$ -	\$ 12,276,434	0.82%
2019	\$ 93,593	\$ 93,593	\$ -	\$ 11,411,879	0.82%
2018	\$ 92,289	\$ 92,289	\$ -	\$ 11,167,561	0.83%

Note: Amounts are being accumulated until 10 years are presented.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON OPEB
 AUGUST 31, 2025

The following actuarial assumptions were applied for the most recent valuation:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2023 rolled forward to August 31, 2024
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.87%
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience Normal Retirement: 62% participation prior to age 65 and 25% after age 65. 30% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65
Election Rates	
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims cost.
Projected Salary Increases	3.05% to 9.05%, including inflation
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected the measurement of the OPEB liability during the years ending August 31:

2024	Discount rate decreased from 4.13% to 3.87%
2023	Discount rate increased from 3.91% to 4.13%
2022	Discount rate increased from 1.95% to 3.91%
2021	Discount rate decreased from 2.63% to 1.95%
2020	Discount rate decreased from 2.63% to 2.33%
	Participation rate for post-65 retirees lowered from 50% to 40%
	Health care trend rate lowered from 4.5% to 4.25%
2019	Discount rate decreased from 3.69% to 2.63%
	Election rates reduced from 70% to 65%
2018	Inflation rate reduced from 2.5% to 2.3%
	Discount rate increased from 3.42% to 3.69%
	Salary increases reduced from 3.5-9.5% to 3.05-9.05%

There have been no changes in benefit terms impacting the schedule.



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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
 NONMAJOR FUNDS
 AUGUST 31, 2025

		Special Revenue Funds						
Data		206	211	224	225	226	240	244
Control		ESEA		IDEA,	IDEA,	IDEA,	National	Career &
Codes		Title X	Title I	Part B	Part B	Part B	School	Tech Basic
		Part C	Part A	Formula	Preschool	Discretionary	Lunch	Grant
ASSETS:								
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1120	Current Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1240	Due from Other Governments	-	41,748	12,888	2,926	-	49,236	-
1290	Due from Others	-	-	-	-	-	12,868	-
1000	<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,748</u>	<u>\$ 12,888</u>	<u>\$ 2,926</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
LIABILITIES:								
2110	Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ 11,742	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,371	\$ -
2160	Accrued Wages Payable	-	-	-	-	-	40,283	-
2170	Due to Other Funds	-	30,006	12,888	2,926	-	7,611	-
2200	Accrued Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	839	-
2000	<i>Total Liabilities</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,748</u>	<u>12,888</u>	<u>2,926</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>62,104</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES:								
<i>Restricted Fund Balances:</i>								
3450	State and Federal Programs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3490	Other Restrictions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3000	<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
4000	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 41,748</u>	<u>\$ 12,888</u>	<u>\$ 2,926</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 62,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Special Revenue Funds							
255 ESEA Title II Part A	265 21st Century Learning	289 Other Federal Grants	410 State Textbook	429 Other State Special Revenue	461 Campus Activity Funds	498 TASB Cyber Security Grant	Total Nonmajor Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 177,617	\$ -	\$ 177,617
-	-	-	2,448	-	-	-	2,448
3,863	19,752	-	-	16,896	-	-	147,309
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,868
<u>\$ 3,863</u>	<u>\$ 19,752</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,448</u>	<u>\$ 16,896</u>	<u>\$ 177,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 340,242</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,113
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40,283
3,863	19,752	-	-	16,896	-	-	93,942
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	839
<u>3,863</u>	<u>19,752</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>160,177</u>
-	-	-	2,448	-	-	-	2,448
-	-	-	-	-	177,617	-	177,617
-	-	-	2,448	-	177,617	-	180,065
<u>\$ 3,863</u>	<u>\$ 19,752</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,448</u>	<u>\$ 16,896</u>	<u>\$ 177,617</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 340,242</u>

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND
 BALANCE – NONMAJOR FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes		Special Revenue Funds						
		206	211	224	225	226	240	244
		ESEA Title X Part C	Title I Part A	IDEA, Part B Formula	IDEA, Part B Preschool	IDEA, Part B Discretionary	National School Lunch	Career & Tech Basic Grant
REVENUES								
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 357,476	\$ -
5800	State Program Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	59,623	-
5900	Federal Program Revenues	834	417,648	436,492	8,214	111,485	943,064	17,847
5020	Total Revenues	<u>834</u>	<u>417,648</u>	<u>436,492</u>	<u>8,214</u>	<u>111,485</u>	<u>1,360,163</u>	<u>17,847</u>
EXPENDITURES								
<i>Current:</i>								
0011	Instruction	627	147,948	100,995	8,214	111,485	-	17,847
0013	Curriculum Development	-	268,200	-	-	-	-	-
0021	Instructional Leadership	207	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	-	-	335,497	-	-	-	-
0035	Food Service	-	-	-	-	-	1,426,977	-
0036	Extracurricular Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
0051	Plant Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	41,034	-
0052	Security & Monitoring	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>834</u>	<u>417,648</u>	<u>436,492</u>	<u>8,214</u>	<u>111,485</u>	<u>1,468,011</u>	<u>17,847</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(107,848)</u>	<u>-</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)								
7915	Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	45,703	-
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,703</u>	<u>-</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	-	-	-	-	-	(62,145)	-
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning	-	-	-	-	-	62,145	-
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Special Revenue Funds							
255 ESEA Title II Part A	265 21st Century Learning	289 Other Federal Grants	410 State Textbook	429 Other State Special Revenue	461 Campus Activity Funds	498 TASB Cyber Security Grant	Total Nonmajor Funds
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 247,419	\$ -	\$ 604,895
-	-	-	63,845	256,007	-	-	379,475
68,057	161,632	24,846	-	-	-	-	2,190,119
68,057	161,632	24,846	63,845	256,007	247,419	-	3,174,489
43,958	91,047	24,846	61,397	-	10,296	-	618,660
24,099	-	-	-	-	-	-	292,299
-	70,585	-	-	-	-	-	72,292
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	335,497
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,426,977
-	-	-	-	-	150,785	1,000	151,785
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,034
-	-	-	-	256,007	-	-	256,007
68,057	161,632	24,846	61,397	256,007	161,081	1,000	3,194,551
-	-	-	2,448	-	86,338	(1,000)	(20,062)
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,703
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,703
-	-	-	2,448	-	86,338	(1,000)	25,641
-	-	-	-	-	91,279	1,000	154,424
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,448	\$ -	\$ 177,617	\$ -	\$ 180,065

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

Data Control Codes	1		2	3	Variance with Final Budget
	Budgeted Amounts				
	Original	Final	Actual		
REVENUES					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 350,100	\$ 340,595	\$ 357,476	\$ 16,881
5800	State Program Revenues	101,480	104,980	59,623	(45,357)
5900	Federal Program Revenues	912,295	892,500	943,064	50,564
5020	Total Revenues	<u>1,363,875</u>	<u>1,338,075</u>	<u>1,360,163</u>	<u>22,088</u>
EXPENDITURES					
0035	Food Services	1,415,200	1,434,320	1,426,977	7,343
0051	Plant Maintenance	45,400	46,400	41,034	5,366
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>1,460,600</u>	<u>1,480,720</u>	<u>1,468,011</u>	<u>12,709</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(96,725)	(142,645)	(107,848)	34,797
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
7915	Transfer In	-	80,500	45,703	34,797
7080	Total	<u>-</u>	<u>80,500</u>	<u>45,703</u>	<u>34,797</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	(96,725)	(62,145)	(62,145)	-
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>62,145</u>	<u>62,145</u>	<u>62,145</u>	<u>-</u>
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ (34,580)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
 DEBT SERVICE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Data Control Codes		1	2	3	Variance with Final Budget
		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
		Original	Final		
	REVENUES				
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,958,095	\$ 2,940,741	\$ 3,116,795	\$ 176,054
5800	State Program Revenues	25,000	42,354	365,244	322,890
5020	Total Revenues	<u>2,983,095</u>	<u>2,983,095</u>	<u>3,482,039</u>	<u>498,944</u>
	EXPENDITURES				
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt	1,682,195	1,682,195	1,680,000	2,195
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,294,900	1,294,900	1,294,900	-
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	6,000	6,000	2,825	3,175
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>2,983,095</u>	<u>2,983,095</u>	<u>2,977,725</u>	<u>5,370</u>
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	504,314	504,314
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>1,371,932</u>	<u>1,371,932</u>	<u>1,371,932</u>	<u>-</u>
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 1,371,932</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,932</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,246</u>	<u>\$ 504,314</u>



OTHER 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.

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Fiscal Year Ended August 31,	1		2	3
	Tax Rates		Assessed/Appraised Value for School Tax Purposes*	
	Maintenance	Debt Service		
2016 and Prior Years	\$ Various	\$ Various	\$ Various	
2017	1.1700	0.1200		701,647,504
2018	1.1700	0.2200		784,520,202
2019	1.1700	0.2600		820,785,172
2020	1.0684	0.2800		890,572,158
2021	1.0253	0.2850		976,362,894
2022	0.9603	0.2400		1,088,128,635
2023	0.9429	0.1600		1,421,367,304
2024	0.7876	0.1800		1,362,649,649
2025 (School Year Under Audit)*	0.7625	0.1800		1,475,130,080

1000 Totals

8000 - Taxes Refunded under Section 26.115 of the Tax Code provided by Section 11.42(f)

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

*Represents net taxable value after applicable exemptions, freeze adjustments, and discounts.

10 Beginning Balance 9/1/24	20 Current Year's Total Levy	31 Maintenance Collections	32 Debt Service Collections	40 Entire Year's Adjustments	50 Ending Balance 8/31/25	99 Total taxes refunded under 26.115 (c)
\$ 131,161	\$ -	\$ 5,944	\$ 610	\$ (24,047)	\$ 100,560	\$ -
28,024	-	2,294	235	-	25,495	-
35,698	-	4,414	830	-	30,454	-
43,475	-	6,584	1,463	-	35,428	-
59,340	-	14,177	3,716	1,585	43,032	-
76,124	-	19,283	5,360	1,964	53,445	-
129,371	-	40,815	10,201	2,288	80,643	-
252,084	-	86,160	14,620	6,716	158,020	-
485,539	-	211,298	48,290	(20,245)	205,706	-
-	13,903,101	10,895,929	2,850,791	316,106	472,487	-
<u>\$ 1,240,816</u>	<u>\$ 13,903,101</u>	<u>\$ 11,286,898</u>	<u>\$ 2,936,116</u>	<u>\$ 284,367</u>	<u>\$ 1,205,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
						\$ 1,270

\$ -

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL PROGRAM COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

<u>Data Codes</u>		<u>Responses</u>
<u>Section A: Compensatory Education Programs</u>		
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.	\$ 1,264,263
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education during the LEA's fiscal year (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30)	\$ 746,455
<u>Section B: Bilingual Education Programs</u>		
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.	\$ 110,274
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PIC 25)	\$ 71,944

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

<u>Data Control Codes</u>		<u>Responses</u>
SF1	Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report on the financial statements as a whole?	Yes
SF2	Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement at fiscal year-end?	No
SF3	Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?	Yes
SF4	Was the school district issued a warrant hold?	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	\$ -



COMPLIANCE SECTION



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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
Smithville Independent School District
Smithville, Texas

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Smithville Independent School District as of and for the year ended August 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Smithville Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters


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

We noted a certain matter that we have reported to management of Smithville Independent School District in a separate letter dated December 1, 2025.

Purpose of this Report

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.".

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.
December 1, 2025



Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P. C.

Certified Public Accountants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Board of Trustees
Smithville Independent School District
Smithville, Texas

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Smithville Independent School District's 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 Smithville Independent School District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2025. Smithville Independent School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Smithville Independent School District complied, in all material respects, with the 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 on 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 financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 Smithville Independent School 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 Smithville Independent School 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 Smithville Independent School 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 Smithville Independent School 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 GAAS, *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 Smithville Independent School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *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 Smithville Independent School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Smithville Independent School 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 Smithville Independent School 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

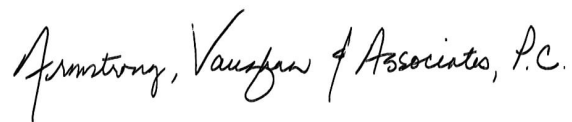
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement 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 Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.".

Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C.
December 1, 2025

SMITHVILLE 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:

Any material weaknesses identified? Yes No

Any significant deficiencies identified? Yes No

Noncompliance material to financial Statements noted? Yes No

2. Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Any material weaknesses identified? Yes No

Any significant deficiencies identified? Yes No

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

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? Yes No

Identification of major programs:

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.555, 10.553	Child Nutrition Cluster

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

B. Financial Statement Findings

NONE

C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

NONE

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

<u>Explanation Finding/Recommendation</u>	<u>Current Status</u>	<u>Management's Explanation If Not Implemented</u>
Not Applicable		

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

(1)	(2)	(2A)	(3)
Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal ALN Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
<i>Passed Through Texas Education Agency:</i>			
Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	25610101011904	\$ 292,406
Title I, 1003 ESF Focused Support Grant	84.010A	246101397110001	66,727
Title I, 1003 ESF Focused Support Grant	84.010A	256101397110013	58,515
Title II Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	84.367A	25694501011904	68,057
Title IV Part A	84.424A	25680101011904	23,483
* IDEA-Part B, Formula	84.027A	256600010119046000	436,492
* IDEA-Part B, Preschool	84.173A	256610010119046000	8,214
* IDEA-Part B, High Cost	84.027A	66002506	111,485
Career and Technical - Basic Grant	84.048A	25420006011904	17,847
LEP Summer School	84.369A	69552402	1,363
<i>Total Passed Through Texas Education Agency</i>			<u>1,084,589</u>
<i>Passed Through Education Service Center, Region XIII:</i>			
21st CCLC	84.287C	S287C220044	161,632
ESEA Title X, Part C	84.196	254600057110088	834
<i>Total Passed Through Education Service Center, Region XIII</i>			<u>162,466</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			<u>1,247,055</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
<i>Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture:</i>			
^ School Breakfast Program	10.553	71402501	227,248
^ National School Lunch	10.555	71302501	573,925
^ Commodities #	10.555	011904	94,010
Local Food For Schools	10.185	011904	47,881
<i>Total Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture</i>			<u>943,064</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			<u>943,064</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
<i>Passed Through Texas Health and Human Services Commission:</i>			
Medicaid Administrative Claiming	93.778		1,404
<i>Total Passed Through Texas Health and Human Services Commission</i>			<u>1,404</u>
TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			<u>1,404</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			<u>\$ 2,191,523</u>

- Indicates Non-cash Assistance

EXHIBIT K-1 (CONTINUED)

SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2025

Cluster Totals

* Special Education		\$ 556,191
^ Child Nutrition		\$ 895,183

Program Totals

Title I	84.010	\$ 350,921
IDEA B	84.027	\$ 547,977
National School Lunch	10.555	\$ 667,935

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

1. For all Federal programs, the District uses the fund types specified in Texas Education Agency's Financial Accountability System Resource Guide. Special revenue funds are used to account for resources restricted, or designated for, specific purposes by a grantor. Federal and state financial assistance generally is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund.
2. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Governmental Fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. All Federal grant funds were accounted for in the General Fund or Special Revenue Fund, which are Governmental Fund types. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities and the fund balance are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used for the Governmental Fund types and Fiduciary Funds. This basis of accounting recognizes revenue in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual, i.e., both measurable and available, and expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest on General Long-Term Debt, which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Federal grant 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 revenue until earned.

3. According to AAG-SLG Appendix D, Questions and Answers, most Medicaid arrangements between states and providers (SHARS) are contracts for services and not Federal assistance, they should not appear on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
4. The District charges indirect costs in accordance with a negotiated rate with the Texas Education Agency and has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed by Uniform Guidance.
5. Reconciliation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to Exhibit C-2 is as follows:

Federal Program Revenues and Expenditures:	
General Fund	\$ 128,219
Special Revenue Fund	2,190,119
	2,318,338
Less:	
E-rate	(63,679)
Shared Health and Related Services (SHARS)	(63,136)
	(126,815)
Total per Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (See Exhibit K-1)	\$ 2,191,523



APPENDIX D
FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION



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_____, 2026

Smithville Independent School District
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Smithville Independent School District (the “District”) in connection with the issuance of \$ _____ aggregate principal amount of bonds designated as “Smithville Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026” (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on June 8, 2026, authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and the pricing certificate executed on the date of the sale of the Bonds finalizing the terms thereof (together, the “Bond Order”). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Bond Order.

In such connection, we have reviewed a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds, and the obligations that are being refunded (the “Refunded Obligations”) with the proceeds of the Bonds, including the Bond Order, the certificate (the “Certificate”) of Live Oak Public Finance, Financial Advisor to the District, which verifies the sufficiency of the deposit made with the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations for the defeasance of the Refunded Obligations, the tax certificate of the District dated the date hereof (the “Tax Certificate”), certificates of the District and others, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinions set forth herein.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after original delivery of the Bonds on the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after original delivery of the Bonds on the date hereof. Accordingly, this letter speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon or otherwise used in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Bonds has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures provided to us and the due and legal execution and delivery of each such document by each party thereto other than the District and that each such document constitutes a valid and binding agreement of such party. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents, and of the legal conclusions contained in the opinions, referred to in the second paragraph hereof. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and

agreements contained in the Bond Order and the Tax Certificate, including (without limitation) covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Bonds, the Bond Order and the Tax Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases, and to the limitations on legal remedies against governmental entities such as the District in the State of Texas. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, liquidated damages, penalty (including any remedy deemed to constitute a penalty), right of set-off, arbitration, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, non-exclusivity of remedies, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents. Our services did not include financial or other non-legal advice. Finally, our role in connection with the District's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

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

- (1) The transcript of certified proceedings evidences complete legal authority for the issuance of the Bonds in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas presently in effect. The Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, and the Bonds have been authorized and delivered in accordance with law;
- (2) The Bonds are payable from, and secured by, the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property located within the District, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds; and
- (3) The deposit made with the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations constitutes the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations; in reliance upon the accuracy of the calculations contained in the Certificate, the Refunded Obligations, having been discharged and paid, are no longer outstanding and the lien on and pledge of ad valorem taxes and other revenues as set forth in the order authorizing their issuance will be appropriately and legally defeased; the holders of the Refunded Obligations may obtain payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Obligations only out of the funds provided therefor now held by the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations; and therefore the Refunded Obligations are deemed to be fully paid and no longer outstanding, except for the purpose of being paid from the funds provided to the paying agent/registrar for the Refunded Obligations.

- (4) Interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that interest on the Bonds included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual, or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

APPENDIX E

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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

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

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) convened on January 14, 2025, and 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 “89th 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 89th 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. 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. 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 Fund¹

<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> ²	<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 ³	415	115	-	-
Per Student Distribution	215	212	247	306	347	341	432	440	430	428

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

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

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

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

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

<u>State Fiscal Biennium</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
<u>SBOE Distribution Rate</u> ¹	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32%	3.45%

¹ 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):

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Range¹
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%

¹ 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, 2025	August 31, 2024	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
EQUITY				
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>
TOTAL EQUITY	16,686.1	15,867.0	819.1	5.2%
FIXED INCOME				
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	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FIXED INCOME	10,942.0	13,415.2	(2,473.2)	-18.4%
ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS				
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 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>
TOT ALT INVESTMENTS	31,128.2	25,071.8	6,056.4	24.2%
UNALLOCATED CASH	<u>1,335.0</u>	<u>2,583.2</u>	<u>(1,248.2)</u>	<u>-48.3%</u>
TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS	\$ 60,091.3	\$ 56,937.2	\$ 3,154.1	5.5%

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)¹

	<u>Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2025</u>
	As of
	<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 ^{(2), (3)}	<u>4,872.77</u> ⁽⁶⁾
Total Investments ⁽⁴⁾	<u>\$6,294.99</u>
Cash in State Treasury ⁽⁵⁾	575.70
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$ 6,870.70

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

² 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of December 31, 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

Permanent School Fund Valuations		
Fiscal Year Ended 8/31	Book Value ⁽¹⁾	Market Value ⁽¹⁾
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 ⁽²⁾	50,832,583,937	66,549,781,438

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

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 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.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds	
<u>At 8/31</u>	<u>Principal Amount⁽¹⁾</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 ⁽²⁾

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

⁽²⁾ At August 31, 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.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category⁽¹⁾

<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 ⁽²⁾	3,444	138,140,381,098	113	5,800,574,000	3,557	143,940,955,098

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

⁽²⁾ At December 31, 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 8-31-2025¹

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Benchmark Return²</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

¹ Time weighted rates of return adjusted for cash flows for the PSF(CORP) investment assets. Does not include SLB managed real estate or real assets. Returns are net of fees. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2025.

² 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.

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 [available at https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf).

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

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

Annual Reports

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

The TEA and the PSF Corporation may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly-available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information includes audited financial statements of, or relating to, the State or the PSF,

when and if such audits are commissioned and available. In the event audits are not available by the filing deadline, unaudited financial statements will be provided by such deadline, and audited financial statements will be provided when available. Financial statements of the State will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to state governments, as such principles may be changed from time to time, or such other accounting principles as the State Auditor is required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation. The financial statements of the Fund are required to be prepared to conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

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

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

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

Event Notices

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

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

Availability of Information

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

Limitations and Amendments

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

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

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

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

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

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

