Unenhanced Ratings: Moody's "Applied For" (See "RATINGS")

# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT Dated: December 15, 2025

# NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

In the opinion of Bond Counsel (defined below), under current law and subject to conditions described in the Section herein "TAX MATTERS," interest on the Bonds (a) is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum income tax, and (c) is taken into account by applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. A holder may be subject to other federal tax consequences as described in the Section herein "TAX MATTERS."

#### \$9,335,000\*

GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas)
UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026B

Dated Date: December 15, 2025 Due: February 15, as shown on page 2

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

The Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") is issuing its \$9,335,000\* Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B (the "Bonds") in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), and a bond order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on October 6, 2025, in which the Board delegated pricing of the Bonds and certain other matters to a pricing officer who will approve and execute a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") which will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Order"). The Bonds are being offered by the District concurrently with the "Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A" (the "Series 2026A Bonds") (see "INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT – Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds").

The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District and are payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District. **The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date they are initially delivered to the initial purchaser thereof named below (the "Underwriter"), and will be payable on February 15, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding August 15 and February 15 of each year until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. Interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months (see "THE BONDS – General Description").

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

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

# CUSIP PREFIX: 382604 / MATURITY SCHEDULE & 9 DIGIT CUSIP – See Schedule on Page 2

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and accepted by the Underwriter, subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by their counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, Texas. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the services of DTC on or about January 22, 2026 (the "Date of Delivery").

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<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

# **MATURITY SCHEDULE\***

Maturity				
Date*	Principal	Interest	Initial	CUSIP
(2/15)	Amount*	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	Suffix(A)
2026	\$ 210,000	<del></del> %	<del>%</del>	
****	****	****	****	****
2028	9,125,000			

(Interest to accrue from the Date of Delivery)

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

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

<sup>(</sup>A) 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. CUSIP numbers have been assigned to this issue by the CUSIP Service Bureau and are included solely for the convenience of the owners of the Bonds. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for CUSIP services. None of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter shall be responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein. Further, CUSIP numbers are subject to change after the issuance of the Bonds as a result of various subsequent actions including, but not limited to, a partial defeasance of the Bonds.

#### USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of the Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or other matters described herein since the date hereof. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the undertaking of the District to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

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

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

None of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Underwriter makes any representation or warranty with respect to the information contained in this Official Statement regarding The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") or its book-entry-only system described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" as such information has been provided by DTC.

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 federal securities laws, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchaser of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING SCHEDULE I AND THE APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

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

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. See "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" herein.

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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#### SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

#### The District

Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") located in Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools, who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors. For more information regarding the District, see "Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT" and "Appendix B – GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY."

# **Authority for Issuance**

The District's Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), and an order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board on October 6, 2025. In the Bond Order, the Board delegated to an officer of the District (the "Pricing Officer") authority to complete the sale of the Bonds. The terms of the sale will be included in a "Pricing Certificate," which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Order") (see "THE BONDS – Authorization").

# **Concurrently Issued Bonds**

The Bonds are being offered by the District concurrently with the "Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A" (the "Series 2026A Bonds"). This Official Statement describes only the Bonds and not the Series 2026A Bonds and any potential investors must review the District's disclosure document relating to the Series 2026A Bonds in its entirety prior to making an investment decision with respect thereto. See "INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT – Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds" for a general description of the potential Series 2026A Bonds.

#### The Bonds

The Bonds shall mature on the dates and in the amounts set forth on page 2 of this Official Statement (see "THE BONDS – General Description").

# **Payment of Interest**

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery (the "Date of Delivery") to the initial purchaser thereof (the "Underwriter") and will be payable on February 15, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding August 15 and February 15 of each year until stated maturity (see "THE BONDS – General Description").

# Security

The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from an annual ad valorem tax levied against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount (see "THE BONDS – Security"). Also see "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" for a discussion of recent developments in State law affecting the financing of school districts in the State.

The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee **Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security").

# **Use of Proceeds**

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

### **No Optional Redemption**

The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to stated maturity (see "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions").

#### **Tax Exemption**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel (defined below), under current law and subject to conditions described in the Section herein "TAX MATTERS," interest on the Bonds (a) is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum income tax, and (c) is taken into account by applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. A holder may be subject to other federal tax consequences as described in the Section herein "TAX MATTERS."

#### **Ratings**

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned a municipal bond rating of "\_\_\_" to the Bonds (without regard to any credit enhancement) (see "RATINGS"). The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see "THE BONDS – Security").

The District's underlying rating for the Bonds (without consideration of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee or other credit enhancement) is " by Moody's (see "RATINGS").

S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch") have previously assigned ratings to certain of the District's outstanding bonds; however, the District has not requested S&P or Fitch assign a rating to the Bonds (see "RATINGS").

# **Book-Entry-Only System**

The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in principal denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. The principal of and interest on the Bonds at maturity will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the beneficial owners of the Bonds (see "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM").

# Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is Computershare Trust Company, N.A., St, Paul, Minnesota (see "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Paying Agent/Registrar").

# **Continuing Disclosure of Information**

Pursuant to the Order, the District is obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and to provide timely notice of certain specified events, which will be available to investors as described in the section captioned "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION."

# **Payment Record**

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

# Legality

Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality and tax exemption by Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "LEGAL MATTERS" and "TAX MATTERS").

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# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

# **ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Name	Term Expires	<u>Occupation</u>
James "Jim" Campisi, President	May 2027	Manager/Administrator, Lee College
Richard Clem, Vice President	May 2029	Retired Educator
Tiffany Guy, Secretary	May 2027	Counselor, Barbers Hill ISD
Jessie Martinez, Assistant Secretary	May 2027	Student
Howard Sampson, Member	May 2029	Retired
Mercedes Renteria III, Member	May 2029	Process Operator Technician
Helen Berrott-Tims, Member	May 2029	Retired

#### CERTAIN DISTRICT OFFICIALS

NamePositionDr. Randal O'Brien (A)Superintendent of SchoolsBrigitte ClarkChief Financial Officer

Susan Jackson Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Matthew Bolinger Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources

Matt Flood Assistant Superintendent of Technology

Dr. Anthony Price Assistant Superintendent of Operations Services
Kendall David Executive Director of Community Engagement
Dr. Sandy Conklin Area Executive Director of Campus Leadership
Kevin Foxworth Area Executive Director of Campus Leadership
Karen Thomas Area Executive Director of Campus Leadership

LeAna Price Director of Finance

### CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

Auditors	
Bond Counsel	Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP Houston, Texas
Financial Advisor	BOK Financial Securities, Inc. Plano, Texas

<sup>(</sup>A) Dr. O'Brien has announced his retirement, effective December 31, 2025. On November 20, 2025, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Joe Rodriguez, who has 27 years of public education experience, as the lone finalist for Superintendent of Schools. As required by state statute, the District will enter a 21-day waiting period beginning on November 21, 2025 prior to finalizing a contract.

#### PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT RELATING TO

#### \$9,335,000\*

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas) UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026B

#### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement, including Schedule I and Appendices A, B and D, has been prepared by the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District located in Harris and Chambers Counties, Texas (the "District"), in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026B (the "Bonds"), identified on the cover page hereof.

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

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the Order (as defined herein), and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained upon request by electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges by writing the District's Financial Advisor, BOK Financial Securities, Inc., 5601 Granite Parkway, Suite 1300, Plano, Texas 75024.

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

# **Concurrent Issuance of the Series 2026A Bonds**

The Bond Order (defined below) also authorized the issuance of the "Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A" (the "Series 2026A Bonds"). In the Bond Order, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District delegated to a Pricing Officer (defined below) authority to complete the sale of the Series 2026A Bonds if certain parameters are met. The terms of the sale will be included in a "Series 2026A Pricing Certificate," which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Series 2026A Bonds (the Bond Order and the Series 2026A Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Series 2026A Order"). The Series 2026A Bonds are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement and are expected to be issued concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds and the Series 2026A Bonds are separate and distinct securities offerings being issued and sold independently, and, while the Bonds and the Series 2026A Bonds share certain common attributes, each issue is separate from the other and should be reviewed and analyzed independently, including, without limitation, the type of obligation being offered, its terms for payment, the security for its payment, credit enhancement, and the rights of holders. Investors interested in purchasing any of the Series 2026A Bonds should review the official statement related thereto. The delivery of the Bonds is not dependent on the delivery of the Series 2026A Bonds. Notwithstanding the forgoing, the Bonds and the Series 2026A Bonds will be treated as a single issue of bonds for federal income tax purposes.

#### THE BONDS

#### Authorization

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including, particularly, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), and an order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") adopted by the District's Board of Trustees (the "Board") on October 6, 2025. In the Bond Order, the Board delegated to an officer of the District (the "Pricing Officer") authority to complete the sale of the Bonds. The terms of the sale will be included in a "Pricing Certificate," which will be approved and executed by the Pricing Officer and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Order"). Capitalized terms used herein have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Order, except as otherwise indicated.

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

#### **Purpose**

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

#### Refunded Bonds

A description and identification of the Refunded Bonds appears in Schedule I attached hereto. The Refunded Bonds and the interest due thereon are to be paid on their redemption date from funds to be deposited pursuant to an Escrow Agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the District and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., St. Paul, Minnesota (the "Escrow Agent").

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

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

By the deposit of the Escrowed Securities and cash, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of all of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of Chapter 1207 and the order authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds. It is the opinion of Bond Counsel that as a result of such deposit, and in reliance on the above mentioned verification of arithmetical computation, the firm banking and financial arrangements will have been made for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds, and the Refunded Bonds will no longer be 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, except for the purpose of being paid from funds provided thereof, in the Escrow Agreement. Upon defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, the payment of such Refunded Bonds will no longer be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund.

# **General Description**

The Bonds shall be dated December 15, 2025, and interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of their initial delivery (the "Date of Delivery") to the Underwriter, at the interest rates shown on page 2 hereof and such interest shall be payable to the registered owners thereof commencing on February 15, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on each succeeding August 15 and February 15 until stated maturity. The Bonds are to mature on the dates and in the principal amounts shown on page 2 hereof. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered obligations in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. The paying agent and registrar for the Bonds is initially Computershare Trust Company, N.A., St. Paul, Minnesota (the "Paying Agent/Registrar").

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

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

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

#### Security

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

# The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program.

#### **Redemption Provisions**

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

# Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, and subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the opinion of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Houston, Texas (see "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C – FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL").

#### **Payment Record**

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

#### **Defeasance of Bonds**

The Order provides that Bonds may be defeased, refunded or discharged in any manner now or hereafter permitted by applicable law.

#### Sources and Uses of Funds

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

# **Sources:**

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

# REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES

The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interests 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, in the event of any such failure to perform, the registered owners would be responsible for the initiation and cost of any legal action to enforce performance of the Order. Furthermore, the Order does not establish specific events of default with respect to the Bonds and, under State law, there is no right to the acceleration of maturity of the Bonds upon the failure of the District to observe any covenant under the Order. A registered owner of Bonds could seek a judgment against the District if a default occurred in the payment of principal of or interest on any such Bonds; however, such judgment could not be satisfied by execution against any property of the District and a suit for monetary damages could be vulnerable to the defense of sovereign immunity. A registered owner's only practical remedy, if a default occurs, is a mandamus or mandatory injunction proceeding to compel the District to levy, assess and collect an annual ad valorem tax sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds as it becomes due or perform other material terms and covenants contained in the Order. In general, Texas courts have held that a writ of mandamus may be issued to require a public official to perform legally imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract, and Texas law provides that, following their approval by the Attorney General and issuance, the Bonds are valid and binding obligations for all purposes according to their terms. However, the enforcement of any such remedy may be difficult and time consuming and a registered owner could be required to enforce such remedy on a periodic basis.

Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code ("Chapter 1371"), which forms part of the authority for the issuance of the Bonds, permits the District to waive sovereign immunity in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. However, the District has not waived the defense of sovereign immunity with respect thereto. Because it is unclear whether the Texas Legislature has effectively waived the District's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages beyond Chapter 1371, Bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants.

The District is also eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. 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 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 note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, including rights afforded to creditors under the Bankruptcy Code.

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

#### **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and principal of, premium, if any, and interest payments on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter believe the source of such information to be reliable, but none of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter takes any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds), or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered certificate will be issued for each stated maturity of the Bonds, as set forth on page 2 hereof, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

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

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase.

Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

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

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

All payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, on payable dates in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as in the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent/Registrar or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments on the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

# Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

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

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

# Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System

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

#### REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

#### Paying Agent/Registrar

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

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, interest on the Bonds will be paid to the registered owners appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the Record Date, and such interest will be paid (i) by check sent United States mail, first class, postage prepaid to the address of the registered owner recorded in the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar or (ii) by such other method, acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar requested by, and at the risk and expense of, the registered owner. Principal of the Bonds at maturity will be paid to the registered owner at the stated maturity upon presentation and surrender to the designated payment/transfer office of the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, however, that so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein. If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds is a Saturday, Sunday, a legal holiday or a day when banking institutions in the city where the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized to close, then the date for such payment will be the next succeeding day which is not such a day, and payment on such date will have the same force and effect as if made on the date payment was due.

# **Future Registration**

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, printed Bond certificates will be delivered to the owners of the Bonds and thereafter the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned on the registration books only upon presentation and surrender of such printed certificates to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond or Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States mail, first class postage prepaid, to the new registered owner. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like kind and aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" for a description of the system to be utilized initially in regard to the ownership and transferability of the Bonds.

# **Record Date for Interest Payment**

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

# **Limitation on Transfer of Bonds**

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any transfer or exchange with respect to Bonds during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date.

#### **Replacement Bonds**

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

#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

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

Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by, and only represents, the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel did not take part in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein except that in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information appearing under the captions, "THE BONDS" (except under the subcaptions "Payment Record" and "Sources and Uses of Funds"), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE," "LEGAL MATTERS" (except for the last two sentences of the second paragraph thereof), "TAX MATTERS," "REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE," "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS," "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM," "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Undertakings") and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and legal matters contained under such captions is an accurate and fair description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Order. The legal fee to be paid to Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Houston, Texas. The legal fee of such firm is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

# TAX MATTERS

# **Opinion of Bond Counsel**

In the opinion of Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Bond Counsel, under current law, interest on the Bonds (a) is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum income tax, and (c) is taken into account by applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. No other opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel regarding the tax consequences of the ownership of or the receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds.

Bond Counsel's opinion is given in reliance upon certifications by representatives of the District as to certain facts relevant to both the opinion and requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is subject to the condition that there is compliance subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied in order for interest thereon to remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with the current provisions of the Code regarding, among other matters, the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and the timely payment to the United States of any arbitrage rebate amounts with respect to the Bonds. Failure by the District to comply

with such covenants, among other things, could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to their date of issue.

Customary practice in the giving of legal opinions includes not detailing in the opinion all the assumptions, limitations and exclusions that are a part of the conclusions therein. See "Statement on the Role of Customary Practice in the Preparation and Understanding of Third-Party Legal Opinions", 63 Bus. Law. 1277 (2008) and "Legal Opinion Principles", 53 Bus. Law. 831 (May 1998) updated by "Statement of Opinion Practices", 74 Bus. Law. 801, 807 (2019). Purchasers of the Bonds should seek advice or counsel concerning such matters as they deem prudent in connection with their purchase of Bonds.

Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based in part upon the representations and covenants referenced therein and its review of current law, but is not a guarantee of result or binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the "Service") or the courts. Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may come to Bond Counsel's attention after the date of its opinion or to reflect any changes in law or the interpretation thereof that may occur or become effective after such date.

#### **Alternative Minimum Tax**

*Individuals* – Bond Counsel's opinion states that under current law interest on the Bonds is not an item of reference and is not subject to the alternative minimum tax on individuals.

Applicable Corporations – Bond Counsel's opinion also states that under current law interest on the Bonds is taken into account by applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. Under current law, an "applicable corporation" generally is a corporation with average annual adjusted financial statement income for a 3-taxable-year period ending after December 31, 2021 that exceeds \$1 billion.

#### Other Tax Matters

The Bonds have not been designated as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

In addition to the matters addressed above, prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of tax-exempt obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including without limitation financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability and impact of such consequences.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the status of interest on the Bonds under the tax laws of any state, local, or foreign jurisdiction.

The Service has a program to audit state and local government obligations to determine whether the interest thereon is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the Service does audit the Bonds, under current Service procedures, the Service will treat the District as the taxpayer and the owners of the Bonds will have only limited rights, if any, to participate.

There are many events that could affect the value and liquidity or marketability of the Bonds after their issuance, including but not limited to public knowledge of an audit of the Bonds by the Service, a general change in interest rates for comparable securities, a change in federal or state income tax rates, federal or state legislative or regulatory proposals affecting state and local government securities and changes in judicial interpretation of existing law. In addition, certain tax considerations relevant to owners of Bonds who purchase Bonds after their issuance may be different from those relevant to purchasers upon issuance. Neither the opinion of Bond Counsel nor this Official Statement purports to address the likelihood or effect of any such potential events or such other tax considerations and purchasers of the Bonds should seek advice concerning such matters as they deem prudent in connection with their purchase of Bonds.

#### **Original Issue Discount**

Some of the Bonds may be sold at initial sale prices that are less than their respective stated redemption prices payable at maturity (collectively, the "Discount Bonds"). The excess of (i) the stated redemption price at maturity of each maturity of the Discount Bonds, over (ii) the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a substantial amount of each maturity of the Discount Bonds is sold will constitute original issue discount. Original issue discount will accrue for federal income tax purposes on a constant-yield-to-maturity method based on regular compounding; and a holder's basis in such a Bond will be increased by the amount of original issue discount treated for federal income tax purposes as having accrued on the Bond while the holder holds the Bond.

Under the Code, for purposes of determining a holder's adjusted basis in a Discount Bond, original issue discount treated as having accrued while the holder holds the Bond will be added to the holder's basis. Original issue discount will accrue on a constant-yield-to-maturity method based on semiannual compounding. The adjusted basis will be used to determine taxable gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition (including redemption or payment at maturity) of a Discount Bond.

Prospective purchasers of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the calculation of accrued original issue discount and the state and local tax consequences of owning or disposing of such Bonds

#### **Bond Premium**

Bonds purchased, whether upon issuance or otherwise, for an amount (excluding any amount attributable to accrued interest) in excess of their principal amount will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having amortizable bond premium. A holder's basis in such a Bond must be reduced by the amount of premium which accrues while such Bond is held by the holder. No deduction for such amount will be allowed, but it generally will offset interest on the Bonds while so held. Purchasers of such Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the calculation, accrual and treatment of amortizable bond premium and the state and local tax consequences of holding such Bonds.

# REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE

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

It is the obligation of the 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.

# STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

# Litigation Relating to the Texas Public School Finance System

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

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

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

#### Possible Effects of Changes in Law on District Bonds

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

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

# CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

#### Overview

The following language constitutes only a summary of the Finance System. 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 school district funding is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district's boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: a maintenance and operations ("M&O") tax to pay current expenses and an interest and sinking fund ("I&S") tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts may not increase their M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus to pay debt service on bonds. School districts are prohibited from levying an M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus in M&O tax revenues to pay the district's debt service. School districts are required to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations" herein). Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is also subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize local funding generated by a school district's M&O tax rate.

#### 2025 Legislative Sessions

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature commenced on January 14, 2025 and adjourned on June 2, 2025 (the "89th Regular Session"). When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor's discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. The Governor has called and the Legislature has concluded two special sessions since the conclusion of the 89th Regular Session. During the 89th Regular Session, the State 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. Pursuant to voter approval at a Statewide election held on November 4, 2025, and legislation passed by both houses of the Legislature there is an increase in: (1) effective January 1, 2025, the State mandated general homestead exemption 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 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 \$2,499 to \$125,000. Additionally, both houses of the Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation that authorizes roughly \$8.5 billion in funding for public schools and provides districts with a \$55 per-student increase to their base funding beginning September 1, 2025, as well as provide districts with additional funding for teacher and staff salaries, educator preparation, special education, safety requirements and early childhood learning. Finally, legislation passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor will create an education savings account program (commonly referred to as vouchers) for students that attend private schools or are homeschooled. The legislation becomes effective September 1, 2025, when the state fiscal biennium begins, though families will not receive ESA funds until the 2026-2027 school year. The amount spent for purposes of the program for the 2025-2027 biennium may not exceed \$1 billion. Beginning on September 1, 2027, the legislation requires the Legislature to reappropriate funds for the program for each subsequent State fiscal biennium. Such program could impact attendance in the District by incentivizing students to homeschool or attend private schools, which could negatively affect the District's attendance-based funding.

The District is still in the process of reviewing legislation passed during the 89th Regular Session. At this time, the District 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 State Legislature or the potential impact of such legislation at this time, but it intends 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, as further discussed under the subcaption "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement" herein.

State Compression Percentage. The State Compression Percentage (the "SCP") is a statutorily-defined percentage of the rate of \$1.00 per \$100 that is used to determine a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (described below). The SCP is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the State Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (3) 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 (the "MCR") is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the school district's current year SCP multiplied by \$1.00; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then the MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district's MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district's MCR for the current year, then the school district's MCR is instead equal to the school district's prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district's MCR and any other school district's MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. For the 2025-2026 school year, the MCR was established with \$0.6322 as the maximum rate and \$0.5689 as the floor.

In calculating and making available school districts' MCRs for the 2025-2026 school year, the TEA calculated and made available the rates as if the increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, took effect. Such calculation for the 2025-2026 school year expires September 1, 2026. Pursuant to voter approval at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025 (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution was increased from \$100,000 to \$140,000, and (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or the disabled under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution was increased from \$10,000 to \$60,000. The constitutional amendment takes effect for the tax year beginning January 1, 2025.

<u>Tier One Tax Rate</u>. 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.

#### **State Funding for School Districts**

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

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

The 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 State Legislature makes sufficient appropriations to fund the allotments for a State fiscal biennium. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the State Legislature.

<u>Tier One</u>. Tier One funding is the basic level of funding guaranteed to a school district, consisting of a State-appropriated baseline level of funding (the "Basic Allotment") for each student in "Average Daily Attendance" (being generally calculated as the sum of student attendance, other than students in average daily attendance who do not reside in the district and are enrolled in a full-time virtual program, for each State-mandated day of instruction divided by the number of State-mandated days of instruction, defined herein as "ADA"). The Basic Allotment is revised downward if a school district's Tier One Tax Rate is less than the State-determined threshold. The Basic Allotment is supplemented by additional State funds, allotted based upon the unique school district characteristics, and demographics of students in ADA, to make up most of a school district's Tier One entitlement under the Foundation School Program.

The Basic Allotment for 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 each year of the 2026-2027 fiscal biennium, the GYIA is set at \$55.

The Basic Allotment is then supplemented for all school districts by various weights to account for differences among school districts and their student populations. Such additional allotments include, but are not limited to, increased funds for students in ADA who: (i) attend a qualified special education program, (ii) are diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, (iii) are economically disadvantaged, or (iv) have limited English language proficiency. Additional allotments to mitigate differences among school districts include, but are not limited to: (i) a transportation allotment for mileage associated with transporting students who reside two miles or more from their home campus, (ii) a fast growth allotment (for school districts in the top 25% of enrollment growth relative to other school districts), (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further Texas' goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher incentive allotment to increase teacher compensation and 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 weight is 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$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.

<u>Tier Two</u>. 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 this program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the State Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. 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 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 State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the State Legislature for the 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 exemptions. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts – *Tax Rate and Funding Equity*" below.

A school district may also qualify for a NIFA allotment, which provides assistance to school districts for operational expenses associated with opening new instructional facilities or a renovated portion of an instructional facility to be used for the first time to provide high-cost and undersubscribed career and technology education programs, as determined by the Commissioner. In the 89th Regular Session, 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.

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

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

#### **Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement**

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

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

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

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

# CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" district by the TEA. Accordingly, the District is required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law. The District intends to reduce its wealth per student, if needed, pursuant to Option 3, an agreement to purchase attendance credits pursuant to Chapter 49, Texas Education Code, as amended (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement").

A district's "excess local revenue" must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the maximum permitted level, the District must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District's wealth per student should continue to exceed the maximum permitted value in future school years, it may be required each year to exercise one or more of the wealth reduction options. If the District were to consolidate (or consolidate its tax base for all purposes) with a property-poor district, the outstanding debt of each district could become payable from the consolidated district's combined property tax base, and the District's ratio of taxable property to debt could become diluted. If the District were to detach property voluntarily, a portion of its outstanding debt (including the Bonds) could be assumed by the district to which the property is annexed, in which case timely payment of the Bonds could become dependent in part on the financial performance of the annexing district.

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

#### AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION

The following is a summary of certain provisions of State law as it relates to ad valorem taxation and is not intended to be complete. Prospective investors are encouraged to review Title I of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Property Tax Code"), for identification of property subject to ad valorem taxation, property exempt or which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation if claimed, the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes, and the procedures and limitations applicable to the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - 2025 Legislative Session" for a discussion of current affecting ad valorem taxation.

#### Valuation of Taxable Property

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

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

Through December 31, 2026 an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2025 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5.16 million dollars (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property. The maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year's increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the 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 ("Productivity Value"). 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 "– District and Taxpayer Remedies."

<u>State Mandated Homestead Exemptions</u>. State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$100,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads (which in some instances may be prorated in the first year the exemption is granted based on the amount of time the homestead was owned), (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

Legislation passed by both houses of the Legislature during the 89th Regular Session and approved by the voters increases: (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, and (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

<u>Local Option Homestead Exemptions</u>. 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 local option general homestead exemption described in (1) above that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

<u>State Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes</u>. 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.

<u>Personal Property</u>. 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.

See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein for a discussion of the increase, effective January 1, 2026, in the exemption for tangible personal property used in the "production of income" from \$2,499 to \$125,000.

<u>Freeport and Goods-in-Transit Exemptions</u>. 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.

<u>Other Exempt Property</u>. 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. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code. Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code was amended to limit the temporary tax exemption to apply to property physically harmed as a result of a declared disaster.

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

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

Tax Limitation Agreements. The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended) allowed school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, during the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district's property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district's taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - State Funding for School Districts"). During the regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5, codified as Chapter 403, Subchapter T, Texas Government Code ("Chapter 403T") was enacted into law. Chapter 403T is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code ("Chapter 313"), but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. Under Chapter 403T, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for M&O property taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. Chapter 403T also provides a 100% abatement of M&O 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 403T. Eligible projects must relate to manufacturing, provision of utility services, dispatchable electric generation (such as non-renewable energy), development of natural resources, critical infrastructure, or research and development for high-tech equipment or technology, and projects must create and maintain jobs and meet certain minimum investment requirements.

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

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, see "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT" herein. For a schedule of the reductions in assessed valuation attributable to the exemptions allowed by the District, see "Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT."

#### **District and Taxpayer Remedies**

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

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount," as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of 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 was set at \$61,349,201 for the 2025 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 attorney's collection fee of up to twenty percent (20%) if imposed by the District. The delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes for certain taxpayers. Furthermore, the District may provide, on a local option basis, for the split payment, partial payment, and discounts for early payment of taxes under certain circumstances.

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

# District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

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

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

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

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

#### THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

Each respective Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Harris and Chambers Counties. Harris Central Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors, certain members of which are appointed by the governing bodies of various political subdivisions that participate in the Appraisal District and certain of which are

elected by voters within Harris County. Chambers County Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors appointed by the governing bodies of various political subdivisions that participate in the Appraisal District. The District's taxes are collected by the District's Director of Tax Services. The District currently provides assessment/collection services for 9 additional tax units in Harris County.

The District grants a State mandated \$140,000 general residence homestead exemption. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein for a discussion of the increase in the State mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

The District grants a State mandated \$60,000 residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein for a discussion of the increase in the State mandated residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

The District grants various State mandated homestead exemptions for disabled veterans and the surviving spouses of disabled veterans.

The District grants a local option, additional exemption of \$40,000 for persons who are 65 years of age or older and disabled persons above the amount of the State mandated exemption.

The District grants a local option, additional exemption of 10% of the market value of residence homesteads.

The District does not tax non-business personal property.

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

The District exempts "freeport property" from taxation.

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

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

The District is not currently a party to any tax abatement agreements. However, the District is currently a party to certain tax limitation agreements as described herein. To promote economic development within the District, the Board has adopted a policy for entering into assessed value limitation agreements under Chapter 313, as amended, Texas Tax Code, which limits the assessed valuation of property of a particular taxpayer for purposes of levying the District's M&O tax (but not the I&S tax). The District has entered into six (6) such agreements with existing taxpayers (see "Table 8 – Historical Top Ten Taxpayers" in Appendix A). Certain of these agreements impact the current tax value within the District and may affect future tax values within the District (attributable to increased values). The District makes no representations regarding the continuation of certain tax values associated with such agreements upon expiration of the respective limitation periods.

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

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

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

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year (except business inventories which may be assessed as of September 1 and mineral values which are assessed on the basis of a twelve-month average) and taxes become due October 1 of the

same year and become delinquent on February 1 of the following year. Split payments of taxes are not permitted. Discounts for the early payment of taxes are not permitted.

#### TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

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

The District is authorized to levy an M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on October 8, 1955, in accordance with the provisions of Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended.

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by a school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district's MCR. A school district's MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the school district and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually.

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").

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

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

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

# Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate

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

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

November uniform election date, will result in the school district adopting a tax rate equal to or less than its Voter-Approval Tax Rate by the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll. "No-new-revenue tax rate" means the rate that will produce the prior year's total tax levy from the current year's total taxable values, adjusted such that lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year's taxable values and new values are not included in the current year's taxable values.

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

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

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

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

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

# RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned a municipal bond rating of "\_\_\_" to the Bonds (without regard to any credit enhancement). The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see "THE BONDS – Security").

S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ("Fitch") have previously assigned ratings to certain of the District's outstanding bonds; however, the District has not requested S&P or Fitch assign a rating to the Bonds.

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

affect the ratings of, market for, and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

#### LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

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

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

#### INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE DISTRICT

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

#### **Legal Investments**

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

A political subdivision such as the District may enter into 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, other than the prohibited obligations described below, (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 (13) through (15) 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.

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 "AAA-m" 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 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.

In addition to authorized investments described above, Texas law provides that the District (as a school district that qualifies as an issuer under Chapter 1371) may invest in corporate bonds that, at the time of purchase, are rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm "AA-" or the equivalent and have a stated final maturity that is not later than the third anniversary of the date the corporate bonds were purchased. As used herein, corporate bond means a senior secured debt obligation issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment rating firm, and does not include unsecured debt obligations or debt obligations that, on conversion, would result in the holder becoming a stockholder or shareholder in the entity that issued the debt obligation. The District may not (1) invest in the aggregate more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance, excluding funds held for the payment of debt service, in corporate bonds or (2) invest more than 25% of the funds invested in corporate bonds in any one domestic business entity, including subsidiaries and affiliates of the entity. The

investment officer of the District must sell any corporate bonds not later than seven days after a nationally recognized investment rating firm (1) issues a release that places the corporate bonds or the entity that issued the corporate bonds on negative credit watch or the equivalent, if the corporate bonds are rated "AA-" or the equivalent at the time the release is issued; or (2) changes the rating on the corporate bonds to a rating lower than "AA-" or the equivalent. The District may invest its funds in corporate bonds only if the District's Board (1) amends its investment policy to authorize corporate bonds as an eligible investment; (2) adopts procedures to provide for the monitoring of rating changes in corporate bonds and liquidating the investment in corporate bonds; and (3) identifies the funds eligible to be invested in corporate bonds. As of the date of this Official Statement, the District has taken the steps necessary to allow for investing in corporate bonds but has not made any investments in that type of instrument.

#### **Investment Policies**

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

State law requires the District's investments be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and the probable income to be derived." The District is required to perform an annual audit of the management controls on investments and compliance with its investment policies and provide regular training for its investment officers.

#### **Current Investments**

As of September 30, 2025 (unaudited), the District's investable funds were invested in the following investment instruments:

<u>Investment Instrument</u>	<b>Book Value</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Texas Local Investment Pool ("TexPool")(A)	\$ 94,721,512.90	42.80%
Texas Fixed Income Trust ("TX-FIT")(A)	41,875,498.85	18.92%
Texas Range Investment Program ("Texas Range") (A)	26,377,559.22	11.92%
Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System Trust ("Texas CLASS")(A)	18,749,381.21	8.47%
Passbook/Checking Accounts - Chase Bank	14,165,053.54	6.40%
Local Government Investment Cooperative ("LOGIC")(A)	13,382,225.83	6.05%
Lone Star Investment Pool ("Lone Star")(A)	6,524,792.69	2.95%
Certificates of Deposit	5,499,005.29	2.49%
Total	<u>\$ 221,295,029.53</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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

#### **EMPLOYEES' BENEFIT PLANS**

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. For the State's fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, the State contributed \$9,997,518 to TRS on behalf of the District. For the District's fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, District employees paid \$16,760,284 and other contributions into the Plan made from federal and private grants and the District for salaries above the statutory minimum were \$8,743,509. For more detailed information concerning the Plan, TRS's net pension liability with respect thereto and the District's proportionate share of such net pension liability, see Note II.H to the District's audited financial statements attached hereto as Appendix D.

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

In addition to the Plan and the TRS-Care Retired Plan, the District provides health care coverage for its employees. For a more detailed discussion of the District's medical benefit plan, see Note II.K to the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D.

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

#### CONCENTRATION OF TAX BASE AND EXPOSURE TO OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

As shown in "Table 8 – Historical Top Ten Taxpayers" included in "Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT" the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for, in the aggregate, over 42% of the District's tax base. In addition, the top taxpayer in the District currently accounts for 20.47% of the District's tax base, thereby creating a concentration risk for the District.

Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the oil and natural gas industry, could adversely impact the businesses that own oil and/or natural gas properties in the District and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. If any major taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process that may only occur annually, or, perhaps, to sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. Additionally, the valuation of windmills, wind farms, and electric utilities within the State (such as those comprising a portion of the District's tax base), as determined by appraisal districts, have been subject to litigation related to the taxable value of such property; electric utilities are also subject to transfer and sole ownership by another entity, including to local governments whose property is exempt from ad valorem taxation. In addition, a portion of the District's assessed valuation is comprised of industries related to oil and gas, which are subject to fluctuation in terms of market valuation and availability. Accordingly, the District makes no representation regarding the continued valuation of any of top ten taxpayers or the generation of future tax revenues therefrom. If any major taxpayer (or a combination of taxpayers) were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to timely pay debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien (which, in the event of bankruptcy, certain laws may preclude until the automatic stay is lifted). Such a process is time consuming and can only occur annually; in the alternative, the District may sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. See "REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES" and "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT" herein.

# WEATHER EVENTS

The District is located near the Texas Gulf Coast. Land located in this area is susceptible to, and land within the District has experienced on several occasions in the last five years, high winds, heavy rain and flooding caused by rain events, hurricanes, tropical storms, and other tropical disturbances. If a future weather-related event were to significantly damage all or part of the improvements 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 the District's tax rate. Texas law allows school districts to increase property tax rates without voter approval upon the occurrence of certain disasters such as floods and upon a gubernatorial or presidential declaration of disaster (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate"). There can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the District will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will even carry flood or other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements within the District or be sufficient for such purposes. Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

# **CYBERSECURITY**

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

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of certain specified events, to the MSRB via the EMMA system at www.emma.msrb.org. This information will be available free of charge from the MSRB.

#### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement in Tables 1 through 22 in "Appendix A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT" (the "Annual Operating Report"). The District will additionally provide financial statements of the District (the "Financial Statements") that will be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix D or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation and shall be in substantially the form included in Appendix D and (ii) audited, if the District commissions an audit of such Financial Statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. The District will update and provide the Annual Operating Report within six months after the end of each fiscal year and the Financial Statements within 12 months of the end of each fiscal year, in each case beginning with the fiscal year ending in and after 2025. The District may provide the Financial Statements earlier, including at the time it provides its Annual Operating Report, but if the audit of such Financial Statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited Financial Statements within such 12-month period and audited Financial Statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such Financial Statements becomes available.

The District's current fiscal year end is June 30. Accordingly, the District must provide the Annual Operating Report by the last day of December in each year, and the Financial Statements for the preceding fiscal year must be provided by June 30 in each year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) with the MSRB prior to the next date by which the District otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data 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 SEC Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12").

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

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation (hereinafter defined) of the District or obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information or operating data in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports." Neither the Bonds nor the Order provide for debt service reserves, liquidity enhancement, or credit enhancement.

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

#### Availability of Information from MSRB

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

#### **Limitations and Amendments**

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

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

# **Compliance with Prior Undertakings**

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

#### VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL COMPUTATIONS

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

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

#### LITIGATION

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

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

#### FINANCIAL ADVISOR

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

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

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

# **UNDERWRITING**

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement and the District makes no representation or warranty with respect to such information.

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

# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the District, that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the District's expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the District on the date hereof, and the District assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the District's actual results could differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in social, economic, business, industry, market, legal and regulatory circumstances and conditions and actions taken or omitted to be taken by third parties, including customers, suppliers, business partners and competitors, and legislative, judicial and other governmental authorities and officials. Assumptions related to the foregoing involve judgments with respect to, among other things, future economic, competitive, and market conditions and future business decisions, all of which are difficult or impossible to predict accurately and many of which are beyond the control of the District. Any of such assumptions could be inaccurate and, therefore, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement would prove to be accurate.

#### CONCLUDING STATEMENT

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

# MISCELLANEOUS

References to web site addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader's convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such web sites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement for purposes of, and as that term is defined in, Rule 15c2-12.

In the Bond Order, the Board authorized the Pricing Officer to approve, for and on behalf of the District, (i) the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and (ii) the Underwriter's use of this Official Statement in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12.

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		Original	Principal	Maturities	Principal	Principal	
	Original	Principal	Amount	Being	Amount	<b>Amount Being</b>	Redemption
<u>Series</u>	<b>Dated Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Outstanding</b>	Refunded (A)	<b>Outstanding</b>	Refunded (A)	<u>Date</u> (A)
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds,	03/01/16	9,405,000.00 \$	9,405,000.00	02/15/28	\$ 9,405,000.00	\$ 9,405,000.00	02/27/26
Series 2016B							

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

# APPENDIX A FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

#### Table 1 ASSESSED VALUATION

2025/26 Total Assessed Valuation.	\$ 26,639,298,947	
2025/26 Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$20,042,533,127	(A)
<u>Exemption</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Residential Homestead	\$ 3,235,936,077	
10% Residential Homestead Cap	337,571,153	
20% Non-Homestead Property Cap.	380,595,808	
Over 65	289,534,262	
Disabled Persons.	31,165,020	
Disabled/Deceased Veterans.	51,631,548	
Pollution Control.	546,012,145	
Productivity Loss.	162,695,950	
Foreign Trade Zone	1,179,090,489	
Solar	6,381,901	
Interstate Commerce.	362,471,852	
Prorated Exempt Property	625,756	
Other	13,053,859	
Total (24.76% of Total Assessed Valuation).	\$ 6,596,765,820	

<sup>(</sup>A) Such valuation includes an increase in the State-mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and an increase in the State-mandated residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025. Source: Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District. Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District update records.

# Table 2 UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING (A)

<u>Unlimited Tax Obligations:</u> (B)		
Unlimited Tax Debt Outstanding (As of December 1, 2025)	\$ 551,042,572 <sup>(C)</sup>	
Plus: The Bonds (Dated: December 15, 2025)	9,335,000 <sup>(D)</sup>	1
Less: The Refunded Bonds.	9,405,000 <sup>(D)</sup>	1
Plus: Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A (Dated: December 15, 2025)	25,175,000 <sup>(D)(</sup>	(E)
Less: Bonds refunded by Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A	 25,820,000 <sup>(D)(</sup>	(E)
TOTAL UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING	\$ 550,327,572 <sup>(C)</sup>	
Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (Unaudited, as of June 30, 2025)	 51,582,011	
NET UNLIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING	\$ 498,745,561 (C)	
Limited Tax Obligations: (F)		
Limited Tax Obligations Outstanding (As of December 1, 2025)	\$ 22,163,000	
NET LIMITED TAX DEBT OUTSTANDING.	\$ 22,163,000	

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

<sup>(</sup>F) Limited tax obligations are payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

2025 Population Estimate	119,763	Per Capita Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 222,433
2025/26 Enrollment	23,443	Per Capita Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 167,352
Area (square miles)	134.62	Per Capita Total Unlimited Tax Debt	\$ 4,595

<sup>(</sup>B) Does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

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

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

<sup>(</sup>E) The District intends to issue its "Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2026A" (the "Series 2026A Bonds") simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds. The Series 2026A Bonds are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement.

Table 3
ESTIMATED GENERAL OBLIGATION OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT

		Gross		Percent		Dollar
Taxing Body	D	ollar Amount (A)	As Of	<b>Overlap</b>		<b>Overlap</b>
Baytown, City of	\$	282,425,000	12/01/25	100.00%	\$	282,425,000
Cedar Port Navigation and Improvement District		324,220,000	12/01/25	100.00%		324,220,000
Chambers County		219,095,000	12/01/25	37.33%		81,788,164
Chambers County Improvement District No. 2		81,460,000	12/01/25	81.86%		66,683,156
Chambers County MUD No. 1		28,730,000	12/01/25	85.52%		24,569,896
Harris County		2,257,734,736	12/01/25	2.17%		48,992,844
Harris County Department of Education		28,960,000	12/01/25	2.17%		628,432
Harris County Flood Control District		937,165,000	12/01/25	2.17%		20,336,481
Harris County FWSD No. 27		255,000	12/01/25	100.00%		255,000
Harris County Hospital District		867,820,000	12/01/25	2.17%		18,831,694
Harris County MUD No. 213A		61,720,000	12/01/25	100.00%		61,720,000
Harris County MUD No. 213B		13,040,000	12/01/25	100.00%		13,040,000
Harris County MUD No. 459		21,215,000	12/01/25	100.00%		21,215,000
Harris County MUD No. 473		14,150,000	12/01/25	100.00%		14,150,000
Harris County MUD No. 528		2,065,000	12/01/25	100.00%		2,065,000
Harris County WC&ID No. 1		12,805,000	12/01/25	94.49%		12,099,445
Houston, City of		3,843,710,000	12/01/25	0.06%		2,306,226
Lake MUD		21,465,000	12/01/25	100.00%		21,465,000
Lee College District		22,110,000	12/01/25	100.00%		22,110,000
Port of Houston Authority		386,074,397	12/01/25	2.17%		8,377,814
Spring Meadows MUD		17,475,000	12/01/25	100.00%		17,475,000
Goose Creek CISD	\$	550,327,572 (B)(C)	12/01/25	100.00%	\$	550,327,572 (B)(C)
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt	•••••				\$	1,615,081,724
Ratio of Direct Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation.						2.75%
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation.						8.06%
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Total Assessed Valuation.						6.06%
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt						\$13,486
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<sup>(</sup>A) Excludes interest accreted on outstanding capital appreciation bonds.

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

# Table 4 2025/26 TOTAL TAX RATES OF OVERLAPPING POLITICAL ENTITIES

Baytown, City of	\$0.698030
Cedar Port Navigation and Improvement District.	0.720000
Chambers County.	0.439746
Chambers County Improvement District No. 2.	0.690000
Chambers County MUD No. 1	0.560000
Harris County	0.380960
Harris County Department of Education.	0.004798
Harris County Flood Control District	0.049660
Harris County FWSD No. 27.	0.484000
Harris County Hospital District	0.187610
Harris County MUD No. 213A.	1.380000
Harris County MUD No. 213B.	0.750000
Harris County MUD No. 459.	0.530000
Harris County MUD No. 473	0.800000
Harris County MUD No. 528.	0.680000
Harris County WC&ID No. 1.	0.310000
Houston, City of	0.519190
Lake MUD	0.380000
Lee College District.	0.187060
Port of Houston Authority	0.005900
Spring Meadows MUD.	0.700000

Source: Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District.

<sup>(</sup>B) Does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

<sup>(</sup>c) Includes the Bonds and the Series 2026A Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2026A Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

Table 5
PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

	Taxable Assessed		Percent Collec	ctions <sup>(A)</sup>	Fiscal Year	
Tax Year	<b>Valuation</b>	Tax Rate	<u>Current</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Ended</b>	
2019	\$ 14,807,305,893	\$1.35428	98.08%	100.30%	6-30-20	
2020	15,160,205,288	1.34110	97.78%	99.59%	6-30-21	
2021	14,692,300,862	1.36860	97.64%	99.75%	6-30-22	
2022	16,945,985,850	1.28170	97.19%	99.16%	6-30-23	
2023	18,194,072,903	1.08250	<u>98.01%</u>	<u>101.61%</u>	6-30-24	
	Five Year Average	•••••	<u>97.74%</u>	<u>100.08%</u>		
2024	\$ 19,412,145,003	\$1.07250	$98.22\%~^{\rm (B)}$	100.11% <sup>(B)</sup>	6-30-25	
2025	20,042,533,127	1.07000	(In Process of	f Collection)	6-30-26	

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

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements, Goose Creek CISD Tax Office, Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District. Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District updates records.

Table 6
TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION (A)

	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Local Maintenance (B)	\$0.74500	\$0.74750	\$0.75750	\$0.95670	\$1.04360
Interest & Sinking	0.32500	0.32500	0.32500	0.32500	0.32500
Total	<u>\$1.07000</u>	<b>\$1.07250</b>	<b>\$1.08250</b>	\$1.28170	<u>\$1.36860</u>

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

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

Table 7
VALUATION AND UNLIMITED TAX DEBT HISTORY

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	Taxable Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	Percent Increase/ (Decrease) In Taxable Assessed Valuation Over Prior Year	Principal Amount Of Unlimited Tax Debt Outstanding At Year End(A)(B)	Ratio Of Unlimited Tax Debt To Taxable Assessed Valuation (A)(B)
2021/22	\$ 14,692,300,862	(3.09%)	\$ 649,707,572	4.42%
2022/23	16,945,985,850	15.34%	614,457,572	3.63%
2023/24	18,194,072,903	7.37%	583,377,572	3.21%
2024/25	19,412,145,003	6.69%	551,042,572	2.84%
2025/26	20,042,533,127	3.25%	523,550,012	2.61% <sup>(D)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>A) Does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

Source: District records, Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District.

<sup>(</sup>B) Unaudited collections as of June 30, 2025.

<sup>(</sup>B) The District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate is subject to annual compression in response to year-over-year increases in property values (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - Local Funding for School Districts" in the Official Statement).

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

<sup>(</sup>C) Such valuation includes an increase in the State-mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and an increase in the State-mandated residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025.

<sup>(</sup>D) Projected, as of June 30, 2026, subject to change. Includes the Bonds and the Series 2026A Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2026A Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

# Table 8 HISTORICAL TOP TEN TAXPAYERS (A)

#### PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS AND THEIR 2025/26 TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATIONS

			Taxable	Percent Of
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Property	Ass	sessed Valuation	<u>T.A.V.</u>
Exxon Mobil Corporation (B)	Oil Refining and Chemical Plant	\$	4,103,482,855	20.47%
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP (B)	Petro Chemical Plant		1,815,641,849	9.06%
Covestro LLC	Chemical Plant		892,269,490	4.45%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Retail Distribution		363,046,311	1.81%
Chambers County Logistics Terminal	Manufacturing		317,113,196	1.58%
Air Products LLC	Hydrogen Production		290,386,376	1.45%
Borusan Mannesmann Pipe U.S., Inc. (B)	Manufacturing		170,720,652	0.85%
Blue Tide Baytown LLC	Re-Refining Facility		162,071,509	0.81%
Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC	Oil & Gas		155,080,368	0.77%
JSW Steel USA Inc.	Steel Manufacturing		152,387,852	0.76%
Totals		\$	8,422,200,458	42.02%

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

			Taxable	Percent Of
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Property	Ass	sessed Valuation	<b>T.A.V.</b>
Exxon Mobil Corporation (B)	Oil Refining and Chemical Plant	\$	4,087,983,169	21.06%
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP (B)	Petro Chemical Plant		1,960,246,745	10.10%
Covestro LLC	Chemical Plant		906,056,115	4.67%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Retail Distribution		372,127,836	1.92%
Chambers County Logistics Terminal	Manufacturing		298,597,994	1.54%
Air Products LLC	Hydrogen Production		235,129,170	1.21%
Golden Pass LNG Terminal LLC	Oil & Gas		206,773,824	1.07%
Borusan Mannesmann Pipe U.S., Inc. (B)	Manufacturing		159,816,261	0.82%
JSW Steel USA Inc.	Steel Manufacturing		133,751,319	0.69%
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	Electric Utility		132,323,814	0.68%
Totals		<u>\$</u>	8,492,806,247	43.75%

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

			Taxable	Percent Of
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Property	Ass	sessed Valuation	<b>T.A.V.</b>
Exxon Mobil Corporation (B)	Oil Refining and Chemical Plant	\$	3,851,979,625	21.17%
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company LP (B)	Petro Chemical Plant		1,739,469,846	9.56%
Covestro LLC	Chemical Plant		931,040,873	5.12%
Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	Retail Distribution		412,924,553	2.27%
CCZJV-GPX	Import Company		238,545,225	1.31%
Air Products LLC	Hydrogen Production		231,871,336	1.27%
Chambers County Logistics Terminal	Manufacturing		198,499,109	1.09%
Home Depot Inc.	Retail Distribution		157,468,962	0.87%
CenterPoint Energy Inc.	Electric Utility		111,492,326	0.61%
NRG Texas Power LLC	Generation, Electric Power		109,831,629	0.60%
Totals		<u>\$</u>	7,983,123,484	43.88%

<sup>(</sup>A) As shown in table above, the top ten taxpayers in the District account for 42.02% of the District's year 2025/26 tax base. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the oil and natural gas industry, could adversely impact the businesses that own oil and/or natural gas properties in the District and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. If any major taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process that may only occur annually, or, perhaps, to sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever.

Source: Harris Central Appraisal District, Chambers County Appraisal District and District records.

<sup>(</sup>B) In connection with an expansion of their operations within the District, these entities have each entered into an assessed value limitation agreement with the District that limits the assessed value of the property relating to the expansion (but not the value of existing property) for purposes of the District's M&O tax levy.

Table 9
CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY

Property Use Category	2025/26		2024/25	2023/24		2022/23			2021/22
Real Property:									
Single-Family Residential	\$ 6,971,941,736		\$ 6,761,248,378	\$ 6,615,384,431		\$ 5,568,297,110		\$	4,463,202,117
Multi-Family Residential	635,239,384		642,239,937	873,693,405		720,431,652			679,646,783
Vacant Lots/Tracts	377,666,543		258,112,468	309,157,531		251,733,941			189,458,981
Acreage (Land Only)	367,863,033		338,977,827	315,702,919		344,720,826			258,619,628
Farm and Ranch Improvements	116,232,069		230,674,082	202,809,881		210,218,488			90,643,048
Commercial and Industrial	12,342,343,445		11,364,884,879	10,036,300,029		9,557,763,299			8,641,384,059
Minerals, Oil and Gas	544,820		9,736,745	26,821,911		23,671,572			15,735,056
Inventory	89,179,902		98,007,750	103,727,990		78,726,145			78,759,656
Tangible Personal Property:									
Business	5,147,380,018		4,644,324,027	4,678,027,485		3,825,361,029			2,600,380,663
Other	63,139,408		61,311,263	59,304,884		37,418,312			35,691,343
Real and Tangible Personal Property:									
Utilities	527,768,589		450,439,292	469,134,612		423,459,126			350,113,532
<b>Total Assessed Valuation</b>	\$ 26,639,298,947		\$ 24,859,956,648	\$ 23,690,065,078		\$ 21,041,801,500		\$	17,403,634,866
Less Exemptions:									
Residential Homestead	\$ 3,235,936,077	(A)	\$ 2,468,891,603	\$ 2,266,659,771	(B)	\$ 1,116,955,699	(C)	\$	793,442,381
10% Residential Homestead Cap	337,571,153		421,776,253	779,782,004		574,639,795			195,750,590
20% Non-Homestead Property Cap (D)	380,595,808		157,793,114	-		-			-
Over 65	289,534,262	(E)	217,960,176	192,109,053		233,981,231			236,491,586
Disabled Persons	31,165,020	(E)	28,116,429	25,489,037		35,527,378			38,602,873
Disabled/Deceased Veterans	51,631,548		62,401,758	50,122,084		58,713,774			53,720,522
Pollution Control	546,012,145		564,144,307	517,110,506		540,245,295			535,443,587
Productivity Loss	162,695,950		119,334,668	132,618,373		135,556,112			69,359,235
Foreign Trade Zone	1,179,090,489		1,148,986,273	1,195,937,566		1,052,994,808			586,576,509
Solar	6,381,901		4,907,977	4,494,166		2,137,131			1,264,650
Interstate Commerce	362,471,852		220,415,730	278,177,697		291,510,415			195,807,448
Prorated Exempt Property	625,756		80,924	607,900		208,506			920,009
Other	13,053,859		33,002,433	52,884,018		53,345,506			3,954,614
<b>Total Exemptions</b>	\$ 6,596,765,820		\$ 5,447,811,645	\$ 5,495,992,175		\$ 4,095,815,650		\$	2,711,334,004
Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 20,042,533,127		\$ 19,412,145,003	\$ 18,194,072,903		\$ 16,945,985,850		<u>\$</u>	14,692,300,862

<sup>(</sup>A) Increase in "Residential Homestead" is primarily due to the increase in the State-mandated general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025.

Table 10
PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY CATEGORY

Property Use Category	<u>2025/26</u>	2024/25	2023/24	2022/23	2021/22
Real Property:					
Single-Family Residential	26.17%	27.20%	27.92%	26.46%	25.65%
Multi-Family Residential	2.38%	2.58%	3.69%	3.42%	3.91%
Vacant Lots/Tracts	1.42%	1.04%	1.31%	1.20%	1.09%
Acreage (Land Only)	1.38%	1.36%	1.33%	1.64%	1.49%
Farm and Ranch Improvements	0.44%	0.93%	0.86%	1.00%	0.52%
Commercial and Industrial	46.33%	45.72%	42.37%	45.42%	49.65%
Minerals, Oil and Gas	0.00%	0.04%	0.11%	0.11%	0.09%
Inventory	0.33%	0.39%	0.44%	0.37%	0.45%
Tangible Personal Property:					
Business	19.32%	18.68%	19.75%	18.18%	14.94%
Other	0.24%	0.25%	0.25%	0.18%	0.21%
Real and Tangible Personal Property:					
Utilities	1.98%	1.81%	<u>1.98</u> %	<u>2.01</u> %	2.01%
Total	<u>100.00</u> %				

Source: Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District.

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

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

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

<sup>(</sup>E) Increase in "Over 65" and "Disabled Persons" is primarily due to the increase in the State-mandated residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000 pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved at a statewide election held on November 4, 2025.

Source: Certified values are subject to change throughout the year as contested values are resolved and the Harris Central Appraisal District and Chambers County Appraisal District update records.

 ${\bf Table~11} \\ {\bf OUTSTANDING~UNLIMITED~TAX~DEBT~SERVICE}^{~(A)}$ 

	Outstanding Dol	bt Requirements <sup>(C)</sup>	Dluce The Pends D	ebt Requirements (D)		Plu Unlimited Tax R Series 2026A - De	efunc		Total Debt Service	Percent Of Principal
Year (B)	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest		Principal	Dt K	Interest	Requirements	Retired
2025/26	\$ 26,097,560.45	\$ 23,763,038.45	\$ 210,000.00	\$ 257,945.14	\$	470,000.00	\$	698,045.14	\$ 51,496,589.18	<u>reen eu</u>
2026/27	20,215,012.00	24,073,981.90	-	456,250.00	•	6,465,000.00	•	1,073,625.00	52,283,868.90	
2027/28	18,700,000.00	17,685,648.90	9,125,000.00	228,125.00		5,325,000.00		778,875.00	51,842,648.90	
2028/29	25,705,000.00	16,685,673.90	-	, -		7,255,000.00		464,375.00	50,110,048.90	
2029/30	28,615,000.00	15,556,873.90	-	-		5,660,000.00		141,500.00	49,973,373.90	27.95%
2030/31	22,440,000.00	14,540,263.90	-	-		- -		-	36,980,263.90	
2031/32	23,345,000.00	13,663,088.10	-	-		-		-	37,008,088.10	
2032/33	24,215,000.00	12,788,865.80	-	-		-		-	37,003,865.80	
2033/34	25,120,000.00	11,887,333.55	-	-		-		-	37,007,333.55	
2034/35	26,040,000.00	10,970,752.70	-	-		-		-	37,010,752.70	49.97%
2035/36	25,990,000.00	10,047,866.05	-	-		-		-	36,037,866.05	
2036/37	26,885,000.00	9,052,127.00	-	-		-		-	35,937,127.00	
2037/38	27,900,000.00	7,957,303.00	-	-		-		-	35,857,303.00	
2038/39	22,880,000.00	6,974,379.50	-	-		-		-	29,854,379.50	
2039/40	13,360,000.00	6,335,435.00	-	-		-		-	19,695,435.00	71.23%
2040/41	18,530,000.00	5,788,873.75	-	-		-		-	24,318,873.75	
2041/42	13,445,000.00	5,193,503.13	-	-		-		-	18,638,503.13	
2042/43	13,935,000.00	4,653,415.63	-	-		-		-	18,588,415.63	
2043/44	14,440,000.00	4,109,959.38	-	-		-		-	18,549,959.38	
2044/45	14,965,000.00	3,563,062.51	-	-		-		-	18,528,062.51	84.92%
2045/46	15,510,000.00	2,980,178.13	-	-		-		-	18,490,178.13	
2046/47	16,100,000.00	2,355,900.00	-	-		-		-	18,455,900.00	
2047/48	16,725,000.00	1,703,362.50	-	-		-		-	18,428,362.50	
2048/49	17,145,000.00	1,031,950.00	-	-		-		-	18,176,950.00	
2049/50	17,515,000.00	346,550.00							17,861,550.00	100.00%

<sup>(</sup>A) Preliminary, subject to change. This table includes the Series 2026A Bonds which are being offered pursuant to a separate official statement and will be issued simultaneously with the issuance of the Bonds.

942,320.14

25,175,000.00

3,156,420.14

\$ 788,135,699.41

\$ 233,709,386.68

TOTAL

\$ 515,817,572.45

9,335,000.00

Note: Table 11 does not include any potential funding the District may receive from the State of Texas. The District has budgeted for the receipt of State financial assistance for debt service in the amount of \$4,000,000 for year 2025/26 and received State financial assistance in the amount of \$4,141,569 (unaudited) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The amount of State funding aid for debt service may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the Texas Legislature (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM"). Table 11 does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 15 - Limited Tax Debt Service Requirements" and "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

<sup>(</sup>B) Represents debt service payments from September 1 through August 31. The District's fiscal year ends on June 30. Due to timing of tax collection receipts, the District budgets for its debt service payments incurred during the time period of September 1 through August 31.

<sup>(</sup>C) Net of the debt service on the Refunded Bonds and the bonds to be refunded by the Series 2026A Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

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

<sup>(</sup>E) Interest on the Series 2026A Bonds has been projected at an assumed interest rate for illustration purposes only. Preliminary, subject to change.

# Table 12 INTEREST & SINKING FUND BUDGET INFORMATION (A)

Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026	 	\$ 52,135,074 <sup>(B)</sup>
Interest and Sinking Fund Balance at June 30, 2025 (Unaudited)	\$ 51,582,011	
Estimated State Assistance	4,000,000	
Local Taxes and Other Revenues.	65,260,129	\$ 120,842,140
Projected Interest and Sinking Fund Balance at June 30, 2026	 	\$ 68,707,066 <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>A) The District's fiscal year ends on June 30. Due to the timing of tax collection receipts, the District budgets for its debt service payments incurred during the time period of September 1 through August 31.

# Table 13 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.

Depending on the rate of development within the District, changes in assessed valuation, and the amounts, interest rates, maturities, and the timing of issuance of any additional bonds, increases in the District's annual ad valorem tax rate may be required to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on the District's outstanding bonds and any such future bonds.

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

# Table 14 TAX ADEQUACY - UNLIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (A)

Year 2025/26 Principal And Interest Requirements.  \$0.2629 Tax Rate At 97.74% Collections Produces.	51,496,589 51,500,984 <sup>(B)</sup>
Estimated Average Annual Principal And Interest Requirements, Years 2025/26 - 2049/50	31,525,428 31,539,211 <sup>(B)</sup>
Estimated Maximum Principal And Interest Requirements, Year 2026/27	52,283,869 52,284,567 <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>A) Represents debt service payments from September 1 through August 31.

Note: Table 14 does not include any potential funding the District may receive from the State of Texas. The District has budgeted for the receipt of State financial assistance for debt service in the amount of \$4,000,000 for year 2025/26 and received State financial assistance in the amount of \$4,141,569 (unaudited) for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. The amount of State aid for debt service may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the State Legislature (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM"). Table 14 does not include any limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

<sup>(</sup>B) Reflects the District's debt service payments in August 2025 and October 2025 and projected debt service payments in February 2026 and April 2026. Does not include estimated paying agent/registrar fees and other bond related expenses.

<sup>(</sup>C) The District's projected Interest & Sinking Fund balance as of June 30, 2026 will be reduced by approximately \$8,741,937 in August 2026 to make the District's scheduled debt service payments in August 2026.

<sup>(</sup>B) Based upon 2025/26 taxable assessed valuation of \$20,042,533,127.

Table 15
LIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (A)

				Total Debt Service	Percent Of Principal
Year (B)	<b>Principal</b>	Interest	]	Requirements	Retired
2025/26	\$ 2,183,000.00	\$ 619,502.10	\$	2,802,502.10	
2026/27	2,248,000.00	554,366.40		2,802,366.40	
2027/28	2,315,000.00	487,290.30		2,802,290.30	
2028/29	2,384,000.00	418,215.00		2,802,215.00	
2029/30	2,456,000.00	347,067.00		2,803,067.00	52.28%
2030/31	2,529,000.00	273,787.50		2,802,787.50	
2031/32	2,604,000.00	198,332.40		2,802,332.40	
2032/33	2,682,000.00	120,628.20		2,802,628.20	
2033/34	 2,762,000.00	 40,601.40		2,802,601.40	100.00%
TOTAL	\$ 22,163,000.00	\$ 3,059,790.30	\$	25,222,790.30	

<sup>(</sup>A) Payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate. Does not include other limited tax obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see "Table 18 - Commitments Under Capital Leases").

 $\textbf{Table 16} \\ \textbf{TAX ADEQUACY - LIMITED TAX DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS}^{(A)(B)}$ 

Year 2025/26 Principal And Interest Requirements.  \$0.0144 Tax Rate At 97.74% Collections Produces.	2,802,502 2,820,898 <sup>(C)</sup>
Average Annual Principal And Interest Requirements, Years 2025/26 - 2033/34	2,802,532 2,820,898 <sup>(C)</sup>
Maximum Principal And Interest Requirements, Year 2029/30	2,803,067 2,820,898 <sup>(C)</sup>

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

<sup>(</sup>B) Represents debt service payments from September 1 through August 31. The District's fiscal year ends on June 30. Due to timing of tax collection receipts, the District budgets for its debt service payments incurred during the time period of September 1 through August 31.

<sup>(</sup>B) Represents debt service payments from September 1 through August 31.

<sup>(</sup>C) Based upon 2025/26 taxable assessed valuation of \$20,042,533,127.

Table 17 ANALYSIS OF DELINQUENT TAXES

	Deli	nquent Taxes	Adjusted	Percentage	Fiscal Year
Tax Year	(as	of 6/30/2025) <sup>(A)</sup>	Tax Levy	of Tax Levy	<b>Ended</b>
2024	\$	3,533,707	\$ 198,708,115	1.78%	6-30-25
2023		1,726,068	177,752,910	0.97%	6-30-24
2022		1,027,395	194,943,085	0.53%	6-30-23
2021		546,068	182,822,758	0.30%	6-30-22
2020		413,233	178,065,635	0.23%	6-30-21
2019		310,691	170,950,860	0.18%	6-30-20
2018		288,810	164,232,322	0.18%	6-30-19
2017		275,795	161,027,497	0.17%	6-30-18
2016		214,352	150,911,929	0.14%	6-30-17
2015 & Prior Years		1,351,521	145,399,611	0.93%	6-30-16

<sup>(</sup>A) Unaudited, as of June 30, 2025.

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

# Table 18 COMMITMENTS UNDER CAPITAL LEASES

As of June 30, 2024, the District had no commitments under capital leases outstanding.

#### Leases

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* (GASB 87), establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under GASB 87, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about the government's leasing activities.

GASB 87 had no significant impact to the District's financial statements, therefore are not present within the disclosures.

#### **Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements**

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government end users (governments). Under GASB 96, a SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys controls of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The subscription term includes the period during which a government has a noncancellable right to use the underlying IT assets. The subscription term also includes periods covered by an option to extend (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will exercise that option) or to terminate (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will not exercise that option). The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter, with earlier application encouraged.

GASB 96 had no significant impact to the District's financial statements, therefore are not present within the disclosures.

Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

Table 19 COMBINED GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021 - 2025 2025 (A) 2024 2023 2022 2021 Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents \$ 94,206,034 \$ 123,034,286 90.097.832 \$ 115,266,531 \$ 134,797,374 Investments - Current 5,534,635 5,036,438 10,180,114 30,057,752 9,999,846 Property Taxes - Delinquent 11,474,851 12,099,299 15,761,239 13,986,567 13,388,941 Allowance for Uncollected Taxes (Credit) (3.276.327)(5.891.834)(5.523.747)(5.943.945)(3,835,003)Due from Other Governments 31,690,203 36,848,394 30,430,367 18,185,019 25,627,638 Accrued Interest 199,785 86,839 18,705 9,382,056 5,190,723 Due from Other Funds 29,362,419 15,447,157 49,334,984 Other Receivables 107,083 236,140 130,765 411,006 36,601 Inventories 355,224 416,796 445,256 513,871 503,995 Prepayments 974,341 2,190,692 510,507 436,597 740,733 Other Current Assets 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 **Total Assets** \$ 181,232,765 \$ 228,894,277 \$ 150,463,100 \$ 171,147,286 \$ 188,602,351 Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances: Liabilities: Accounts Pavable 4.121.913 \$ 3,325,788 3,471,114 3,377,219 5,992,515 Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable 4,888,042 4,175,219 1,320,452 1,701,289 2,044,683 Accrued Wages Payable 24,136,789 24,796,613 23,782,358 22,498,847 22,363,949 Due to Other Funds 562,390 35,544,686 14,183,492 34,256,431 50,597,041 Due to Other Governments 1,849,764 116,643 1,872,271 1,601,725 420,684 **Accrued Expenditures** 34,434 26,303 39,321 29,254 46,722 Unearned Revenue 50 50 50 19,619,516 **Total Liabilities** 35,593,382 \$ 67,985,302 44,669,058 63,329,867 \$ 101,220,008 Deferred Inflows of Resources: 8,264,296 Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes 8,198,524 9,869,405 8,462,820 7,444,996 **Total Deferred Inflows of Resources** 8,198,524 8,264,296 9,869,405 8,462,820 \$ 7,444,996 Fund Balances: Nonspendable Fund Balance: Inventories \$ 355,224 \$ 416,796 \$ 445,256 \$ 513,871 \$ 503,995 Prepaid Items 974,341 2,190,692 510,507 436,597 740,733 Committed Fund Balance: Other Committed Fund Balance 32,467,310 32,467,310 46,053,953 49,377,518 51,653,551 Assigned Fund Balance: Other Assigned Fund Balance 1,360,386 1,360,386 1,360,386 1,220,306 1,621,903 Unassigned Fund Balance: 71,513,933 68,547,983 68,238,721 65,261,372 65,709,091 Total General Fund Balances (A) \$ 106,671,194 \$ 104,983,167 \$ 116,608,823 \$ 116,809,664 \$ 120,229,273 **Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows** \$ 188,602,351 \$ 150,463,100 \$ 181,232,765 \$ 171,147,286 \$ 228,894,277 of Resources and Fund Balances

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

<sup>(</sup>A) Unaudited, as of June 30, 2025.

Table 20 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021 - 2025							
	2025 (A)	2024	2023	2022	<u>2021</u>			
Beginning General Fund Balance	\$ 104,983,167	<u>\$ 116,608,823</u>	<u>\$ 116,809,664</u>	<u>\$ 120,229,273</u>	<u>\$ 116,255,611</u>			
Revenues:								
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 143,916,539	\$ 127,876,628	\$ 146,208,264	\$ 136,947,410	\$ 135,540,093			
State Program Revenues	122,753,237	132,951,935	106,162,986	105,525,917	97,020,694			
Federal Program Revenues	4,808,660	1,737,713	2,514,893	5,930,791	4,602,516			
Total Revenues	\$ 271,478,436	\$ 262,566,276	\$ 254,886,143	\$ 248,404,118	\$ 237,163,303			
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Expenditures:								
Instruction	\$ 160,239,644	\$ 156,772,111	\$ 135,720,670	\$ 133,031,874	\$ 132,399,404			
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,931,449	1,816,413	2,523,322	2,418,816	2,276,880			
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,876,063	3,868,596	3,920,230	3,590,705	3,545,454			
Instructional Leadership	5,369,706	5,430,428	5,626,153	5,277,469	4,676,929			
School Leadership	17,729,697	17,075,113	16,807,263	16,058,907	14,103,480			
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	9,654,959	9,113,802	8,866,653	8,108,466	7,786,224			
Social Work Services	2,289,847	2,707,587	2,812,878	2,685,369	2,365,891			
Health Services	2,793,895	2,747,611	2,681,346	2,484,894	2,414,546			
Student (Pupil) Transportation	13,804,525	13,572,793	13,708,007	13,091,240	9,858,646			
Extracurricular Activities	5,585,682	6,235,159	6,167,284	5,606,827	5,258,893			
General Administration	8,820,373	9,362,862	9,753,182	9,226,847	7,828,375			
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	30,222,468	30,791,222	29,594,248	27,001,635	24,511,669			
Security and Monitoring Services	4,253,923	5,004,407	4,802,160	3,776,026	3,255,683			
Data Processing Services	4,736,385	4,751,071	4,836,869	4,818,874	3,785,771			
Community Services	105,255	157,937	194,932	139,033	279,435			
Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	2,120,000	2,058,000	1,999,000	2,231,496	2,109,296			
Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	713,920	774,425	833,196	893,577	955,437			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	3,874,776	126,163	35,811	31,178	9,850			
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	110,487	134,060	92,964	70,000	21,600			
Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,592,591	1,692,172	1,650,816	1,554,477	1,509,233			
Total Expenditures	\$ 278,825,645	\$ 274,191,932	\$ 252,626,984	\$ 242,097,710	\$ 228,952,696			
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (7,347,209)	\$ (11,625,656)	\$ 2,259,159	\$ 6,306,408	\$ 8,210,607			
Other Persures and (Uzer):								
Other Resources and (Uses):	¢ 11.764.227	¢.	¢	¢	¢			
Transfers In	\$ 11,764,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
Transfers Out (Use)	(2,729,101)	<u> </u>	(2,460,000)	(9,726,017)	(4,236,945)			
Total Other Resources (Uses)	<u>\$ 9,035,236</u>	<u> </u>	\$ (2,460,000)	\$ (9,726,017)	\$ (4,236,945)			
Net Change in General Fund Balance	\$ 1,688,027	\$ (11,625,656)	\$ (200,841)	\$ (3,419,609)	\$ 3,973,662			
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<b>Ending General Fund Balance</b> (B)	\$ 106,671,194	\$ 104,983,167	\$ 116,608,823	\$ 116,809,664	\$ 120,229,273			

<sup>(</sup>A) Unaudited, as of June 30, 2025.
(B) Ending General Fund Balance includes Nonspendable, Committed, Assigned and Unassigned Fund Balance. Source: District's Audited Financial Statements and District records.

Table 21 COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2021 - 2025									
		2025 (A)		2024		2023		2022		2021
<b>Beginning Debt Service Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$</u>	36,699,097	\$	26,544,270	<u>\$</u>	22,156,710	<u>\$</u>	30,981,557	\$	33,108,449
Revenues:										
Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues	\$	65,421,469 4,141,569	\$	60,580,324 4,251,835	\$	56,709,626 1,120,081	\$	49,531,671 437,622	\$	46,353,287 492,916
Total Revenues	\$	69,563,038	\$	64,832,159	\$	57,829,707	\$	49,969,293	\$	46,846,203
Expenditures:										
Principal on Long-Term Debt	\$	32,335,000	\$	31,080,000	\$	30,665,000	\$	37,403,790	\$	28,255,000
Interest on Long-Term Debt		22,331,874		23,577,682		22,774,597		20,895,747		20,193,826
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees		13,250		19,650	_	585,708	_	494,603	_	1,645,707
Total Expenditures	\$	54,680,124	\$	54,677,332	\$	54,025,305	\$	58,794,140	\$	50,094,533
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
Over (Under) Expenditures	\$	14,882,914	\$	10,154,827	\$	3,804,402	\$	(8,824,847)	\$	(3,248,330)
Other Resources and (Uses):										
Refunding Bonds Issued	\$	-	\$	-	\$	86,770,000	\$	89,935,000	\$	243,212,572
Transfers In		-		-		-		-		1,500
Premium of Discount on Issuance of Bonds		-		-		5,168,158		-		21,324,775
Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent	_		_		_	(91,355,000)	_	(89,935,000)		263,417,409)
<b>Total Other Resources (Uses)</b>	\$		\$		\$	583,158	\$		\$	1,121,438
Net Change in Debt Service Fund Balance	\$	14,882,914	\$	10,154,827	\$	4,387,560	\$	(8,824,847)	\$	(2,126,892)
<b>Ending Debt Service Fund Balance</b>	\$	51,582,011	\$	36,699,097	\$	26,544,270	\$	22,156,710	\$	30,981,557

<sup>(</sup>A) Unaudited, as of June 30, 2025.

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

Table 22
CHANGE IN NET POSITION (A)

Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2020 - 2024 **Revenues:** 2024 2023 2022 2021 2020 **Program Revenues** Charges for Services 5.788.022 4.346.983 2.534.085 \$ 2,466,668 5,296,976 **Operating Grants and Contributions** 48,378,573 66,383,106 52,837,900 70,939,524 53,594,160 **Total Program Revenues** 54,166,595 70,730,089 55,371,985 73,406,192 58,891,136 **General Revenues** Maintenance and Operations Taxes \$ 117,505,056 \$ 140,788,233 \$ 134,639,377 \$ 133,115,354 \$ 128,444,274 **Debt Service Taxes** 58,943,212 55,968,835 49,904,520 46,196,163 43,531,335 State Aid - Formula Grants 118,929,824 93,806,501 91,934,709 84,657,499 90,598,930 Grants and Contributions Not Restricted 3,109,046 2,383,508 3,956,050 4,619,131 1,274,870 **Investment Earnings** 9,966,614 8,526,203 885,688 1,076,446 4,823,080 12,933,320 Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue 15,680,963 14,477,027 17,403,768 25,836,525 Total General Revenues \$ 315,950,307 \$ 294,253,664 \$ 294,509,014 \$ 324,134,715 \$ 287,068,361 \$ 353,400,150 Total Revenues..... \$ 378,301,310 \$ 386,680,396 \$ 349,625,649 \$ 360,474,553 **Expenses** \$ 180,754,693 Instruction \$ 192,813,219 \$ 187,216,653 \$ 180,033,996 \$ 191,080,642 Instruction Resources and Media Services 2,037,006 2,723,611 2,849,671 2,654,231 2,630,316 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development 9,806,594 8,429,759 6,632,447 6,760,138 5,268,822 Instructional Leadership 6,248,676 6,263,265 5,460,676 5,850,594 6.014,993 School Leadership 19,839,488 18,326,995 16,104,959 16,902,813 17,094,254 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services 10,706,290 10,285,729 10,243,427 11.303.693 8,872,106 Social Work Services 3,400,801 3,469,010 3,056,381 3,385,835 2,201,219 Health Services 3,160,965 3,023,322 2,706,530 3,049,071 3,096,620 Student (Pupil) Transportation 15,441,733 15,575,857 14,173,777 12,221,390 10,785,558 Food Services 16,734,754 16,451,788 14,163,905 13,452,885 14,012,976 Extracurricular Activities 8,060,724 7,805,470 6,758,565 6,647,483 6,847,415 General Administration 10,554,036 10,748,713 9,451,898 9,610,613 9,676,620 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 39,987,750 39,130,960 28,757,887 34,966,041 30,681,420 4,547,246 Security and Monitoring Services 5,713,578 5,348,642 3,819,547 4,060,593 **Data Processing Services** 5,190,854 5,929,847 5,948,357 5,242,779 5,013,013 **Community Services** 849,481 880,928 609,170 584,260 596,414 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt 20,983,245 22,276,065 20,046,295 28,942,643 20,596,707 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees 19,650 494,603 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg. 92,964 134,060 70,000 21,600 Other Intergovernmental Charges 1,692,172 1,650,816 1,554,477 1,509,233 1,487,584 Total Expenses..... \$ 373,972,479 \$ 366,050,955 \$ 331,692,938 \$ 357,148,431 \$ 331,501,748 Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position 4,328,831 \$ 20,629,441 17,932,711 3,326,122 21,898,402 **Beginning Net Position** 125,413,588 104,784,147 86,851,436 83,525,314 61,626,912 Prior Period Adjustment Ending Net Position..... \$ 129,742,419 \$ 125,413,588 \$ 104,784,147 86,851,436 83,525,314

<sup>(</sup>A) Financial operations for all governmental activities in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34. Source: District's Audited Financial Statements.

## APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY

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

The Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") operates 17 elementary schools (grades EE-5) (including one early learning academy and one primary school), six junior schools (grades 6-8), three high schools (grades 9-12), and six special campuses. All schools are fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The number and types of instructional facilities are as follows:

Other Program Facilities	6
Elementary Schools	17
Junior High Schools	6
High Schools	_3
Total	<u>32</u>

#### DISTRICT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

#### SCHOLASTIC ENROLLMENT HISTORY

		INCREASE/	PERCENT
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>ENROLLMENT</b>	(DECREASE)	<b>CHANGE</b>
$2\overline{015/16}$	23,748	579	2.50%
2016/17	23,926	178	0.75%
2017/18	23,795	(131)	(0.55%)
2018/19	23,837	42	0.18%
2019/20	23,926	89	0.37%
2020/21	23,318	(608)	(2.54%)
2021/22	23,908	590	2.53%
2022/23	24,431	523	2.19%
2023/24	24,108	(323)	(1.32%)
2024/25	24,032	(399)	(1.63%)
2025/26 <sup>(A)</sup>	23,443	(665)	(2.76%)

<sup>(</sup>A) Enrollment as of October 21, 2025.

Source: District records.

#### PROJECTED STUDENT ENROLLMENT

		INCREASE/	PERCENT
YEAR	ENROLLMENT	(DECREASE)	<b>CHANGE</b>
2026/27	23,208	(235)	$\overline{(1.00\%)}$
2027/28	22,976	(232)	(1.00%)
2028/29	22,746	(230)	(1.00%)
2029/30	22,519	(227)	(1.00%)
2030/31	22,294	(225)	(1.00%)

Source: District projections.

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADES - YEARS 2015/16 - 2025/26

<b>YEAR</b>	$\mathbf{E}\mathbf{E}$	<u>PK</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>
2015/16	108	905	1,753	1,954	1,886	1,812	1,740	1,730	1,768	1,760	1,729	1,722	1,687	1,640	1,554	23,748
2016/17	121	931	1,766	1,825	1,933	1,868	1,825	1,736	1,748	1,769	1,749	1,776	1,664	1,654	1,561	23,926
2017/18	119	947	1,652	1,775	1,806	1,887	1,820	1,805	1,725	1,732	1,770	1,769	1,738	1,645	1,605	23,795
2018/19	100	896	1,675	1,664	1,784	1,797	1,908	1,851	1,834	1,771	1,745	1,792	1,731	1,682	1,607	23,837
2019/20	129	821	1,716	1,719	1,691	1,796	1,826	1,911	1,855	1,816	1,776	1,781	1,777	1,689	1,623	23,926
2020/21	101	652	1,597	1,669	1,684	1,627	1,759	1,776	1,914	1,846	1,819	1,772	1,730	1,705	1,667	23,318
2021/22	132	935	1,596	1,701	1,735	1,709	1,669	1,771	1,832	1,910	1,876	1,836	1,783	1,703	1,720	23,908
2022/23	175	955	1,669	1,715	1,791	1,754	1,779	1,706	1,837	1,838	1,918	1,942	1,878	1,755	1,719	24,431
2023/24	156	859	1,646	1,629	1,696	1,779	1,787	1,806	1,714	1,801	1,818	1,965	1,912	1,817	1,723	24,108
2024/25	138	769	1,601	1,674	1,681	1,707	1,763	1,823	1,802	1,750	1,834	1,906	1,967	1,874	1,743	24,032
2025/26(A)	123	775	1,484	1,632	1,671	1,679	1,681	1,729	1,813	1,788	1,734	1,842	1,832	1,879	1,781	23,443

<sup>(</sup>A) Enrollment as of October 21, 2025.

Source: District records.

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL TYPE

	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOL	TOTAL
<b>YEAR</b>	(GRADES EE-5)	(GRADES 6-8)	(GRADES 9-12)	ENROLLMENT
2015/16	11,888	5,257	6,603	23,748
2016/17	12,005	5,266	6,655	23,926
2017/18	11,811	5,227	6,757	23,795
2018/19	11,675	5,350	6,812	23,837
2019/20	11,609	5,447	6,870	23,926
2020/21	10,865	5,579	6,874	23,318
2021/22	11,248	5,618	7,042	23,908
2022/23	11,544	5,593	7,294	24,431
2023/24	11,358	5,333	7,417	24,108
2024/25	11,156	5,386	7,490	24,032
2025/26 <sup>(A)</sup>	10,774	5,335	7,334	23,443

<sup>(</sup>A) Enrollment as of October 21, 2025.

Source: District records.

### EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISTRICT

	<u>District</u>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>
STAFF INFORMATION	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE</b>
Teachers	1,536	43.12%
Administrators	184	5.17%
Teacher Aides & Secretaries	709	19.90%
Auxiliary Staff	811	22.77%
Other	322	9.04%
<b>Total Number of Employees</b>	<u>3,562</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The District employs a staff of approximately 3,562. Beginning with the 2025/26 school year, entry level teachers without advanced degrees earn \$64,475 annually. Teachers with longevity or advanced degrees can earn between \$64,875 and \$81,862 annually. All teachers receive life and health insurance benefits worth approximately \$310 monthly.

Source: District records.

#### PRESENT SCHOOL FACILITIES

FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY LESS GRADES FUNCTIONAL PRESENT PRESENT ENROLLMENT (B) CAPACITY (A) LOCATION ENROLLMENT SERVED Robert E. Lee High School 9 - 121,968 1,749 219 9 - 12421 Goose Creek Memorial High School 2,536 2,115 Ross S. Sterling School 9 - 122,554 2,215 339 HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL 6,079 979 7,058 Baytown Junior School 6 - 8958 672 286 Cedar Bayou Junior School 6 - 81,198 959 239 George H. Gentry Junior School 913 6 - 81.164 251 Edward (EF) Green Junior School 6 - 81,033 1.037 (4)Highlands Junior School 743 529 6 - 81,272 Horace Mann Junior School 6 - 81.176 962 214 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TOTAL 6,801 5,286 1,515 Alamo Elementary School K-5795 84 711 Stephen F. Austin Elementary School K-5836 767 69 Dr. Antonio Banuelos Elementary School 125 K-5857 732 James Bowie Elementary School K-5985 700 285 George Washington Carver Elementary School K-5950 692 258 Dr. Johnny T. Clark, Jr. Elementary School K-5780 775 5 David Crockett Elementary School K-5583 663 (80)Lorenzo De Zavala Elementary School K-5903 503 400 Harlem Elementary School K-5722 741 (19)Highlands Elementary School 1 - 5820 592 228 Bonnie P. Hopper Primay School EE - K519 182 337 Sheila C. Liles Early Learning Academy EE – PK 396 334 62 Jessie Lee Pumphrey Elementary School EE-5850 666 184 San Jacinto Elementary School K-5850 681 169 Ashbel Smith Elementary School K-5952 684 268 William B. Travis Elementary School K-5840 689 151 Victoria Walker Elementary School 766 K-5659 107 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TOTAL 13,404 10,771 2,633 IMPACT Early College High School 9 - 12418 414 4 Stuart Career Tech High School 9 - 12900 615 285 Peter E. Hyland Empower Academy 9 - 12300 105 195 Goose Creek Virtual Academy 74 POINT Alternative School 78 JJAEP/Highpoint/Other 21 **OTHER PROGRAM TOTAL** 1,307 1,618 311 **TOTALS** 28,881 5,438 23,443

Source: District records.

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

<sup>(</sup>B) Enrollment as of October 21, 2025.

#### DEMOGRAPHIC AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION

The following information has been derived from various sources including the Texas Workforce Commission, Texas Municipal Reports, U.S. Census data, and District officials. While such sources are believed to be reliable, no representation is made as to the accuracy thereof.

#### Location

The District, comprised of approximately 134.62 square miles, is a highly industrialized area located in the southeastern portion of Harris County and partially in Chambers County. The western and southern boundaries are generally defined by the San Jacinto River and the Houston Ship Channel, providing not only water access to industry, but recreational waterways as well. The District is located 27 miles east of downtown Houston, Texas in eastern Harris and western Chambers counties.

#### **Economy**

The District includes the City of Baytown, an inland port and the principal city within the District, having a 2020 census population 83,701. Located on the coast with Trinity Bay on one side and the Houston Ship Channel on the other, Baytown is in a position to offer year-round fishing and boating activities. Duck and goose hunting are popular seasonal sports made possible by the rice fields and numerous bodies of water in the area. Industry in the District is dominated by petrochemical and mineral-related concerns.

### Major Employers - Harris County

		ESTIMATED NUMBER
COMPANY	INDUSTRY	OF EMPLOYEES
Memorial Hermann	Healthcare	31,425
UT MD Anderson Cancer Center	Healthcare	26,270
Amazon	E-Commerce	24,000
City of Houston	Local Government	22,170
Houston Methodist	Healthcare	22,015
Harris County	Local Government	19,920
ExxonMobil	Oil & Gas	16,740
UT Health Houston	Healthcare	16,150
Chevron Corp.	Oil & Gas	13,330
United Airlines	Transportation	13,200

Source: Harris County – Economic Development.

#### **Comparative Unemployment Rates**

<b>Entity</b>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	2025 <sup>(A)</sup>
Harris County	8.8%	6.3%	4.2%	4.3%	4.4%	5.0%
Chambers County	8.7	7.4	4.8	4.8	4.6	5.3
State of Texas	7.7	5.6	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.7
United States of America	8.1	5.3	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.5

<sup>(</sup>A) As of August 2025.

Source: Labor Market Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission.

## APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL



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WE HAVE ACTED as Bond Counsel for the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") in connection with an issue of bonds (the "Bonds") described as follows:

GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2026B, dated December 15, 2025, in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Bonds mature, bear interest, are subject to redemption prior to maturity and may be transferred and exchanged as set out in the Bonds and in the order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District authorizing their issuance (the "Bond Order") and the pricing certificate relating to the Bonds executed pursuant thereto (together with the Bond Order, the "Order").

WE HAVE ACTED as Bond Counsel for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under federal income tax law. In such capacity we have examined the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; federal income tax law; and a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds and the bonds that are being refunded (the "Refunded Bonds") with the proceeds of the Bonds, as described in the Order. The transcript contains certified copies of certain proceedings of the District and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the "Escrow Agent"); the report (the "Report") of Public Finance Partners LLC, which verifies the sufficiency of the deposits made with the Escrow Agent for the Refunded Bonds for the defeasance of the Refunded Bonds; certain certifications and representations and other material facts within the knowledge and control of the District, upon which we rely without having undertaken to verify the same by independent investigation; and certain other customary documents and instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds and the firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds. We have also examined executed Bond No. IC-1 of this issue.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING and in accordance with customary opinion practice, we are of the opinion that:

(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. The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability of such rights may be limited or otherwise affected by (a) bankruptcy, insolvency,

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reorganization, moratorium and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally and (b) principles of equity, whether considered at law or in equity.

- (2) The Bonds are payable, both as to principal and interest, from the receipts of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property located within the District, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.
- (3) The deposit with the Escrow Agent for the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the Order and the order authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Bonds (the "Refunded Bond Order") constitutes the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds; in reliance upon the representations contained in the Report, the Refunded Bonds, having been discharged and paid, are no longer outstanding and the lien on and pledge of ad valorem taxes as set forth in the Refunded Bond Order will be appropriately and legally defeased; the holders of the Refunded Bonds may obtain payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Bonds only out of the funds provided therefor now held by the Escrow Agent for the Refunded Bonds; and therefore the Refunded Bonds are deemed to be fully paid and no longer outstanding, except for the purpose of being paid from the funds provided therefor.
- (4) Under current law, interest on the Bonds (a) is not included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax and (c) is taken into account by applicable corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) for the alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. The opinion in (a) and (b) of the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that there is compliance subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied in order that interest thereon not be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with the current provisions of the Code regarding, among other matters, the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and the timely payment to the United States of any arbitrage rebate amounts with respect to the Bonds, all as set forth in the proceedings and documents relating to the issuance of the Bonds (the "Covenants"). Failure by the District to comply with the Covenants, among other things, could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to their date of issue. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences of the ownership of or receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds.

THE OPINIONS SET FORTH ABOVE are based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. Our services as bond counsel have been limited to delivering the foregoing opinion based on our review of such proceedings and documents as we deem necessary to approve the validity of the Bonds and the tax-exempt status of the interest thereon. Our services have not included any financial or other non-legal advice. We express no opinion herein as to the financial resources of the District, its ability to provide for payment of the Bonds or the accuracy or completeness of any information, including the District's Preliminary Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and its Official Statement dated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, that may have been relied upon by anyone in making the decision to purchase Bonds. We assume no duty to update or supplement these opinions to reflect

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any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or to reflect any changes in any law or the interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur or become effective.

Very truly yours,

## APPENDIX D

# EXCERPTS FROM THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The information contained in this Appendix consists of excerpts from the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2024, and is not intended to be a complete statement of the District's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Annual Financial Report for further information.



# MAYS & ASSOCIATES

## CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Baytown, Texas

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flow 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and TRS pension and OPEB schedules on pages 21-32 and 89-99 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Supplementary Information

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

## Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory and statistical sections but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 11, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mays & Associates Mays & Associates, PLLC

Baytown, Texas November 11, 2024

As management of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the District), we provide this narrative overview of the District's financial performance for the year ended June 30, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented below in conjunction with the information included in the independent auditors' report and the District's Basic Financial Statements which follow this section.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's total assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024 by \$129,742,419 on the government-wide financial statements. Of this amount, \$(47,880,298) represents unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations. Changes in revenue and expenses compared to the prior year continue to reflect the overall effects of GASB 68 and 75. In prior years, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Reporting for Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans (OPEB). With GASB No. 68, the District must recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability and with GASB No. 75, their proportionate share of the Net Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability of the Teacher Retirement System. The District's net Pension liability at year end totaled \$121.6 million and the OPEB liability at year end totaled \$48.1 million. Other local revenue was generated in the current fiscal year from the District's chapter 313 value limitation agreements. The District's total net position increased by \$4.3 million for the current fiscal period.

The District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$209,715,085 at June 30, 2024. Of this amount, \$141,167,103 is classified as non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned primarily for long-term debt, disaster recovery and construction obligations, resulting in \$68,547,983 unassigned and available to spend at the District's discretion.

At the end of the current fiscal period, the total fund balance for the general fund was \$104,983,167 or 38% of total general fund expenditures. The unassigned fund balance of \$68,547,983 (25% of total general fund expenditures) is available to spend at the District's discretion.

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Management's discussion and analysis (this section) is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements.

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both longterm 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. Proprietary fund

statements offer *short* and *long-term* financial information about the activities the government operates *like businesses*, such as the District's self-insurance workers' compensation program. *Fiduciary fund* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a *trustee or agent* for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

• The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The basic financial statements are followed by a section of other 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.

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

#### **Government-Wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. All the District's services are reported in the government-wide financial statements, including instruction, instructional leadership, student support services, curriculum and staff development, general administration and debt services. Property taxes, state foundation funds and grants finance most of these activities.

The Statement of Net Position includes all the government's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the two reported as total net position. Net position is one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net positions are indicators of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively. To fully assess the overall health of the District, however, non-financial factors need to be considered as well, such as changes in the District's average daily attendance, its property tax base and the condition of the District's facilities.

The Statement of Activities presents information for all the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related requirements. 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 used by the District 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 three fund types:

Governmental funds - Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps 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, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds, with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. In doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financial decisions. To further assist readers, reconciliations are provided that include additional information explaining the relationship (or differences) between the fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements on Exhibits C-2 and C-4.

The District maintains numerous governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund and capital project funds, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined in a single, aggregated presentation. The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General Fund, Child Nutrition Program, and Debt Service Fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets.

Proprietary funds – Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements only in more detail. Proprietary funds, like government-wide statements, provide both long- and short-term financial information. The District reports one type of proprietary fund, the Internal Service Fund. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the various functions. The District uses an internal service fund to report activities for its self-insured workers' compensation program.

Fiduciary funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for certain funds. It is also responsible for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, can be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary fund net position. The fiduciary funds are excluded from the activities reported in the District's government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

#### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. The Required Supplementary Information relates to comparison of the original adopted budget, the final amended budget, and the actual results for the fiscal period. This is required supplementary information for the general fund and any major special revenue funds. The District did not have any major special revenue funds during the period.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Presented in Tables I and II below are summarized Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities for both current period and prior-year data. Our analysis focuses on the current period and the comparison of prior year amounts on the net position (Table I) and changes in net position (Table II) of the District's governmental activities.

#### **Net Position**

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's total financial position. As of June 30, 2024, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceed liabilities and deferred inflows by \$129.7 million which is a net increase of \$4.3 million from 2023.

**Table I - Net Position Summary** 

	Governmental Activities						
		2024		2023			
Current and other assets	\$	266,600,474	\$	286,728,135			
Capital assets		764,469,102		773,543,511			
Total Assets		1,031,069,576		1,060,271,646			
Deferred Outflows of Resources		68,963,865		68,963,865			
Current liabilities		50,256,528		52,618,834			
Long-term liabilities		858,426,689		867,536,570			
Total Liabilities		908,683,217		920,155,404			
Deferred Inflows of Resources		83,666,519		83,666,519			
Net Investment in Capital Assets		131,213,969		125,904,920			
Restricted		46,408,748		35,333,424			
Unrestricted		(47,880,298)		(35,824,756)			
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$	129,742,419	\$	125,413,588			

Net Investment in Capital Assets used for governmental activities (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and construction in progress) is \$131.2 million as of June 30, 2024. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. Unrestricted net position, which can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements, amounted to \$(47.8) million at June 30, 2024.

## **Changes in Net Position**

The Net Position of the District increased by \$4.3 million for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The total revenue from taxpayers, user service fees, grants and other sources for the District was \$378.3 million, a decrease from fiscal year 2023 of \$8.4 million. Total expenses net of program revenues for 2024 were \$374 million or \$7.9 million higher than 2023 expenses.

**Table II - Changes in Net Position** 

	Governmental Activities					
Revenues		2024	2023			
Program Revenues:						
Charges for services	\$	5,788,022	\$	4,346,983		
Operating grants and contributions		48,378,573		66,383,106		
General Revenues:						
Property taxes		176,448,268		196,757,068		
State and other grants		122,038,870		96,190,009		
Other		25,647,577		23,003,230		
<b>Total Revenues</b>		378,301,310		386,680,396		
Expenses						
Instructional		204,656,819		198,370,023		
Instructional leadership		26,088,164		24,590,260		
Student support services		58,102,670		57,031,737		
General administration		10,554,036		10,748,713		
Support services		10,904,432		11,278,489		
Community services		849,481		880,928		
Interest expense & debt service fees		21,002,895		22,276,065		
Facilities repairs and maintenance		39,987,750		39,130,960		
Intergovernmental charges		1,826,232		1,743,780		
Total Expenses		373,972,479		366,050,955		
Increase (decrease) in net position		4,328,831		20,629,441		
<b>Beginning Net Position</b>		125,413,588		104,784,147		
Prior Period Adjustment		-		-		
<b>Ending Net Position</b>	\$	129,742,419	\$	125,413,588		

The increase in Net Position of \$4.3 million is due to the increase in operating grants and contributions, property taxes, investment earnings, and the continuing fluctuation in cost of post-employment benefits associated with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Statement No.75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions and pension related costs associated with Governmental Accounting Standards Board

(GASB), Statement No.68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. GASB Statement No. 75 established accounting and financial reporting requirements for governments that provide their employees with Post-Employment benefits other than pensions and GASB Statement No. 68 established accounting and financial reporting requirements for governments that provide their employees with pensions. The primary objective of these Statements was to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments.

The District participates in a statewide teacher retirement system (TRS), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. TRS is the largest public retirement system in Texas in both membership and assets. The TRS trust fund is sustained principally by three sources — earnings on investments, employer contributions, and member contributions. In fiscal year 2015, governments providing defined benefit pension plans were required to recognize their long-term obligation for pension benefits as a liability on their accrual-based, government-wide statement of net position. This provides citizens and other users of these financial reports with a clearer picture of the size and nature of the financial obligations to current and former employees. The Statement also enhances accountability and transparency through revised and new note disclosures and required supplementary information (RSI).

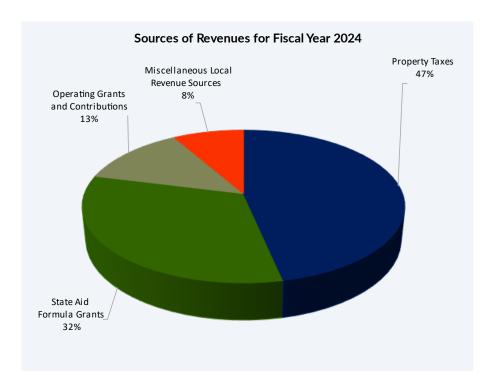
This was an important change that clearly depicts the government's financial position. While this information will, in some cases, give the appearance that a government is financially weaker than it was previously, the financial reality of the government's situation will not have changed. Reporting the net pension liability on the face of the financial statements will more clearly portray the government's financial status because the pension liability will be placed on an equal footing with other long-term obligations.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$121.6 million for its proportionate share of TRS's net pension liability and a net OPEB liability of \$48.1 million for its proportional share of the Districts Other Post-employment benefits other than Pension.

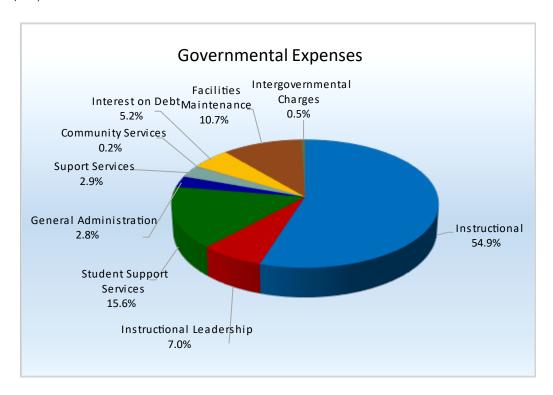
#### **Governmental Activities**

Total revenues for the District's governmental activities for the fiscal year decreased by \$8.4 million or 2% from fiscal year 2023. Local property tax revenues decreased by \$20 million and state funding, local and program revenues increased by \$11.9 million. Total expenses increased by \$6.4 million.

Approximately 47% of the District's revenues came from property taxes, charges for services, and other local revenue, while 53% was derived from state aid and operating grants.



The District expended 55% percent of total governmental expense for instructional activities. When combined with student and other support services such as transportation, counseling and nursing, 71% percent of the District's expenses were for direct student services. Total governmental activities expenses per pupil in average daily attendance totaled \$18,386 in 2024 versus \$16,650 in 2024.



#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements, bond covenants, and segregation for particular purposes.

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

As of June 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds (shown on Exhibit C-1) reported a combined ending fund balance of \$210 million, a decrease of \$17 million from the prior year, June 30, 2023.

Of the total fund balance, \$68 million, or approximately 33 percent, constitutes unassigned fund balance. The remainder of fund balance is non-spendable, restricted, committed or assigned for particular purposes as follows:

Nons pendable:	
Inventories	\$ 570,407
Prepaid items	2,190,692
Restricted:	
Grant Funds	14,870,453
Capital acquisitions and contractual obligation	34,613,499
Debt service	36,699,097
Restricted for other purposes	17,206,478
Committed:	
Committed for construction	
Committed for other purposes	33,656,090
Assigned:	
Assigned for other purposes	1,360,386
Unassigned:	
Unassigned	 68,547,983
Total Fund Balances	\$ 209,715,085

The General Fund is the primary fund of the District. As of June 30, 2024, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$68 million. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 25 percent of total general fund expenditures for the year ended June 30, 2024, while total fund balance represents 50 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the District's general fund decreased \$11.6 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. The decrease in fund balance resulted from due to the end of ESSER funding to offset expenditures and a 2% one-time payment to employees. However, ESSER funds were strategically added to fund balance and the glide method was implemented to ensure a soft fiscal landing versus a fiscal cliff experienced by many districts.

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The Debt Service Fund realized revenues of \$65 million and expenditures of \$55 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. The fund balance of the debt service fund, restricted for the payment of the District's debt, increased to \$36.7 million as of June 30, 2024

The Capital Projects fund includes revenues of \$16.3 million from Ch 313 pilot (supplemental) payments, foreign trade zone revenues and investment earnings. The Capital Projects Fund incurred construction-related expenditures of \$33 million for the year ended June 30, 2024. Projects for 2024 included renovations to central administration, facilities management complex renovations, fabrication center and fine arts, technology projects, and begun construction of technology warehouse and Stallworth fieldhouse, facility district-wide improvements to various facilities. Fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund at June 30, 2024 was \$51.4 million.

The Proprietary Funds statements (Exhibit D-1 to D-3) provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statement but in more detail. The District's internal service fund is used to support governmental activities of the District's self-insured workers' compensation program. The District's self-insured workers' compensation program total net position was \$4.1 million at June 30, 2024.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The District adopted a deficit operating budget for fiscal year 2024. The adopted budget revenues for 2024 were increased by \$4.2 million (from \$249.4M to \$253.6M) due to increase in investment earnings. In addition, the District increased its budgeted operating expenditures by \$4.2 million (\$271.2M to \$275.4M). These budget amendments were primarily for encumbrance carry-forwards, increase cost for property & casualty insurance premium, HCAD appraisal district, discipline placement, implementation of Section 10 of HB3, and insurance deductible for water leak damage to high school campus precautionary function coverage.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, actual revenues were higher than estimated revenues by \$8.9 million. This favorable variance resulted primarily from an increase in interest earnings, local and state funding from enrollment growth, and in TRS on-behalf. In addition, actual expenditures fell below budgeted expenditures and other sources and uses by \$1.2K. This favorable variance resulted primarily the delay in receiving goods and services ordered resulted in outstanding encumbrances to be rolled forward to the next fiscal year.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2024, the District's investment in capital assets was \$764.5 million, net of accumulated depreciation. The investments in capital assets include a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and improvements (including infrastructure), furniture and equipment and construction in progress (see Table III). This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$2.3 million from last year.

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**Table III - Capital Asset Summary** 

	Governmental Activities				
		2024		2023	
Land	\$	33,745,465	\$	33,745,465	
Buildings and Improvements		921,015,345		913,595,513	
Furniture and Equipment		169,403,107		165,490,922	
Construction in Progress		29,955,967		18,498,944	
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(389,650,782)		(357,787,333)	
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	\$	764,469,102	\$	773,543,511	

While total capital assets decreased by \$9.1 million, it is important to note that \$4.8 million of Construction in Progress projects were completed and placed in service, as reflected in the Buildings and Improvements category from 2023 to 2024. Such projects include renovations to the central administration building, facility management complex and fabrication center. Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note II.B. of the financial statements.

### **Long-Term Liabilities**

At June 30, 2024, the District had long-term liabilities of \$697 million. In addition, Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2019 totaling \$32 million were issued to fund energy savings projects within the District. The project was completed in fiscal year 2020-2021 and has a balance of \$24.3 million. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in Note II.E. and II.F. of the financial statements.

The District's bonds are rated "AAA" by both Standard and Poor's and Fitch Ratings as a result of the guarantee by the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas.

Table IV - District's Outstanding Debt

	Beginning					Ending
Governmental Activities	 Balance	A	dditions	]	Reductions	Balance
Bonds Payable (net)	\$ 614,457,572	\$	-	\$	(31,080,000)	\$ 583,377,572
Other Liabilities	94,214,293		158,107		(5,009,055)	89,363,345
Loans	26,341,000		-		(2,058,000)	24,283,000
<b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>	\$ 735,012,865	\$	158,107	\$	(38,147,055)	\$ 697,023,917

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### **Economic Factors, Next Year's Budgets and Tax Rates**

House Bill 3 (HB 3), a sweeping and historic school finance bill was passed by the 86th Texas Legislature in 2019. HB 3 is one of the most transformative Texas education bills in recent history. The bill provides more money for Texas classrooms, increases teacher compensation, reduces recapture and cuts local property taxes for Texas taxpayers. The Basic Allotment increased from \$5,140 to \$6,160 for the 2019 school year, however there has been no increase in the basic allotment since the bill was signed into law. Though the 88th Texas Legislature has been called back by Governor Abbott for three special sessions and the state had an unprecedented \$33 billion surplus at the beginning of the last session, thus far no significant additional funding has been provided for public education. Instead, the legislative priorities have been centered around taxpayer relief, voucher programs, border security, and school safety. The latter includes an unfunded mandate set forth by House Bill 3, requiring at least one armed security officer be present on each campus.

The impact of COVID-19 has had lasting effects in that declines in average daily attendance have been plaguing school districts across the country. According to the American Enterprise Institute, chronic absenteeism has nearly doubled since before the pandemic. The 2024 school year resulted in a decrease in enrollment of over 300 students to approximately 24,108 when compared to last year due to The Bob Hope School opening within district boundaries. However, average daily attendance decreased by only 86 students, which is the metric by which the district is funded. Similar to national trends, average daily attendance has waned and the district has yet to break the 22,000 mark since the 2019 school year. The District anticipates flat to modest growth in enrollment over the next five years, estimated up to one percent annually.

The 2024-2025 adopted General Fund budget appropriates \$266 million compared to a \$275 million final amended budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The reason for the year-over-year decrease is due to the end of ESSER funding and the related budget reductions. Even with the reductions, the District was able to offer a 4% general pay increase for all employees in the 2024-2025 budget to remain competitive.

Following the adoption of the 2024-25 budget, the district was notified of a shortfall in the health insurance program for employees. In order to maintain lower premiums, the board of trustees approved a subsidy of approximately \$12 million for this school year. The District will include any additional insurance costs in the proposed 2025-2026 General Fund budget for which planning will begin early next year.

The District's 2024-2025 budget included a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$.7475 and a debt service tax rate of \$.325 for a total tax rate of \$1.0725 which represents a decrease in the total tax rate of cent from the prior year which is attributable to the maintenance and operations tax rate only. The board of trustees opted to adopt a tax rate one cent lower than the voter approved tax rate to afford local taxpayers a measure of property tax relief. The debt service tax rate remained the same year over year.

In May 2019 the voters authorized the issuance of bonds totaling \$335,725,000 for the construction, acquisition and equipment of school buildings, including facility renovations and

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improvements and district-wide technology upgrades, the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings, and the purchase of new school buses. The District sold \$128 million in bonds during fiscal year 2020, \$118 million in September of 2020, and the remaining \$90 million in June of 2021.

The District has entered into agreements pursuant to Tax Code, Chapter 313, Texas Economic Development Act, to strengthen the local economy by expanding the ad valorem property tax base. Long-term financial projections include additional local revenues which will help to improve the overall performance of the District's education system. However, the 88<sup>th</sup> legislature made substantial changes to the rules by allowing Chapter 313 of the Tax Code to expire and adding Chapter 403 to the Government Code, which essentially prohibits school districts from benefiting from such agreements in the future. However, current agreements continue unchanged under the former Chapter 313 rules.

### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the District's financial services office.

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### BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2024



## GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

Data		Primary Government
Control		Governmental
Code	rs .	Activities
ASSI	EIS	
1110 1120 1220 1230 1240 1290 1300 1410 1490	Current Investments Property Taxes - Delinquent Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes Due from Other Governments Other Receivables. Net Inventories Prepayments	\$ 202,763,671 5,036,438 15,802,752 (5,008,853) 44,973,498 256,869 570,407 2,190,692 15,000
1510 1520 1530 1580	Buildings, Net Furniture and Equipment, Net	33,745,465 606,798,383 93,969,287 
1000	Total Assets	1,031,069,576
DEFI	ERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	·
1701 1705 1706		10,672,581 49,945,972 25,106,193
1700	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	85,724,746
LIAE	BILITIES	·
2110 2140 2150 2160 2177 2180 2200 2300	Accrued Interest Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Accrued Wages Payable Due to Fiduciary Funds Due to Other Governments Accrued Expenses	6,920,570 8,304,254 4,281,227 27,409,327 397,481 128,075 1,930,002 885,592
2501	Due Within One Year: Loans, Note, etc. Due in More than One Year:	34,455,000
2502 2540 2545	Net Pension Liability (District's Share)	654,264,663 121.616.736 48,090,290
2000	Total Liabilities	908,683,217
DEFE	ERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
2605 2606	Deferred Inflow Related to TRS Pension Deferred Inflow Related to TRS OPEB	5,836,008 72,532,678
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	78,368,686
NET	POSITION	
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted:	131,213,969
3820 3850 3890 3900	Restricted for Debt Service Restricted for Other Purposes	15,024,064 30,924,446 460.238 (47,880,298)
3000	Total Net Position	\$ 129,742,419

## GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net

Data					Program R	evenues	•	Position
Control			1		3	4		6
Codes						Operating		Primary Gov.
Codes					Charges for	Grants and		Governmental
			Expenses		Services	Contributions		Activities
Primary Government:								
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:								
11 Instruction		\$	192,813,219	\$	2,659,618	18,734,953	\$	(171,418,648)
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services			2,037,006		-	55,745		(1,981,261)
13 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Developme	ent		9,806,594		-	5,110,995		(4,695,599)
21 Instructional Leadership			6,248,676		-	316,217		(5,932,459)
23 School Leadership			19,839,488		-	558,019		(19,281,469)
31 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Service	S		11,303,693		-	1,253,006		(10,050,687)
32 Social Work Services			3,400,801		-	396,089		(3,004,712)
33 Health Services			3,160,965		-	163,019		(2,997,946)
34 Student (Pupil) Transportation			15,441,733		121,435	380,171		(14,940,127)
35 Food Services			16,734,754		2,366,861	13,476,225		(891,668)
36 Extracurricular Activities			8,060,724		370,909	309,764		(7,380,051)
41 General Administration			10,554,036		-	666,902		(9,887,134)
51 Facilities Maintenance and Operations			39,987,750		269,199	1,652,110		(38,066,441)
52 Security and Monitoring Services			5,713,578		-	140,314		(5,573,264)
53 Data Processing Services			5,190,854		-	309,104		(4,881,750)
61 Community Services			849,481		-	604,105		(245,376)
72 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt			20,983,245		-	4,251,835		(16,731,410)
73 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees			19,650		-	-		(19,650)
95 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed.	Prg.		134,060		-	-		(134,060)
99 Other Intergovernmental Charges			1,692,172			-		(1,692,172)
[TP] TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:		\$	373,972,479	\$	5,788,022	48,378,573		(319,805,884)
Data								
Control	General Rev	enu	ies:					
Codes	Taxes:							
MT	Prope	erty	Taxes, Levied	for (	General Purposes			117,505,056
DT	Prope	erty	Taxes, Levied	for l	Debt Service			58,943,212
SF	State Ai	d -	Formula Grants	S				118,929,824
GC	Grants a	and	Contributions 1	not l	Restricted			3,109,046
IE	Investm	ent	Earnings					9,966,614
MI	Miscella	anec	ous Local and Ir	nterr	nediate Revenue			15,680,963
TR	Total Ger	nera	l Revenues					324,134,715
CN			Change in N	et P	osition			4,328,831
NB	Net Position	n - I	Beginning					125,413,588
NE	Net Position	n - l	Ending				\$	129,742,419

### GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

### GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

Data	10	50	60
Control	General	Debt Service	Capital
Codes	Fund	Fund	Projects Fund
ASSETS			
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 123,034,286	36,652,570	\$ 38,293,700
1120 Investments - Current	5,036,438	=	=
1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent	12,099,299	3,703,453	-
1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(3,835,003)	(1,173,850)	-
1240 Due from Other Governments	36,848,394	367,710	-
1260 Due from Other Funds	5,190,723	9,337	16,812,834
1290 Other Receivables	236,140	-	113
1300 Inventories	416,796	-	-
1410 Prepayments	2,190,692	-	-
1490 Other Current Assets	 15,000	<del>-</del>	<del>-</del>
1000 Total Assets	\$ 181,232,765	39,559,220	\$ 55,106,647
LIABILITIES	 		
2110 Accounts Payable	\$ 3,325,788	-	\$ 2,458,598
2150 Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable	4,175,219	-	-
2160 Accrued Wages Payable	24,796,613	-	-
2170 Due to Other Funds	35,544,686	330,520	-
2180 Due to Other Governments	116,643	-	=
2200 Accrued Expenditures	26,303	-	1,287,310
2300 Unearned Revenue	 50	-	1,000
2000 Total Liabilities	 67,985,302	330,520	3,746,908
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
2601 Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	8,264,296	2,529,603	-
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 8,264,296	2,529,603	-
FUND BALANCES	 		
Nonspendable Fund Balance:			
3410 Inventories	416,796	_	_
3430 Prepaid Items	2,190,692	_	-
Restricted Fund Balance:			
3450 Federal or State Funds Grant Restriction	-	_	-
3470 Capital Acquisition and Contractural Obligation	-	-	34,613,499
3480 Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	36,699,097	=
Other Restricted Fund Balance	-	-	16,746,240
Committed Fund Balance:	22.467.240		
Other Committed Fund Balance	32,467,310	-	-
Assigned Fund Balance:	1 260 206		
3590 Other Assigned Fund Balance	1,360,386	-	=
3600 Unassigned Fund Balance	 68,547,983	<del>-</del>	
3000 Total Fund Balances	 104,983,167	36,699,097	51,359,739
4000 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances	\$ 181,232,765	39,559,220	\$ 55,106,647

_	Nonmajor Governmental Funds		Total Governmental Funds
\$	7,570 - -	\$	197,988,126 5,036,438 15,802,752
	-		(5,008,853)
	7,757,394		44,973,498
	18,325,034 20,616		40,337,928 256,869
	153,611		570,407
	-		2,190,692
_		_	15,000
\$	26,264,225	\$	302,162,857
\$	1,116,244	\$	6,900,630
	106,008		4,281,227
	2,612,714 4,860,203		27,409,327 40,735,409
	11,432		128,075
	11,432		1,313,613
	884,542		885,592
_	9,591,143		81,653,873
	-		10,793,899
	-		10,793,899
_			
	153,611		570,407
	-		2,190,692
	14,870,453		14,870,453
	-		34,613,499
	-		36,699,097
	460,238		17,206,478
	1,188,780		33,656,090
	-		1,360,386
_		_	68,547,983
	16,673,082	_	209,715,085
\$	26,264,225	\$	302,162,857

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# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2024

EXHIBIT C-2

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 209,715,085
1 The District uses internal service fund to charge the costs of the District's self-insured workers' compensation plan. The assets and liabilities of the internal service fund are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase net position.	4,139,216
2 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. The cost of these assets is \$1,154,119,884 and the accumulated depreciation is \$389,650,782. The net effect is an increase to net position (See Note II. B.).	764,469,102
3 Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, and liabilities associated with long-term debt, are not due and payable in the current period, and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. The effect of these long-term liabilities is a decrease to net position (See Note II. E.).	(688,719,663)
4 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability required by GASB 68 in the amount of \$121,616,736, a deferred inflow of resources related to TRS in the amount of \$5,836,008, and a deferred outflow of resources related to TRS in the amount of \$49,945,972. The effect of these pension related items is a decrease to net position (See Note III.E.).	(77,506,772)
5 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability required by GASB 75 in the amount of \$48,090,290, a deferred inflow of resources related to TRS in the amount of \$72,532,678, and a deferred outflow of resources related to TRS in the amount of \$25,106,193. The effect of these pension related items is a decrease to net position (See Note III.C.).	(95,516,775)
6 Recognizing deferred revenue (property taxes) as revenue in the government-wide statements to convert from modified accrual basis of accounting to the accrual basis of accounting. The net effect is an increase to net position.	10,793,899
7 Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include eliminating interfund transactions, recognizing the bond components (deferred charge on refunding) associated with bonds, and accrued interest. The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to increase net position.	2,368,327
29 Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 129,742,419

## GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Data Control Codes		10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects Fund
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources 5800 State Program Revenues 5900 Federal Program Revenues	\$	127,876,628 \$ 132,951,935 1,737,713	60,580,324 4,251,835	\$ 16,328,496
5020 Total Revenues		262,566,276	64,832,159	16,328,496
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development 0021 Instructional Leadership 0023 School Leadership 0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services 0032 Social Work Services 0033 Health Services 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation 0035 Food Services 0036 Extracurricular Activities 0041 General Administration 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 0052 Security and Monitoring Services 0053 Data Processing Services 0061 Community Services 0061 Community Services		156,772,111 1,816,413 3,868,596 5,430,428 17,075,113 9,113,802 2,707,587 2,747,611 13,572,793 - 6,235,159 9,362,862 30,791,222 5,004,407 4,751,071 157,937	-	5,906,688  930,233 - 22,518 - 485,482 438,650 554,663
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities 0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities 0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees Capital Outlay:		2,058,000 774,425 -	31,080,000 23,577,682 19,650	- - -
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction Intergovernmental:		126,163	-	24,268,359
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg. 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges		134,060 1,692,172	-	-
6030 Total Expenditures		274,191,932	54,677,332	32,606,593
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<del></del>	(11,625,656)	10,154,827	(16,278,097)
0100 Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)		116,608,823	26,544,270	67,637,836
3000 Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$	104,983,167 \$	36,699,097	\$ 51,359,739

Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 5,866,479 4,051,712 30,990,262	\$ 210,651,927 141,255,482 32,727,975
40,908,453	384,635,384
15,249,557 - 4,997,665 147,661 - 970,551 326,991 72,742 - 15,638,676 1,130,278 - 1,177,472	177,928,356 1,816,413 8,866,261 5,578,089 17,075,113 10,084,353 3,034,578 2,820,353 14,503,026 15,638,676 7,387,955 9,362,862 32,454,176
-	5,443,057 5,305,734
600,834	758,771
- - -	33,138,000 24,352,107 19,650
- -	24,394,522 134,060 1,692,172
40,312,427	401,788,284
596,026 16,077,056	(17,152,900) 226,867,985
\$ 16,673,082	

### EXHIBIT C-4

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ (17,152,900)
The District uses an internal service fund to charge the costs of the District's self-insured workers' compensation plan to appropriate functions in other funds. The net profit of internal service funds are reported with governmental activities. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase net position.	727,561
Current year capital outlays are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of removing capital outlays is to increase net position. (See Note II. B.)	29,794,140
The governmental funds report bond proceeds as an other financing source, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. Also, governmental funds report bond premiums and discounts when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. The effect is to increase net position. (See Note II. E.)	37,499,080
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position. (See Note II.B.)	(38,023,370)
Changes in the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas for the current year are not reported in governmental funds but are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of these changes is a decrease to net position.	(13,932,187)
Changes in the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources, and deferred inflows of resources related to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) for the current year are not reported in governmental funds but are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of these changes is a increase to net position.	9,083,788
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing deferred revenue as revenue, adjusting current year revenue to show the revenue earned from the current year's tax levy (\$1,829,884), eliminating interfund transactions, recognizing the net effect of retirement of capital assets (\$845,179), and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt and interest (\$992,218). The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to decrease net position.	(3,667,281)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 4,328,831

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities -	
	Internal Service Fund	
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,775,545	
Total Assets	4,775,545	
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	19,940	
Accrued Expenses	616,389	
Total Liabilities	636,329	
NET POSITION		
Unrestricted Net Position	4,139,216	
Total Net Position	\$ 4,139,216	

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities -
	Internal Service Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 1,276,116
Total Operating Revenues	1,276,116
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Payroll Costs	548,555
Total Operating Expenses	548,555
Operating Income	727,561
Total Net Position - July 1 (Beginning)	3,411,655
Total Net Position - June 30 (Ending)	\$ 4,139,216

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities -
	Internal Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:  Cash Received from User Charges  Cash Payments for Insurance Claims	\$ 1,276,116 (451,987)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	824,129
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	824,129 3,951,416
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 4,775,545
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash  Provided by Operating Activities: Operating Income:	\$ 727,561
Effect of Increases and Decreases in Current Assets and Liabilities: Increase (decrease) in Accounts Payable Increase (decrease) in Accrued Expenses	(5,950) 102,518
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 824,129

# GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	Private Purpose Trust Fund	(	Total Custodial Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Other Funds Other Receivables	\$ 180,322 8,541	\$	510,500 388,940 944
Total Assets	188,863	\$	900,384
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	1,000		97,478
Total Liabilities	1,000		97,478
NET POSITION			
Restricted for Campus Activities	-		792,987
Restricted for Scholarships Restricted for Other Purposes	187,863		- 9,919
Total Net Position	\$ 187,863	\$	802,906

## GOOSE CREEK CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	F	Private Purpose Trust Fund		Total Custodial Funds		
ADDITIONS:						
Miscellaneous Revenue - Student Activities	\$	-	\$	1,223,370		
Earnings from Temporary Deposits		9,435		-		
Contributions, Gifts and Donations		38,000		-		
Miscellaneous Additions		=		47,500		
Total Additions		47,435		1,270,870		
DEDUCTIONS:						
Other Deductions		8,000		1,206,641		
Total Deductions		8,000		1,206,641		
Change in Fiduciary Net Position		39,435		64,229		
Total Net Position - July 1 (Beginning)		148,428		738,677		
Total Net Position - June 30 (Ending)	\$	187,863	\$	802,906		

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#### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") and other authoritative sources identified in *Statement on Auditing Standards No. 69*, as amended by *Statement on Auditing Standards No.'s 91 and 93* of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("AICPA"); and it complies with the requirements of the appropriate version of Texas Education Agency's ("TEA") Financial Accountability System Resource Guide (FASRG) and the requirements of contracts and grants of agencies from which it receives funds.

### A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Trustees (the "Board"), a seven member group, has fiscal responsibility over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of the District. The public elects the Board that corporately 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 Texas State Board of Education are reserved for the Board, and TEA may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the Board. The District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined by GASB Statement No. 61, "The Financial Reporting Entity": Omnibus - an amendment by GASB Statements No. 14 and 34. There are no component units or entities for which the District is considered financially accountable included within the reporting entity.

### B. Basis of Presentation

### 1. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements, which includes the statement of net position and the statement of activities, report on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the District's primary government. These statements exclude the effects of interfund activities that do not involve services provided or used. In this context, the District's governmental activities are typically funded by tax revenues and intergovernmental revenues. The District does not have business-type activities, which would normally depend significantly on fees and charges for financial support.

The statement of activities provides a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. *Direct expenses* are specifically associated with a program or function and are clearly attributable to that function. *Indirect costs* are allocated proportionally, based on the ratio of function's expense to total expense. *Program revenues* are categorized as 1) Charges for services, goods, or privileges purchased by students, applicants, or users who directly benefit from a specific function and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting operational or capital requirements of a particular function.

Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, such as taxes, are reported as *general* revenues.

#### 2. Fund Financial Statements

The District presents separate financial statements for governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds, though excluded from the government-wide financial statements, are still reported in separate fiduciary fund financial statements. During the fiscal year, the District segregates transactions related to specific functions or activities into separate funds to aid financial management and demonstrate legal compliance.

Fund financial statements are designed to present the District's financial information at a more detailed level, with the focus on major funds. These major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns to highlight their financial activity. All remaining nonmajor governmental funds are aggregated and presented in a single column for reporting purposes.

Additionally, proprietary funds are reported separately, and fiduciary funds are presented in their own financial statements, even though they are not included in the government-wide statements.

### C. Fund Accounting

The District utilizes funds to manage and organize its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is an accounting entity with its own set of self-balancing accounts, meaning it independently tracks its financial resources and obligations. There are three categories of funds: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

#### 1. Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the District are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources is reported as fund balance. The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – is the District's primary operating fund and accounts for resources that
finance the fundamental operations of the District. It includes all financial resources
not required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources for the
General Fund include local property taxes and state funding, such as the Foundation
School Program.

This fund covers all expenditures related to the District's daily operations, except for specific programs funded by federal or state government, as well as food service, debt service, and capital projects. It plays a central role in supporting the District's mission, in partnership with the community, to enable and motivate students to reach their full potential. The General Fund is a budgeted fund, and any fund balances are considered resources available for current operations.

- **Debt Service Fund** is the used to account for the accumulation of resources to pay the principal and interest on long-term debt issued by the District. These funds ensure that the District can meet its debt obligations as they come due. Major revenue sources for the Debt Service Fund include dedicated property taxes. Transfers from other funds or special assessments that set aside to pay off debt. This is a budgeted fund and a separate bank account is maintained for this fund. Any unused sinking fund balances are transferred to the General Fund after all the related debt obligations have been met.
- Capital Projects Fund This fund accounts for proceeds from the sale of voter-approved bonds and other resources to be used for Board authorized acquisition, construction, and renovations of major capital facilities as well as providing their furnishings and equipment. Upon completion of a bond project, any unused proceeds are transferred to the debt service fund to retire related bond principal.
- Nonmajor Governmental Funds account for grants and other resources of the District
  whose uses are restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by a grantor. Federal
  and state financial assistance generally is accounted for in a special revenue fund.
  Generally, unused balances are returned to the grantor at the close of the specified
  project periods. With respect to the food service and campus activity funds, funds are
  rolled over from year to year for use in the program.

### 2. Proprietary Fund

Proprietary funds are used to account for operations that are similar to private businesses, where goods or services are provided to external parties for a fee and distinguished between operating and non-operating revenues and expenses. The two main types of proprietary funds are *enterprise funds* and *internal service funds*.

The District uses internal service funds to account for specific services provided to other funds or departments on a cost reimbursement basis. The District uses the following internal service fund:

• Workers' Compensation Fund – The District's statutory workers' compensation obligations are accounted for in the internal service fund using a cost reimbursement basis. All funds within the District that expend resources for salaries and wages contribute a percentage to the workers' compensation program. The operating revenues of the District's internal service fund includes charges for self-funded worker's compensation services provided to other funds and/or employees of the District. Operating expenses consists of insurance claims, premiums and administrative costs associated with the workers' compensation program.

### 3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary Funds are used to manage resources that the Districts holds in a trust or as an agent for others, such as pension funds, scholarship donations, or various campus organization fundraising resources.

Fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements because they do not belong to the government but are held in trust for others. The District uses the following fiduciary funds:

- Private Purpose Trust Fund This fund accounts for donations to scholarship funds received by the District for awards to current and former students for post-secondary education purposes.
- Custodial Funds These funds accounts for the resources raised by student groups
  and various other campus organizations received by the District in a custodial
  capacity that do not constitute District property. However, the District's role is
  considered to be substantive because in the absence of an approved policy, the
  faculty advisor has the ability to reject, modify, or approve how the resources are
  being spent.

The private purpose trust fund and custodial funds meet the requirements for reporting as fiduciary activities. The assets derived from these funds are not from the District's owned revenue sources. In addition, they do not meet the criteria for District-mandated or voluntary nonexchange transactions. Lastly, these assets are for the benefits of individuals, namely students or others, and the District does not have administrative involvement or direct financial involvement for these funds.

#### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

### 1. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using a flow of *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements. All assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District are included in the statement of net position. Revenues are recorded when earned, and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recorded as revenues in the year of levy.

### 2. Fund Financial Statements

The Governmental fund statements are prepared using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements reflect only current assets (such as cash and receivables expected to be collected within the year) and current liabilities (those expected to be settled within the fiscal year). Long-term assets and liabilities, such as capital assets and long-term debt, are not reported in these statements.

Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable (the amount can be determined) and available (expected to be collected within the current period or within 60 days after the fiscal year ends). Property tax revenue and state funding follow the susceptible-to-accrual concept, meaning they must be available and measurable to be recognized. Taxes not collected within 60 days are reported as deferred inflows of resources. Miscellaneous revenues, such as fees or minor revenues, are recorded when received because they are

generally not measurable until collection. Interest revenue and building rentals are recognized when earned, as they are measurable and available. State and Federal grants revenue is recognized when eligible expenditures are incurred. If funds are received before expenditures are made, they are recorded as unearned revenues. If expenditures are made before receiving grant funds, they are reported as receivables.

Expenditures are recognized when a liability is incurred, similar to accrual accounting. However, debt service payments (principal and interest), compensated absences, claims, and judgments are recorded only when payment is due, not when the liability is incurred.

The government-wide financial statements (using the *accrual basis*) include all assets and liabilities, including long-term ones. In contrast, the fund financial statements (using *modified accrual*) exclude long-term items like capital assets and long-term debt. As a result, reconciliations are provided in the fund financial statements to explain these differences.

### 3. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue, the recording of unearned revenue, and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

### Revenues-Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions

Revenues resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On the modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the fiscal year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means the resources will be collected within the current fiscal year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current fiscal year. For the District, available means expected to be received within sixty days of fiscal year end.

Grant revenues and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the fiscal year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the District must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the District on a reimbursement basis.

On the modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must be available before it can be recognized. Tax revenues are considered available when collected.

#### Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues arise when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria has been satisfied.

Property taxes for which there is an enforceable legal claim as of January 1, but which were levied to current fiscal year operations, are recorded as deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenue in both the government-wide and fund financial statements.

In governmental fund financial statements, receivables that will not be collected within the available period are reported as deferred inflows of resources.

### • Expenses/Expenditures

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred.

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on the decrease in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of costs, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

### E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Equity

### 1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows for proprietary funds, the District considers cash on hand, demand deposits, investment pools, and short-term investments with maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition to be cash and cash equivalents.

### 2. Deposits and Investments

Under Texas state law, a bank serving as the school depository must have a bond, or in lieu thereof, deposited or pledged securities with the District or an independent third party agent, in an amount equal to the highest daily balance of all deposits the District may have during the term of the depository contract, less any applicable FDIC insurance.

Investments consist of balances in privately managed public funds investment pools, certificates of deposit, and U.S. agencies. Investments in local government investment pools are valued and recorded at amortized costs as permitted by GASB Statement No. 79, Certain Investment Pools and Pool Participants. Investments with maturities of 12 months or less at the date of purchase are held at amortized cost and net asset value (NAV). Investments with maturities exceeding 12 months at the date of purchase are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices at year-end date.

The District categorizes fair value measurements of its investments based on the hierarchy established by GAAP. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices included in Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

### 3. Property Taxes

The District levies property taxes on October 1, as per the Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due upon receipt of the bill and become delinquent after February 1 of the following year, subject to interest and penalties. A tax lien is attached to properties on January 1 to secure payment.

Delinquent taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of levy. A significant portion of delinquent taxes outstanding at any fiscal year end is generally not collected in the ensuing fiscal year. Allowances for uncollectible taxes within the general and debt service funds are based on historical experience in collecting taxes. Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the District is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature.

### 4. Inter-fund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded in all affected funds in the period in which transactions are executed in the normal course of operations. Interfund receivables and payables are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements as are transfers between funds.

#### 5. Inventories

The District reports inventories of supplies using the first-in, first-out method of accounting. Inventories for food, school, maintenance, and custodial supplies are carried at cost and charged to a respective fund expenditure account when consumed. Inventories of food commodities are recorded at fair values. Although commodities are received at no cost, their fair value is provided by the Texas Department of Agriculture and recorded as inventory and unearned revenue when received. When requisitioned, inventory and unearned revenue are relieved, expenditures are charged, and revenue is recognized in an equal amount.

### 6. Prepayments (i.e., Deferred Expenditures/Expenses)

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to the next fiscal period and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items are accounted for using the consumption method and are recognized as expenditures/expenses proportionately over the periods in which the services are provided.

### 7. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. The District defines capital assets as those with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life of more than five years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost, or if unavailable, at estimated historical cost. Donated assets are recorded at their acquisition value or estimated fair value on the date of donation.

Furniture and equipment costing in excess of \$5,000 are capitalized. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its life are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed, but interest incurred during construction is not capitalized. When assets are retired or disposed of, their related costs or other recorded amounts are removed from the records.

Capital assets of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which are as follows:

Capital Asset:	Years
Land Improvements	20
Buildings	40-60
Building Improvements	20
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	5-10
Buses & Vehicles	7-15

### 8. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources are reported in the statement of net position and balance sheet as described below:

A *deferred outflow of resources* is a consumption of a government's net assets (a decrease in assets in excess of any related decrease in liabilities or an increase in liabilities in excess of any related increase in assets) by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category:

 Deferred outflow of resources for refunding – Reported in the government-wide statement of net position, this deferred charge on refunding results from the difference in the carrying value of refunded debt and its reacquisition price. This amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.

- Deferred outflow of resources for pension Reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position, this deferred outflow results from pension plan contributions made after the measurement date of the net pension liability and the results of differences between expected and actual actuarial experiences. The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next fiscal year. The other pension related deferred outflows will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive employees) that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.
- Deferred outflow of resources for OPEB Reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position, this deferred outflow results from OPEB plan contributions made after the measurement date of the net OPEB liability and the results of differences between expected and actual investment earnings and changes in proportionate share. The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the next fiscal year. The other OPEB related deferred outflows will be amortized over the expected remaining service lives of all employees (active and inactive employees) that are provided with OPEB through the OPEB plan.

A *deferred inflow of resources* is an acquisition of a government's net assets (an increase in assets in excess of any related increase in liabilities or a decrease in liabilities in excess of any related decrease in assets) by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category:

- Deferred inflow of resources for unavailable revenues Reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet, unavailable revenues from property taxes arise under the modified accrual basis of accounting. The amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.
- Deferred inflow of resources for pension Reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position, these deferred inflows result primarily from differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments. These amounts will be amortized over a closed five year period.
- Deferred inflow of resources for OPEB Reported in the government-wide financial statement of net position, these deferred inflows result primarily from differences between expected and actual experience and from changes in assumptions. These amounts will be amortized over the average expected remailing service life of all members.

### 9. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term indebtedness is reported as a liability. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as defeasance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method in the government-wide financial statements. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium, discount, and other costs.

In the fund financial statements, bond premiums (net of discounts) are recognized in the current period and recorded as other financing sources. Issuance costs are recognized in the current period as debt service expenditures. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources; whereas, bonds refunded during the period are recorded as other financing uses.

### 10. Compensated Absences

District employees earning vacation leave are permitted to accumulate up to five unused days to be used in the next fiscal year. Such days do not vest. Accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. District employees are entitled to sick leave based on category/class of employment. Sick leave accumulates but does not vest. Therefore, a liability for unused sick leave has not been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

#### 11. Pensions

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

### 12. Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

#### 13. Fund Balance

Generally, governmental fund balances represent the difference between the current assets and deferred outflows of resources, and current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The government fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective government funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- Nonspendable includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. (Inventories and Prepaid Items are considered Nonspendable as these items are not expected to be converted to cash or are not expected to be converted to cash within the next year.)
- **Restricted** includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Committed** includes amounts constrained to specific purposes by the District itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority (i.e., the Board of Trustees). To be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purposes unless the District takes the same highest level of action to remove or change the constraint.

The District establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution or ordinance. A fund balance commitment is further indicated in the budget document as a commitment of the fund. The District has committed 100 percent of Fund 461 Campus Activity Funds' fund balance.

- Assigned includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a
  specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed
  by the Board or through the Board delegating this responsibility to the Superintendent or
  Chief Financial Officer through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the
  remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the general fund.
- **Unassigned** includes the residual fund balance for amounts that have not been assigned to other funds or restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose within the *general fund*. The *Unassigned* classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of *Assigned* fund balance amounts.

The Board has adopted a minimum fund balance policy for the *general fund* and *debt service fund* to have sufficient working capital and a margin of safety to address local and regional emergencies without borrowing. This policy requires the District to maintain three months unassigned fund balance in the general fund and ten percent of the projected annual debt service payments in restricted fund balance in the debt service fund.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Board has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

#### 14. Net Position

Net Position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The classifications used in the government-wide financial statements are as follows:

- Net investment in capital assets This amount consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding debt that is attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of the assets.
- Restricted net position This amount is restricted by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments.
- Unrestricted net position This amount is the net position that does not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted net position".

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

#### 15. Budgetary Data

The Board adopts an "appropriated budget" for the General Fund, Debt Services Fund, and the Child Nutrition Program (which is included in the Nonmajor Governmental Funds). The District compares the final amended budget to actual revenues and expenditures. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules appear in Exhibits G-1, J-2, and J-3.

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

- a) Prior to June 20, the District prepares an operating budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 1. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b) A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget. At least ten day's public notice of the meeting must be given.
- c) Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board. Once a budget is approved, it can only be amended at the function and fund level by approval of a majority of the members of the Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval. As required by law, such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after the fiscal year end.
- d) Each budget is controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

e) Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under Texas law, appropriations lapse at June 30, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either canceled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget.

### 16. Use of Estimates

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

The amount of state foundation and available school revenue a school district earns for a year, can and does vary until the time when final values for each of the factors in the formula become available. Availability can be as late as midway into the next fiscal year. It is probable that the foundation revenue estimate as of June 30 will change and those changes could be material. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District received approximately 37% of revenues from the State of Texas.

#### 17. Data Control Codes

The data control codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by TEA in the FASRG. The TEA requires school districts to display these codes in the financial statements filed with the Agency in order to insure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

#### II. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS

#### A. Deposits and Investments

A summary of the District's cash and investments by fund at June 30, 2024 is shown below:

						Total Cash				Total Cash	
	Cash and			Investment	& Cash				&		
		Deposits		Pools		Equivalents		Investments		Investments	
Governmental Funds:											
General fund	\$	23,225	\$	123,011,061	\$	123,034,286	\$	5,036,438	\$	128,070,724	
Debt service fund		-		36,652,570		36,652,570		-		36,652,570	
Capital projects fund		-		38,293,700		38,293,700		-		38,293,700	
Non-major governmental funds		7,570	_	<del>-</del>	_	7,570	_	<u>-</u>	_	7,570	
Total governmental funds	_	30,795		197,957,331		197,988,126	_	5,036,438	_	203,024,564	
Proprietary funds		4,775,545			_	4,775,545	_		_	4,775,545	
Fiduciary funds		<u> </u>		690,822	_	690,822	_			690,822	
Total	\$	4,806,340	\$	198,648,153	\$	203,454,493	\$	5,036,438	\$	208,490,931	

At June 30, 2024, the net carrying amount of the District's cash and deposits was \$4,806,340 and the bank balance was \$12,622,432. At June 30, 2024, the District's combined deposits were fully insured by FDIC insurance or collateralized with securities held by the Bank's agent in the District's name.

The Public Funds Investment Act ("the Act") and Board policy governs the District's investment policies. The Act contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires the District to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date of the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposits. Statutes authorize the District to invest in: (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas, (2) certificates of deposit, (3) certain municipal securities, (4) securities lending programs, (5) repurchase agreements, (6) bankers acceptances, (7) mutual funds, (8) investment pools and (9) guaranteed investment contracts.

The District's cash equivalents and investments at June 30, 2024 are as shown below:

Investment Type:				ts Using:				
	Rating	Ju	Value at ine 30, 2024	(Level 1)	(Level 2)	(Level 3)	Percent of Portfolio	WAM (Days/Years)
Cash in Bank		\$	4,806,340				2%	
Cash equivalents measured at amortiz	ed costs:							
TexPool	AAAm		57,050,414				27%	< 365 days
LoneStar	AAA/AAAm		6,151,189				3%	< 365 days
LOGIC	AAA		22,336,691				11%	< 365 days
Texas Range (daily)	AAAmmf		29,319,164				14%	< 365 days
TexasCLASS	AAAm		17,675,723				8%	< 365 days
TX-FIT	AAAf/S1		66,114,972				32%	< 365 days
Cash and cash equivalents - subto	otal		203,454,493					
Investments measured at cost								
not subject to level reporting:								
Certificates of depositis	Unrated		5,036,438				2%	< 2yrs
Investments - subtotal			5,036,438		<u> </u>	-	<u>-</u>	
Total cash & investments		\$	208,490,931	\$	- \$	- \$	- 100%	

Texas Local Government Investment Pool ("TexPool"), Lone Star Investment Pool ("LoneStar"), Local Government Investment Cooperative ("LOGIC"), Texas Range, formerly known as TexasTERM, Local Government Investment Pool ("Texas Range"), Texas Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System ("TexasCLASS"), and Texas Fixed Income Trust ("TX-FIT") are local government investment "pools" organized under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code. In addition to other provisions of the Act designed to promote liquidity and safety of principal, the Act requires pools to: 1) have an advisory board composed of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool; 2) maintain a continuous rating of no lower than AAA or AAA-m or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service; and 3) maintain the market value of its underlying investment portfolio within one half of one percent of the value of its shares.

The District's investments in TexPool, LoneStar, LOGIC, Texas Range, TexasCLASS, and TX-FIT are reported at amortized cost. Deposits and withdrawals can be made on any business day of the week. The pools have a redemption notice of one day, which may be redeemed daily. The pools may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities markets, general banking moratorium, or a national state of emergency that affects the pools liquidity. There are no limits on the number of accounts a participant can have or the number of transactions. The District has no unfunded commitments related to the pools.

The District's management believes that it has complied with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

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

### 1) Credit Risk

State law and the District's Investment Policy restrict time and demand deposits to those fully collateralized or FDIC insured from eligible depositories (banks and savings banks) doing business in Texas. By State law, Certificate of Deposits ("CD") are further collateralized to 100% and 110% if collateral pledged is a mortgage-backed security. Brokered CD's must be FDIC insured and delivered versus payments to the District's depository. The FDIC status of the bank must be monitored weekly and includes procedures to follow in the case of an affected merger or acquisition. The District's Investment Policy requires 102% with pledged securities (with 110% margin on mortgage-backed securities) and all collateral is to be held by an independent custodian. State law and the District's Investment Policy requires inclusion of a procedure to monitor and act as necessary to changes in credit rating on any investment which requires a rating.

State law and the District's Investment Policy limit repurchase agreements to Texas banks and primary dealers. The law requires an industry standard, written master repurchase agreement; independent safekeeping of collateral; and a 102% margin on collateral. Fully collateralized flex repurchase agreements are restricted to the use in bond funds and are required to match the expenditure schedule of the bonds.

Municipal obligations of the State of Texas or any other state or political subdivision must be rated A or better by at least two nationally recognized securities ratings organizations (NRSRO).

Commercial paper is restricted by state law and the District's Investment Policy to dual rated A1/P1 paper.

State of Texas local government investment pools, as defined by State law (2256.016) and approved by the District's Investment Policy, are authorized. By State law all local government pools must be rated AAA or equivalent by at least one NRSRO.

The District's Investment Policy allows investment in AAA rated money market mutual fund accounts.

The District controls and monitors this risk by purchasing quality rated instruments that have been evaluated by two nationally recognized agencies.

### 2) Custodial Credit Risk

To control custody risk, State law and the District's Investment Policy require collateral for all time and demand deposits and repurchase agreements with securities transferred only on a delivery versus payment basis and held by an independent party approved by the District and held in the District's name. The custodian is required to provide original safekeeping receipts and monthly reporting of positions and position descriptions including market value. Repurchase agreements and deposits must be collateralized to 102% (with 110% on mortgage-backed securities) and transactions are required to be executed under a written agreement. At year end, the District was not exposed to custodial credit risk.

### 3) Concentration of Credit Risk

The District's investment policy requires the investment portfolio to be diversified in terms of investment instruments, maturity scheduling, and financial institutions in order to reduce the risk of loss resulting from overconcentration of assets in a specific class of investments, specific maturity, or specific issuer. The District's Investment Policy requires the following diversification:

Type of Investment	Maximum Allowed % of Portfolio
Money Market Accounts	100%
Certificates of Deposit	40%
Brokered FDIC CD's	15%
U.S. Government Securities	100%
State and Local Obligations	40%
Repurchase Agreements	100%
Interest Bearing Accounts	100%
Investment Pools	100%
Money Market Mutual Funds	15%
Commercial Paper	40%

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

### 4) Interest Rate Risk

The risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of investments. The District monitors interest rate risk utilizing weighted average maturity and specific identification. In order to limit interest and market rate risk from changes in interest rates, the District's Investment Policy sets a maximum maturity as follows:

- CD's are limited to a stated maturity of one year.
- Repurchase agreements are limited to a maximum maturity of three months.
- Municipal obligations of the State of Texas or any other state or political subdivision must have a stated maturity less than two years.
- Obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies, and instrumentalities excluding mortgage backed securities, or guaranteed by governmental entities not to exceed two years to stated maturity in the operating and debt service funds and not to exceed three years in bond funds (2256.009).
- Commercial paper is limited to mature in 270 days or less.

At year end, the District was not exposed to interest rate risk.

#### B. Receivables and Unearned Revenue

Receivables as of June 30, 2024, for the District's individual major funds and nonmajor funds, in the aggregate, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts are as follows:

	 General Fund	 Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds		Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
Property taxes	\$ 7,451,229	\$ 2,457,005	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 9,908,234
Property taxes - penalty & interest	 4,672,709	 1,221,810	 	_		 5,894,519
Subtotal - property taxes	12,123,938	3,678,815	-		-	15,802,753
Due from other governments-state	36,164,362		-		1,328,348	37,492,710
Due from other governments-federal	13,234	-	-		6,429,046	6,442,280
Due from other governments-other	 670,798	367,710	 			 1,038,508
Subtotal - due from other governments	36,848,394	367,710			7,757,394	44,973,498
Other receivables	 236,140		 113		20,616	 256,869
Gross receivables	49,208,472	4,046,525	113		7,778,010	61,033,120
Less: allowance for uncollectibles	 (3,835,003)	 (1,173,850)	 			 (5,008,853)
Net total receivables	\$ 45,373,469	\$ 2,872,675	\$ 113	\$	7,778,010	\$ 56,024,267

The District participates in a variety of federal and state programs from which it receives grants to partially or fully finance certain activities. In addition, the District receives entitlements from the State through the School Foundation and Per Capita Programs. Amounts due from federal and state governments as of June 30, 2024 are summarized above. All federal grants shown above are passed through the TEA and are reported in the financial statements as Due from Other Governments.

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

Unearned revenue at June 30, 2024, for the District's governmental funds is as follows:

	Unavailab	le	U	nearned
Delinquent property taxes receivable - General Fund	\$ 8,264,2	93	\$	-
Delinquent property taxes receivable - Debt Service Fund	2,529,6	603		-
Advance Funding (General Fund)		-		50
Advance Funding (Capital Projects Funds)		-		1,000
Advance Funding (Nonmajor governmental Funds)				884,542
Total deferred revenue	\$ 10,793,8	96	\$	885,592

### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes are considered available when collected within the current period. The District levies taxes on October 1 in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due upon receipt of the tax bill and become past due, subject to interest and penalty, if not paid by February 1 of the year following the October 1 levy date. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property securing payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. The tax rates assessed for the year ended June 30, 2024 to finance general fund operations and voter approved debt service principal and interest payments were \$0.7575 and \$.3250, respectively, per \$100 of assessed valuation for a total tax rate of \$1.0825.

The net assessed/appraised value for school tax purposes was \$16,420,592,148, upon which the current year's total levy value was \$177,752,910.

Current tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2024 were 98% of the year-end adjusted levy. Delinquent taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of levy. A significant portion of delinquent taxes outstanding at any fiscal year end is generally not collected in the ensuing fiscal year. Allowances for uncollectible taxes within the general and debt service funds are based on historical experience in collecting 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. The property taxes receivable allowance is approximately 32% of outstanding property taxes receivable at June 30, 2024.

Property taxes (and payments in lieu of property taxes) collected from three major petrochemical complexes within the District for the year ended June 30, 2024 accounted for approximately 23% of the District's total combined revenues.

### C. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

Interfund balances consist of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements between two or more governmental funds. Interfund balances in the fund financial statements at June 30, 2024 consisted of the following:

		Receivable	Payable				
Fund	(	Due From)	 (Due To)				
General Fund:							
Debt Service Fund	\$	9,337	\$ 330,520				
Capital Projects Fund		16,812,834					
Nonmajor Governmental Funds		18,325,034	4,860,203				
Custodial Fund		<u>-</u>	 -				
Total General Fund	\$	35,147,205	\$ 5,190,723				
Debt Service Fund:							
General Fund	\$	330,520	\$ 9,337				
Capital Projects Fund							
General Fund	\$	-	\$ 16,812,834				
Nonmajor Governmental Funds:							
General Fund	\$	4,860,203	\$ 18,325,034				
Total	\$	40,337,928	\$ 40,337,928				

District expenditures are paid from a centralized-pooled operating bank account maintained in the general fund. Since all cash transactions flow through this account, each District fund carries a receivable/payable balance with the general fund. This balance will be repaid within one year.

### D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Beginning				Ending
	Balances	Additions	Deletions	Transfers	Balances
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land Purchase and Improvements	\$ 33,745,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,745,465
Construction in Progress	18,498,944	16,253,112		(4,796,089)	29,955,967
Total capital assets not being depreciated	52,244,409	16,253,112		(4,796,089)	63,701,432
Capital Assets being depreciated:					
Buildings and Improvements	913,595,513	9,405,643	(6,781,899)	4,796,089	921,015,346
Furniture and Equipment	165,490,922	4,135,385	(223,201)		169,403,106
Total capital assets being depreciated	1,079,086,435	13,541,028	(7,005,100)	4,796,089	1,090,418,452
Less accumulated depreciation for:				-	
Buildings and Improvements	(296,035,483)	(24,129,360)	5,947,880	-	(314,216,963
Furniture and Equipment	(61,751,850)	(13,894,010)	212,041		(75,433,819
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(357,787,333)	(38,023,370)	6,159,921		(389,650,782
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 773,543,511	\$ (8,229,230)	\$ (845,179)	\$ -	\$ 764,469,102

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions as follows:

Expenditures:	
Instruction	\$ 21,271,090
Instructional resources and media services	217,150
Curriculum and staff development	1,059,949
Instructional leadership	663,701
School leadership	2,044,459
Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	1,205,571
Social work services	362,780
Health services	337,169
Student transportation	1,733,817
Food Service	1,869,582
Extracurricular activities	883,220
General administration	1,119,317
Facilities maintenance and operations	3,877,300
Security and monitoring services	653,262
Data processing services	634,293
Community services	 90,710
Total depreciation expense	\$ 38,023,370

#### E. Long-Term Liabilities

### **General Obligation Bonds**

The District issues general obligation bonds for governmental activities to provide resources for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District. Principal and interest requirements are payable solely from future revenues of the debt service fund which consists primarily of property taxes collected by the District and interest earnings. Certain outstanding bonds may be redeemed at their par value prior to their normal maturity dates in accordance with the terms of the related bond indentures. The District has never defaulted on any principal or interest payment.

Bonded debt as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Payable Variable 5.00% 00-5.00%	Date 02/15/35 02/15/40 02/15/25	\$	18,330,000 30,600,000	Out \$	1,400,000
5.00% .00-5.00%	02/15/40	\$		\$	1,400,000
00-5.00%			30,600,000		
	02/15/25		, ,		30,600,000
	02/15/25		32,020,000		27,590,000
.00-5.00% .00-4.00%	02/15/29 02/15/30		71,465,000 112,505,000		12,940,000 16,810,000
5.00%	02/15/28		29,000,000		22,595,000
.00-5.00%	02/15/38		9,405,000		9,405,000
.00-5.00%	02/15/39		77,485,000		74,225,000
25-5.00%	10/01/49		60,210,000		51,210,000
.00-5.00%	02/15/50		59,335,000		59,180,000
896-5.00%	02/15/41		101,220,000		86,995,000
5.00%	02/15/24		121,177,572		115,852,572
.00-5.00%	02/15/50		81,730,000		74,575,000
		\$	835,162,572	\$	583,377,572
	5.00% 00-5.00% 00-5.00% 25-5.00% 00-5.00% 396-5.00% 5.00%	00-4.00%         02/15/30           5.00%         02/15/28           00-5.00%         02/15/38           00-5.00%         02/15/39           25-5.00%         10/01/49           00-5.00%         02/15/50           896-5.00%         02/15/41           5.00%         02/15/24	00-4.00%     02/15/30       5.00%     02/15/28       00-5.00%     02/15/38       00-5.00%     02/15/39       25-5.00%     10/01/49       00-5.00%     02/15/50       896-5.00%     02/15/41       5.00%     02/15/24	00-4.00%         02/15/30         112,505,000           5.00%         02/15/28         29,000,000           00-5.00%         02/15/38         9,405,000           00-5.00%         02/15/39         77,485,000           25-5.00%         10/01/49         60,210,000           00-5.00%         02/15/50         59,335,000           896-5.00%         02/15/41         101,220,000           5.00%         02/15/24         121,177,572           00-5.00%         02/15/50         81,730,000	00-4.00%         02/15/30         112,505,000           5.00%         02/15/28         29,000,000           00-5.00%         02/15/38         9,405,000           00-5.00%         02/15/39         77,485,000           25-5.00%         10/01/49         60,210,000           00-5.00%         02/15/50         59,335,000           896-5.00%         02/15/41         101,220,000           5.00%         02/15/24         121,177,572           00-5.00%         02/15/50         81,730,000

Variable Rate Terms – The Series 2014B variable rate bonds will bear interest at the initial rate of 2% and 3% on the term bonds during the initial rate period. The interest payment dates during the initial rate period will be on February 15 and August 15. Upon the conversion date following the initial rate period, the bonds will bear interest at a term rate as determined by the remarking agent, which mode may thereafter be changed from time to time by the District, prior to conversion to a fixed rate. During each rate period after the initial rate period, the rate of interest on the bonds will be the rate that the remarketing agent determines, under prevailing market conditions on the date of such determination, would result in the market value of the bonds being 100% of the principal amount thereof; provided that at no time may the rate of the bonds exceed 8% per annum.

Variable Rate Terms – The Series 2019B variable rate bonds will bear interest at the initial rate of 3% on the term bonds during the initial rate period. The interest payment dates during the initial rate period will be on April 1 and October 1. Upon the conversion date following the initial rate period, the bonds will bear interest at a term rate as determined by the remarking agent, which mode may thereafter be changed from time to time by the District, prior to conversion to a fixed rate. During each rate period after the initial rate period, the rate of interest on the bonds will be the rate that the remarketing agent determines, under prevailing market conditions on the date of such determination, would result in the market value of the bonds being 100% of the principal amount thereof; provided that at no time may the rate of the bonds exceed 7% per annum.

The District entered into a Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2019 sponsored by JP Morgan Chase totaling \$31,730,000 to improve energy performance. The loan is payable in annual installments of principal and interest and bears interest at 2.94%. The balance outstanding at June 30, 2024 is \$24,283,000.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Governmental Activities	F	Beginning Balance		Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance		Due within One Year
General Obligation - 2014A	S	2,745,000	\$	-	\$ 1,345,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$	1,400,000
General Obligation - 2014B		30,600,000		_	· · · · · ·	30,600,000		
General Obligation - 2014B		27,590,000		_	_	27,590,000		_
General Obligation - 2014C		17,425,000		-	4,485,000	12,940,000		12,940,000
General Obligation - 2015		21,790,000		-	4,980,000	16,810,000		5,240,000
General Obligation - 2016A		23,925,000		-	1,330,000	22,595,000		1,385,000
General Obligation - 2016B		9,405,000		-	_	9,405,000		_
General Obligation - 2017		77,485,000		-	3,260,000	74,225,000		2,900,000
General Obligation - 2019A		53,010,000		-	1,800,000	51,210,000		1,800,000
General Obligation - 2019B		59,180,000		-	-	59,180,000		-
General Obligation - 2020		90,720,000		_	3,725,000	86,995,000		3,535,000
General Obligation - 2020 (TAXABLE)		116,852,572		-	1,000,000	115,852,572		1,050,000
General Obligation - 2020 (2)		6,890,000		_	6,890,000	-		-
General Obligation - 2021		76,840,000		<u> </u>	2,265,000	74,575,000		2,085,000
Sub-Total Bonds Payable		614,457,572		-	 31,080,000	 583,377,572		32,335,000
Accumulated accretion on capital appreciation bonds		10,020,343		158,107	-	10,178,450		-
Premium on Issuance of Bonds		75,399,828		_	4,519,187	70,880,641		-
Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2019		26,341,000		-	2,058,000	24,283,000		2,120,000
Total Long-Term Debt	_	726,218,743	_	158,107	37,657,187	688,719,663	_	34,455,000
Other Liabilities:								
Net Pension Liability		94,444,395		27,172,341	-	121,616,736		-
Net OPEB Liability		46,873,432		1,216,858	-	48,090,290		-
Total Other Liabilities		141,317,827		28,389,199	(28,736,075)	169,707,026		-
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$	867,536,570	\$	28,547,306	\$ 8,921,112	\$ 858,426,689	\$	34,455,000

During each year while bonds are outstanding, the District is required to levy and collect sufficient ad valorem taxes to provide for the payment of general obligation bonds principal and interest through the debt service fund as the payments become due. Principal and interest expenditures for note and loan payables are accounted for in the general fund. Other long-term liabilities, such as net pension and net OPEB liabilities, are generally liquidated with resources from the general fund.

Debt service requirements at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	General C	blig	gation	Notes and	l Lo	ans	Tot	al	
June 30,	 Principal		Interest	 Principal		Interest	 Principal		Interest
2025	\$ 32,335,000	\$	22,331,874	\$ 2,120,000	\$	713,920	\$ 34,455,000	\$	23,045,794
2026	26,097,560		20,935,074	2,183,000		651,592	28,280,560		21,586,666
2027	26,995,012		20,179,244	2,248,000		587,412	29,243,012		20,766,656
2028	33,715,000		19,469,424	2,315,000		521,320	36,030,000		19,990,744
2029	33,220,000		17,880,324	2,384,000		453,260	35,604,000		18,333,584
2030-2034	129,650,000		71,077,733	13,033,000		1,172,002	142,683,000		72,249,735
2035-2039	129,695,000		47,442,946	-			129,695,000		47,442,946
2040-2044	73,710,000		26,937,620	-		-	73,710,000		26,937,620
2045-2049	80,445,000		12,510,832	-		-	80,445,000		12,510,832
2050	 17,515,000		537,850				17,515,000		537,850
Total	\$ 583,377,572	\$	259,302,921	\$ 24,283,000	\$	4,099,506	\$ 607,660,572	\$	263,402,427
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#### **Accreted Interest on Capital Bonds**

With capital appreciation bonds, the interest is paid upon maturity of the bonds. In order to properly reflect the amounts payable on these bands, the annual interest is added to the long-term liabilities as accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds. The interest on these obligations will be paid upon maturity in the fiscal years ending 2026-2027. The values associated with these bonds are reflected in the following table:

		turity Value of Bonds	tated Bond Principal Amount	Accreted Interest on Bonds	A	ccreted Value of Bond at Year-End
Unlimited tax schoolhouse bonds, series 2020 (matures 2/15/26) Unlimited tax schoolhouse bonds, series 2020 (matures 2/15/27)	\$	5,795,000 5,960,000	\$ 692,560 475,012	\$ 4,947,656 5,230,764	\$	4,947,656 5,230,794
Total	<u>s</u>	11,755,000	\$ 1,167,572	\$ 10,178,420	\$	10,178,450

#### **Defeased Debt**

The District has defeased certain general obligation and other bonds in prior years by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. At June 30, 2024, bonds outstanding of \$155,925,000 were considered defeased.

#### Arbitrage

In accordance with the provisions of Section 148(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, bonds must satisfy certain arbitrage rebate requirements. Positive arbitrage is the excess of (1) the amount earned on investments purchased with bond proceeds over (2) the amount that such investments would have earned had such investments been invested at a rate equal to the yield on the bond issue. In order to comply with the arbitrage rebate requirements, positive arbitrage must be paid to the U.S. Treasury at the end of each five year anniversary date of the bond issue. As of June 30, 2024, the District does not anticipate any arbitrage liability.

### F. Leases

GASB Statement No. 87, Leases (GASB 87), establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under GASB 87, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about the government's leasing activities.

GASB 87 had no significant impact to the District's financial statements, therefore are not present within the disclosures.

#### G. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA), provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government end users (governments). Under GASB 96, a SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys controls of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. The subscription term includes the period during which a government has a noncancellable right to use the underlying IT assets. The subscription term also includes periods covered by an option to extend (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will exercise that option) or to terminate (if it is reasonably certain that the government or SBITA vendor will not exercise that option). The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter, with earlier application encouraged.

GASB 96 had no significant impact to the District's financial statements, therefore are not present within the disclosures.

#### H. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description. The District participates in a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan with a special funding situation. The pension plan is administered by the 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 plan 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 plan's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

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

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the TRS' fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <a href="https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about\_publications.aspx:">https://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about\_publications.aspx:</a> by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698, or by calling (512) 542-6592.

Components of the net pension liability of the pension plan as of August 31, 2023 are as follows:

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Net Pension Liability	\$ 68,690,350,942
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 (187,170,535,558)
Total Pension Liability	\$ 255,860,886,500

Benefits Provided. TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3% (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 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 under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic COLAs. Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description above.

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

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

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2019 thru 2025.

	Contrib	oution l	Rates
	2023		2024
Member	8.00%		8.25%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (NECE) (State)	8.00%		8.25%
Employers	8.00%		8.25%
2023 Employer Contributions		\$	8,743,509
2023 Member Contributions		\$	16,760,284
2023 NECE On-Behalf Contributions		\$	9,997,518
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Contributors to the pension 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).

The State's on-behalf contribution is recorded as revenues and expenditures/expenses in the financial statements.

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 or all of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources, a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.
- When the employing district is a public junior college or junior college district, the employer shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to 50% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

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

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

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

Valuation Date	August 31, 2022 rolled forward to August 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value
Single Discount Rate	7.00%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2023*	4.13%*
Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period (100 years)	2122
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95% including inflation
Ad Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None
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\* Source: Fixed Income market data/yield curve/data municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index."

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

Discount Rate. The 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 plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.50% of payroll in fiscal year 2024 gradually increasing to 9.56% of payroll over the next several years. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

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

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of August 31, 2023 are summarized below:

		Long-Term Expected	Expected Contribution to
	Target	Geometric Real	Long-Term
Asset Class	Allocation**	Rate of Return***	Portfolio Returns
Global Equity	·		
U.S.	18.0%	4.0%	1.0%
Non-U.S. Developed	13.0%	4.5%	0.9%
Emerging Markets	9.0%	4.8%	0.7%
Private Equity*	14.0%	7.0%	1.5%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16.0%	2.5%	0.5%
Absolute Return*	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.0%	4.1%	0.2%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.0%	4.9%	1.1%
Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure	6.0%	4.8%	0.4%
Commodities	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%
Risk Parity	8.0%	4.5%	0.4%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2.0%	3.7%	0.0%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6.0%	4.4%	-0.1%
Inflation Expectation			2.3%
Volatility Drag****			-0.9%
Expected Return	100%		8.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Target allocations are based on the FY2023 policy model.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 06/30/2023)

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

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis. The following table presents the Net Pension Liability of the pension plan using the discount rate of 7.00%, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% point lower (6.00%) or 1% point higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

			iscount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase te Discount Ra (8.00%)		
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	18,182,375	\$	121,616,736	\$	71,554,567

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a net pension liability of \$121.616,736 for its proportionate share of the TRS 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:

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Total		255,216,176
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District		133,599,440
District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$	121,616,736

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

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the District's proportion of the collective Net Pension Liability was as follows:

2024	2023			
Measurement Year 8/31/2023				
0.1770506836%	0.1590845305%	0.0179661531%		

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation. The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the Net Pension Liability since the prior measurement period:

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$41,357,507 and revenue of \$20,172,360 for support provided by the State in the government-wide financial statements.

At June 30, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$	4,333,245	\$	1,472,646
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions		11,502,561		2,814,939
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings		17,698,187		-
Changes in Proportion and Difference Between the Employer's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions		9,159,019		1,548,423
District Contributions Paid to TRS Subsequent to the Measurement Date		7,252,960		
Total	\$	49,945,972	\$	5,836,008

The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Pension Expo d June 30: Amount	
2025 \$ 8,0	083,572
	987,083
2027 16,3	369,722
	997,274
2029 1,4	419,352
ereafter	-
\$ 36,8	857,004
	857,

#### I. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan (OPEB)

*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 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.

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detail information about the TRS-Care's fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued TRS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <a href="http://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about publications.aspx">http://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about publications.aspx</a>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

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

Total OPEB Liability	\$ 26,028,070,267
Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 (3,889,765,203)
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 22,138,305,064

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 Premium Rates					
	Me	<u>dicare</u>	Non-N	<u> Aedicare</u>	
Retiree*	\$	135	\$	200	
Retiree and Spouse		529		689	
Retiree* and Children		468		408	
Retiree and Family		1,020		999	
* or surviving spouse					

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

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

	Contri	bution R	lates
_	2023		2024
Member	0.65%		0.65%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (NECE) (State)	1.25%		1.25%
Employers	0.75%		0.75%
Federal/private Funding remitted by Employers	1.25%		1.25%
2024 Employer Contributions		\$	1,699,799
2024 Member Contributions		\$	1,364,154
2023 NECE On-Behalf Contributions		\$	2,273,801

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

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

Actuarial Assumptions. The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2022. Updated procedures were used to roll forward the Total OPEB Liability to August 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

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

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

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

#### Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2022, rolled forward to August 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Payroll, Open
Remaining Amortization Period	30 years
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	4.13% as of August 31, 2023
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.
Salary Increases*	2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation*
Health Trend Rates	The initial medical trend rates were 7.75% for Medicare retirees and 7.00% for non-Medicare retirees. The initial prescription drug trend rate of 7.75% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 12 years.
Election Rates	Normal Retirement: 62% participation rate prior to age 65 and 25% participation rate after age 65. Pre-65 retirees - 30% are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65.
Ad hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None
*Includes inflation at 2.30%	

Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 4.13% was used to measure the Total OPEB Liability. There was an increase of .22% in the discount rate since the previous year. Because the plan is a "pay-as-you-go" plan, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate.

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

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis. The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1% point lower than and 1% point higher than the discount rate that was used (4.13%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate				1% Increase in t Discount Rate	
		(3.13%)	R	ate (4.13%)		(5.13%)
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB liability	\$	56,640,348	\$	48,090,290	\$	41,113,241

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs. At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$48,090,290 for its proportionate share of the TRS' Net OPEB Liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the Net OPEB Liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective Net OPEB liability State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	\$ 48,090,290 58,028,327
Total	\$ 106,118,617

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

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, the District's proportion of the collective Net OPEB Liability was as follows:

2024 Measurement Year 8/31/2023	2023 Measurement Year 8/31/2022	Increase/(Decrease)
0.2172266122%	0.1957627028%	0.0214639094%

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

	1% Decrease in Healthcare Trend Rate		I	rrent Single Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate	
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$	39,599,947	\$	48,090,290	\$	59,013,145

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation. The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the Total OPEB liability (TOL) since the prior measurement period:

- The single discount rate changed from 3.91% as of August 31, 2022 to 4.13% as of August 31, 2023, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study.
- There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date.

The amount of OPEB expense recognized by the District in the reporting period was (\$20,085,115).

On June 30, 2024 the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits from the following sources:

Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources		
\$	2,175,721	\$	40,458,870	
	6,563,974		29,446,960	
	20,778		-	
	14,941,816		2,626,848	
	1,403,904			
\$	25,106,193	\$	72,532,678	
		of Resources  \$ 2,175,721 6,563,974 20,778 14,941,816 1,403,904	\$ 2,175,721 \$ 6,563,974 20,778 14,941,816 1,403,904	

The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30:	(Deferred Outflow			
2025	\$ (11,361,1			
2026		(9,155,479)		
2027		(6,169,372)		
2028		(7,893,025)		
2029		(6,936,305)		
Thereafter		(7,315,040)		
	\$	(48,830,389)		

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of (\$20,085,115) and revenue of (\$12,405,231) for support provided by the State.

#### J. Medicare Part D - On Behalf Payments

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, effective January 1, 2006, established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the subsidy payments received by TRS-Care on-behalf of the District were \$1070,319, \$1,117,287 and \$819,283, respectively. These payments are recorded as equal revenues and expenditures/expenses in the financial statements.

#### K. Health Care

The District provides medical insurance coverage for its employees through the TRS-Active Care insurance provided by the TRS. This is a premium-based plan: payments are made on a monthly basis for all covered employees. The District contributes \$275 per month for each employee enrolled in the health insurance plan. Employees are able to choose from three types of coverage and are responsible for premiums in excess of the District subsidy, including dependent coverage.

The District operates an alternative insurance plan to provide health benefits to its employees. Under this plan, the District is responsible for funding claims incurred up to specified individual and aggregate limits. The plan includes stop-loss insurance to cover claims exceeding these limits, thereby reducing the District's exposure to unusually high claims. Subsequent to year end, the District was notified of substantial losses and approved approximately \$12 million to subsidize the losses. The District is actively monitoring the situation and other funding strategies. The District may consider plan modifications or additional funding mechanisms to ensure the sustainability of the insurance plan.

#### L. Governmental Fund Balance

The following table details fund balances for all governmental funds:

Fund Balances	General Fund	Debt Service Capital Service Projects Fund Funds		Service Projects		Non-major Governmental Funds		Projects Governmental		G	Total overnmental Funds
Nonspendable:											
Inventories	\$ 416,796	\$	-	\$	-	\$	153,611	\$	570,407		
Prepaid items	2,190,692		-		-		-		2,190,692		
Restricted:											
Federal or State Grant Restrictions	-		-		-		14,870,453		14,870,453		
Capital acquisition and contractual obligation	-		-		34,613,499		-		34,613,499		
Retirement of long-term debt	-		36,699,097		-		-		36,699,097		
Other state or local funds	-		-		16,746,240		460,238		17,206,478		
Committed - Others	32,467,310		-		-		1,188,780		33,656,090		
Assigned - Others	1,360,386		-		-		-		1,360,386		
Unassigned	68,547,983		-		-		-		68,547,983		
Total	\$ 104,983,167	\$	36,699,097	\$	51,359,739	\$	16,673,082	\$	209,715,085		

#### III. OTHER INFORMATION

#### A. Risk Management

School districts face various financial and operational risks, which they must proactively manage to safeguard their resources and ensure smooth operations. Risk management includes identifying potential risks, implementing strategies to minimize or mitigate them, and ensuring proper oversight.

### 1. Insurance Programs

- Property and Liability Insurance The district purchases insurance to protect against damage to property, liability claims, and other potential losses. This covers events like natural disasters, theft, vandalism, and lawsuits against the district.
- General Liability Insurance Covers legal claims related to personal injury or property damage caused by district operations. This may include injuries to students or visitors on district property.
- Auto Liability Insurance Covers claims arising from the use of district-owned vehicles, including buses and maintenance vehicles, ensuring that any accidents or injuries are covered

### **Property Casualty**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District purchases property and casualty insurance to mitigate the financial burden associated with these risks. For the year ended June 30, 2024, physical damage to the District's schedule of insured assets is limited to \$250 million per occurrence for several covered perils, as expressed within the insurance policy terms and conditions. Coverage for "Wind" damage associated with "Named Storms" is limited \$30 million per occurrence. Flood insurance is subject to an annual aggregate limit depending upon FEMA Flood Zones. Policy deductibles range from \$5,000 to 3% of the Total Insured Values, depending on the peril or cause of loss. Settled claims have not exceeded the policy limit in any of the past (3) three fiscal years.

### Workers' Compensation, Auto, Liability and/or Property Programs

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District met its statutory workers' compensation obligations through participation in the TASB Risk Management Fund (the "Fund"). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's Workers Compensation Program is authorized by Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code. All 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 District participates in the Fund's reimbursable aggregate deductible program. As such, the District is responsible for a certain amount of claims liability as outlined in the District's Contribution and Coverage Summary document. After the District's deductible has been met, the Fund is responsible for additional claims liability.

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 reserve adequacy and fully funds those reserves. As of August 31, 2023, the Fund carried a discounted reserve of \$48,919,036 for future development on reported claims and claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Fund anticipates no additional liability to members beyond their contractual obligations for payment of contributions and reimbursable aggregate deductibles.

The liability estimation, obtained from an actuarial report prepared by Turner Consulting, Inc., requires the estimate of loss development over an extended period of time. During this time numerous internal and external factors will affect the ultimate settlement value of claims. Due to the inherent uncertainty with regard to the impact of these factors, there can be no guarantee that actual losses will not vary, perhaps significantly, from the estimates.

The following is a summary of the changes in the balances of claims liabilities for workers' compensation for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

		2024		2023
Liability, beginning of period	\$	513,868	\$	659,090
Changes in the est. for current & prior period claims		371,785		131,885
Payments on claims		(269,267)		(277,107)
Liability, end of period	\$	616,389	\$	513,868
Zinomity, that of period	<u> </u>	010,000	<u> </u>	010,00

The District also participates in the Fund's Auto, Liability and Property programs. The Fund purchases stop-loss coverage for protection against catastrophic and larger than anticipated claims for its Auto, 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 June 30, 2024, the Fund anticipates that the District has no additional liability beyond the contractual obligations for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of independent auditors to conduct a financial audit after the close of each plan 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, 2023 are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

#### B. Litigation and Contingencies

The District is a party to various legal actions none of which the Administration, based on consultation with its legal counsel, believes will have a material effect on the financial condition of the District. Accordingly, no provisions for gains or losses have been recorded in the accompanying government-wide or fund financial statements for contingencies.

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. To the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, if any, claims may be disallowed. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the District. In the opinion of the Administration, no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants exist; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying government-wide or fund financial statements.

#### C. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

At June 30, 2024, the District had commitments under construction contracts totaling approximately \$12.3 million.

The District utilizes encumbrance accounting in its governmental funds. Encumbrances represent commitments related to contracts not yet performed (executory contracts), and are used to control expenditures for the year and to enhance cash management. A school district often issues purchase orders or signs contracts for the purchase of goods and services to be received in the future. At the time these commitments are made, which in its simplest form means that when a purchase order is prepared, the appropriate accounts are checked for available funds. If an adequate balance exists, the amount of the order is immediately charged to the account to reduce the available balance for control purposes.

Prior to the end of the year, every effort should be made to liquidate outstanding encumbrances. When encumbrances are outstanding at year end, the school district likely will honor the open purchase orders or contracts that support the encumbrances. For reporting purposes, outstanding encumbrances are not considered expenditures for the fiscal year, only a commitment to expend resources. If the school district allows encumbrances to lapse, even though it plans to honor encumbrances, the appropriations authority expires, and the items represented by the encumbrances are usually re-appropriated in the following year's budget. Open encumbrances at fiscal year are included in restricted, committed, or assigned fund balance, as appropriate.

### D. Shared Service Agreements (SSAs)

An SSA is an agreement between two or more governmental entities to share resources, services, or expertise to achieve a common goal. The purpose is typically to provide services more efficiently or cost-effectively. In school districts, SSAs often involve sharing specialized services such as special education, transportation, or administrative support. For example, two districts may share the costs of a specialized teacher or jointly operate a school program.

The District participates in the Tri-County County Cooperative For Deaf Education Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, a Shared Service Arrangement (SSA), with 11 surrounding member Districts. The District is acting as the fiscal agent for the parties involved. This program is to provide a system of direct and supportive special education services to eligible hearing impaired students. Funding for this program is provided by the TEA and by the member districts at a per pupil cost of \$15,307.

In 2024, approximately 30% of the funding was from the state grant and 70% from the member districts. Revenues and expenditures for the SSA are summarized below:

Revenues:		
5700 - Member districts	\$	1,496,775
5800 - State program revenue from TEA		632,807
	\$	2,129,582
Expenditures:		
-	¢	1 047 007
6100 - Payroll costs	\$	1,947,907
6200 - Professional and contracted services		151,370
6300 - Supplies and materials		18,602
6400 - Other operating costs		11,703
6600 - Capital outlay		-
	\$	2,129,582

As fiscal agent, the District is responsible for reporting all financial activities of the SSA. The District accounts for the activity in Special Revenue Fund #435. No fund balance accumulates in the SSA and there are no separately issued financial statements. The SSA is an annually renewable agreement.

#### E. Related Organizations

The Goose Creek Consolidated ISD Education Foundation ("Foundation"), a non-profit entity which was organized in 2009 to provide funds for District teaching and education programs, is a "related organization" as defined by GASB Statement No. 61. The members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation serve without financial compensation. The operations of the Foundation are not financially significant to the overall operations of the District, and therefore are not reported in the District's financial statements.

#### F. Limited Assessed Value Agreements (Tax Abatements)

Tax Code Chapter 313 allows public school districts to offer businesses a 10-year limitation on property value for a portion of the property tax in exchange for investment and the creation of jobs meeting certain requirements. The District has entered into Limited Assessed Value Agreements (commonly referred to as "Chapter 313 Agreement") with ExxonMobil Corporation, Borusan Mannesmann Pipe US, Inc., and Chevron Phillips Chemical Company, LP as an incentive for the entity to add taxable property within the District and create manufacturing jobs. Under the provisions of Chapter 313, the District offers a minimum value limitation of \$30 million. When property is valued, the District forgoes collection of maintenance & operation tax revenue; however, limited tax revenue is offset by an increase in state funding through the Foundation School Program (FSP) funding formula. In lieu of tax payment, the District has received \$9,119,474 from the entities during the current fiscal year. These payments are reported as local revenues in the fund financial statements.

#### G. Excess Expenditures over Appropriations

The TEA requires the budgets for the General, Child Nutrition Program, and Debt Service Funds to be filed with the TEA. The budget should not be exceeded in any functional category under TEA requirements. For the year ended June 30, 2024, expenditures exceeded appropriations in the following functional category:

Fund	Function	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
General	11 - Instruction	\$ 154,731,912	\$ 156,772,111	\$ (2,040,199)

#### H. Subsequent Events

In preparing the financial statements, the District has evaluated subsequent events through November 11, 2024, the date the financials were available to be issued. The District is not aware of any events that have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date which would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.