### OFFICIAL STATEMENT Dated: October 25, 2018

### NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

In the opinion of Bond Counsel (defined below), assuming continuing compliance by the District (defined below) after the date of initial delivery of the Bonds (defined below) with certain covenants contained in the Order (defined below) and subject to the matters set forth under "TAX MATTERS" herein, interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) will be excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof pursuant to section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals or, except as hereafter described, corporations. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

# The District has designated the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions.

# \$6,260,000 GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Limestone, Falls and Robertson Counties, Texas) Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018

# Dated Date: November 1, 2018

### : Due February 15 as shown on the inside cover page

The Groesbeck Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), and an order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted on September 17, 2018 by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Groesbeck Independent School District (the "District"). As permitted by Chapter 1207, the Board, in the Order, will delegate the authority to certain District officials to execute a pricing certificate (the "Approval Certificate") establishing the pricing terms for the Bonds. The Approval Certificate was executed by the Superintendent of the District on October 25, 2018, which completed the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds are payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied annually, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District. The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the Bonds to be guaranteed under the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (hereinafter defined), which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Dated Date specified above and will be payable on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2019, until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Principal of the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar, which initially is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar") upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds for payment. Interest on the Bonds is payable by check dated as of the interest payment date and mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owners as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the close of business as of the last business day of the month next preceding each interest payment date (the "Record Date").

The District intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). 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 to (i) refund a portion of the District's outstanding bonds for debt service savings and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "PLAN OF FINANCING - Purpose", "PLAN OF FINANCING - Refunded Bonds" and "Schedule I – Schedule of Refunded Bonds").

The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2026 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. (See "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption").

### MATURITY SCHEDULE (On Inside Cover)

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, and received by the initial purchaser thereof at a competitive sale (the "Purchaser") subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about November 20, 2018.

# \$6,260,000 GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Limestone, Falls and Robertson Counties, Texas) UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018

#### MATURITY SCHEDULE Base CUSIP No.: 398748<sup>(1)</sup>

Maturity				
Date	Principal	Interest	Initial	CUSIP No.
2/15	Amount	Rate	Yield	Suffix <sup>(1)</sup>
2019	\$ 105,000	5.00%	1.90%	DA8
2020	490,000	5.00	2.05	DB6
2021	520,000	5.00	2.15	DC4
2022	540,000	5.00	2.25	DD2
2023	575,000	5.00	2.35	DE0
2024	600,000	5.00	2.45	DF7
2025	630,000	5.00	2.55	DG5
2026	665,000	5.00	2.65	DH3
2027	695,000	3.00	2.75 <sup>(2)</sup>	DJ9
2028	710,000	3.00	2.85 <sup>(2)</sup>	DK6
2029	730,000	3.00	3.00	DL4

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on August 15, 2026, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Name	Date Initially <u>Elected</u>	Current Term <u>Expires</u>	<b>Occupation</b>
Tom Sutton, President	2005	2021	Real Estate Sales
Bill David Sadler, Vice President	2010	2020	Real Estate Broker
Bridgett Jackson-Tatum, Secretary	2010	2019	Registered Nurse
Ronnie Ferguson, Member	2017	2020	Self Employed
Aslone Foy, Member	2017	2021	Agriculture Salesman
Jud Hughes, Member	2018	2021	ExxonMobil Technician
Mika Morgan, Member	2016	2019	ATMOS Supervisor

# **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Name	Position	Length of Education Service	Length of Service <u>with the District</u>
Dr. James Cowley	Superintendent	30 Years	7 Months

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# **USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, Schedule I and the Appendices hereto, does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer, solicitation or sale.

No dealer, broker, salesperson or other person has been authorized to give information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon.

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

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as the promise or guarantee of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Purchaser. This Official Statement contains, in part, estimates and matters of opinion which are not intended as statements of fact, and no representation is made as to the correctness of such estimates and opinions, or that they will be realized.

The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or other matters described herein. See "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the undertakings of the Texas Education Agency and the District, respectively 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 THEREOF.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE PURCHASER 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, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE PURCHASER MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM DESCRIBED UNDER "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" OR THE AFFAIRS OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY DESCRIBED UNDER "THE PRORAM", AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY, RESPECTIVELY.

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 TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS.

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

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# SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

The District	The Groesbeck Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Limestone, Falls and Robertson 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.
The Bonds	The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$6,260,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including particularly Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), and the order (the "Order") adopted by the Board on September 17, 2018. As permitted by Chapter 1207, the Board, in the Order, will delegate the authority to certain District officials to execute a pricing certificate (the "Approval Certificate") establishing the pricing terms for the Bonds. The Approval Certificate was executed by the Superintendent of the District on October 25, 2018, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used to (i) refund a portion of the District's outstanding bonds for debt service savings and (ii) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "PLAN OF FINANCING - Purpose", "PLAN OF FINANCING - Refunded Bonds" and "Schedule I – Schedule of Refunded Bonds").
Paying Agent/Registrar	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. The District intends to use the Book- Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM").
Security	The Bonds will constitute direct obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from ad valorem taxes levied annually against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. Payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will be further secured by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas. (See "THE BONDS – Security", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" and "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").
Optional Redemption	The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2027 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2026 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. (See "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption")
Permanent School Fund Guarantee	The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency (the "TEA") for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (defined herein), which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM.")
Rating	The Bonds are rated "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") based upon the guaranteed repayment thereof under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the TEA. The District's unenhanced, underlying rating, including the Bonds, is "A" by S&P. (See "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" and "RATING")
Tax Matters	In the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein including the alternative minimum tax on corporations. (See "TAX MATTERS" and "Appendix C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.")
Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations	The District has designated the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions. (See "TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations").
Payment Record	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.
Legal Opinion	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 by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See "Appendix C – Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel").
Delivery	When issued, anticipated to be on or about November 20, 2018. $1$

### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page, Schedule I and the Appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Groesbeck Independent School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") located in Limestone, Falls and Robertson Counties, Texas, in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds") identified on page ii 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.

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the order (the "Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on September 17, 2018 authorizing the issuance of the Bonds 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 writing the Groesbeck Independent School District, 1202 N. Ellis, Groesbeck, Texas 76642 and, during the offering period, from the Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024 by electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges.

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

### PLAN OF FINANCING

### Purpose

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be utilized to (i) refund certain of the District's currently outstanding indebtedness as disclosed in Schedule I hereto (the "Refunded Bonds") for debt service savings and (ii) pay the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

### **Refunded Bonds**

The Refunded Bonds, and interest due thereon, are to be paid on their scheduled redemption date from cash and investments to be deposited with BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, a national banking association (the "Escrow Agent") pursuant to an Escrow Deposit Letter dated as of September 17, 2018 (the "Escrow Agreement") between the District and the Escrow Agent.

The Order provides that the District will deposit certain proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, along with other lawfully available funds of the District (if any), with the Escrow Agent in the amount necessary and sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds at their scheduled date of early redemption (the "Redemption Date"). Such funds shall be held by the Escrow Agent in an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") irrevocably pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., in its capacity as Financial Advisor to the District, will certify as to the sufficiency of the amount initially deposited to the Escrow Fund, without regard to investment (if any), to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds, when due, on the Redemption Date (the "Sufficiency Certificate"). Amounts on deposit in the Escrow Fund shall, until such time as needed for their intended purpose, be (i) held uninvested in cash and/or (ii) invested in certain direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America) that were, on the date the Order was adopted, rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized rating firm of not less than "AAA" (the "Federal Securities"). Cash and investments (if any) held in the Escrow Fund shall not be available to pay debt service requirements on the Bonds.

Prior to, or simultaneously with, the issuance of the Bonds, the District will give irrevocable instructions to provide notice to the owners of the Refunded Bonds that the Refunded Bonds will be redeemed prior to stated maturity on which date money will be made available to redeem the Refunded Bonds from money held under the Escrow Agreement.

By the deposit of the cash and Federal Securities, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of all of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the law. It is the opinion of Bond Counsel, in reliance upon the Sufficiency Certificate provided by SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., that as a result of such defeasance the Refunded Bonds will be outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payments from the Escrow Fund held for such purpose by the Escrow Agent and such Refunded Bonds will not be deemed as being outstanding obligations of the District payable from taxes nor for the purpose of applying any limitation on the issuance of debt.

The District has covenanted in the Escrow Agreement to make timely deposits to the Escrow Fund, from lawfully available funds, of any additional amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds, if for any reason, the cash balances on deposit or scheduled to be on deposit in the Escrow Fund be insufficient to make such payment. Defeasance of the Refunded Bonds will cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee relating thereto.

#### THE BONDS

### **General Description**

The Bonds are dated November 1, 2018 (the "Dated Date") and will bear interest from such Dated Date. The Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on page ii of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months, and is payable on February 15, 2019 and on each August 15 and February 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption.

The Bonds will be issued only as fully registered bonds. The Bonds will be issued in the denominations of \$5,000 of principal or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity.

Interest on the Bonds is payable by check mailed on or before each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially, BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's registration books on the Record Date (as defined herein) or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the registered owner to whom interest is to be paid, provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other arrangements. Principal of the Bonds will be payable only upon presentation of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar at stated maturity or prior redemption. So long as the Bonds are registered in

the name of Cede & Co. or other nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made as described in "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

If the date for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds is a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in the city where the Paying Agent/Registrar is located are authorized by law or executive order to close, then the date for such payment shall be the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions are authorized to close, and payment on such date shall have the same force and effect as if made on the original date payment was due.

### Authority for Issuance

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207"), and the Order. As permitted by Chapter 1207, the Board, in the Order, delegated the authority to certain District officials to execute a pricing certificate (the "Approval Certificate") establishing the pricing terms for the Bonds. The Approval Certificate was executed by the Superintendent of the District on October 25, 2018, which completed the sale of the Bonds.

### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2027, are subject to redemption, at the option of the District, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, on August 15, 2026, or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to select by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed. Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the District shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Order have been met and money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed will have been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice will state that said redemption may, at the option of the District, be conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption are not fulfilled, such notice will be of no force and effect, the District will not redeem such Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar will give notice in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that such Bonds have not been redeemed. ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER RECEIVED BY THE BONDHOLDER, AND, SUBJECT TO PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE HAVING BEEN MADE, AND ANY PRECONDITIONS STATED IN THE NOTICE OF REDEMPTION HAVING BEEN SATISFIED INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED BONDS SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A BOND HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

### Notice of Redemption and DTC Notices

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the District, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the Order or other notices with respect to the Bonds only to DTC. Any failure by DTC to advise any DTC participant, or of any DTC participant or indirect participant to notify the beneficial owner, shall not affect the validity of the redemption of the Bonds called for redemption or any other action premised on any such notice. Redemption of portions of the Bonds by the District will reduce the outstanding principal amount of such Bonds held by DTC. In such event, DTC may implement, through its Book-Entry-Only System, a redemption of such Bonds held for the account of DTC participants in accordance with its rules or other agreements with DTC participants and then DTC participants and indirect participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds from the beneficial owners. Any such selection of Bonds to be redeemed will not be governed by the Order and will not be conducted by the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar will have any responsibility to DTC participants, indirect participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds or the providing of notice to DTC participants, indirect participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

### Security

The Bonds are direct obligations of the District and are payable as to both principal and interest from an ad valorem tax annually levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, on all taxable property within the District. The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency (the "TEA") for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed under the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (hereinafter defined), which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" and "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").

### Permanent School Fund Guarantee

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has received conditional approval from the Commissioner of Education of the TEA for the guarantee of the Bonds under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (Chapter 45, Subchapter C, of the Texas Education Code, as amended). Subject to meeting certain conditions discussed under the heading "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein, the Bonds will be absolutely and unconditionally guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. In the event of a payment default by the District, registered owners will receive all payments due from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund.

In the event the District defeases any of the Bonds, the payment of such defeased Bonds will cease to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program.

# Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel").

### Payment Record

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

# Amendments

The District may amend the Order without the consent of or notice to any registered owners in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the registered owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the District may, with the written consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Order; except that, without the consent of the registered owners of all of the Bonds then outstanding, no such amendment, addition, or rescission may (1) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount, thereof, the redemption price, or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, (2) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (3) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be held by Holders for consent to any such amendment, addition or rescission.

#### Defeasance

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, on such Bonds, plus interest thereon to the due date thereof (whether such due date be by reason of maturity, redemption, or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with the Paying Agent/Registrar, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money sufficient to make such payment or (2) Government Securities to mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds. The Order provides that "Government Securities" means (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date of the District's adoption of the Order were rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent, (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date of the District's adoption of the Order were rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment quality by a nationally recognized investment quality by a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date of the District's adoption of the Order were rated as to investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent, and (d) any other then authorized securities or obligations under applicable law that may be used to defease obligations such as the Bonds. District officials may re

There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Order does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used as Government Securities or that for any other Government Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid and will cease to be outstanding obligations secured by the Order or treated as debt of the District for purposes of taxation or applying any limitation on the District's ability to issue debt or for any other purpose. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished provided, however, the District has the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption, (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements, and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Furthermore, the Permanent School Fund Guarantee will terminate with respect to the Bonds defeased in the manner provided above.

### Sources and Uses of Funds

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

Sources		
Par Amount of Bonds	\$	6,260,000.00
Original Issue Reoffering Premium		442,386.65
Accrued Interest on Bonds		14,265.83
Total Sources of Funds	\$	6,716,652.48
Uses	=	
Deposit to Escrow Fund	\$	6,569,609.00
Costs of Issuance		93,000.00
Purchaser's Discount		36,622.71
Deposit to Bond Fund		17,420.77
Total Uses of Funds	\$	6,716,652.48

# **REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES**

If the District defaults in the payment, when due, of principal, interest, redemption price of the Bonds or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, and the State fails to honor the Permanent School Fund Guarantee as hereinafter discussed, the failure to perform which materially, adversely affects the rights of the owners, including but not limited to, their prospective ability to be repaid in accordance with the Order, any registered owner is entitled to seek a writ of mandamus from a court of proper jurisdiction requiring the District to make such payment or observe and perform such covenants, obligations, or conditions. The issuance of a writ of mandamus may be sought

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

#### BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by DTC 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 Purchaser believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

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

The 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 Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities 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, clearing Corporation, all clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participants"). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions,

tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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

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

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

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-only transfers through DTC (or a successor Bonds depository). In that event, physical Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's Book-Entry-Only System has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but none of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

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

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the Direct or Indirect 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.

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

### **Paying Agent/Registrar**

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Order, the District covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar until the Bonds are duly paid.

#### Successor Paying Agent/Registrar

Provision is made in the Order for replacing 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 commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States or any state or other entity 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 has agreed 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.

#### **Initial Registration**

Definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of DTC pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein.

### **Future Registration**

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned on the registration books only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds 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, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. 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 delivered in an exchange or transfer of exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized denominations and for a like aggregate principal amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer.

### **Record Date For Interest Payment**

The record date ("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 next preceding month. In the event of a non-payment of interest on a scheduled payment date, that continues for 30 days or more 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 or on behalf of the District. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due

interest (the "Special Payment Date" which shall be 15 days after the Special Record Date) shall be sent at least five business days prior to the Special Record Date by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the address of each registered owner of a Bond appearing on the books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

### **Replacement Bonds**

If any Bond is mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, a new Bond in the same principal amount 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 substitution for a Bond which has been destroyed, stolen or lost, such new Bond will be delivered only (a) upon filing with the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar a certificate 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.

### AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

### Property Tax Code and County Wide Appraisal District

The Texas Property Tax Code (the "Tax Code") provides for county-wide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board responsible for appraising property for all taxable units within the county. The Limestone Central Appraisal District, the Falls Central Appraisal District and the Robertson Central Appraisal District (collectively the "Appraisal District") are responsible for appraising property within the District as of January 1 of each year. The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board (the "Appraisal Review Board") which is appointed by the Appraisal District's Board of Directors. Such appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by the District in establishing its tax roll and tax rate.

### Property Subject to Taxation by the District

Except for certain exemptions provided by State law, all real and certain tangible personal property with a tax situs in the District is subject to taxation by the District. Principal categories of exempt property (including certain exemptions which are subject to local option by the District) include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if the property is used for public purposes; property exempt from ad valorem taxation by federal law; certain improvements to real property and certain tangible personal property located in designated reinvestment zones on which the District has agreed to abate ad valorem taxes, certain household goods, family supplies and personal effects; farm products owned by the producers; certain property of a nonprofit corporation used in scientific research and educational activities benefiting a college or university; and designated historic sites. Other principal categories of exempt property include tangible personal property not held or used for production of income; solar and windpowered energy devices; most individually owned automobiles; \$10,000 State mandated exemption to residential homesteads of persons ages 65 or over or disabled; a State mandated exemption up to a maximum of \$12,000 for real or personal property of disabled veterans or the surviving spouse or children of an individual who died while on active duty in the armed forces; a State mandated \$25,000 in market value exemption for all residential homesteads (see "Residential Homestead Exemptions" below); and certain classes of intangible property. The Tax Code provides that a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100% disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Furthermore, following the approval by the voters at a November 8, 2011 statewide election, effective January 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who had received a disability rating of 100% is entitled to receive a residential homestead exemption equal to the exemption received by the deceased spouse until such surviving spouse remarries. In addition, except for increases attributable to certain improvements, the District is prohibited by State law from increasing the total ad valorem tax on the residence homestead of persons 65 years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such residence qualified for an exemption based on the age or disability of the owner. The freeze on ad valorem taxes on the homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled is also transferable to a different residence homestead. Also, a surviving spouse of a taxpayer who qualifies for the freeze on ad valorem taxes is entitled to the same exemption so long as (i) the deceased spouse died in a year in which the deceased spouse qualified for the exemption, (ii) the surviving spouse was 55 or older when the deceased spouse died and (iii) the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse. Pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters on May 12, 2007, legislation was enacted to reduce the school property tax limitation imposed by the freeze on taxes paid on residence homesteads of persons 65 years of age or over or of disabled persons to correspond to reductions in local school district tax rates from the 2005 tax year to the 2006 tax year and from the 2006 tax year to the 2007 tax year (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Funding for School Districts" herein). The school property tax limitation provided by the constitutional amendment and enabling legislation apply to the 2007 and subsequent tax years. Owners of agricultural and open space land, under certain circumstances, may request valuation of such land on the basis of productive capacity rather than market value. Article VIII, Section 1-j of the Texas Constitution provides for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for "freeport property," which is defined as goods detained in the State for 175 days or less for the purpose of assembly, storage, manufacturing, processing or fabrication. Taxing units that took action prior to April 1, 1990 may continue to tax freeport property and decisions to continue to tax freeport property may be reversed in the future. However, decisions to exempt freeport property are not subject to reversal. Article VIII, Section 1-n of the Texas Constitution provides for the exemption from taxation of "goods-in-transit." "Goods-in-transit", defined by the Tax Code as personal property acquired or imported into Texas and transported to another location in the State or subject to the state or subj outside of the State within 175 days of the date the property was acquired or imported into Texas. The exemption excludes oil, natural gas, petroleum products, aircraft and special inventory, including motor vehicle, vessel and out-board motor, heavy equipment and manufactured housing inventory. The Tax Code provision permits local governmental entities, on a local option basis, to take official action by January 1 of the year preceding a tax year, after holding a public hearing, to tax goods-in-transit during the following tax year. A taxpayer may receive only one of the freeport or goods-in-transit exemptions for tangible personal property. Senate Bill 1, passed by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature, 1<sup>st</sup> Called Session, requires again that the governmental entities take affirmative action after October 1 of the prior year but prior to January 1 of the first tax year in which the governing body proposes to tax goods-in-transit to continue its taxation of goods-in-transit in the 2012 tax year and beyond. See "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT" and "APPENDIX A – FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT -ASSESSED VALUATION" for a schedule of the amount of exemptions granted by the District.

A city or county may create a tax increment financing zone ("TIF") within the city or county with defined boundaries and establish a base value of taxable property in the TIF at the time of its creation. Overlapping taxing units, including school districts, may agree with the city or county to contribute all or part of future ad valorem taxes levied and collected against the "incremental value" (taxable value in excess of the base value) of taxable real property in the TIF to pay or finance the costs of certain public improvements in the TIF, and such taxes levied and collected for and on behalf of the TIF are not available for general use by such contributing taxing

units. Prior to September 1, 2001, school districts were allowed to enter into tax abatement agreements to encourage economic development. Under such agreements, a property owner agrees to construct certain improvements on its property. The school district 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. Effective September 1, 2001, school districts may not enter into tax abatement agreements under the general statute that permits cities and counties to initiate tax abatement agreements. In addition, credit will not be given by the Commissioner of Education in determining a district's property value wealth per student for (1) the appraisal value, in excess of the "frozen" value, of property that is located in a TIF created after May 31, 1999 (except in certain limited circumstances where the city creating the TIF gave notice prior to May 31, 1999 to all other taxing units that levy ad valorem taxes in the TIF of its intention to create the TIF and the TIF was created and had its final project and financing plan approved by the municipality prior to August 31, 1999) or (2) for the loss of value of abated property under any abatement agreement entered into after May 31, 1993.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in 2001 the Legislature enacted legislation known as the Texas Economic Development Act, which provides incentives for certain school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values and provide ad valorem tax credits to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the district. Generally, during the last eight years of the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, the school district may only levy and collect ad valorem tax credit from the school district for the amount of taxes imposed during the first two years of the tax limitation agreed-to limited value. Additional State funding is provided to a school district for each year of such tax limitation in the amount of the tax credit provided to the taxpayer. During the first two years of a tax limitation in the amount of tax credit provided to the taxpayer. During the first two years of a tax limitation agreement, the school district may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the district's rollback tax rate (see "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Public Hearing and Rollback Tax Rate").

### Valuation of Property for Taxation

Generally, property in the District must be appraised by the Appraisal District at market value as of January 1 of each year. In determining the market value of property, different methods of appraisal may be used, including the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and the method considered most appropriate by the chief appraiser is to be used. Oil and gas reserves are assessed on the basis of pricing information contained in the most recently published Early Release Overview of the Annual Energy Outlook published by the United States Energy Information Administration, as well as appraisal formulas developed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts. Effective January 1, 2016, the valuation of assessment of oil and gas reserves will depend upon pricing information in either the standard edition of the Annual Energy Outlook or, if the most recently published edition of the Annual Energy Outlook was published before December 1 of the preceding calendar year, the Short-Term Energy Outlook report published in January of the current calendar year. Once an appraisal roll is prepared and finally approved by the Appraisal Review Board, it is used by the District in establishing its tax rolls and tax rate. Assessments under the Tax Code are based on one hundred percent (100%) of market value, except as described below, and no assessment ratio can be applied.

State law requires the appraised value of a residence homestead to be based solely on the property's value as a residence 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 residence homestead for a tax year to an amount that would not exceed the lesser of (1) the property's market value in the most recent tax year in which the market value was determined by the appraisal district or (2) the sum of (a) 10% of the property's appraised value in the preceding tax year, plus (b) the property's appraised value the preceding tax year, plus (c) the market value of all new improvements to the property.

Article VII of the Texas Constitution and the Tax Code permit land designated for agricultural use (Section 1-d), open space or timberland (Section 1-d-1) to be appraised at its value based on the land's capacity to produce agricultural or timber products rather than at its fair market value. Landowners wishing to avail themselves of the agricultural use designation must apply for the designation, and the appraiser is required by the Tax Code to act on each claimant's right to the designation individually. If a claimant receives the designation and later loses it by changing the use of the property or selling it to an unqualified owner, the District can collect taxes for previous years based on the new value, including three years for agricultural use and five years for agricultural use and five years for Section 1-d and Section 1-d-1.

The Tax Code requires the Appraisal District to implement a plan for periodic reappraisal of property to update appraisal values. The plan must provide for appraisal of all real property in the Appraisal District at least once every three years. The District, at its expense, has the right to obtain from the Appraisal District current estimates of appraised values within the District or an estimate of any new property or improvements within the District. While such current estimates of appraisal values may serve to indicate the rate and extent of growth of taxable values within the District, it cannot be used for establishing a tax rate within the District until such time as the Appraisal District chooses to formally include such values on its appraisal rolls.

### **Residential Homestead Exemptions**

Under Section 1-b, Article VIII of the Texas Constitution and State law, the governing body of a political subdivision, at its option, may grant an exemption of not less than \$3,000 of the market value of the residence homestead of persons 65 years of age or older or the disabled from all ad valorem taxes thereafter levied by the political subdivision.

Once authorized, such exemption may be repealed or decreased or increased in amount (i) by the governing body of the political subdivision or (ii) by a favorable vote of a majority of the qualified voters at an election called by the governing body of the political subdivision, which election must be called upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the political subdivision. In the case of a decrease, the amount of the exemption may not be reduced to less than \$3,000 of the market value.

The surviving spouse of an individual who qualifies for the foregoing exemption for the residence homestead of a person 65 or older (but not the disabled) is entitled to an exemption for the same property in an amount equal to that of the exemption for which the deceased spouse qualified if (i) the deceased spouse died in a year in which the deceased spouse qualified for the exemption, (ii) the surviving spouse was at least 55 years of age at the time of the decth of the individual's spouse and (iii) the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when the deceased spouse died and remains the residence homestead of the surviving spouse. On November 3, 2015, Texas voters approved an amendment to this law to provide for the exemption from ad valorem taxation for those surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011, of which such amendment applies for the tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

Section 11.131 of the Texas Tax Code states that a disabled veteran who receives from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor 100% disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100% disabled or of

individual unemployability is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Furthermore, following the approval by the voters at a November 8, 2011 statewide election, effective January 1, 2012, the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran who had received a disability rating of 100% is entitled to receive a residential homestead exemption equal to the exemption received by the deceased spouse until the surviving spouse remarries.

A partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran is entitled to an exemption equal to the percentage of the veteran's disability, if the residence was donated far less than market value to the veteran by a charitable organization.

Also, the surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces who is killed in action is entitled to a property tax exemption for all or part of the market value of such surviving spouse's residence homestead, if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the service member's death and said property was the service member's residence homestead at the time of death. Such exemption is transferable to a different property of the surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse has not remarried, in an amount equal to the exemption received on the prior residence in the last year in which such exemption was received.

Following the approval by the voters at a November 7, 2017 statewide election (with an effective date of January 1, 2018), the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is entitled to a property tax exemption for all or part of the market value of such surviving spouse's residence homestead, if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the first responder's death and said property was the first responder's residence homestead at the time of death. Such exemption is transferable to a different property of the surviving spouse, if the surviving spouse has not remarried, in an amount equal to the exemption received on the prior residence in the last year in which such exemption was received.

In addition to any other exemptions provided by the Tax Code, the governing body of a political subdivision, at its option, may grant an exemption of up to 20% of the market value of residence homesteads, with a minimum exemption of \$5,000.

In the case of residence homestead exemptions granted under Section 1-b, Article VIII, ad valorem taxes may continue to be levied against the value of homesteads exempted where ad valorem taxes have previously been pledged for the payment of debt if cessation of the levy would impair the obligation of the contract by which the debt was created. Voters in the State approved a constitutional amendment on November 3, 2015 increasing the mandatory homestead exemption for school districts from \$15,000 to \$25,000, and requiring that the tax limitation for taxpayers who are age 65 and older or disabled be reduced to reflect the additional exemption.

The governing body of a political subdivision is prohibited from repealing or reducing the amount of an optional homestead exemption that was in place for the 2014 tax year (fiscal year 2015) during the period ending December 31, 2019.

### **District and Taxpayer Remedies**

Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the District, may appeal orders of the Appraisal Review Board by filing a petition for review in district court within 45 days after notice is received that a final order has been entered. In such event, the property value in question may be determined by the court, or by a jury, if requested by any party, or through binding arbitration, if requested by the taxpayer. Additionally, taxing units may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Tax Code.

### 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. By the later of September 30<sup>th</sup> or 60 days after the certified appraisal roll is delivered to the District, the rate of taxation must be set by the Board based upon the valuation of property within the District as of the preceding January 1 and the amount required to be raised for debt service and maintenance and operations purposes. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and become delinquent after January 31 of the following year. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty from six percent (6%) to twelve percent (12%) of the amount of the tax, depending on the time of payment, and accrues interest at the rate of one percent (1%) per month. If the tax is not paid by the following July 1, an additional penalty of up to twenty percent (20%) may under certain circumstances be imposed by the District. The Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes under certain circumstances.

### Public Hearing and Rollback Tax Rate

In setting its annual tax rate, the governing body of a school district generally cannot adopt a tax rate exceeding the district's "rollback tax rate" without approval by a majority of the voters voting at an election approving the higher rate. The tax rate consists of two components: (1) a rate for funding of maintenance and operation expenditures and (2) a rate for debt service. The rollback tax rate for a school district is the lesser of (A) the sum of (1) the product of the district's "State Compression Percentage" for that year multiplied by \$1.50, (2) the rate of \$0.04, (3) any rate increase above the rollback tax rate in prior years that were approved by voters, and (4) the district's current debt rate, or (B) the sum of (1) the district's effective maintenance and operations tax rate, (2) the product of the district's State Compression Percentage for that year multiplied by \$0.06; and (3) the district's current debt rate (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Funding for School Districts" for a description of the "State Compression Percentage"). If for the preceding tax year a district adopted an M&O tax rate that was less than its effective M&O tax rate for that preceding tax year, the district's rollback tax for the current year is calculated as if the district had adopted an M&O tax rate for the preceding tax year equal to its effective M&O tax rate for that preceding tax year.

The "effective maintenance and operations tax rate" for a school district is the tax rate that, applied to the current tax values, would provide local maintenance and operating funds, when added to State funds to be distributed to the district pursuant to Chapter 42 of the Texas Education Code for the school year beginning in the current tax year, in the same amount as would have been available to the district in the preceding year if the funding elements of wealth equalization and State funding for the current year had been in effect for the preceding year.

Section 26.05 of the Tax Code provides that the governing body of a taxing unit is required to adopt the annual tax rate for the unit before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, and a failure to adopt a tax rate by such required date will result in the tax rate for the taxing unit for the tax year to be the lower of the effective tax rate calculated for that tax year or the tax rate adopted by the taxing unit for the preceding tax year. 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 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 district if the district has not compled with such notice requirements or the language and format requirements of such notice as set forth in Section 44.004(b), (c) 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 district delivers substantially all of its tax bills. A district may adopt its budget after adopting a tax rate for the tax year in which the fiscal year covered by the budget begins if the district elects to adopt its tax rate

before receiving the certified appraisal roll. A 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.

### District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

Taxes levied by the District are a personal obligation of the owner of the property. The District has no lien for unpaid taxes on personal property but does have a lien for unpaid taxes upon real property, which lien is discharged upon payment. On January 1 of each year, such tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The District's tax lien is on a parity with the tax liens of other such taxing units. A tax lien on real property taxes takes priority over the claims 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. The automatic stay in bankruptcy will prevent the automatic attachment of tax liens with respect to post-petition tax years unless relief is sought and granted by the bankruptcy judge. Personal property, under certain circumstances, is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

Except with respect to taxpayers who are 65 years of age or older, 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, by the effects of market conditions on the foreclosure sale price, by taxpayer redemption rights, or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts. Federal bankruptcy law provides that an automatic stay of actions by creditors and other entities, including governmental units, goes into effect with the filing of any petition in bankruptcy. The automatic stay prevents governmental units from foreclosing on property and prevents liens for post-petition taxes from attaching to property and obtaining secured creditor status unless, in either case, an order lifting the stay is obtained from the bankruptcy court. In many cases post-petition taxes are paid as an administrative expense of the estate in bankruptcy or by order of the bankruptcy court.

# THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

The Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Limestone, Falls and Robertson Counties, Texas (the "County"). The Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within the County.

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

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

The District does not collect an additional 20% penalty to defray attorney costs in the collection of delinquent taxes over and above the penalty automatically assessed under the Tax Code.

The District's taxes are collected by the Limestone County Tax Assessor/Collector.

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

The District does not participate in a tax increment financing zone. The District does not grant tax abatements.

The District does not grant the additional local option exemption of up to 20% of the market value of residence homesteads.

The District has not taken action to tax freeport property. The District has not taken action to continue to tax goods-in-transit.

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

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

After July, the penalty remains at 12%, and interest increases at the rate of 1% each month. In addition, State law allows that, if an account is delinquent in July, an amount up to 20% attorney's collection fee may be added to the total tax penalty and interest charge.

# STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

## Litigation Relating to the Texas Public School Finance System

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

### Overview

The following language constitutes only a summary of the Finance System as it is currently structured. For a more complete description of school finance and fiscal management in the State, reference is made to Chapters 41 through 46 of the Texas Education Code, as amended.

Funding for school districts in the State is provided primarily from State and local sources. State funding for all school districts is provided through a set of funding formulas comprising the "Foundation School Program", as well as two facilities funding programs. Generally, the Finance System is designed to promote wealth equalization among school districts by balancing State and local sources of funds available to school districts. In particular, because districts with relatively high levels of property wealth per student can raise more local funding, such districts receive less State aid, and in some cases, are required to disburse local funds to equalize their overall funding relative to other school districts. Conversely, because districts with relatively low levels of property wealth per student have limited access to local funding, the Finance System is designed to provide more State funding to such districts. Thus, as a school district's property wealth per student increases, State funding to the school district's State funding. The Finance System provides a similar equalization system for facilities funding wherein districts with the same tax rate for debt service raise the same amount of combined State and local funding. Facilities funding to be consistently appropriated by the Texas Legislature, as further described below.

Local funding is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each district's boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: a limited M&O tax to pay current expenses and an unlimited interest and sinking fund ("I&S") tax to pay debt service on bonds. Generally, under current law, M&O tax rates are subject to a statutory maximum rate of \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value for most school districts (although a few districts can exceed the \$1.17 limit as a result of authorization approved in the 1960s). Current law also requires school districts to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding indebtedness through the levy of an ad valorem tax at a rate of not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable property at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, districts may levy a tax to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" herein). As noted above, because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by the same tax rate is also subject to wide variation among school districts.

### Local Funding for School Districts

The primary source of local funding for school districts is collections from ad valorem taxes levied against taxable property located in each school district. Prior to reform legislation that became effective during the 2006-2007 fiscal year (the "Reform Legislation"), the maximum M&O tax rate for most school districts was generally limited to \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value. At the time the Reform Legislation was enacted, the majority of school districts were levying an M&O tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value. The Reform Legislation required each school district to "compress" its tax rate by an amount equal to the "State Compression Percentage". The State Compression Percentage is set by legislative appropriation for each State fiscal biennium or, in the absence of legislative appropriation, by the Commissioner. For the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium, the State Compression Percentage has been set at 66.67%, effectively setting the maximum compressed M&O tax rate for most school districts are permitted, however, to generate additional local funds by raising their M&O tax rate by up to \$0.04 above the compressed tax rate increase through a local referendum, districts may, in general, increase their M&O tax rate up to a maximum M&O tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value and receive State equalization funds for such taxing effort (see "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Public Hearing and Rollback Tax Rate"). Elections authorizing the levy of M&O taxes held in certain school districts under older laws, however, may subject M&O tax rates in such districts to other limitations (See "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" herein).

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

State funding for school districts is provided through the Foundation School Program, which provides each school district with a minimum level of funding (a "Basic Allotment") for each student in average daily attendance ("ADA"). The Basic Allotment is calculated for each school district using various weights and adjustments based on the number of students in average daily attendance and also varies depending on each district's compressed tax rate. This Basic Allotment formula determines most of the allotments making up a district's basic level of funding, referred to as "Tier One" of the Foundation School Program. The basic level of funding is then "enriched" with additional funds known as "Tier Two" of the Foundation School Program. Tier Two provides a guaranteed level of funding for each cent of local tax effort that exceeds the compressed tax rate (for most districts, M&O tax rates above \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value). 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 ("IFA") to subsidize debt service needs of property-poor school districts. In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,378,500,000 for the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium for the EDA, IFA, and NIFA.

Tier One and Tier Two allotments represent the State's share of the cost of M&O expenses of school districts, with local M&O taxes representing the 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. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the Texas Legislature. Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the Texas Legislature for the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium and debt service assistance on school district bonds that are not yet eligible for EDA is not available, debt service on new bonds issued by districts to construct, acquire and improve facilities must be funded solely from local I&S taxes.

Tier One allotments are intended to provide all districts a basic level of education necessary to meet applicable legal standards. Tier Two allotments are intended to guarantee each school district that is not subject to the wealth transfer provisions described below an opportunity to supplement that basic program at a level of its own choice; however, Tier Two allotments may not be used for the payment of debt service or capital outlay.

As described above, the cost of the basic program is based on an allotment per student known as the "Basic Allotment". For the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium, the Basic Allotment is \$5,140 for each student in average daily attendance. The Basic Allotment is then adjusted for all districts by several different weights to account for inherent differences between school districts. These weights consist of (i) a cost adjustment factor intended to address varying economic conditions that affect teacher hiring known as the "cost of education index", (ii) district-size adjustments for small and mid-size districts, and (iii) an adjustment for the sparsity of the district's student population. The cost of education index, district-size and population sparsity adjustments, as applied to the Basic Allotment, create what is referred to as the "Adjusted Allotment". The Adjusted Allotment is used to compute a "regular program allotment", as well as various other allotments associated with educating students with other specified educational needs.

Tier Two supplements the basic funding of Tier One and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., guaranteed levels of funding by the State) depending on the district's local tax effort. The first six cents of tax effort that exceeds the compressed tax rate (for most districts, M&O tax rates ranging from \$1.00 to \$1.06 per \$100 of taxable value) will, for most districts, generate the a guaranteed yield of \$99.41 and \$106.28 per cent per weighted student in average daily attendance ("WADA") in the 2017-18 and 2018-19 State fiscal years, respectively. The second level of Tier Two is generated by tax effort that exceeds the district's compressed tax rate plus six cents (for most districts eligible for this level of funding, M&O tax rates ranging from \$1.06 to \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value) and has a guaranteed yield per cent per WADA of \$31.95 for the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium. Property-wealthy school districts that have an M&O tax rate that exceeds the district's compressed tax rate plus six cents are subject to recapture above this tax rate level at the equivalent wealth per student of \$319,500 (see "Wealth Transfer Provisions" below).

Previously, a district with a compressed tax rate below \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value (known as a "fractionally funded district") received a Basic Allotment which was reduced proportionately to the degree that the district's compressed tax rate fell short of \$1.00. Beginning in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the compressed tax rate of a fractionally funded district now includes the portion of such district's current M&O tax rate in excess of the first six cents above the district's compressed tax rate until the district's compressed tax rate is equal to the state maximum compressed tax rate of \$1.00. Thus, for fractionally funded districts, each eligible one cent of M&O tax levy above the district's compressed tax rate plus six cents will have a guaranteed yield based on Tier One funding instead of the Tier Two yield, thereby reducing the penalty against the Basic Allotment.

In addition to the operations funding components of the Foundation School Program discussed above, the Foundation School Program provides a facilities funding component consisting of the Instructional Facilities Allotment (IFA) program and the Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) program. These programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Guaranteed Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of tax effort to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The guaranteed yield per cent of local tax effort per student in ADA 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 the State Legislature allocates appropriated funds for new IFA awards, a school district must apply to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the Commissioner before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA state assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the 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 district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student per cent of local tax effort applicable to the bonds may not be reduced below the level provided for the year in which the bonds were issued. The 85th State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards for the 2018-2019 State fiscal biennium; 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") was the same as the IFA Guaranteed Yield (\$35 per cent of local tax effort per student in ADA). The 85th Texas Legislature changed the EDA Yield to the lesser of (i) \$40 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 districts would have been entitled to if the EDA Yield were \$35. The yield for the 2017-2018 fiscal year is approximately \$37. The portion of a district's local debt service rate that qualifies for EDA assistance is limited to the first 29 cents of debt service tax (or a greater amount for any year provided by appropriation by the Texas Legislature). In general, a district's bonds are eligible for

EDA assistance if (i) the district made payments on the bonds during the final fiscal year of the preceding State fiscal biennium, or (ii) the 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 district may not receive EDA funding for the principal and interest on a series of otherwise eligible bonds for which the district receives IFA funding.

A district may also qualify for a NIFA allotment, which provides assistance to districts for operational expenses associated with opening new instructional facilities. The 85th Texas Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$23,750,000 for each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 State fiscal years for NIFA allotments.

### 2006 Legislation

Since the enactment of the Reform Legislation in 2006, most school districts in the State have operated with a "target" funding level per student ("Target Revenue") that is based upon the "hold harmless" principles embodied in the Reform Legislation. This system of Target Revenue was superimposed on the Foundation School Program and made existing funding formulas substantially less important for most school districts. The Reform Legislation was intended to lower M&O tax rates in order to give school districts "meaningful discretion" in setting their M&O tax rates, while holding school districts harmless by providing them with the same level of overall funding they received prior to the enactment of the Reform Legislation. To make up for this shortfall, the Reform Legislation authorized Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction ("ASATR") for each school district in an amount equal to the difference between the amount that each district would receive under the Foundation School Program and the amount of each district's Target Revenue funding level. However, in subsequent legislative sessions, the Texas Legislature has gradually reduced the reliance on ASATR by increasing the funding formulas, and beginning with the 2017-18 school year, the statutes authorizing ASATR are repealed (eliminating revenue targets and ASATR funding).

### 2017 Legislation

The 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature, including the regular session which concluded on May 29, 2017 and the special session which concluded on August 15, 2017, did not enact substantive changes to the Finance System. However, certain bills during the regular session and House Bill 21, which was passed during the special session and signed by the Governor on August 16, 2017, revised certain aspects of the formulas used to determine school district entitlements under the Finance System. In addition to amounts previously discussed, the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature additionally appropriated funds to (i) establish a Financial Hardship Transition Program, which provides grants ("Hardship Grants") to those districts which were heavily reliant on ASATR funding, and (ii) provide an Adjustment for Rapid Decline in Taxable Value of Property ("DPV Decline Adjustment") for districts which experienced a decline in their tax base of more than four percent for tax years 2015 and 2016. A district may receive either a Hardship Grant or a DPV Decline Adjustment, but cannot receive both. In a case where a district would have been eligible to receive funding under both programs, the district will receive the greater of the two amounts.

#### Wealth Transfer Provisions

Some districts have sufficient property wealth per student in WADA ("wealth per student") to generate their statutory level of funding through collections of local property taxes alone. Districts whose wealth per student generates local property tax collections in excess of their statutory level of funding are referred to as "Chapter 41" districts because they are subject to the wealth equalization provisions contained in Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code. Chapter 41 districts may receive State funds for certain competitive grants and a few programs that remain outside the Foundation School Program. Otherwise, Chapter 41 districts are not eligible to receive State funding. Furthermore, Chapter 41 districts must exercise certain measures in order to reduce their wealth level to equalized wealth levels of funding, as determined by formulas set forth in the Reform Legislation. For most Chapter 41 districts, this equalization process entails paying the portion of the district's local taxes collected in excess of the equalized wealth levels of funding to the State (for redistribution to other school districts) or directly to other school districts with a wealth per student that does not generate local funds sufficient to meet the statutory level of funding, a process known as "recapture".

The equalized wealth levels that subject Chapter 41 districts to recapture for the 2018-2019 State fiscal biennium are set at (i) \$514,000 per student in WADA with respect to that portion of a district's M&O tax effort that does not exceed its compressed tax rate (for most districts, the first \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value) and (ii) \$319,500 per WADA with respect to that portion of a district's M&O tax effort that is beyond its compressed rate plus \$.06 (for most districts, M&O taxes levied above \$1.06 per \$100 in taxable value). So long as the State's equalization program under Chapter 42 of the Texas Education Code is funded to provide tax revenue equivalent to that raised by the Austin Independent School District on the first six pennies of tax effort that exceed the compressed tax rate, then M&O taxes levied above \$1.00 but at or below \$1.06 per \$100 of taxable value ("Golden Pennies") are not subject to the wealth equalization provisions of Chapter 41. Because funding at the Austin Independent School District level is currently being provided to school districts under Chapter 42 of the Texas Education Code, no recapture is currently associated with the Golden Pennies. Chapter 41 districts with a wealth per student above the lower equalized wealth level but below the higher equalized wealth level must equalize their wealth only with respect to the portion of their M&O tax rate, if any, in excess of \$1.06 per \$100 of taxable value. Under Chapter 41, a district has five options to reduce its wealth per student so that it does not exceed the equalized wealth levels: (1) a district may consolidate by agreement with one or more districts from the State; (4) a district may contract to educate nonresident students from a property-poor district by sending money directly to one or more property-poor districts; or (5) a district may consolidate by agreement with one or more districts to form a consolidated taxing district solely to levy and distribute either M&O taxes or both M&O taxes and l&S taxes. A Chapter 41 d

A district may not adopt a tax rate until its effective wealth per student is at or below the equalized wealth level. If a district fails to exercise a permitted option, the Commissioner must reduce the district's property wealth per student to the equalized wealth level by detaching certain types of property from the district and annexing the property to a property-poor district or, if necessary, consolidate the district with a property-poor district. Provisions governing detachment and annexation of taxable property by the Commissioner do not provide for assumption of any of the transferring district's existing debt. The Commissioner has not been required to detach property in the absence of a district failing to select another wealth-equalization option.

# THE SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The District's wealth per student for the 2018-19 school year is greater than the equalized wealth value. Pursuant to Chapter 41, Texas Education Code, the Commissioner has notified the District that its wealth per student exceeds the equalized wealth level set by law. Accordingly, the District has entered into one or more wealth equalization agreements with the Commissioner and/or other school districts for the purpose of implementing permitted wealth equalization options.

A district's wealth per student must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the maximum permitted level, must be reduced by exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District's wealth per student should exceed the maximum permitted level in future school years, it will 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 consolidate 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.

## THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The information below concerning the State Permanent School Fund and the Guarantee Program for school district bonds has been provided by the Texas Education Agency (the "TEA") and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, and is not construed as a representation by the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser.

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

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

### **History and Purpose**

The PSF was created with a \$2,000,000 appropriation by the Texas Legislature (the "Legislature") in 1854 expressly for the benefit of the public schools of Texas. The Constitution of 1876 stipulated that certain lands and all proceeds from the sale of these lands should also constitute the PSF. Additional acts later gave more public domain land and rights to the PSF. In 1953, the U.S. Congress passed the Submerged Lands Act that relinquished to coastal states all rights of the U.S. navigable waters within state boundaries. If the state, by law, had set a larger boundary prior to or at the time of admission to the Union, or if the boundary had been approved by Congress, then the larger boundary applied. After three years of litigation (1957-1960), the U.S. Supreme Court on May 31, 1960, affirmed Texas' historic three marine leagues (10.35 miles) seaward boundary. Texas proved its submerged lands property rights to three leagues into the Gulf of Mexico by citing historic laws and treaties dating back to 1836. All lands lying within that limit belong to the PSF. The proceeds from the sale and the mineral-related rental of these of the State of an amendment to the constitutional provision under which the Fund is established and administered, which occurred on September 13, 2003 (the "Total Return Constitutional Amendment"), and which is further described below, the PSF had as its main sources of revenues capital gains from securities transactions and royalties from the sale of oil and natural gas. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment"), and which is further described below, the PSF had as its main sources of revenues capital gains ("SLB") maintains the land endowment of the Fund on behalf of the Fund and is authorized to manage the investments of the capital gains, royalties and other investment income relating to the land endowment. The SLB is a three member board, the membership of which consists of the Commissioner of the Texas Attorney General"). As of August 31, 2017, the General Land Office (the "GLO") m

The Texas Constitution describes the PSF as "permanent." Prior to the approval by Total Return Constitutional Amendment, only the income produced by the PSF was to be used to complement taxes in financing public education.

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

In 2011, legislation was enacted that established the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program as a new component of the Guarantee Program. That legislation authorized the use of the PSF to guarantee revenue bonds issued by or for the benefit of certain open-enrollment charter schools that are designated as "charter districts" by the Commissioner. On approval by the Commissioner, bonds properly issued by a charter district participating in the Program are fully guaranteed by the corpus of the PSF. As described below, the implementation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program was deferred pending receipt of guidance from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") which was received in September 2013, and the establishment of Guarantee Program."

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

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

The sole purpose of the PSF is to assist in the funding of public education for present and future generations. Prior to the adoption of the Total Return Constitutional Amendment, all interest and dividends produced by Fund investments flowed into the Available School Fund (the "ASF"), where they are distributed to local school districts and open-enrollment charter schools based on average daily attendance. Any net gains from investments of the Fund accrue to the corpus of the PSF. Prior to the approval by the voters of the State of the Total Return Constitutional Amendment, costs of administering the PSF were allocated to the

ASF. With the approval of the Total Return Constitutional Amendment, the administrative costs of the Fund have shifted from the ASF to the PSF. In fiscal year 2017 distributions to the ASF amounted to an estimated \$212.49 per student and the total amount distributed to the ASF was \$1,056.4 million.

Audited financial information for the PSF is provided annually through the PSF Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "Annual Report"), which is filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The Annual Report includes the Message of the Executive Administrator of the Fund (the "Message") and the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). The Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2017, when filed with the MSRB in accordance with the PSF undertaking and agreement made in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 ("Rule 15c2-12") of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), as described below, is hereby incorporated by reference into this disclosure. Information included herein for the year ended August 31, 2017 is derived from the audited financial statements of the PSF, which are included in the Annual Report when it is filed and posted. Reference is made to the Annual Report for the complete Message and MD&A for the year ended August 31, 2017 and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2017, the most recent year for which includes statistical data regarding the Fund is available. The 2017 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the Soft for a description of Includes the 2017 Annual Report any other Annual Report. The TEA post seach Annual Report, which includes statistical data regarding the Fund as of the close of each fiscal year, the most recent disclosure for the Guarantee Program, the Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund, which is codified at 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 33 (the "Investment Policy"), monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program (collectively, the "Web Site Materials") on the TEA web site at http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\_and\_Grants/Permanent\_School\_Fund/ and with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org. Such monthly updates regarding the Guarantee Program are also incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes. In

### The Total Return Constitutional Amendment

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment approved a fundamental change in the way that distributions are made to the ASF from the PSF. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment requires that PSF distributions to the ASF be determined using a total-return-based formula instead of the current-income-based formula, which was used from 1964 to the end of the 2003 fiscal year. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment provides that the total amount distributed from the Fund to the ASF: (1) in each year of a State fiscal biennium must be an amount that is not more than 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund, excluding real property (the "Distribution Rate"), on the last day of each of the sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium (the "Distribution Measurement Period"), in accordance with the rate adopted by: (a) a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the State Board of Education ("SBOE"), taken before the Regular Session of the Legislature convenes or (b) the Legislature by general law or appropriation, if the SBOE does not adopt a rate as provided by clause (a); and (2) over the ten-year period consisting of the current State fiscal year and the nine preceding state fiscal years may not exceed the total return on all investment assets of the Fund over the same ten-year period (the "Ten Year Total Return"). In April 2009, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0707 (2009) ("GA-0707"), at the request of the Chairman of the SBOE with regard to certain matters pertaining to the Distribution Rate and the determination of the Ten Year Total Return, is not prohibited by State law, provided that such contingency plan applies only within a fiscal year time basis, not on a biennium basis, and (iii) that the amount distributed from the Fund in a fiscal year may not exceed 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund or the Ten Year Total Return, is not prohibited by State law, provided

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

See "2011 Constitutional Amendment" below for a discussion of the historic and current Distribution Rates, and a description of amendments made to the Texas Constitution on November 8, 2011 that may affect Distribution Rate decisions.

Since the enactment of a prior amendment to the Texas Constitution in 1964, the investment of the Fund has been managed with the dual objectives of producing current income for transfer to the ASF and growing the Fund for the benefit of future generations. As a result of this prior constitutional framework, prior to the adoption of the 2004 asset allocation policy the investment of the Fund historically included a significant amount of fixed income investments and dividend-yielding equity investments, to produce income for transfer to the ASF.

With respect to the management of the Fund's financial assets portfolio, the single most significant change made to date as a result of the Total Return Constitutional Amendment has been new asset allocation policies adopted from time to time by the SBOE. The SBOE generally reviews the asset allocations during its summer meeting in even numbered years. The first asset allocation policy adopted by the SBOE following the Total Return Constitutional Amendment was in February 2004, and the policy was reviewed and modified or reaffirmed in the summers of each even-numbered year, most recently in 2018. The Fund's investment policy provides for minimum and maximum ranges among the components of each of the asset classifications: equities, fixed income and alternative asset investments. The 2004 asset allocation policy decreased the fixed income target from 45% to 25% of Fund investment assets and increased the allocation for equities from 55% to 75% of investment assets. Subsequent asset allocation policies have continued to diversify Fund assets, and have added an alternative asset allocation to the fixed income and equity allocations. The alternative asset allocation category includes real estate, real return, absolute return

and private equity components. Alternative asset classes diversify the SBOE-managed assets and are not as correlated to traditional asset classes, which is intended to increase investment returns over the long run while reducing risk and return volatility of the portfolio. The most recent asset allocation, from 2016, which was reviewed and reaffirmed in June 2018, is as follows: (i) an equity allocation of 35% (consisting of U.S. large cap equities targeted at 13%, international equities at 14% and emerging international equities at 3%) and U.S. small/mid cap equities at 5%), (ii) a fixed income allocation of 19% (consisting of a 12% allocation for core bonds and a 7% allocation for emerging market debt in local currency) and (iii) an alternative asset allocation of 46% (consisting of a private equity allocation of 13%, a real estate allocation of 10%, an absolute return allocation of 6%). The 2016 asset allocation decreased U.S. large cap equities and international equities by 3% and 2%, respectively, and increased the allocations for private equity and real estate by 3% and 2%, respectively.

For a variety of reasons, each change in asset allocation for the Fund, including the 2016 modifications, have been implemented in phases, and that approach is likely to be carried forward when and if the asset allocation policy is again modified. At August 31, 2017, the Fund's financial assets portfolio was invested as follows: 43.16% in public market equity investments; 12.86% in fixed income investments; 9.99% in absolute return assets; 7.02% in private equity assets; 7.40% in real estate assets; 6.83% in risk parity assets; 5.44% in real return assets; 6.99% in emerging market debt; and 0.31% in unallocated cash.

Following on previous decisions to create strategic relationships with investment managers in certain asset classes, in September 2015 and January 2016, the SBOE approved the implementation of direct investment programs in private equity and absolute return assets, respectively, which has continued to reduce administrative costs with respect to those portfolios. The Attorney General has advised the SBOE in Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0998 (2013) ("GA-0998"), that the PSF is not subject to requirements of certain State competitive bidding laws with respect to the selection of investments. In GA-0998, the Attorney General also advised that the SBOE generally must use competitive bidding for the selection of investment managers and other third party providers of investment services, such as record keeping and insurance, but excluding certain professional services, such as accounting services, as State law prohibits the use of competitive bidding for specified professional services. GA-0998 provides guidance to the SBOE in connection with the direct management of alternative investments through investment vehicles to be created by the SBOE, in lieu of contracting with external managers for such services, as has been the recent practice of the PSF. The PSF staff and the Fund's investment advisor are tasked with advising the SBOE with respect to the implementation of the Fund's asset allocation policy, including the timing and manner of the selection of any external managers and other consultants.

In accordance with the Texas Constitution, the SBOE views the PSF as a perpetual institution, and the Fund is managed as an endowment fund with a long-term investment horizon. Under the total-return investment objective, the Investment Policy provides that the PSF shall be managed consistently with respect to the following: generating income for the benefit of the public free schools of Texas, the real growth of the corpus of the PSF, protecting capital, and balancing the needs of present and future generations of Texas school children. As described above, the Total Return Constitutional Amendment restricts the annual payout from the Fund to the total-return on all investment assets of the Fund over a rolling ten-year period. State law provides that each transfer of funds from the PSF to the ASF is made monthly, with each transfer to be in the amount of one-twelfth of the annual distribution. The heavier weighting of equity securities and alternative assets relative to fixed income investments has resulted in greater volatility of the value of the Fund. Given the general performance returns of the markets in which the Fund is invested.

The asset allocation of the Fund's financial assets portfolio is subject to change by the SBOE from time to time based upon a number of factors, including recommendations to the SBOE made by internal investment staff and external consultants, changes made by the SBOE without regard to such recommendations and directives of the Legislature. Fund performance may also be affected by factors other than asset allocation, including, without limitation, the general performance of the securities markets in the United States and abroad; political and investment considerations including those relating to socially responsible investing; economic impacts relating to domestic and international climate change; development of hostilities in and among nations; cybersecurity issues that affect the securities markets, economic activity and investments, in general, application of the prudent person investment standard, which may eliminate certain investment opportunities for the Fund; management fees paid to external managers and embedded management fees for some fund investments; and limitations on the number and compensation of internal and external investment staff, which is subject to legislative oversight. The Guarantee Program could also be impacted by changes in State or federal law or the implementation of new accounting standards.

#### Management and Administration of the Fund

The Texas Constitution and applicable statutes delegate to the SBOE the authority and responsibility for investment of the PSF's financial assets. In investing the Fund, the SBOE is charged with exercising the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of ordinary prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of their capital. The SBOE has adopted a "Statement of Investment Objectives, Policies, and Guidelines of the Texas Permanent School Fund," which is codified in the Texas Administrative Code beginning at 19 TAC section 33.1.

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment provides that expenses of managing the PSF are to be paid "by appropriation" from the PSF. In January 2005, at the request of the SBOE, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0293 (2005), that the Total Return Constitutional Amendment requires that SBOE expenditures for managing or administering PSF investments, including payments to external investment managers, be paid from appropriations made by the Legislature, but that the Total Return Constitutional Amendment does not require the SBOE to pay from such appropriated PSF funds the indirect management costs deducted from the assets of a mutual fund or other investment company in which PSF funds have been invested.

Texas law assigns control of the Fund's land and mineral rights to the three-member SLB, which consists of the elected Commissioner of the GLO, an appointee of the Governor, and an appointee of the Attorney General. Administrative duties related to the land and mineral rights reside with the GLO, which is under the guidance of the Commissioner of the GLO. In 2007, the Legislature established the real estate special fund account of the PSF (the "Real Estate Account") consisting of proceeds and revenue from land, mineral or royalty interest, real estate investment, or other interest, including revenue received from those sources, that is set apart to the PSF under the Texas Constitution and laws, together with the mineral estate in riverbeds, channels, and the tidelands, including islands. The investment of the Real Estate Account is subject to the sole and exclusive management and control of the SLB and the Land Commissioner, who is also the head of the GLO. The 2007 legislation presented constitutional questions regarding the respective roles of the SBOE and the SLB relating to the disposition of proceeds of real estate transactions to the ASF, among other questions. Amounts in the investment to the Texas Constitution was approved

by State voters on November 8, 2011, which permits the SLB to make transfers directly to the ASF, see "2011 Constitutional Amendment" below.

The SBOE contracts with its securities custodial agent to measure the performance of the total return of the Fund's financial assets. A consultant is typically retained for the purpose of providing consultation with respect to strategic asset allocation decisions and to assist the SBOE in selecting external fund management advisors. The SBOE also contracts with financial institutions for custodial and securities lending services. Like other State agencies and instrumentalities that manage large investment portfolios, the PSF has implemented an incentive compensation plan that may provide additional compensation for investment performance of the Fund.

As noted above, the Texas Constitution and applicable statutes make the SBOE responsible for investment of the PSF's financial assets. By law, the Commissioner is appointed by the Governor, with Senate confirmation, and assists the SBOE, but the Commissioner can neither be hired nor dismissed by the SBOE. The Executive Administrator of the Fund is also hired by and reports to the Commissioner. Moreover, although the Fund's Executive Administrator and his staff implement the decisions of and provide information to the School Finance/PSF Committee of the SBOE and the full SBOE, the SBOE can neither select nor dismiss the Executive Administrator. TEA's General Counsel provides legal advice to the Executive Administrator and to the SBOE. The SBOE has also engaged outside counsel to advise it as to its duties over the Fund, including specific actions regarding the investment of the PSF to ensure compliance with fiduciary standards, and to provide transactional advice in connection with the investment of Fund assets in non-traditional investments.

#### **Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program**

The capacity of the Fund to guarantee bonds under the Guarantee Program is limited in two ways: by State law (the "State Capacity Limit") and by regulations and a notice issued by the IRS (the "IRS Limit"). Prior to May 20, 2003, the State Capacity Limit was equal to two times the lower of cost or fair market value of the Fund's assets, exclusive of real estate. During the 78th Regular Session of the Legislature in 2003, legislation was enacted that increased the State Capacity Limit by 25%, to two and one half times the lower of cost or fair market value of the Fund's assets as estimated by the SBOE and certified by the State Auditor, and eliminated the real estate exclusion from the calculation. Prior to the issuance of the IRS Notice (defined below), the capacity of the program under the IRS Limit was limited to two and one-half times the lower of cost or fair market value additions to the Fund made since May 14, 1989. During the 2007 Texas Legislature, Senate Bill 389 ("SB 389") was enacted providing for additional increases in the capacity of the Guarantee Program, and specifically providing that the SBOE may by rule increase the capacity of the PSF, provided that the increased limit does not violate federal law and regulations and does not prevent bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program from receiving the highest available credit rating, as determined by the SBOE. SB 389 further provides that the SBOE shall at least annually consider whether to change the capacity of the Guarantee Program. From 2005 through 2009, the Guarantee Program twice reached capacity under the IRS Limit, and in each instance the Guarantee Program was closed to new bond guarantee applications until relief was obtained from the IRS. The most recent closure of the Guarantee Program commenced in March 2009 and the Guarantee Program reopened in February 2010 on the basis of receipt of the IRS Notice.

On December 16, 2009, the IRS published Notice 2010-5 (the "IRS Notice") stating that the IRS will issue proposed regulations amending the existing regulations to raise the IRS limit to 500% of the total cost of the assets held by the PSF as of December 16, 2009. In accordance with the IRS Notice, the amount of any new bonds to be guaranteed by the PSF, together with the then outstanding amount of bonds previously guaranteed by the PSF, must not exceed the IRS limit on the sale date of the new bonds to be guaranteed. The IRS Notice further provides that the IRS Notice may be relied upon for bonds sold on or after December 16, 2009, and before the effective date of future regulations or other public administrative guidance affecting funds like the PSF.

On September 16, 2013, the IRS published proposed regulations (the "Proposed IRS Regulations") that, among other things, would enact the IRS Notice. The preamble to the Proposed IRS Regulations provides that issuers may elect to apply the Proposed IRS Regulations, in whole or in part, to bonds sold on or after September 16, 2013, and before the date that final regulations become effective.

On July 18, 2016, the IRS issued final regulations enacting the IRS Notice (the "Final IRS Regulations"). The Final IRS Regulations are effective for bonds sold on or after October 17, 2016. The IRS Notice, the Proposed IRS Regulations and the Final IRS Regulations establish a static capacity for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets on December 16, 2009 multiplied by five. On December 16, 2009, the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$23,463,730,608 (estimated and unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of approximately \$117.3 billion. The State Capacity Limit is determined on the basis of the cost value of the Fund from time to time multiplied by the capacity multiplier determined annually by the SBOE, but not to exceed a multiplier of five. The capacity of the Guarantee Program will be limited to the lower of the State Capacity Limit or the IRS Limit. On May 21, 2010, the SBOE modified the regulations that govern the School District Bond Guarantee Program (the "SDBGP Rules"), and increased the State Law Capacity to an amount equal to three times the cost value of the PSF. Such modified regulations, including the revised capacity rule, became effective on July 1, 2010. The SDBGP Rules provide that any changes to the multiplier made by the Commissioner are to be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at the next meeting following the change. See "Valuation of the PSF and Guarantee Bonds," below.

At its September 2015 meeting, the SBOE voted to modify the SDBGP Rules and the CDBGP Rules to increase the State Law Capacity from 3 times the cost value multiplier to 3.25 times. At that meeting, the SBOE also approved a new 5% capacity reserve for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. The change to the State Law Capacity became effective on February 1, 2016. At its November 2016 meeting, the SBOE again voted to increase the State Law Capacity and, in accordance with applicable requirements for the modification of SDBGP and CDBGP Rules, a second and final vote to approve the increase in the State Law Capacity occurred on February 3, 2017. As a result, the State Law Capacity increased from 3.25 times the cost value multiplier to 3.50 times effective March 1, 2017 and increased again to 3.75 times effective September 1, 2017; however, as described under "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program," the SBOE took action at its Winter 2018 meeting to rollback of a portion of the multiplier increase, which became effective in late March 2018. Based upon the cost basis of the Fund at August 31, 2017, the State Law Capacity increased from \$97,933,360,905 on August 31, 2016 to \$111,568,711,072 on August 31, 2017.

Since July 1991, when the SBOE amended the Guarantee Program Rules to broaden the range of bonds that are eligible for guarantee under the Guarantee Program to encompass most Texas school district bonds, the principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program has increased sharply. In addition, in recent years a number of factors have caused an increase in the amount of bonds issued by school districts in the State. See the table "Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds" below. Effective September 1, 2009, the Act provides that the SBOE may annually establish a percentage of the cost value of the Fund to be reserved from use in guaranteeing bonds. The capacity of the Guarantee Program in excess of any

reserved portion is referred to herein as the "Capacity Reserve." The SDBGP Rules provide for a minimum Capacity Reserve for the overall Guarantee Program of no less than 5%, and provide that the amount of the Capacity Reserve may be increased by a majority vote of the SBOE. The CDBGP Rules provide for an additional 5% reserve of CDBGP capacity. The Commissioner is authorized to change the Capacity Reserve, which decision must be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at its next meeting following any change made by the Commissioner. The current Capacity Reserve is noted in the monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program on the TEA web site at http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\_and\_Grants/Permanent\_School\_Fund/, which are also filed with the MSRB.

Based upon historical performance of the Fund, the legal restrictions relating to the amount of bonds that may be guaranteed has generally resulted in a lower ratio of guaranteed bonds to available assets as compared to many other types of credit enhancements that may be available for Texas school district bonds and charter district bonds. However, changes in the value of the Fund due to changes in securities markets, investment objectives of the Fund, an increase in bond issues by school districts in the State or legal restrictions on the Fund, the implementation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, or an increase in the calculation base of the Fund for purposes of making transfers to the ASF, among other factors, could adversely affect the ratio of Fund assets to guaranteed bonds and the growth of the Fund in general. It is anticipated that the issuance of the IRS Notice and the Propsed IRS Regulations will likely result in a substantial increase in the amount of bonds guaranteed under the amount of guaranteed bonds.

The Act requires that the Commissioner prepare, and the SBOE approve, an annual report on the status of the Guarantee Program (the Annual Report). The State Auditor audits the financial statements of the PSF, which are separate from other State financial statements.

### The School District Bond Guarantee Program

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

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

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

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

Generally, the SDBGP Rules limit guarantees to certain types of notes and bonds, including, with respect to refunding bonds issued by school districts, a requirement that the bonds produce debt service savings, and that bonds issued for capital facilities of school districts must have been voted as unlimited tax debt of the issuing district. The Guarantee Program Rules include certain accreditation criteria for districts applying for a guarantee of their bonds, and limit guarantees to districts that have less than the amount of annual debt service per average daily attendance that represents the 90th percentile of annual debt service per average daily attendance that represents the 90th percentile of annual debt service growth of at least 25% over the previous five school years. The SDBGP Rules are codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC section 33.65, and are available at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter033/ch033a.html#33.65.

#### The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective March 3, 2014. The SBOE published final regulations in the Texas Register that provide for the administration of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program (the "CDBGP Rules"). The CDBGP Rules are codified at 19 TAC section 33.67, and are available at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter033/ch033a.html#33.67.

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

As of February 21, 2018 (the most recent date for which data is available), the percentage of students enrolled in open-enrollment charter schools (excluding charter schools authorized by school districts) to the total State scholastic census was approximately 5.5%. As of late June, 2018, there were 185 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 747 charter

school campuses operating under such charters (though as of such date, 38 of such campuses have not begun serving students for various reasons). Section 12.101, Texas Education Code, as amended by the Legislature in 2013, limits the number of charters that the Commissioner may grant to 215 charters as of the end of fiscal year 2014, with the number increasing in each fiscal year thereafter through 2019 to a total number of 305 charters. While legislation limits the number of charters that may be granted, it does not limit the number of campuses that may operate under a particular charter. For information regarding the capacity of the Guarantee Program, see "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program." The Act provides that the Commissioner may not approve the guarantee of refunding or refinanced bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program in a total amount that exceeds one-half of the total amount available for the guarantee of charter district bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

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

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

The Act provides that immediately following receipt of notice that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on a guaranteed bond, the Commissioner is required to instruct the Comptroller to transfer from the Charter District Reserve Fund to the district's paying agent an amount necessary to pay the maturing or matured principal or interest. If money in the Charter District Reserve Fund is insufficient to pay the amount due on a bond for which a notice of default has been received, the Commissioner is required to instruct the Comptroller to transfer from the PSF to the district's paying agent the amount necessary to pay the balance of the unpaid maturing or matured principal or interest. If a total of two or more payments are made under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program on charter district bonds and the Commissioner determines that the charter district is acting in bad faith under the program, the Commissioner may request the Attorney General to institute appropriate legal action to compel the charter district and its officers, agents, and employees to comply with the duties required of them by law in regard to the guaranteed bonds. As is the case with the School District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act provides a funding "intercept" feature that obligates the Commissioner to instruct the Comptroller to withhold the amount paid with respect to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, plus interest, from the first State money payable to a charter district that to restore any amount drawn from the Charter District Reserve Fund as a result of the non-payment.

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

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

Beginning in July 2015, TEA began limiting new guarantees under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program to conform to the Act and, subsequently, with CDBGP Rules that require the maintenance of a capacity reserve for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. Following the increase in the Program multiplier in February 2016 and the update of the percentage of students enrolled in open-enrollment charter schools to the total State scholastic census in March 2016, some new capacity became available under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, but that capacity was quickly exhausted. In accordance with the action of the SBOE on February 3, 2017, additional capacity for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective in two increments, implemented on March 1, 2017 and on September 1, 2017 (as described under "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program," an item to reverse the September 1, 2017 increase in the Program multiplier was approved by the SBOE at its Winter 2018 meeting). In addition, legislation enacted during the Legislature's 2017 regular session modifies the manner of calculating the capacity of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program (the "CDBGP Capacity"), which further increases the amount of the CDBGP Capacity, beginning with State fiscal year 2018, but that provision of the law does not increase overall Program capacity, it merely allocates capacity between the School District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program" and "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program" and "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program" and "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program" and "2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program." Other factors that could increase the CDBGP C

calculation of the CDBGP Capacity, as described below, growth in the relative percentage of students enrolled in open-enrollment charter schools to the total State scholastic census, legislative and administrative changes in funding for charter districts, changes in level of school district or charter district participation in the Program, or a combination of such circumstances.

# 2017 Legislative Changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program

The CDBGP Capacity is established by the Act. During the 85th Texas Legislature, which concluded on May 29, 2017, Senate Bill 1480 ("SB 1480") was enacted. The complete text of SB 1480 can be found at http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/tlodocs/85R/billtext/pdf/SB01480F.pdf#navpanes=0. SB 1480 modified how the CDBGP Capacity will be established under the Act effective as of September 1, 2017, and made other substantive changes to the Act that affects the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. Prior to the enactment of SB 1480, the CDBGP Capacity was calculated as the State Capacity Limit less the amount of outstanding bond guarantees under the Guarantee Program multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population. As of August 31, 2017, the amount of outstanding bond guarantees represented 66.57% of the State Capacity Limit for the Guarantee Program. SB 1480 amended the CDBGP Capacity calculation so that the State Capacity Limit is multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population of the outstanding bond guarantees, thereby potentially substantially increasing the CDBGP Capacity. However, certain provisions of SB 1480, described below, and other additional factors described herein, could result in less than the maximum amount of the potential increase provided by SB 1480 being implemented by the SBOE or otherwise used by charter districts. Still other factors used in determining the CDBGP Capacity, such as the percentage of the charter district scholastic population to the overall public school scholastic population, could, in and of itself, increase the CDBGP Capacity, as that percentage has grown from 3.53% in September, 2012 to 5.5% in February 2018, representing a cumulative growth during that period of 56%. TEA is unable to predict how the ratio of charter district students to the total State scholastic population will change over time.

SB 1480 provides that the implementation of the new method of calculating the CDBGP Capacity will begin with the State fiscal year that commences September 1, 2021 (the State's fiscal year 2022). However, for the intervening four fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year 2018, SB 1480 provides that the SBOE may establish a CDBGP Capacity that increases the amount of charter district bonds that may be guaranteed by up to a cumulative 20% in each fiscal year (for a total maximum increase of 80% in fiscal year 2021) as compared to the capacity figure calculated under the Act as of January 1, 2017. However, SB 1480 provides that in making its annual determination of the magnitude of an increase for any year, the SBOE may establish a lower (or no) increase if the SBOE determines that an increase in the CDBGP Capacity would likely result in a negative impact on the bond ratings for the Bond Guarantee Program (see "Ratings of Bonds Guaranteed Under the Guarantee Program") or if one or more charter districts default on payment of principal or interest on a guaranteed bond, resulting in a negative impact on the bond ratings of the Bond Guarantee Program. The provisions of SB 1480 that provide for discretionary, incremental increases in the CDBGP expire September 1, 2022. If the SBOE makes a determination for any year based upon the potential ratings impact on the Bond Guarantee Program and modifies the increase that would otherwise be implemented under SB 1480 for that year, the SBOE may also make appropriate adjustments to the schedule for subsequent years to reflect the modification, provided that the CDBGP Capacity for any year may not exceed the limit provided in the schedule set forth in SB 1480. In September 2017 and June 2018, the SBOE authorized the full 20% increase in the amount of charter district bonds that may be guaranteed for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, respectively, which increases the relative capacity of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program to the School District Bond Guarantee Program for those

Taking into account the enactment of SB 1480 and the increase in the CDBGP Capacity effected thereby, at Winter 2018 meeting the SBOE approved the second of two required readings amending the SDBGP Rules to rollback the multiplier from 3.75 times market value to 3.50 times, and the rollback became effective in late March 2018.

In addition to modifying the manner of determining the CDBGP Capacity, SB 1480 provides that the Commissioner, in making a determination as to whether to approve a guarantee for a charter district, may consider any additional reasonable factor that the Commissioner determines to be necessary to protect the Bond Guarantee Program or minimize risk to the PSF, including: (1) whether the charter district had an average daily attendance of more than 75 percent of its student capacity for each of the preceding three school years, or for each school year of operation if the charter district has not been in operation for the preceding three school years; (2) the performance of the charter district under certain performance criteria set forth in Education Code Sections 39.053 and 39.054; and (3) any other indicator of performance that could affect the charter district's financial performance. Also, SB 1480 provides that the Commissioner's investigation of a charter district application for guarantee may include an evaluation of whether the charter district bond security documents provide a security interest in real property pledged as collateral for the bond and the repayment obligation under the proposed guarantee. The Commissioner may decline to approve the application if the Commissioner determines that sufficient security is not provided. The Act and the CDBGP Rules previously required the Commissioner to make an investigation of the accreditation status and certain financial criteria for a charter district applying for a bond guarantee, which remain in place.

Since the initial authorization of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act has established a bond guarantee reserve fund in the State treasury (the "Charter District Reserve Fund"). Formerly, the Act provided that each charter district that has a bond guaranteed must annually remit to the Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 10 percent of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on its bonds due to the guarantee by the PSF. SB 1480 modified the Act insofar as it pertains to the Charter District Reserve Fund. Effective September 1, 2017, the Act provides that a charter district that has a bond guaranteed must remit to the Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 20 percent of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on its lower interest rate on the lower interest rate on the guarantee by the PSF. The amount due shall be paid on receipt by the charter district of the bond proceeds. However, the deposit requirement will not apply if the balance of the Charter District Reserve Fund is at least equal to three percent (3.00%) of the total amount of outstanding guaranteed bonds issued by charter district. As of August 31, 2017, the Charter District Reserve Fund represented approximately 0.23% of the guaranteed charter district bonds. SB 1480 also authorized the SBOE to manage the Charter District Reserve Fund in the same manner as it manages the PSF. Previously, the Charter District Reserve Fund was held by the Comptroller, but effective April 1 2018, the management of the Reserve Fund was transferred to the PSF staff.

### Charter District Risk Factors

Open-enrollment charter schools in the State may not charge tuition and, unlike school districts, charter districts have no taxing power. Funding for charter district operations is largely from amounts appropriated by the Legislature. The amount of such State payments a charter district receives is based on a variety of factors, including the enrollment at the schools operated by a charter district. The overall amount of education aid provided by the State for charter schools in any year is also subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The Legislature may base its decisions about appropriations for charter schools on many factors, including the State's economic performance. Further, because some public officials, their constituents, commentators and others have viewed

charter schools as controversial, political factors may also come to bear on charter school funding, and such factors are subject to change.

Other than credit support for charter district bonds that is provided to qualifying charter districts by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, under current law, open-enrollment charter schools generally do not receive a dedicated funding allocation from the State to assist with the construction and acquisition of new facilities. However, during the 85th Regular Session of the Legislature in 2017, legislation was enacted that, for the first time, provided a limited appropriation in the amount of \$60 million for the 2018-2019 biennium for charter districts having an acceptable performance rating. A charter district that receives funding under this program may use the funds to lease or pay property taxes imposed on an instructional facility; to pay debt service on bonds that financed an instructional facility. Charter schools generally issue revenue bonds to fund facility construction and acquisition, or fund facilities from cash flows of the school. Some charter districts have issued non-guaranteed debt in addition to debt guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, and such non-guaranteed debt is likely to be secured by a deed of trust covering all or part of the charter district's facilities. In March 2017, the TEA began requiring charter districts to provide the TEA with a lien against charter district property as a condition to receiving a guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, charter district bonds issued and guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program prior to the implementation of the new requirement did not have the benefit of a security interest in real property, although other existing debts of such charter districts that are not guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program may be secured by real property that could be foreclosed on in the event of a bond default.

The maintenance of a State-granted charter is dependent upon on-going compliance with State law and TEA regulations, and TEA monitors compliance with applicable standards. TEA has a broad range of enforcement and remedial actions that it can take as corrective measures, and such actions may include the loss of the State charter, the appointment of a new board of directors to govern a charter district, the assignment of operations to another charter operator, or, as a last resort, the dissolution of an open-enrollment charter school.

As described above, the Act includes a funding "intercept" function that applies to both the School District Bond Guarantee Program and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, school districts are viewed as the "educator of last resort" for students residing in the geographical territory of the district, which makes it unlikely that State funding for those school districts would be discontinued, although the TEA can require the dissolution and merger into another school district if necessary to ensure sound education and financial management of a school district. That is not the case with a charter district, however, and open-enrollment charter schools in the State have been dissolved by TEA from time to time. If a charter district that has bonds outstanding that are guaranteed by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program should be dissolved, debt service on guaranteed bonds of the district would continue to be paid to bondholders in accordance with the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, but there would be no funding available for reimbursement of the PSF by the Comptroller for such payments. As described under "The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program," the Act establishes a Charter District Reserve Fund, which could in the future be a significant reimbursement resource for the PSF. At May 31, 2018, the Charter District Reserve Fund

## Potential Impact of Hurricane Harvey on the PSF

Hurricane Harvey struck coastal Texas on August 26, 2017, resulting in historic levels of rainfall. The Governor designated the impacted area for disaster relief, and TEA believes that the storm impacted more than 1.3 million students enrolled in some 157 school districts, and approximately 58,000 students in 27 charter schools in the designated area. Many of the impacted school districts and two charter districts have bonds guaranteed by the PSF. It is possible that the affected districts will need to borrow to repair or replace damaged facilities, which could require increased bond issuance and applications to the TEA for PSF bond guarantees. In addition, the storm damage and any lingering economic damage in the area could adversely affect the tax base (for school districts) and credit quality of school districts and charter districts with bonds that are or will be guaranteed by the PSF.

The TEA, members of the Legislature and the Governor, among others, have stated that they are developing programs to provide financial assistance to affected school districts and charter districts, particularly with regard to funding assistance for facility repairs and construction and to offset tax base and/or revenue loss to affected districts. The composition of any final programs that may be implemented cannot be predicted, and are likely to be subject to future State legislative and administrative actions, available amounts of federal and private disaster relief for affected schools, and other factors. TEA has initiated programs designed to hold school districts and charter districts harmless for the loss of State funding associated with declines in average daily attendance for fiscal year 2018. In the past, storm damage has caused multiple year impacts to affected schools with respect to both attendance figures and tax base (for school districts). In June 2018 TEA received results of a survey of tax appraisal districts in the area affected by the hurricane with respect to the impact of the hurricane on the tax rolls of affected districts appear to have increased slightly for fiscal 2018 over 2017, but the increases were at a lower rate than had been anticipated in the State's general appropriation act for the biennium. TEA notes that as of June 2018 the negative effect of the hurricane on the average daily attendance of districts in the affected area appears to have been less than TEA had initially anticipated.

Many of the school districts and two charter districts in the designated disaster area have bonds guaranteed by the PSF. TEA notes that no district has applied for financial exigency or failed to timely pay bond payments as a result of the hurricane or otherwise. The PSF is managed to maintain liquidity for any draws on the program. Moreover, as described under "The School District Bond Guarantee Program" and "The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program," both parts of the Bond Guarantee Program operate in accordance with the Act as "intercept" programs, providing liquidity for guaranteed bonds, and draws on the PSF are required to be restored from the first State money payable to a school district or a charter district that fails to make a guaranteed payment on its bonds.

#### Ratings of Bonds Guaranteed Under the Guarantee Program

Moody's Investors Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, Inc. rate bonds guaranteed by the PSF "Aaa," "AAA" and "AAA," respectively. Not all districts apply for multiple ratings on their bonds, however. See "RATING" herein.

# **Permanent School Fund Valuations**

Fiscal Year		
Ended 8/31	Book Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value <sup>(1)</sup>
2013	\$25,599,296,902	\$33,163,242,374
2014	27,596,692,541	38,445,519,225
2015	29,081,052,900	36,196,265,273
2016	30,128,037,903	37,279,799,335
2017 <sup>(2)</sup>	31,870,581,428	41,438,672,573

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

<sup>(2)</sup> At August 31, 2017, mineral assets, sovereign and other lands and internally managed discretionary real estate, external discretionary real estate investments, domestic equities, and cash managed by the SLB had book values of approximately \$13.43 million, \$247.64 million, \$2,797.05 million, \$4.71 million, and \$3,399.05 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$1,870.22 million, \$651.40 million, \$2,788.02 million, \$2.09 million, and \$3,399.05 million, respectively. At May 31, 2018, the PSF had a book value of \$33,178,779,673 and a market value of \$43,191,172,031. May 31, 2018 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds				
<u>At 8/31</u>	Principal Amount <sup>(1)</sup>			
2013	\$55,218,889,156			
2014	58,364,350,783			
2015	63,955,449,047			
2016	68,303,328,445			
2017	74,266,090,023 <sup>(2)</sup>			

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

<sup>(2)</sup> As of August 31, 2017 (the most recent date for which such data is available), the TEA expected that the principal and interest to be paid by school districts over the remaining life of the bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program was \$117,195,729,512, of which \$42,929,639,489 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2017, there were \$74,266,090,023 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program and based on the cost value of the Fund at August 31, 2017 the capacity of the Guarantee Program at that date was \$111,568,711,072. The Program capacity at August 31, 2017 takes into account the increases in the cost value multiplier effective February 1, 2016 and March 1, 2017, which cumulatively increased the multiplier from 3 times to 3.50 times, but does not take into account the September 1, 2017 increase in the multiplier to 3.75 (which was subsequently reduced back to 3.50). Using the IRS Limit, which is the lower of the two federal and State capacity limits of Program capacity, of \$117,318,653,038, at August 31, 2017 98.28% of Program capacity was available to the School District Bond Guarantee Program and 1.72% was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category <sup>(1)</sup>							
	School District Bonds		Charter District Bonds		Totals		
Fiscal							
Year							
Ended	No. of	Principal	No. of	Principal	No. of	Principal	
<u>8/31</u>	Issues	Amount	Issues	Amount	Issues	Amount	
2014 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,869	\$58,061,805,783	10	\$302,545,000	2,879	\$58,364,350,783	
2015	3,089	63,197,514,047	28	757,935,000	3,117	63,955,449,047	
2016	3,244	67,342,303,445	35	961,025,000	3,279	68,303,328,445	
2017 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,253	72,884,480,023	40	1,381,610,000	3,293	74,266,090,023	

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Fiscal 2014 was the first year of operation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(3)</sup> At May 31, 2018 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$76,899,424,513 of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,272 school district issues, aggregating \$75,492,649,513 in principal amount and 43 charter district issues, aggregating \$1,406,775,000 in principal amount. At May 31, 2018, the capacity allocation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program was \$2,090,485,947 (based on the then effective capacity multiplier of 3.50 times and on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

### Discussion and Analysis Pertaining to Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017

The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2017, including the Message of the Executive Administrator of the Fund and the Management's Discussion and Analysis contained therein. Reference is made to the Annual Report, when filed, for the complete Message and MD&A. Investment assets managed by the fifteen member SBOE are referred to throughout this MD&A as the PSF(SBOE) assets. As of August 31, 2017, the Fund's land, mineral rights and certain real assets are managed by the three-member SLB and these assets are referred to throughout as the PSF(SLB) assets. The current PSF asset allocation policy includes an allocation for real estate investments, and as such investments are made, and become a part of the PSF investment portfolio, those investments will be managed by the SBOE and not the SLB.

At the end of fiscal 2017, the Fund balance was \$41.4 billion, an increase of \$4.2 billion from the prior year. This increase is primarily due to overall increases in value of all asset classes in which the Fund has invested. During the year, the SBOE continued implementing the long term strategic asset allocation, diversifying the PSF(SBOE) to strengthen the Fund. The asset allocation is projected to increase returns over the long run while reducing risk and portfolio return volatility. The PSF(SBOE) annual rates of return for the one-year, five-year, and ten-year periods ending August 31, 2017, were 11.96%, 8.26% and 5.49%, respectively (total return takes into consideration the change in the market value of the Fund during the year as well as the interest and dividend income generated by the Fund's investments). In addition, the SLB continued its shift into externally managed real asset investment funds, and the one-year, three-year, and five-year annualized total returns for the PSF(SLB) real assets, including cash, were 10.35%, 7.19%, and 7.77%, respectively.

The market value of the Fund's assets is directly impacted by the performance of the various financial markets in which the assets are invested. The most important factors affecting investment performance are the asset allocation decisions made by the SBOE and SLB. The current SBOE long term asset allocation policy allows for diversification of the PSF(SBOE) portfolio into alternative asset classes whose returns are not as positively correlated as traditional asset classes. The implementation of the long term asset allocation will occur over several fiscal years and is expected to provide incremental total return at reduced risk. As of August 31, 2017, the PSF(SBOE) portion of the Fund had diversified into emerging market and large cap international equities, absolute return funds, real estate, private equity, risk parity, real return Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, real return commodities, and emerging market debt.

As of August 31, 2017, the SBOE has approved and the Fund made capital commitments to externally managed real estate investment funds in a total amount of \$3.31 billion and capital commitments to private equity limited partnerships for a total of \$3.83 billion. Unfunded commitments at August 31, 2017, totaled \$1.35 billion in real estate investments and \$1.54 billion in private equity investments.

The PSF(SLB) portfolio is generally characterized by three broad categories: (1) discretionary real assets investments, (2) sovereign and other lands, and (3) mineral interests. Discretionary real assets investments consist of externally managed real estate, infrastructure, and energy/minerals investment funds; internally managed direct real estate investments, and cash. Sovereign and other lands consist primarily of the lands set aside to the PSF when it was created. Mineral interests consist of all of the minerals that are associated with PSF lands. The investment focus of PSF(SLB) discretionary real assets investment funds. The shifted from internally managed direct real estate investments to externally managed real assets investment funds. The PSF(SLB) makes investments in certain limited partnerships that legally commit it to possible future capital contributions. At August 31, 2017, the remaining commitments totaled approximately \$2.042 billion.

The PSF(SBOE)'s investment in domestic large cap, domestic small/mid cap, international large cap, and emerging market equity securities experienced returns of 16.30%, 12.80%, 19.04%, and 26.28%, respectively, during the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017. The PSF(SBOE)'s investment in domestic fixed income securities produced a return of 1.61% during the fiscal year and absolute return investments yielded a return of 7.32%. The PSF(SBOE) real estate and private equity investments returned 10.52% and 16.35%, respectively. Risk parity assets produced a return of 8.77%, while real return assets yielded 2.38%. Emerging market debt produced a return of 11.84%. Combined, all PSF(SBOE) asset classes produced an investment return of 11.96% for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017, out-performing the benchmark index of 10.66% by approximately 130 basis points. All PSF(SLB) real assets (including cash) returned 10.35% for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

For fiscal year 2017, total revenues, inclusive of unrealized gains and losses and net of security lending rebates and fees, totaled \$5.4 billion, an increase of \$2.7 billion from fiscal year 2016 earnings of \$2.7 billion. This increase reflects the performance of the securities markets in which the Fund was invested in fiscal year 2017. In fiscal year 2017, revenues earned by the Fund included lease payments, bonuses and royalty income received from oil, gas and mineral leases; lease payments from commercial real estate; surface lease and easement revenues; revenues from the resale of natural and liquid gas supplies; dividends, interest, and securities lending revenues; the net change in the fair value of the investment portfolio; and, other miscellaneous fees and income.

Expenditures are paid from the Fund before distributions are made under the total return formula. Such expenditures include the costs incurred by the SLB to manage the land endowment, as well as operational costs of the Fund, including external management fees paid from appropriated funds. Total operating expenditures, net of security lending rebates and fees, increased 30.6% for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017. This increase is primarily attributable to an increase in PSF(SLB) operational costs and generally larger quantities of purchased gas for resale in the State Energy Management Program, which is administered by the SLB as part of the Fund.

The Fund supports the public school system in the State by distributing a predetermined percentage of its asset value to the ASF. For fiscal years 2016 and 2017, the distribution from the SBOE to the ASF totaled \$1.06 billion and \$1.06 billion, respectively. There was no contribution to the ASF by the SLB in fiscal year 2017.

At the end of the 2017 fiscal year, PSF assets guaranteed \$74.27 billion in bonds issued by 858 local school districts and charter districts, the latter of which entered into the Program during the 2014 fiscal year. Since its inception in 1983, the Fund has guaranteed 6,980 school district and charter district bond issues totaling \$166.3 billion in principal amount. During the 2017 fiscal year, the number of outstanding issues guaranteed under the Guarantee Program increased by 14, or 0.4%. The dollar amount of guaranteed school and charter bond issues outstanding increased by \$6.0 billion or 8.7%. The guarantee capacity of the Fund increased by \$13.9 billion, or 13.9%, during fiscal year 2017 due to continued growth in the cost basis of the Fund and the increase in the cost multiplier (from 3.25 to 3.50, as discussed above) used to calculate Program capacity.

# **2011 Constitutional Amendment**

On November 8, 2011, a referendum was held in the State as a result of legislation enacted that year that proposed amendments to various sections of the Texas Constitution pertaining to the PSF. At that referendum, voters of State approved non-substantive changes to the Texas Constitution to clarify references to the Fund, and, in addition, approved amendments that effected an

increase to the base amount used in calculating the Distribution Rate from the Fund to the ASF, and authorized the SLB to make direct transfers to the ASF, as described below.

The amendments approved at the referendum included an increase to the base used to calculate the Distribution Rate by adding to the calculation base certain discretionary real assets and cash in the Fund that is managed by entities other than the SBOE (at present, by the SLB). The value of those assets were already included in the value of the Fund for purposes of the Guarantee Program, but prior to the amendment had not been included in the calculation base for purposes of making transfers from the Fund to the ASF. While the amendment provided for an increase in the base for the calculation of approximately \$2 billion, no new resources were provided for deposit to the Fund. As described under "The Total Return Constitutional Amendment" the SBOE is prevented from approving a Distribution Rate or making real property in the Fund, but including discretionary real asset investments on the last day of each of the Sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium or if such pay out would exceed the Ten Year Total Return.

If there are no reductions in the percentage established biennially by the SBOE to be the Distribution Rate, the impact of the increase in the base against which the Distribution Rate is applied will be an increase in the distributions from the PSF to the ASF. As a result, going forward, it may be necessary for the SBOE to reduce the Distribution Rate in order to preserve the corpus of the Fund in accordance with its management objective of preserving intergenerational equity.

The Distribution Rates for the Fund were set at 3.5%, 2.5%, 4.2%, 3.3% and 3.5% for each of two year periods 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2012-2013, 2014-2015 and 2016-2017, respectively. In September 2017, the SBOE approved a \$2.5 billion distribution to the ASF for State fiscal biennium 2018-2019, to be made in equal monthly increments of \$102.99 million, which represents a 3.7% Distribution Rate for the biennium and a per student distribution of \$248.58, based on 2017 preliminary student average daily attendance of 4,971,656.277.

Changes in the Distribution Rate for each biennial period has been based on a number of financial and political reasons, as well as commitments made by the SLB in some years to transfer certain sums to the ASF. The new calculation base described above has been used to determine all payments to the ASF from the Fund beginning with the 2012-13 biennium. The broader base for the Distribution Rate calculation could increase transfers from the PSF to the ASF, although the effect of the broader calculation base has been somewhat offset since the 2014-2015 biennium by the establishment by the SBOE of somewhat lower Distribution Rates than for the 2012-2013 biennium. In addition, the changes made by the amendment that increased the calculation base that could affect the corpus of the Fund include the decisions that are made by the SLB or others that are, or may in the future be, authorized to make transfers of funds from the PSF to the ASF.

The constitutional amendments approved on November 8, 2011 also provide authority to the GLO or any other entity other than the SBOE that has responsibility for the management of land or other properties of the Fund to determine whether to transfer an amount each year from Fund assets to the ASF revenue derived from such land or properties, with the amount transferred limited to \$300 million. Any amount transferred to the ASF by an entity other than the SBOE is excluded from the 6% Distribution Rate limitation applicable to SBOE transfers.

### Other Events and Disclosures

The State Investment Ethics Code governs the ethics and disclosure requirements for financial advisors and other service providers who advise certain State governmental entities, including the PSF. In accordance with the provisions of the State Investment Ethics Code, the SBOE periodically modifies its code of ethics, which occurred most recently in July 2016. The SBOE code of ethics includes prohibitions on sharing confidential information, avoiding conflict of interests and requiring disclosure filings with respect to contributions made or received in connection with the operation or management of the Fund. The code of ethics applies to members of the SBOE as well as to persons who are responsible by contract or by virtue of being a TEA PSF staff member for managing, investing, executing brokerage transactions, providing consultant services, or acting as a custodian of the PSF, and persons who provide investment and management advice to a member of the SBOE, with or without compensation under certain circumstances. The code of ethics is codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC sections 33.5 et seq., and is available on the TEA web site at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter033/ch033a.html#33.5.

In addition, the GLO has established processes and controls over its administration of real estate transactions and is subject to provisions of the Texas Natural Resources Code and its own internal procedures in administering real estate transactions for assets it manages for the Fund. A report of the State Auditor released in March 2016 noted that based on an audit of certain real estate transactions managed by the GLO, during the period from September 2009 to May 2015, the GLO failed to comply with certain of such legal requirements relating to conflict of interest reporting, complying with written procedures and maintenance of documentation and other statutory and procedural requirements. That report, which includes the response of GLO management agreeing to the recommendations of the report, is available at http://www.sao.texas.gov/reports/main/16-018.pdf.

Since 2007, TEA has made supplemental appropriation requests to the Legislature for the purpose of funding the implementation of the 2008 Asset Allocation Policy, but those requests have been denied or partly funded. In the 2011 legislative session, the Legislature approved an increase of 31 positions in the full-time equivalent employees for the administration of the Fund, which was funded as part of an \$18 million appropriation for each year of the 2012-13 biennium, in addition to the operational appropriation of \$11 million for each year of the biennium. The TEA has begun increasing the PSF administrative staff in accordance with the 2011 legislative appropriation, and the TEA received an appropriation of \$30.0 million and \$30.2 million for the administration of the PSF for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, respectively, and \$30.2 million for each of the fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

As of August 31, 2017, certain lawsuits were pending against the State and/or the GLO, which challenge the Fund's title to certain real property and/or past or future mineral income from that property, and other litigation arising in the normal course of the investment activities of the PSF. Reference is made to the Annual Report, when filed, for a description of such lawsuits that are pending, which may represent contingent liabilities of the Fund.

### PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

The SBOE has adopted an investment policy rule (the "TEA Rule") pertaining to the PSF and the Guarantee Program. The TEA Rule is codified in Section I of the TEA Investment Procedure Manual, which relates to the Guarantee Program and is posted to the site at

http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\_and\_Grants/Texas\_Permanent\_School\_Fund/Texas\_Permanent\_School\_Fund\_Disclosure\_Stateme nt - Bond\_Guarantee\_Program/. The most recent amendment to the TEA Rule was adopted by the SBOE on November 19, 2010, and is summarized below. Through the adoption of the TEA Rule and its commitment to guarantee bonds, the SBOE has made the following agreement for the benefit of the issuers, holders and beneficial owners of guaranteed bonds. The TEA (or its successor with respect to the management of the Guarantee Program) is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains an "obligated person," within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, with respect to guaranteed bonds. Nothing in the TEA Rule obligates the TEA to make any filings or disclosures with respect to guaranteed bonds, as the obligations of the TEA under the TEA Rule pertain solely to the Guarantee Program. The issuer or an "obligated person" of the guaranteed bonds has assumed the applicable obligation under Rule 15c-12 to make all disclosures and filings relating directly to guaranteed bonds, and the TEA takes no responsibility with respect to such undertakings. Under the TEA agreement, the TEA will be obligated to provide annually certain updated financial information and operating data, and timely notice of specified material events, to the MSRB.

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

### **Annual Reports**

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

The TEA may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly-available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information includes audited financial statements of, or relating to, the State or the PSF, when and if such audits are commissioned and available. Financial statements of the State will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to state governments, as such principles may be changed from time to time, or such other accounting principles as the State Auditor is required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation. The financial statements of the Fund were prepared to conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Fund is reported by the State of Texas as a permanent fund and accounted for on a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Measurement focus refers to the definition of the resource flows measured. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, all revenues reported are recognized based on the criteria of availability and measurability. Assets are defined as available if they are in the form of cash or can be converted into cash within 60 days to be usable for payment of current liabilities. Amounts are defined as measurable if they can be estimated or otherwise determined. Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

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

#### Material Event Notices

The TEA will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. Such notices will be provided not more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event. The TEA will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Guarantee Program: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax-exempt status of the Guarantee Program, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Guarantee Program; (7) modifications to rights of holders of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (8) bond calls, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Guarantee Program (which is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the Guarantee Program in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Guarantee Program); (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Guarantee Program or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of 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; and (14) the appointment of a successor or additional trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program or the change of name of a trustee, if (Neither the Act nor any other law, regulation or such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws. instrument pertaining to the Guarantee Program make any provision with respect to the Guarantee Program for bond calls, debt service reserves, credit enhancement, liquidity enhancement, early redemption or the appointment of a trustee with respect to the Guarantee Program.) In addition, the TEA will provide timely notice of any failure by the TEA to provide information, data, or financial statements in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports."

### Availability of Information

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

### Limitations and Amendments

The TEA has agreed to update information and to provide notices of material events only as described above. The TEA 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 TEA makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The TEA 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 of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the TEA to comply with its agreement.

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

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

### Compliance with Prior Undertakings

During the last five years, the TEA has not failed to substantially comply with its previous continuing disclosure agreements in accordance with Rule 15c2-12.

### SEC Exemptive Relief

On February 9, 1996, the TEA received a letter from the Chief Counsel of the SEC that pertains to the availability of the "small issuer exemption" set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12. The letter provides that Texas school districts which offer municipal securities that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program may undertake to comply with the provisions of paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12 if their offerings otherwise qualify for such exemption, notwithstanding the guarantee of the school district securities under the Guarantee Program. Among other requirements established by Rule 15c2-12, a school district offering may qualify for the small issuer exemption if, upon issuance of the proposed series of securities, the school district will have no more than \$10 million of outstanding municipal securities.

### TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

A school district is authorized to levy maintenance and operation ("M&O") taxes subject to approval of a proposition submitted to district voters under Section 45.003(d) of the Texas Education Code, as amended. The maximum M&O tax rate that may be levied by a district cannot exceed the voted maximum rate or the maximum rate described in the next succeeding paragraph. The maximum voted M&O tax rate for the District is \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation as approved by the voters at an election held on November 10, 1970 under Chapter 20, Texas Education Code (now codified as Section 45.003, Texas Education Code).

The maximum tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation that may be adopted by the District may not exceed the lesser of (A) \$1.50 and (B) the sum of (1) the rate of \$0.17, and (2) the product of the "State Compression Percentage" multiplied by \$1.50. The State Compression Percentage has been set, and will remain, at 66.67% for the 2018-19 State fiscal biennium. The State Compression Percentage is set by legislative appropriation for each State fiscal biennium or, in the absence of legislative appropriation, by the Commissioner. For a more detailed description of the State Compression Percentage, see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Funding for School Districts". Furthermore, a school district cannot annually increase its tax rate in excess of the district's "rollback tax rate" without submitting such tax rate to a referendum election and a majority of the voters voting at such election approving the adopted rate. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Public Hearing and Rollback Tax Rate".

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, Texas Education Code, as amended ("Section 45.0031"), requires a 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 district voters 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. In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a district may take into account Tier One funds allotted to the district. The District is required to deposit any State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service into the District's interest and sinking fund tax rate that exceeds \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation, credit to the interest and sinking fund other State assistance, including Tier One funds that may be used for either operating purposes or for payment of debt service, in an amount equal to the amount needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. Taxes levied to pay refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207. Texas Government Code, are not subject to the \$0.50 tax rate test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds and are therefore not, however, taxes levied to pay debt service on the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test when applied to subsequent bond issues that are subject to the \$0.50 tax rate test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds and are therefore not, however, taxes levied to pay debt service on the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test when applied to subsequent bond sizes that are subject to the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test;

### **DEBT LIMITATIONS**

Under State law, there is no explicit bonded indebtedness limitation, although the tax rate limits described above under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" effectively impose a limit on the incurrence of debt. Such tax rate limits require school districts to demonstrate the ability to pay new debt secured by the district's debt service tax from a tax rate of \$0.50, and to pay all debt and operating expenses which must be paid from receipts of the district's maintenance tax from a tax not to exceed the maintenance tax limit described under the caption "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS." The Bonds are issued as refunding bonds and are not subject to the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test. See also "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS".

## EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State of Texas. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. Aside from the District's contribution to TRS, the District has no pension fund expenditures or liabilities. For fiscal year ended August 31, 2017, the District made a contribution to TRS on a portion of their employee's salaries that exceeded the statutory minimum. The District generally does not offer any post-employment retirement benefits and has no liabilities for "Other Post Employment Retirement Benefits" as defined in GASB Statement No. 45. For a discussion of the TRS retirement plan, see "Note H. Pension Plan" to the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D (the "Financial Statements").

As a result of its participation in the Plan and the TRS-Care Retired Plan and having no other post-retirement benefit plans, the District has no obligations for other post-employment benefits within the meaning of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement 45.

During the year ended August 31, 2017, employees of the District were covered by a fully-insured health insurance plan (the "Health Care Plan"). The District contributed \$250 per month per employee to the Health Care Plan. Employees, at their option, authorize payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. See "Note J. Employee Health Care Coverage" of the Financial Statements.

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

# RATING

The Bonds are rated "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") based upon the guaranteed repayment thereof under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the TEA. (See "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM"). The District's unenhanced, underlying rating, including the Bonds, is "A" by S&P.

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

The above rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and such rating may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agency. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

### LEGAL MATTERS

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to approval of the Attorney General of Texas to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and the approving legal opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Bond Counsel to the District ("Bond Counsel"), 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, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on corporations. The form of Bond Counsel's opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C. 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.

Though it represents the Financial Advisor 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 was not requested to participate, and did not take part in the preparation of this 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 or subcaptions "PLAN OF FINANCING – Refunded Bonds", "THE BONDS" (except for the information included in the subcaptions "Notice of Redemption and DTC Notices", "Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "Payment Record," as to which no opinion is expressed), and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except for the information under the sub-caption "Compliance With Prior Undertakings," as to which no opinion is expressed), and Bond Counsel is of the opinion that the statements and information contained in this Official Statement under the captions and sub-captions "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS," "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM", "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (first paragraph only), "LEGAL MATTERS" (except for the last sentence of the second paragraph thereof), "TAX MATTERS," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS," and "REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE," and Bond Counsel is of the opinion contained therein fairly and Bond Counsel is of the statements and information contained in this Official Statement under the captions and sub-captions "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS," "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM", "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (first paragraph only), "LEGAL MATTERS" (except for the last sentence of the second paragraph thereof), "TAX MATTERS," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. In rendering a legal opinion, the attorney does not become an insurer or guarantor of the expression of professional judgment, of the transaction opined upon, or of the

future performance of the parties to the transaction. Nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

### **TAX MATTERS**

## **Tax Exemption**

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes (1) is excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code"), of the owners thereof pursuant to section 103 of the Code and existing regulations, published rulings, and court decisions, and (2) will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals or, except as hereafter described, corporations. The statute, regulations, rulings, and court decisions on which such opinion is based are subject to change. A form of Bond Counsel's legal opinion appears in Appendix C hereto.

For taxable years that began before January 1, 2018, interest on the Bonds owned by a corporation will be included in such corporation's adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax on such corporation, other than an S corporation, a qualified mutual fund, a real estate investment trust, a real estate mortgage investment conduit, or a financial asset securitization investment trust. The alternative minimum tax on corporations has been repealed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel will rely upon the Sufficiency Certificate of the Financial Advisor (See "PLAN OF FINANCING – Refunded Bonds") and upon the representations and certifications of the District made in certificates pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds and will assume continuing compliance by the District with the provisions of the Order subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. The Order contains covenants by the District with respect to, among other matters, the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the facilities financed or refinanced therewith by persons other than state or local governmental units, the manner in which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested, the periodic calculation and payment to the United States Treasury of arbitrage "profits" from the investment of the proceeds, and the reporting of certain information to the United States Treasury. Failure to comply with any of these covenants may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof from the date of the issuance of the Bonds.

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

Except as described above, Bond Counsel expresses no other opinion with respect to any other federal, state or local tax consequences under present law, or proposed legislation, resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds.

### **Tax Changes**

Existing law may change to reduce or eliminate the benefit to bondholders of the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any proposed legislation or administrative action, whether or not taken, could also affect the value and marketability of the Bonds. For example, legislation has been introduced in Congress which, if enacted, would significantly change the income tax rates for individuals and corporations and would repeal the alternative minimum tax for tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. It is uncertain whether this legislation will be enacted and, if so, whether it will be enacted in its current form. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to any proposed or future changes in tax law.

#### Ancillary Tax Changes

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

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

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

However, such interest may be required to be taken into account in determining the alternative minimum taxable income of a corporation, for purposes of calculating a corporation's alternative minimum tax imposed by Section 55 of the Code, and the amount of the branch profits tax applicable to certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States, even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment. In addition, the accrual of such interest may result in certain other collateral federal income tax consequences to, among others, financial institutions, life insurance companies, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations with subchapter C earnings and profits, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement

benefits, individuals otherwise qualifying for the earned income tax credit, owners of an interest in a FASIT, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry, or who have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to, tax-exempt obligations. Moreover, in the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of a Discount Bond by the initial owner prior to maturity, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Discount Bond was held) is includable in gross income.

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

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

The initial public offering price of certain Bonds (the "Premium Bonds") may be greater than the amount payable on such Bonds at maturity. An amount equal to the difference between the initial public offering price of a Premium Bond (assuming that a substantial amount of the Premium Bonds of that maturity are sold to the public at such price) and the amount payable at maturity constitutes premium to the initial purchaser of such Premium Bonds. The basis for federal income tax purposes of a Premium Bond in the hands of such initial purchaser must be reduced each year by the amortizable bond premium, although no federal income tax deduction is allowed as a result of such reduction in basis for amortizable bond premium. Such reduction in basis will increase the amount of any gain (or decrease the amount of any loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes upon a sale or other taxable disposition of a Premium Bond. The amount of premium which is amortizable each year by an initial purchaser's yield to maturity.

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

### **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations**

Section 265 of the Code provides, in general, that interest expense to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible from the gross income of the owner of such obligations. In addition, section 265 of the Code generally disallows 100% of any deduction for interest expense which is incurred by "financial institutions" described in such section and is allocable, as computed in such section, to tax-exempt interest on obligations acquired after August 7, 1986. Section 265(b) of the Code provides an exemption to this interest disallowance rule for financial institutions stating that such disallowance does not apply to interest expense allocable to certain tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified 501 (c)(3) bonds) which are properly designated by an issuer as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." An issuer may designate obligations as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" only if the amount of the issue of which they are a part, when added to the amount of certain other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified to the amount of certain other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified to the amount of certain other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified to the amount of certain other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds that are not qualified 501 (c)(3) obligations other than certain current refunding bonds) issued or reasonably anticipated to be issued by the issuer and certain related entities during the same calendar year, does not exceed \$10,000,000.

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" and has certified its expectation that the above described \$10,000,000 ceiling will not be exceeded. Accordingly, it is anticipated that financial institutions which purchase the Bonds will not be subject to the 100% disallowance of interest expense allocable to interest on the Bonds under section 265(b) of the Code. However, the deduction for interest expense incurred by a financial institution which is allocable to the interest on the Bonds will be reduced by 20% pursuant to section 291 of the Code.

#### INVESTMENT POLICIES

#### Investments

The District invests its funds in investments authorized by Texas law in accordance with investment policies approved by the Board of the District. 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 of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including letters of credit; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas 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 or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; (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 the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or their respective successors, or otherwise meeting the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act; (8) certificates of deposit and share certificates that (i) are issued by and principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above, or (c) secured in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits, or (ii) certificates of deposit where (a) the broker or the depository institution shate has its main office or a branch office in the State of Texas and is selected from a list adopted by the District (b) the broker or 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 Dincipal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the District deposits or a calcening broker-dealer registered with the United States or a described by the District deposits or a calced from a list adopted by the District (b) the District deposits or

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 (7) 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 (7) above, and clauses (12) through (15) below, (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, 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. If is a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas, and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less; (11) certain bankers' acceptances if the bankers' acceptance (i) has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of issuance, (ii) will be, in accordance with its terms, liquidated in full at maturity, (iii) is eligible for collateral for borrowing from a Federal Reserve Bank, and (iv) is accepted by a State or Federal bank, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its holding company (if the accepting bank is the largest subsidiary) are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with (i) a stated maturity of 270 days or less from the date of issuance, and (ii) a rating of at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (13) no-load mone

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) 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.

### **Investment Policies**

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

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

### **Additional Provisions**

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

## **Current Investments**

As of June 30, 2018, the District had approximately \$32 invested in LoneStar Investments, \$4,494,218 invested in TexPool (all of which are government investment pools that generally have the characteristics of a money-market mutual fund) and \$5,867,508 invested at a local bank. The market value of such investments (as determined by the District by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) is approximately 100% of the book value. 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.

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

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the SEC under the United States 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.

# FINANCIAL ADVISOR

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor to the District to assist in the issuance of the Bonds. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Bonds that is contained in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the District to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fee of the Financial Advisor for services with respect to the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of bond proceeds or other funds of the District upon the request of the District.

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.

# LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Section 1201.041 of the Public Securities Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code) provides that the Bonds are negotiable instruments governed by Chapter 8, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and are legal and authorized investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for the sinking funds of municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State. With respect to investment in the Bonds by municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State, the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, requires that the Bonds be assigned a rating of not less than "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency. See "RATING" herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital, and savings and loan associations. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies, and its political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their market value.

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

### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE 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 specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). For a description of the continuing disclosure obligations of the TEA, see "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM." The information provided to the MSRB will be available to the public free of charge via the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access System at www.emma.msrb.org.

### Annual Reports

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement in Appendix A (such information being 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 6 months of the end of each fiscal year, in each case beginning with the fiscal year ending in and after 2018. 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 6 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited Financial Statements within such 6-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 may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule").

The District's current fiscal year end is August 31. Accordingly, the Annual Operating Report must be provided by the last day of February in each year unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change.

# Notice of Certain Events

The District will also 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 or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of 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; and (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports". Neither the Bonds nor the Order make any provision for debt service reserves, credit enhancement (except for the Permanent School Fund guarantee), or liquidity enhancement. The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB.

For these purposes, any event described in clause (12) of 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.

### **Limitations and Amendments**

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain 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 has been provided except as described above. The District makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The District disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to complet 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, but only if, (1) the agreement, as so amended, would have permitted Underwriters to purchase or sell Bonds in the initial primary offering in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to the amendment or (b) any qualified person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the District amends its agreement, it has agreed to include with the financial information and operating data next provided, in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and operating data so provided.

### Compliance with Prior Undertakings

The District entered into its initial continuing disclosure agreement with respect to its "Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018". The District has complied in all material respects with this continuing disclosure agreement in accordance with the Rule.

### LITIGATION

In the opinion of District officials, except as may be described in this Official Statement, the District is not a party to any litigation or other proceeding pending or to their 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 of the District.

At the time of the initial delivery of the Bonds, the District will provide the Purchaser 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.

### 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.

## WINNING BIDDER

After requesting competitive bids for the Bonds, the District accepted the bid of Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc. (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at the interest rates shown on page ii of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus an original issue reoffering premium of \$442,386.65, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The District can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the Bonds after their sale by the District to the Purchaser. The District has no control over the price at which the Bonds are subsequently sold and the initial yield at which the Bonds will be priced and reoffered will be established by and will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

## **CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Initial Bonds, the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the District, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, for the Bonds, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of sale of said Bonds and the acceptance of the best bid therefor, and on the date of the delivery, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the District, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District, since August 31, 2017, the date of the last financial statements of the District appearing in the Official Statement.

## CONCLUDING STATEMENT

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the District. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy in any state 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 of solicitation.

The information set forth herein has been obtained from the District's records, audited financial statements and other sources which the District considers 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 documents for further information. Reference is made to official documents in all respects.

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

In the Order, the Board delegated to certain District officials the authority to approve the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and the Board authorized its further use in the re-offering of the Bonds by the Purchaser.

/s/Tom Sutton

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Bridgett Jackson-Tatum

Secretary, Board of Trustees

## **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Schedule I - Schedule of Refunded Bonds

## Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2008

Maturities Being Redeemed	Original CUSIP	(	Principal Amount Dutstanding	Interest Rate	 Principal Amount Being Refunded	Call Date	An	ncipal 1ount funded
2/15/2020	Privately Held	\$	507,000.00	4.980%	\$ 507,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2021	Privately Held		533,000.00	4.980%	533,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2022	Privately Held		560,000.00	4.980%	560,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2023	Privately Held		589,000.00	4.980%	589,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2024	Privately Held		619,000.00	4.980%	619,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2025	Privately Held		650,000.00	4.980%	650,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2026	Privately Held		684,000.00	4.980%	684,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2027	Privately Held		719,000.00	4.980%	719,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2028	Privately Held		755,000.00	4.980%	755,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
2/15/2029	Privately Held		794,000.00	4.980%	 794,000.00	February 15, 2019		-
		\$	6,410,000.00		\$ 6,410,000.00		\$	-

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT

## **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **Financial Information**

#### ASSESSED VALUATION (1)

2018/19 Total Valuation	 	\$ 1,964,920,398
Less Exemptions & Deductions <sup>(2)</sup> :		
State Homestead Exemption	\$ 56,752,753	
State/Local Over-65 Exemption	10,653,472	
100% Disabled Veteran Exemption Loss	2,087,030	
Veterans Exemption Loss	876,395	
Pollution Exemption Loss	31,810,810	
Prorations & Other Partial Exemptions	1,647,911	
Productivity Loss	574,360,700	
Homestead Cap Loss	716,844	
	\$ 678,905,915	
2018/19 Net Taxable Valuation	 	\$ 1,286,014,483

(1) Source: Certified Values from the Limestone County, Robertson County, and Falls County Appraisal Districtsas of July 2018. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES -- Residential homestead Exemptions" in the Official Statement.

(2) Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers which totaled \$46,609,165 in 2017/18.

#### VOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding		\$ 14,795,000
Less: The Refunded Bonds		(6,410,000)
Plus: The Bonds		6,260,000
Total Unlimited Tax Bonds		 14,645,000
Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of August 31, 2017) <sup>(1)</sup>		(69,568)
Net General Obligation Debt		\$ 14,575,432
Ratio of Net G.O. Debt to Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(2)</sup>	1.13%	
2019 Population Estimate	11,280	
Per Capita Net Taxable Valuation	\$114,008	
Per Capita Net G.O. Debt	\$1,292	

(1) Source: Groesbeck ISD. (2) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement and "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017" in Appendix D for more information relative to the District's outstanding obligations.

#### PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

	Net				
	Taxable				ections <sup>(4)</sup>
Fiscal Year	Valuation		Tax Rate	Current (5)	Total <sup>(5)</sup>
2006/07	\$ 1,642,033,697	7 <sup>(1)</sup> \$	1.2592 (6)	99.38%	99.95%
2007/08	1,974,327,814	↓ <sup>(1)</sup>	0.9850 (6)	99.34%	99.94%
2008/09	2,257,065,718	3 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0100	99.04%	99.67%
2009/10	2,341,592,940	) <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0100	98.46%	99.13%
2010/11	2,205,890,404	↓ <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0400	99.11%	100.09%
2011/12	2,024,924,515	5 (1)	1.0800	99.28%	100.65%
2012/13	1,929,151,524	<b>i</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	1.0800	99.13%	99.72%
2013/14	1,816,379,408	3 (1)	1.0800	98.78%	99.75%
2014/15	1,773,456,406	S <sup>(1)</sup>	1.1200	99.08%	100.05%
2015/16	1,690,864,277	, (1)(2)	1.1200	98.86%	99.54%
2016/17	1,482,284,585	5 (1)(2)	1.1647	98.75%	99.60%
2017/18	1,349,248,511	(1)(2)	1.2375	98.00%	<sup>(7)</sup> 99.00% <sup>(7)</sup>
2018/19	1,286,014,483	3 (2)(3)	1.2775		

Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.
 The passage of a Texas constitutional amendment on November 3, 2015 election increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
 Source: Certified Values from the Limestone County, Robertson County, and Falls County Appraisal Districts as of July 2018.
 Source: Groesbeck ISD Audited Financial Statements.
 Excludes penalties and interest.
 The declines in the District's Maintenance & Operation Tax for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 fiscal years are a function of House Bill 1 adopted by the Texas Legislature in May 2006. See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement.

(7) Estimate as of October 2018.

### TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Maintenance & Operations Debt Service	\$0.8167 \$0.3033	\$0.8167 \$0.3033	\$0.9767 \$0.1880	\$1.0400 \$0.1975	\$1.0400 \$0.2375
Total Tax Rate	\$1.1200	\$1.1200	\$1.1647	\$1.2375	\$1.2775

#### VALUATION AND FUNDED DEBT HISTORY

Fiscal	Net	Bond Debt	Ratio
Year	Taxable Valuation	Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	Debt to A.V. <sup>(2)</sup>
2006/07	\$ 1,642,033,697	\$ -	0.00%
2007/08	1,974,327,814	-	0.00%
2008/09	2,257,065,718	10,000,000	0.44%
2009/10	2,341,592,940	19,570,000	0.84%
2010/11	2,205,890,404	25,253,035	1.14%
2011/12	2,024,924,515	21,931,807	1.08%
2012/13	1,929,151,524	21,742,000	1.13%
2013/14	1,816,379,408	25,813,000	1.42%
2014/15	1,773,456,406	21,144,000	1.19%
2015/16	1,690,864,277	16,661,000	0.99%
2016/17	1,482,284,585	14,466,000	0.98%
2017/18	1,349,248,511	14,795,000	1.10%
2018/19	1.286.014.483	12,512,000 (3)	0.97%

Source: Groesbeck ISD Audited Financial Statements.
 See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement, "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this Appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2017" in Appendix D for more information.
 Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds.

#### ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT

Taxing Body		Amount	Percent Overlapping	Amount Overlapping		
Falls County Groesbeck, City of Kosse, City of	\$	- 397,902 1,150,000	0.07% 100.00% 100.00%	\$	- 397,902 1,150,000	
Total Overlapping Debt <sup>(1)</sup>				\$	1,547,902	
Groesbeck Independent School District (2)					14,575,432	
Total Direct & Overlapping Debt				\$	16,123,334	
Ratio of Net Direct & Overlapping Debt to Net Tax Per Capita Direct & Overlapping Debt	able Val	uation	1.25% \$1,429			

(1) Equals gross debt less self-supporting debt.
 (2) Includes the Bonds and excludes the Refunded Bonds.

Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. The District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information (except for the amounts relating to the District), and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete.

#### 2018/19 Top Ten Taxpayers

				% of Net
Name of Taxpayer Type of Busines		т	axable Value	Valuation
NRG Texas Power LLC	Power Plant	\$	378,574,720	29.44%
Oak Grove Management	Coal Field		100,111,700	7.78%
Trend Gathering & Treating LLC	Oil & Gas		73,373,160	5.71%
XTO Energy Inc.	Oil & Gas		25,274,360	1.97%
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Pipeline		23,354,850	1.82%
Linn Energy	Oil & Gas		15,302,180	1.19%
Union Pacific RR Company	Railroad		14,392,070	1.12%
Oak Grove Mining Company	Mining		13,794,917	1.07%
Linn Operating LLC	Oil & Gas		11,502,740	0.89%
Oncor Electric Delivery	Electric		10,778,240	0.84%
		\$	666,458,937	51.82%

#### 2017/18 Top Ten Taxpayers

% of Net

				70 OF INEL	
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	т	axable Value	Valuation	
NRG Texas Power LLC	Power Plant	\$	463,240,250	34.33%	
Oak Grove Management	Coal Field		109,488,397	8.11%	
Trend Gathering & Treating LLC	Oil & Gas		71,990,590	5.34%	
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Pipeline		25,587,200	1.90%	
XTO Energy Inc.	Oil & Gas		20,776,966	1.54%	
Linn Energy	Oil & Gas		15,809,290	1.17%	
Oak Grove Mining Company	Mining		13,745,539	1.02%	
Union Pacific RR Company	Railroad		13,548,700	1.00%	
Superior Silica Sands LLC	Hydraulic Fracturing Sands		12,587,070	0.93%	
ETC Katy Pipeline Ltd.	Pipeline		10,739,490	0.80%	
		\$	757,513,492	56.14%	

#### 2016/17 Top Ten Taxpayers

				% of Net	
Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	т	Taxable Value		
NRG Texas Power LLC	Power Plant	\$	572,699,710	38.64%	
Oak Grove Management	Coal Field		120,257,630	8.11%	
Trend Gathering & Treating LLC	Oil & Gas		79,211,860	5.34%	
XTO Energy Inc.	Oil & Gas		25,971,756	1.75%	
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Pipeline		25,525,810	1.72%	
Linn Energy	Oil & Gas		16,300,400	1.10%	
Linn Operating Inc.	Oil & Gas		15,100,022	1.02%	
ETC Katy Pipeline Ltd.	Pipeline		12,822,790	0.87%	
Union Pacific RR Company	Railroad		12,733,710	0.86%	
Superior Silica Sands LLC	Hydraulic Fracturing Sands		9,599,840	0.65%	
		\$	890,223,528	60.06%	

(1) Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division and the Limestone County Appraisal District. Note: As shown in the tables above, the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for approximately 52% of the District's tax base. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the natural gas refining industry, or to a large taxpayer (such as NRG Texas Power LLC, whose assets comprise 29.44% of the District's total assessed valuation), could adversely impact the businesses that own properties in the District or that store chemicals in the salt domes, and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. Additionally, fluctuations in inventory of individual taxpayers and prices in the general industry could significantly impact the taxable assessed value of the District or entry of a taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process, or, perhaps, to sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. See "REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES" and AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES - District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies" in the Official Statement.

### CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY

Category	<u>2018/19 <sup>(1)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>		<u>2017/18 <sup>(2)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>		<u>2016/17 <sup>(2)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 304,561,871	15.50%	\$	303,354,506	15.12%	\$	295,399,079	13.97%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	2,673,661	0.14%		2,348,211	0.12%		2,261,041	0.11%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	18,778,302	0.96%		19,513,023	0.97%		19,915,275	0.94%
Real, Acreage	594,477,118	30.25%		566,712,325	28.24%		537,753,048	25.43%
Real, Farm & Ranch Improvements	157,308,650	8.01%		148,175,613	7.38%		141,525,308	6.69%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	490,357,099	24.96%		567,591,526	28.28%		698,693,395	33.04%
Oil & Gas	70,272,686	3.58%		61,398,895	3.06%		76,940,043	3.64%
Utilities	176,521,138	8.98%		178,189,429	8.88%		189,129,491	8.94%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	138,308,173	7.04%		149,169,703	7.43%		143,389,614	6.78%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	11,514,670	0.59%		10,168,315	0.51%		9,305,695	0.44%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	105,100	0.01%		142,400	0.01%		273,040	0.01%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	 41,930	<u>0.00%</u>	_	50,060	<u>0.00%</u>	-	44,260	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Appraised Value	\$ 1,964,920,398	100.00%	\$	2,006,814,006	100.00%	\$	2,114,629,289	100.00%
Less:								
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 716,844		\$	1,781,154		\$	2,163,567	
Productivity Loss	574,360,700			548,129,157			518,348,257	
Exemptions	 103,828,371	(3)		107,655,184	(3)	_	111,832,880	(3)
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 678,905,915		\$	657,565,495		\$	632,344,704	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,286,014,483		<u>\$</u>	1,349,248,511		\$	1,482,284,585	

Category	<u>2015/16 <sup>(2)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>	<u>2014/15 <sup>(2)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>		<u>2013/14 <sup>(2)</sup></u>	% of <u>Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 288,527,541	12.36%	\$ 290,042,174	12.20%	\$	289,009,205	11.86%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	1,903,651	0.08%	2,212,791	0.09%		2,412,100	0.10%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	20,228,336	0.87%	20,879,285	0.88%		21,228,685	0.87%
Real, Acreage	536,664,417	22.98%	468,609,233	19.72%		482,352,913	19.79%
Real, Farm & Ranch Improvements	141,175,597	6.05%	134,152,867	5.64%		133,544,877	5.48%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	838,605,639	35.91%	880,336,873	37.04%		913,306,701	37.48%
Oil & Gas	172,906,768	7.40%	210,217,640	8.84%		218,572,815	8.97%
Utilities	182,163,313	7.80%	195,366,946	8.22%		207,925,765	8.53%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	143,097,706	6.13%	165,117,383	6.95%		159,008,319	6.52%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	9,354,105	0.40%	9,020,334	0.38%		8,834,205	0.36%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	570,070	0.02%	763,220	0.03%		770,800	0.03%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	 46,420	<u>0.00%</u>	 51,520	<u>0.00%</u>	-	30,290	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Appraised Value	\$ 2,335,243,563	100.00%	\$ 2,376,770,266	100.00%	\$	2,436,996,675	100.00%
Less:							
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 1,809,897		\$ 2,042,453		\$	2,935,738	
Productivity Loss	519,342,543		451,802,656			466,024,225	
Exemptions	 123,226,846	(3)	 149,468,751		_	151,657,304	
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 644,379,286		\$ 603,313,860		\$	620,617,267	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,690,864,277		\$ 1,773,456,406		\$	1,816,379,408	

Source: Certified Values from the Limestone County, Robertson County, and Falls County Appraisal Districtsas of July 2018.
 Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.
 The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
 Excludes values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers.

		Less:	Plus:				Bonds	Percent of
Fiscal Year	Outstanding	Refunded	The				Unpaid	Principal
Ending 8/31	 Bonds	 Bonds	 Bonds	Total		At Year End		Retired
2019	\$ 2,028,000.00	\$ -	\$ 105,000.00	\$	2,133,000.00	\$	12,512,000.00	14.56%
2020	2,095,000.00	507,000.00	490,000.00		2,078,000.00		10,434,000.00	28.75%
2021	1,590,000.00	533,000.00	520,000.00		1,577,000.00		8,857,000.00	39.52%
2022	1,115,000.00	560,000.00	540,000.00		1,095,000.00		7,762,000.00	47.00%
2023	1,153,000.00	589,000.00	575,000.00		1,139,000.00		6,623,000.00	54.78%
2024	1,197,000.00	619,000.00	600,000.00		1,178,000.00		5,445,000.00	62.82%
2025	1,235,000.00	650,000.00	630,000.00		1,215,000.00		4,230,000.00	71.12%
2026	1,024,000.00	684,000.00	665,000.00		1,005,000.00		3,225,000.00	77.98%
2027	1,069,000.00	719,000.00	695,000.00		1,045,000.00		2,180,000.00	85.11%
2028	1,120,000.00	755,000.00	710,000.00		1,075,000.00		1,105,000.00	92.45%
2029	 1,169,000.00	 794,000.00	 730,000.00		1,105,000.00		-	100.00%
Total	\$ 14,795,000.00	\$ 6,410,000.00	\$ 6,260,000.00	\$	14,645,000.00			

				Less:	Plus:						
Fiscal Year	Outstanding Refunded Bonds		 The Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>						Combined		
Ending 8/31		Debt Service	[	Debt Service	 Principal	Interest		Total			Total <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
2019	\$	2,525,645.30	\$	319,218.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$	210,611.67	\$	315,611.67	\$	2,522,038.97
2020		2,522,531.85		813,593.70	490,000.00		252,800.00		742,800.00		2,451,738.15
2021		1,967,085.60		813,697.70	520,000.00		227,550.00		747,550.00		1,900,937.90
2022		1,448,368.35		813,482.00	540,000.00		201,050.00		741,050.00		1,375,936.35
2023		1,445,534.15		813,871.90	575,000.00		173,175.00		748,175.00		1,379,837.25
2024		1,448,668.65		813,792.70	600,000.00		143,800.00		743,800.00		1,378,675.95
2025		1,445,781.35		813,194.60	630,000.00		113,050.00		743,050.00		1,375,636.75
2026		1,191,778.00		813,978.00	665,000.00		80,675.00		745,675.00		1,123,475.00
2027		1,191,493.30		814,043.30	695,000.00		53,625.00		748,625.00		1,126,075.00
2028		1,195,065.70		813,340.70	710,000.00		32,550.00		742,550.00		1,124,275.00
2029		1,194,395.60		813,770.60	 730,000.00		10,950.00		740,950.00		1,121,575.00
	\$	17,576,347.85	\$	8,455,983.20	\$ 6,260,000.00	\$	1,499,836.67	\$	7,759,836.67	\$	16,880,201.32

Includes accrued interest in the amount of \$14,265.83.
 Based on its wealth per student, the District does not expect to receive financial assistance for the payment of debt service for the fiscal year 2018/19. The amount of state financial assistance for debt service, if any, may differ substantially each year depending on a variety of factors, including the amount, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the state legislature and a school district's wealth per student. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement.

TAX ADEQUACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT'S BONDS	
Projected Maximum Debt Service Requirement <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,522,038.97
Projected State Financial Assistance for Debt Service in 2018/19 <sup>(2)</sup>	 -
Projected Net Debt Service Requirement	\$ 2,522,038.97
\$0.20012 Tax Rate @ 98% Collections Produces	\$ 2,522,040.25
2018/19 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,286,014,483

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

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(2) The amount of state financial assistance for debt service, if any, may differ substantially each year depending on a variety of factors, including the amount, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the state legislature and a school district's wealth per student. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement. The District will not receive any Instructional Facilities Allotment nor Existing Debt Allotment state aid in 2018/19, but will receive additional state aid for the increase in the homestead exemption which took effect in 2016/17.

#### AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will still have \$2,700,000 of authorized but unissued unlimited ad valorem tax bonds from its November 7, 2017 Election. 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.

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31									
	2013		2014		2015		2016			2017
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	11,130,325	\$	9,485,334	\$	9,482,303	\$	7,640,488	\$	5,878,635
Revenues:										
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	16,094,466	\$	14,945,181	\$	14,578,565	\$	13,739,634	\$	14,296,057
State Program Revenues		5,411,585		5,714,197		5,439,707		5,678,023		6,237,032
Federal Sources & Other		73,647		25,381		48,121		21,947		94,606
Total Revenues	\$	21,579,698	\$	20,684,759	\$	20,066,393	\$	19,439,604	\$	20,627,695
Expenditures:										
Instruction	\$	8,726,021	\$	9,205,047	\$	9,268,042	\$	9,515,250	\$	9,172,475
Instructional Resources & Media Services		430,800		472,477		501,919		449,690		465,756
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		104,792		121,702		109,201		116,084		108,301
Instructional Leadership		150,275		160,645		164,704		167,396		153,953
School Leadership		773,954		859,204		901,303		850,223		811,439
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services		442,005		539,799		582,475		604,687		583,426
Social Work Services		40,167		39,756		39,351		39,878		38,424
Health Services		124,188		125,132		126,587		165,056		171,235
Student (Pupil) Transportation		751,886		868,421		702,812		785,755		756,797
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		898,007		989,744		990,500		1,028,043		1,004,437
General Administration		1,003,181		1,038,914		1,081,399		1,062,293		980,194
Plant Maintenance and Operations		2,408,936		2,198,295		2,169,282		2,357,611		2,181,862
Security and Monitoring Services		37,811		33,758		37,094		36,647		33,610
Data Processing Services		197,755		201,965		211,769		214,363		157,685
Community Services		66,722		78,866		78,900		48,857		81,134
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools		7,318,693		5,747,685		4,838,360		3,988,286		3,284,548
Capital Outlay		-		6,285		-		-		244,102
Total Expenditures	\$	23,475,193	\$	22,687,695	\$	21,803,698	\$	21,430,119	\$	20,229,378
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
over Expenditures	\$	(1,895,495)	\$	(2,002,936)	\$	(1,737,305)	\$	(1,990,515)	\$	398,317
Other Resources and (Uses):										
Sale of Real and Personal Property	\$	198,767	\$	1,997,897	\$	95,490	\$	228,662	\$	8,415
Other Resources		51,737		-		-		-		-
Transfers In		-		2,008		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-		-		(200,000)		-		(64,396)
Total Other Resources (Uses)	\$	250,504	\$	1,999,905	\$	(104,510)	\$	228,662	\$	(55,981)
Excess (Deficiency) of						,				,
Revenues and Other Sources										
over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$	(1,644,991)	\$	(3,031)	\$	(1,841,815)	\$	(1,761,853)	\$	342,336
Ending Fund Balance <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	9,485,334	\$	9,482,303	\$	7,640,488	\$	5,878,635	\$	6,220,971
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See "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates" in Appendix D hereto for a discussion of the 2016/17 budget and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - Possible Effects of Wealth Transfer Provisions on the District's Financial Condition" in the Official Statement.
 (2) 2017/18 Expected Ending General Fund Balance = \$5,400,000.

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (1)

	2013	2014	cal Year Ended Aug 2015	2016	2017
Revenues:					
Program Revenues:					
Charges for Services	\$ 445,411	\$ 507,062	\$ 518,172	\$ 648,558	\$ 425,488
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,009,024	2,518,271	2,176,449	2,549,865	2,515,976
General Revenues:					
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	15,736,364	14,570,697	14,351,904	13,475,352	14,012,240
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service	5,058,984	4,688,165	5,318,643	5,000,346	2,708,506
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted	4,865,967	5,091,571	4,845,347	5,550,935	5,751,806
Investment Earnings	26,244	10,858	10,496	36,824	69,944
Miscellaneous	359,781	310,305	(83,601)	208,050	143,421
Total Revenue	\$ 28,501,775	\$ 27,696,929	\$ 27,137,410	\$ 27,469,930	\$ 25,627,381
Expenses:					
Instruction	\$ 10,823,192	\$ 11,688,189	\$ 11,534,608	\$ 11,963,659	\$ 11,430,986
Instruction Resources & Media Services	475,294	524,467	557,522	523,308	533,089
Curriculum & Staff Development	199,863	227,791	181,908	211,539	216,616
Instructional Leadership	185,147	195,683	200,362	194,322	175,656
School Leadership	856,257	956,059	1,003,201	991,605	937,291
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	673,046	842,961	784,836	870,997	779,302
Social Work Services	44,316	44,131	43,707	46,230	43,711
Health Services	137,014	138,901	140,602	190,085	195,512
Student Transportation	829,542	1,022,004	849,531	958,228	897,488
Food Service	806,938	1,018,716	937,619	1,134,115	1,128,154
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	988,151	1,098,849	1,100,225	1,182,900	1,153,715
General Administration	1,106,791	1,153,234	1,201,220	1,212,133	1,109,735
Plant Maintenance & Operations	2,652,659	2,440,189	2,408,542	2,679,551	2,461,776
Security and Monitoring Services	41,716	37,473	40,924	41,163	37,684
Data Processing Services	218,179	224,189	232,898	234,451	177,191
Community Services	73,613	87,544	90,242	57,989	93,609
Debt Service - Interest on Long-term Debt	838,914	745,117	643,035	542,242	478,968
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	7,318,693	5,747,685	4,838,360	3,988,286	3,284,548
Capital Outlay		<u> </u>	1,111		
Total Expenditures	\$ 28,271,325	\$ 28,194,182	\$ 26,791,453	\$ 27,023,803	\$ 25,136,031
Business-type Activities - Child Care Center	\$ 59,963	\$ 120,555	\$ 144,597	\$ 207,393	\$ 155,927
Change in Net Assets	\$ 170,487	\$ (617,808)	\$ 201,360	\$ 238,734	\$ 335,423
Beginning Net Assets	\$ 27,357,617	\$ 27,282,904	\$ 26,665,096	\$ 24,852,650	\$ 25,091,384
Prior Period Adjustment	\$ (245,200	) \$ -	\$ (2,013,805) <sup>(2</sup>	<sup>2)</sup> \$ -	\$ -
Ending Net Assets	\$ 27,282,904	\$ 26,665,096	\$ 24,852,650	\$ 25,091,384	\$ 25,426,807

(1) The foregoing information represents government-wide financial information provided in accordance with GASB 34, which the District adopted for the 2002 fiscal year.
 (2) 2015 prior period adjustment is the result of recording net pension liability in accordance with GASB Statement 68 and 71.

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APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY

## **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **General and Economic Information**

The Groesbeck Independent School District is located in Limestone County with portions extending into Falls and Robertson Counties. The City of Groesbeck is the county seat of Limestone County and is located at the intersection of State Highways 14 and 164 and FM 937. The City's economy is based on manufacturing and agriculture. The current estimated population of the District is approximately 11,280.

Source: Texas Municipal Report for Groesbeck ISD.

#### **Enrollment Statistics**

As of August	<u>Enrollment</u>
2007	1,588
2008	1,497
2009	1,564
2010	1,583
2011	1,589
2012	1,649
2013	1,717
2014	1,875
2015	1,829
2016	1,829
2017	1,889
2018	1,882
Current	1,684

## District Staff

Teachers	122
Teachers' Aides & Secretaries	43
Auxiliary Personnel	67
Administrators	15
Other	23
Total	270

## Facilities

		Current			Year of Addition/
<u>Campus</u>	Grades	Enrollment	Capacity	Year Built	<u>Renovation</u>
H.O. Whitehurst Elementary	PK-3	561	900	1985	Wing Addition 1999
Enge-Washington Intermediate	4-6	410	1,196	2009	NA
Groesbeck Middle School	7-8	264	600	1973	NA
Groesbeck High School	9-12	449	4,332	1989	Weight Room 2008
-					Field House 2014

#### Principal Employers within the District

Number of

Name of Company	Type of Business	Employees
Groesbeck ISD	Public Education	270
Limestone County	County	232
Limestone Medical Center	Hospital	208
ILSA	Insurance Licensing Agency	53
Limestone County Detention Center	Prison	47

## **Unemployment Rates**

	August <u>2016</u>	August <u>2017</u>	August <u>2018</u>
Limestone County	5.9%	5.8%	4.9%
State of Texas	5.0%	4.4%	3.9%
Source: Texas Workforce Commissi	on.		

APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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## FINAL

IN REGARD to the authorization and issuance of the "Groesbeck Independent School District Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2018" (the *Bonds*), dated November 1, 2018, in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,260,000, we have reviewed the legality and validity of the issuance thereof by the Board of Trustees of the Groesbeck Independent School District (the *Issuer*). The Bonds are issuable in fully registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (within a Stated Maturity). The Bonds have Stated Maturities of February 15 in each of the years 2019 through 2029, unless redeemed prior to Stated Maturity in accordance with the terms stated on the face of the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds accrues from the dates, at the rates, in the manner, and is payable on the dates, all as provided in the order (the *Order*) authorizing the issuance of the Bonds. Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

WE HAVE SERVED AS BOND COUNSEL for the Issuer solely to pass upon the legality and validity of the issuance of the Bonds under the laws of the State of Texas, the defeasance and discharge of the Issuer's obligations being refunded by the Bonds, and with respect to the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and for no other purpose. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer. We have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the sufficiency of the security for or the marketability of the Bonds. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

WE HAVE EXAMINED the applicable and pertinent laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. In rendering the opinions herein we rely upon (1) original or certified copies of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, including the Order, the Escrow Deposit Letter (the *Escrow Agreement*) between the Issuer and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the *Escrow Agent*), and the certification (the *Sufficiency Certificate*) by SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., as Financial Advisor to the Issuer, concerning the sufficiency of the cash and investments deposited with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement; (2) customary certifications and opinions of officials of the Issuer; (3) certificates executed by officers of the Issuer relating to the expected use and investment of proceeds of the Bonds and certain other funds of the Issuer, and to certain other facts solely within the knowledge and control of the Issuer; and (4) such other documentation, including an examination of the Bonds executed and delivered initially by the Issuer, and such matters of law as we deem relevant to the matters discussed below. In such examination, we have assumed the authenticity of all

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documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original copies of all documents submitted to us as certified copies, and the accuracy of the statements and information contained in such certificates. We express no opinion concerning any effect on the following opinions which may result from changes in law effected after the date hereof.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Escrow Agreement has been duly authorized, executed, and delivered by the Issuer and, assuming due authorization, execution, and delivery thereof by the Escrow Agent, is a valid and binding obligation, enforceable in accordance with its terms (except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity), and that the outstanding obligations refunded, discharged, paid, and retired with certain proceeds of the Bonds have been defeased and are regarded as being outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payment from the funds held in trust with the Escrow Agent, pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and the order authorizing their issuance, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1207, as amended, Texas Government Code. In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon the Sufficiency Certificate concerning the sufficiency of the cash and investments deposited with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement for the purposes of paying the outstanding obligations refunded and to be retired with the proceeds of the Bonds and the interest thereon.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION that the Bonds have been duly authorized and issued in conformity with the laws of the State of Texas now in force and that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights or the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity. The Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the Issuer.

BASED ON OUR EXAMINATION, IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION that, assuming continuing compliance after the date hereof by the Issuer with the provisions of the Order and in reliance upon the Sufficiency Certificate concerning the sufficiency of the cash and investments deposited with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement and upon the representations and certifications of the Issuer made in a certificate of even date herewith pertaining to the use, expenditure, and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds, under existing statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions (1) interest on the Bonds will be excludable from the gross income, as defined in section 61 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the *Code*), of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pursuant to section 103 of the Code, and (2) interest on the Bonds will not be included in computing the alternative minimum taxable income of the owners thereof who are individuals, or, except as hereinafter described, corporations.

FOR TAXABLE YEARS THAT BEGAN BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2018, interest on the Bonds owned by a corporation will be included in such corporation's adjusted current earnings for purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax on such corporation, other than an S corporation, a qualified mutual fund, a real estate investment trust, a real estate mortgage investment conduit, Legal Opinion of Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, San Antonio, Texas, in connection with the authorization and issuance of GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2018

or a financial asset securitization investment trust. The alternative minimum tax on corporations has been repealed for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

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

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

Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP

## APPENDIX D

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

## GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

## Groesbeck Independent School District Annual Financial Report For The Year Ended August 31, 2017

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Introductory Section

## **CERTIFICATE OF BOARD**

Groesbeck Independent School District Name of School District

<u>Limestone</u> County

147-902 Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and (check one) \_\_\_\_\_\_approved \_\_\_\_\_\_disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2017, at a meeting of the board of trustees of such school district on the 19th day of December\_, 2017\_.

Brachson - Tatum Signature of Board Secretary

Milla Morgan Signature of Board President

If the board of trustees disapproved of the auditors' report, the reason(s) for disapproving it is (are): (attach list as necessary)

Financial Section

## ANDERSON, MARX & BOHL, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

HUDSON ANDERSON, CPA FRANK MARX, III, CPA DORI BOHL, CPA & CFE

## Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Groesbeck Independent School District ("the District") as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Groesbeck Independent School District as of August 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

## Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in 2017, Groesbeck Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 78, *Pension Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in 2017, Groesbeck Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues-An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73.* Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of District pension contributions identified as Required Supplementary Information in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management'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.

## Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Groesbeck Independent School District's basic financial statements. The introductory section and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2017 on our consideration of Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

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Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017



**GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** 

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of Groesbeck Independent School District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended August 31, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's total combined net position on financial statement exhibit A-1 was \$25,426,807 at August 31, 2017.
- During the year, the District's primary government expenses on financial statement exhibit B-1 were \$335,423 less than the \$25,627,381 generated in taxes and other revenues for governmental activities.
- The total cost of the District's programs on financial statement exhibit C-2 decreased \$4,004,114 from last year. A decrease in instructions costs and long-term debt payments accounted for much of this.
- The general fund reported a fund balance this year on financial statement exhibit C-1 of \$6,220,971. The District began the current year with an adjusted fund balance in the amount of \$5,878,635.

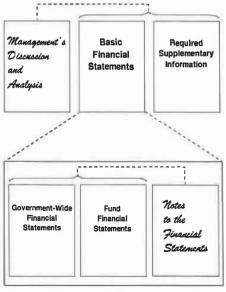
#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The **Summary** 

## Figure A-1, Required Components of the District's Annual Financial Report





statements are followed by a section of *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another.

#### Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid. The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position—the difference between the District's assets and liabilities—is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

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

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

#### Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant *funds*—not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- The Board of Trustees establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.

The District has the following kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds—Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on

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

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Net position. The District's combined net position was \$25.43 million at August 31, 2017. (See Table A-1).

### Table A-1 Groesbeck Independent School District's Net Position (In million dollars)

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	Tot Activi	Total Percentage Change	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	2017-2016
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$5.10	\$5.97	-15
Investments	.00	.00	**
Due from other governments	1.95	1.04	88
Debt costs and deferred exp	.00	.00	**
Other receivables	.54	.48	13
Inventories – supplies and materials	.07	.07	0
Total current assets:	7.66	7.56	1
Noncurrent assets:			
Other Assets	.00	.00	**
Land, furniture and equipment	63.00	62.64	1
Less accumulated depreciation	(27.45)	(25.21)	-9
Total noncurrent assets	35.55	37.43	-5
Total Assets	43.21	44.99	-4
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1.77	1.85	-4
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	0.84	1.10	-24
Claims payable	.00	.00	**
Due to other funds	.00	.00	**
Deferred revenue	.00	.00	**
Total current liabilities	0.84	1.10	-24
Long-term liabilities:			
Noncurrent liabilities due in one year	1.96	1.93	2
Noncurrent liabilities due more than 1 yr	16.52	18.44	-10
Total Liabilities	19.32	21.47	-10
Deferred Inflows of Resources	.23	.28	-18
Net Position:			
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	21.06	20.74	2
Restricted	.20	.29	-31
Unrestricted	4.17	4.06	3
Total Net Position	\$25.43	\$25.09	1

The District has \$198,873 of restricted net position representing proceeds of \$26,686 restricted for state and federal purposes, \$139,576 restricted for debt service, and \$32,611 restricted for campus activities. The \$4,166,053 of unrestricted net position represents resources to be available to fund the programs and capital activities of the District next year.

**Changes in net position**. The District's total revenues were \$25,627,381. A significant portion, 65 percent, of the District's revenue comes from taxes. (See Table A-2.) 22 percent comes from state aid – formula grants, while 2 percent relates to charges for services.

The total cost of all programs and services was \$25,291,958; 76 percent of these costs are for governmental activities associated with instructional and student services. The amount returned to TEA was \$3,284,548.

#### **Governmental Activities**

 Property tax rates increased. With declining property values, this resulted in a decrease in tax revenues of \$1,754,951.

#### Table A-2

# Changes in Groesbeck Independent School District's Net Position (In million dollars)

	Total Activities		%
	<u>_2017</u>	2016	Ch
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$.43	\$.65	-34
Operating Grants and Contributions	2.52	2.54	-1
Capital Grants and Contributions General Revenues	.00	.00	
Property Taxes	16.72	18.48	-10
State Aid – Formula	5.75	5.55	-10
Investment Earnings	.07	.04	75
Other & Loss on Assets Sold	.14	.21	-33
Total Revenues	25.63	27.47	-7
Instruction	11.43	11.97	-5
Instructional Resources and Media Services	.53	.52	2
Curriculum Dev. And Instructional Staff Dev.	.22	.21	5
Instructional Leadership	.18	.19	-5
School Leadership	.94	.99	-5
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	.78	.87	-10
Social Work Services	.04	.05	-20
Health Services	.20	.19	5
Student (Pupil) Transportation Food Services	.90 1.13	.96 1.14	-6
Curricular/Extracurricular Activities	1.13	1.14	-1 -3
General Administration	1.13	1.10	-3
Plant Maintenance & Oper.	2.46	2.68	-8
Security & Monitoring Svcs.	.04	.04	0
Data Processing Services	.18	.23	-22
Community Services	.09	.06	50
Debt Services	.48	.54	-11
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	.00	.00	**
Contracted Instr. Services Between Public Increment Costs Associated Chapter 41 (WADA)	.00 3.28	.00 3.99	-18
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Dist SSA	.00	.00	- 10
Public Education Grant Progr.	.00	.00	**
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed.	.00	.00	**
Payments to Charter Schools	.00	.00	**
Payments to Enterprise Fund	15	.21	-29
Total Expenses	25.29	27.23	-7
Excess (Deficiency) Before Other Resources,			
Uses & Transfers	.34	.24	42
Other Resources (Uses)	.00	.00	**
Transfers In (Out)	.00	.00	
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	<u>\$.34</u>	<u>\$.24</u>	42

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

- The cost of all *governmental* activities this year was \$25.14 million.
- However, the amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was \$16.721 million.
- Some of the cost was paid by those who directly benefited from the programs \$244,859 or
- By grants and contributions \$2.506 million.

## Table A-3 Net Cost of Selected District Functions (in millions of dollars)

	Total Cost of Services		% Change	Net C Serv	% Change	
	<u>2017</u>	2016		<u>2017</u>	2016	
Instruction	11.43	11.97	-5	10.24	10.85	-6
School administration	1.11	1.21	-8	1.09	1.18	-8
Plant Maintenance & Operations	2.46	2.68	-8	2.42	2.60	-7
Debt Service – Interest & Fiscal Charges	.48	.54	-11	.45	.50	-10

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

Revenues from governmental fund types totaled \$25.25 million, while the previous year it was \$26.35 million. The increase in state revenues is a result of the state funding formulas. The decrease in federal revenue is primarily related to federal stimulus programs distributed through other agencies while the local decrease is a function of lowered tax appraised values.

#### General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revised its budget 12 times. Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were \$830,231 below final budget amounts.

On the other hand, resources available were \$216,494 above the final budgeted amount, primarily in the state programs.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Capital Assets**

At the end of 2017, the District had invested \$63,000,997 in a broad range of capital assets, including land, equipment, buildings, and vehicles. (See Table A-4.) This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$356,498 over last year.

Table A-4 District's Capital Assets (In millions of dollars)

		Total Percentage Change
<u>2017</u>	2016	<u>2017-2016</u>
.298	.298	0
57.910	57.531	1
3.011	3.011	0
1.782	1.804	-1
.000	.000	**
63.001	62.644	1
(27.450)	(25.213)	-9
35.551	37.431	-5
	Activiti <u>2017</u> .298 57.910 3.011 1.782 .000 63.001 (27.450)	.298         .298           57.910         57.531           3.011         3.011           1.782         1.804           .000         .000           63.001         62.644           (27.450)         (25.213)

After spending \$134,405 out of its capital project funds in 2017, the District's fiscal year 2018 capital budget reflects no expenditures. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

#### Long Term Debt

At year-end the District had \$14,466,000 in outstanding debt as shown in Table A-5. More detailed information about the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

### Table A-5 District's Long-Term Debt (In millions of dollars)

1	-/	
	Total Percentage Change	
<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017-2016</u>
.000	.000	**
14.466	16.661	-13
4.018	3.716	8
(.000)	(.000)	**
18.484	20.377	-9
	Governm Activiti <u>2017</u> .000 14.466 4.018 (.000)	.000 .000 14.466 16.661 4.018 3.716 (.000) (.000)

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

- Appraised value used for the 2018 budget preparation decreased approximately \$122,939,265 from the year 2017.
- General operating fund spending per student decreases in the 2018 budget from \$12,351 to \$10,582. This is a 14% decrease.
- The District's 2018 refined average daily attendance is expected to be 1,687, the same as last year.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the general fund budget for 2018. Amounts available for appropriation in the general fund budget are \$17,851,245, an decrease of 15 percent from the final 2017 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the District's budgetary general fund fund balance is expected to show a decline by the close of 2018.

#### CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Groesbeck Independent School District's Business Services Department at P. O. Box 559, Groesbeck, Texas 76642 or phone number 254-729-4106.

Basic Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AUGUST 31, 2017

		1			2		3	
Data Control		G	overnmental	Bu	siness-type			
Codes			Activities		Activities		Total	
	ASSETS:							
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	4,961,084	\$	138,556	\$	5,099,640	
1 2 2 5	Property Taxes Receivable (Net)		380,622				380,622	
1240	Due from Other Governments		1,950,517				1,950,517	
1260	Internal Balances		24,781		(24,781)		***	
1267	Due from Fiduciary		133,356				133,356	
1300	Inventories		68,970				68,970	
1410	Prepaid Expenses		27,569		375		27,944	
	Capital Assets:							
1510	Land		298,049				298,049	
1520	Buildings and Improvements, Net		33,744,887		3 <del>37</del>		33,744,887	
1530	Furniture and Equipment, Net		1,507,770				1,507,770	
1000	Total Assets	_	43,097,605		114,150	_	43,211,755	
	DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
1705	Deferred Outflow Related to Pensions		1,770,515				1,770,515	
1700	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		1,770,515				1,770,515	
1700			1,770,010				1,110,010	
	LIABILITIES:							
2110	Accounts Payable		149,139		524		149,663	
2140	Interest Payable		22,825				22,825	
2165	Accrued Liabilities		666,619				666,619	
2180	Due to Other Governments		104				104	
2190	Due to Student Groups		99				99	
2300	Unearned Revenue		480				480	
	Noncurrent Liabilities:							
2501	Due Within One Year		1,966,000				1,966,000	
2502	Due in More Than One Year		12,500,000				12,500,000	
2540	Net Pension Liability		4,018,013				4,018,013	
2000	Total Liabilities	_	19,323,279	_	524	_	19,323,803	
	DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:							
2605	Deferred Inflow Related to Pensions		231,660				231,660	
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		231,660	-		_	231,660	
2000		-	201,000			_	201,000	
	NET POSITION:							
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted For:		21,061,881				21,061,881	
3850	State and Federal Programs		26,686				26,686	
3850	Debt Service		139,576				139,576	
3870	Campus Activities		32,611				32,611	
3900	Unrestricted		4,052,427		113,626		4,166,053	
3000	Total Net Position	\$	25,313,181	\$	113,626	\$	25,426,807	
3000		φ	23,313,101	Ψ	113,020	Φ	20,420,007	

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

			1		3		4
					Program	Reven	ues
Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	E	xpenses		harges for Services		Operating Grants and Contributions
	Governmental Activities:						
11	Instruction	\$	11,430,986	\$	45,414	\$	1,146,663
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services		533,089				20,290
13	Curriculum and Staff Development		216,616				85,518
21	Instructional Leadership		175,656				6,341
23	School Leadership		937,291		2,756		38,768
31	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		779,302				124,170
32	Social Work Services		43,711				1,751
33	Health Services		195,512				86,288
34	Student Transportation		897,488				55,106
35	Food Service		1,128,154		120,511		820,121
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		1,153,715		71,678		27,113
41	General Administration		1,109,735				22,766
51	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		2,461,776		4,500		37,983
52	Security and Monitoring Services		37,684				3 <b>77</b> \}
53	Data Processing Services		177,191				1,087
61	Community Services		93,609				3,623
72	Interest on Long-term Debt		478,968				28,906
73	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		1,000				
91	Contracted Instructional Services between Schools		3,284,548				
ΤG	Total Governmental Activities	_	25,136,031	_	244,859	_	2,506,494
	Business-type Activities:						
01	Child Care Center		155,927		180,629		9,482
тв	Total Business-type Activities		155,927		180,629		9,482
TP	Total Primary Government	\$	25,291,958	\$	425,488	\$	2,515,976

MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service
IE	Investment Earnings
GC	Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs
MI	Miscellaneous
TR	Total General Revenues
CN	Change in Net Position
NB	Net Position - Beginning
NE	Net Position - Ending

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

+	Governmental Activities	B	usiness-type Activities		Total
\$	(10,238,909) (512,799) (131,098) (169,315) (895,767) (655,132) (41,960) (109,224) (842,382) (187,522) (1,054,924) (1,086,969) (2,419,293) (37,684) (176,104) (89,986) (450,062) (1,000)			\$	(10,238,909) (512,799) (131,098) (169,315) (895,767) (655,132) (41,960) (109,224) (842,382) (187,522) (1,054,924) (1,086,969) (2,419,293) (37,684) (176,104) (89,986) (450,062) (1,000)
	(3,284,548) (22,384,678)			-	(3,284,548) (22,384,678)
	(22,384,678)	\$	34,184 34,184 34,184		34,184 34,184 (22,350,494)
\$	14,012,240 2,708,506 69,113 5,751,806 143,421 22,685,086 300,408 25,012,773 25,313,181	\$	 831  831 35,015 78,611 113,626	\$	14,012,240 2,708,506 69,944 5,751,806 143,421 22,685,917 335,423 25,091,384 25,426,807

### **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUN AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Contro Codes	-		10 General Fund		50 Debt Service Fund	G	Other overnmental Funds	G	98 Total overnmental Funds
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	4,852,493	\$	69,568	\$	17,158	\$	4,939,219
1225	Taxes Receivable, Net		310,614		70,008				380,622
1240	Due from Other Governments		1,785,743				164,774		1,950,517
1260	Due from Other Funds		300,457				30,000		330,457
1300	Inventories		11,812		22		23,049		34,861
1410	Prepaid Expenditures		27,569						27,569
1000	Total Assets	\$	7,288,688	\$	139,576	\$	234,981	\$	7,663,245
	LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities:								
2110	Accounts Payable	\$	111,204	\$		\$	37,821	\$	149,025
2160	Accrued Wages Payable		615,696				50,923		666,619
2170	Due to Other Funds		30,000				86,460		116,460
2180	Due to Other Governments		104						104
2190	Due to Student Groups		99		199				99
2300	Unearned Revenue						480		480
2000	Total Liabilities	_	757,103	_		_	175,684		932,787
	DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:								
	Deferred Revenue-Property Taxes		310,614		70,008				380,622
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	_	310,614	_	70,008				380,622
	FUND BALANCES: Nonspendable Fund Balances:								
3410	Inventories Restricted Fund Balances:		11,812		122		23,049		34,861
3450	Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions						3,637		3,637
3480	Retirement of Long-Term Debt				69,568				69,568
3490	Other Restrictions of Fund Balance						32,611		32,611
3600	Unassigned		6,209,159						6,209,159
3000	Total Fund Balances		6,220,971	_	69,568	_	59,297		6,349,836
	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow								
4000	of Resources and Fund Balances	\$	7,288,688	\$	139,576	\$	234,981	\$	7,663,245

### **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AUGUST 31, 2017

Total fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet	\$ 6,349,836
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds. Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds. Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds. Payables for notes which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds. Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds. Deferred Resource Inflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	35,550,706 380,622 (22,825) (14,466,000) (4,018,013) (231,660) 1,770,515
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position	\$ 25,313,181

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Contro Codes	-	7	10 General Fund		50 Debt Service Fund	C	Other Governmental Funds	0	98 Total Governmental Funds
5700		¢	14 206 057	\$	0 710 007	¢	124 057	\$	17 199 141
5700 5800	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	14,296,057 6,237,032	Φ	2,712,027 28,906	\$	124,057 88,183	Φ	17,132,141 6,354,121
	State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues		94,606		20,900		1,666,254		1,760,860
5900	Total Revenues	_		_	2,740,933	-			
5020	Total Revenues	-	20,627,695	-	2,740,933		1,878,494	-	25,247,122
	EXPENDITURES:								
	Current:								
0011	Instruction		9,172,475				745,980		9,918,455
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services		465,756		1000				465,756
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development		108,301				81,727		190,028
0021	Instructional Leadership		153,953				/22		153,953
0023	School Leadership		811,439				2,403		813,842
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		583,426				100,614		684,040
0032	Social Work Services		38,424		1.777				38,424
0033	Health Services		171,235						171,235
0034	Student Transportation		756,797				32,276		789,073
0035	Food Service						984,299		984,299
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		1,004,437						1,004,437
0041	General Administration		980,194						980,194
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		2,181,862				113,394		2,295,256
0052	Security and Monitoring Services		33,610						33,610
0053	Data Processing Services		157,685						157,685
0061	Community Services		81,134						81,134
0071	Principal on Long-term Debt				2,195,000				2,195,000
0072	Interest on Long-term Debt		19 <b>44</b> 01		486,266				486,266
	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees				1,000				1,000
0081	Capital Outlay		244,102		3 <del>77</del> 3		100		244,102
0091	Contracted Instructional Services								
0091	Between Public Schools		3,284,548		3. <del>44</del> 3		544 C		3,284,548
6030	Total Expenditures		20,229,378	12	2,682,266	1	2,060,693		24,972,337
	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)		000.047		50.007		(100 100)		074 705
1100	Expenditures		398,317	-	58,667	-	(182,199)	-	274,785
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):								
7912	Sale of Real or Personal Property		8,415				-		8,415
7915	Transfers In		122		0000		30,000		30,000
8911	Transfers Out		(64,396)		3 <del>44</del> 3				(64,396)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	_	(55,981)	_			30,000		(25,981)
	Net Change in Fund Balances	-	342,336	_	58,667		(152,199)	-	248,804
0100	Fund Balances Beginning		5 879 625		10 001		211 406		6 101 022
	Fund Balances - Beginning	¢	5,878,635	\$	10,901 69,568	¢	211,496 59,297	¢	6,101,032
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$	6,220,971	Φ	800,900	\$_	59,297	\$	6,349,836

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	248,804
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:		
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.		378,327
The depreciation of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.		(2,257,744)
The gain or loss on the sale of capital assets is not reported in the funds.		(551)
Certain property tax revenues are deferred in the funds. This is the change in these amounts this year.		38,134
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.		2,195,000
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest from beginning of period to end of period.		7,298
The net revenue (expense) of internal service funds is reported with governmental activities.		24,430
Implementing GASB 68 required certain expenditures to be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows	-	(333,290)
Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities	\$	300,408

#### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2017

Data	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund Child	Nonmajor Internal Service Fund Print
Control	Care	Shop
Codes	Center	Fund
ASSETS: Current Assets:	Center	Fullu
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 138,556	\$ 21,865
1310 Inventories, at Cost	E.#77	34,109
1410 Unrealized Expenses	375	<u></u>
Total Current Assets	138,931	55,974
1000 Total Assets	138,931	55,974
LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities:		
2110 Accounts Payable	524	114
2170 Due to Other Funds	24,781	55,860
Total Current Liabilities	25,305	55,974
2000 Total Liabilities	25,305	55,974
NET POSITION:		
3900 Unrestricted	113,626	
3000 Total Net Position	\$ 113,626	\$

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	I	Nonmajor		Nonmajor
	E	Enterprise	Inte	ernal Service
		Fund		Fund
Data		Child		Print
Control		Care		Shop
Codes		Center		Fund
OPERATING REVENUES:	-			
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	181,460	\$	8,777
5900 Federal Program Revenues		9,482		
5020 Total Revenues	_	190,942		8,777
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
6100 Payroll Costs		122,173		
6200 Professional and Contracted Services		6,547		3,177
6300 Supplies and Materials		24,525		15,566
6400 Other Operating Costs		2,682		**
6030 Total Expenses		155,927		18,743
Income (Loss) before Contributions and Transfers		35,015		(9,966)
7915 Transfers In		200		34,396
1300 Change in Net Position	-	35,015		24,430
0100 Total Net Position - Beginning		78,611		(24,430)
3300 Total Net Position - Ending	\$	113,626	\$	

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	Nonmajor Internal Service Fund Child Care Fund	Nonmajor Internal Serv Fund Print Shop Fund	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 190,942	\$8,	777
Cash Receipts (Payments) for Quasi-external	(100.170)		
Cash Payments to Employees for Services Cash Payments to Other Suppliers for Goods and Services	(122,173) (46,355)	/01	200
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	22,414		308) 531)
Net ousin normed (osca) by operating netwices		(12,	501)
Cash Flows from Non-capital Financing Activities:			
Transfers From (To) Other Funds		34,	396
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-capital Financing Activities		34,	396
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Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities: Contributed Capital			
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Capital & Related Financing Activ		2	
Net Cash Flovided (Osed) for Capital & Related Financing Activ			-
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Interest and Dividends on Investments		( <b>44</b> )	
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Investing Activities		(. <del></del> )	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	22,414	21,	865
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	116,142	A	005
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 138,556	\$21,	865
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 35,015	\$ (9,	966)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash			
Provided by Operating Activities			
	2 mm 2		
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		1	000
Decrease (Increase) in Inventories Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(2,427)		939) 626)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Fayable Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Wages Payable	(2,427)	(1,	626)
Increase (Decrease) in Interfund Payables	(9,674)		
Total Adjustments	(12,601)	(2	565)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 22,414		531)
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS AUGUST 31 2017

AUGUST 31, 2017	Private-purpose Trust	
	Funds	
Data		
Control	Private-Purpose	Agency
Codes	Trust Fund	Funds
ASSETS:		1 dildo
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 75,777	\$ 258,712
1290 Other Receivables	46,661	
1800 Restricted Assets	254	
1000 Total Assets	122,692	258,712
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
2110 Accounts Payable		169
2150 Payroll Deduction & Withholdings		5,443
2170 Due to Other Funds		133,356
2190 Due to Student Groups		119,744
2000 Total Liabilities		258,712
NET POSITION:		
3800 Held in Trust	122,692	
3000 Total Net Position	\$ 122,692	\$
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**GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	Private- <sup>P</sup> urpose Trusts
Additions:	
Investment Income	\$ 523
Plan Member Contributions	68,192
Total Additions	68,715
Deductions:	
Scholarship Awards	5 <b></b> 2
Total Deductions	
Change in Net Position	68,715
Net Position-Beginning of the Year	53,977
Net Position-End of the Year	\$ 122,692

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

1. Reporting Entity

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

- 2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting
  - a. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements: The statement of net position and the statement of activities include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double-counting of internal activities. These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties.

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

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

Proprietary fund operating revenues, such as charges for services, result from exchange transactions associated with the principal activity of the fund. Exchange transactions are those in which each party receives and gives up essentially equal values. Nonoperating revenues, such as subsidies and investment earnings, result from nonexchange transactions or ancillary activities.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for tax revenues raised to pay bonded debt along with corresponding amounts paid to service that debt.

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

Internal Service Funds: These funds are used to account for revenues and expenses related to services provided to parties inside the District. These funds facilitate distribution of support costs to the users of support services on a cost-reimbursement basis. Because the principal users of the internal services are the District's governmental activities, this fund type is included in the "Governmental Activities" column of the government-wide financial statements.

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

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

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

#### b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

- 3. Financial Statement Amounts
  - a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents if they have a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

b. Property Taxes

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

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

c. Inventories and Prepaid Items

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

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

d. Capital Assets

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

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings	50
Portable Buildings	15
Vehicles	5-8
Office Equipment	5-10

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

In addition to assets, the statements of financial position (the government-wide and proprietary Statements of Net Position and governmental funds balance sheet) will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position and/or fund balance that applies to one or more future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

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

#### f. Receivable and Payable Balances

The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid the obscuring of significant components by aggregation. Therefore, no disclosure is provided which disaggregates those balances which include an allowance for uncollectible taxes of \$287,136.

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

g. Interfund Activity

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

h. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of certain assets, liabilities, revenues, expenditures, expenses, and other disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

i. Data Control Codes

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

j. Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

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

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Committed Fund Balance - represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action by the District's Board of Trustees. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the Board of Trustees. Commitments are typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

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

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

k. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

#### I. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

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

4. Pensions

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

5. New Accounting Standards Adopted

In fiscal year 2017, the District adopted two new statements of financial accounting standards Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):

-- Statement No. 78, Pensions Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans -- Statement No. 82, Pension Issues-An Amendment of GASB No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73

- a. Statement No. 78 requires state and local governments through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that is not a state or local government pension plan, is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local employers, and has no predominant state or local government employer to measure pension expense, expenditures and liabilities and note disclosures.
- b. Statement No. 82 addresses issues regarding presentation of payroll-related measures, the selection of assumptions and treatment of deviations and classification of payments by employers to satisfy payments by employers to satisfy contribution requirements.

#### B. Compliance and Accountability

1. Finance-Related Legal and Contractual Provisions

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

Violation	Action Taken
None reported	Not applicable

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

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

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

#### C. Deposits and Investments

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

1. Cash Deposits:

At August 31, 2017, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$507,452 and the bank balance was \$602,863. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2017 and during the year ended August 31, 2017, were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the District's name.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

2. Investments:

The District is required by Government Code Chapter 2256, The Public Funds Investment Act, to adopt, implement, and publicize an investment policy. That policy must address the following areas: (1) safety of principal and liquidity, (2) portfolio diversification, (3) allowable investments, (4) acceptable risk levels, (5) expected rates of return, (6) maximum allowable stated maturity of portfolio investments, (7) maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed based on the stated maturity date for the portfolio, (8) investment staff quality and capabilities, and (9) bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

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

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

The District's investments at August 31, 2017 are shown below.

Investment or Investment Type	Maturity	Fair Value
Texpool	N/A	\$ 2,078,164
Texas Class	N/A	2,816,314
Lonestar	N/A	32,199
Total Investments		\$ 4,926,677

3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

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

a. Credit Risk

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

At August 31, 2017, the District's investments, other than those which are obligations of or guaranteed by the U. S. Government, have no credit risk.

b. Custodial Credit Risk

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

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

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

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#### c. Concentration of Credit Risk

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

#### d. Interest Rate Risk

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

#### e. Foreign Currency Risk

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

#### Investment Accounting Policy

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

#### Public Funds Investment Pools

Public funds investment pools in Texas ("Pools") are established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 79 of the Texas Government Code, and are subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act"), Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. In addition to other provisions of the Act designed to promote liquidity and safety of principal, the Act requires Pools to: 1) have an advisory board composed of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool; 2) maintain a continuous rating of no lower than AAA or AAA- 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 Pools are reported at an amount determined by the fair value per share of the pool's underlying portfolio, unless the pool is 2a7-like, in which case they are reported at share value. A 2a7-like pool is one which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company, but nevertheless has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.

#### Lone Star

The Lone Star Investment Pool (Lone Star) is a public funds investment pool created pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 791, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2256. Lone Star is administered by First Public, a subsidiary of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), with Standish and American Beacon Advisors managing the investment and reinvestment of Lone Star's assets. State Street Bank provides custody and valuation services to Lone Star. All of the board of trustees' eleven members are Lone Star participants by either being employees or elected officials of a participant. Lone Star has established an advisory board composed of both pool members and non-members. Lone Star is rated AAA by Standard and Poor's and operated in a manner consistent with the the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The District is invested in the Government Overnight Fund of Lone Star which seeks to maintain a net asset value of one dollar. Lone Star has 3 different funds: Government Overnight, Corporate Overnight and Corporate Overnight Plus. Government and Corporate Overnight maintain a net asset value of one dollar and the Corporate Overnight Plus maintains a net asset value of 50 cents.

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#### TexPool

The District invests in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool), which is a local government investment pool that was established in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts oversees TexPool. Federated Investors, Inc. is the administrator and investment Act, the State Comptroller a contract with the State Comptroller. In accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the State Comptroller has appointed the TexPool Investment Advisory Board to advise with respect to TexPool. The board is composed equally of participants in TexPool Portfolios and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool Portfolios and are qualified to advise in respect to TexPool Portfolios. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. TexPool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's and operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. All investments are stated at amortized cost, which usually approximates the market value of the securities. The stated objective of TexPool is to maintain a stable average \$1.00 per unit net asset value; however, the \$1.00 net asset value is not guaranteed or insured. The financial statements can be obtained from the Texas Trust Safekeeping Trust Company website at www.ttstc.org.

#### **Texas CLASS**

The District invests in Texas CLASS, which is a local government investment pool organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The pool is governed by a board of trustees, elected annually by its participants. The parties to the Trust Agreement are Texas local government entities that choose to participate in the Trust (the "Participants"), Public Trust Advisors LLC (PTA) as Program Administrator and Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A. as Custodian. Texas CLASS is rated at a AAAm or equivalent rating from at least one nationally recognized rating agency and operated in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Texas CLASS seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per unit and is designed to be used for investment of funds which may be needed at any time.

#### D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2017, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land \$	298,049 \$	s == \$	\$	298,049
Construction in progress				
Total capital assets not being depreciated	298,049			298,049
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	57,531,656	378,327	200 100	57,909,983
Equipment	1,804,057	5 <b></b>	21,829	1,782,228
Vehicles	3,010,737	( <b>11</b>		3,010,737
Total capital assets being depreciated	62,346,450	378,327	21,829	62,702,948
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(22,358,497)	(1,806,599)	G <u>11</u> 1	(24,165,096)
Equipment	(981,559)	(80,656)	701,576	(1,763,791)
Vehicles	(1,873,769)	(370,489)	(722,854)	(1,521,404)
Total accumulated depreciation	(25,213,825)	(2,257,744)	(21,278)	(27,450,291)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	37,132,625	(1,879,417)	551	35,252,657
Governmental activities capital assets, net \$	37,430,674 \$		551 \$	35,550,706

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Depreciation was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 1,199,638
Instructional Resources and Media Services	56,453
Curriculum and Staff Development	23,033
Instructional Leadership	18,660
School Leadership	98,643
Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	82,910
Social Work Services	4,657
Health Services	20,755
Student Transportation	95,641
Food Services	119,304
Extracurricular Activities	121,745
General Administration	118,806
Plant Maintenance and Operations	264,478
Security and Monitoring Services	4,074
Data Processing Services	19,113
Community Services	9,834
	\$ 2,257,744

#### E. Interfund Balances and Activities

#### 1. Due To and From Other Funds

Balances due to and due from other funds at August 31, 2017, consisted of the following:

Due To Fund	Due From Fund	-	Amount	Purpose
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds		86,460	Short-term loans
General Fund	Non Major Enterprise Fund		24,781	Short-term loans
General Fund	Non Major Internal Service Fund		55,860	Short-term loans
General Fund	Fiduciary Fund		133,356	Short-term loans
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund		30,000	Short-term loans
	Total	\$	330,457	

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

#### 2. Transfers To and From Other Funds

Transfers to and from other funds at August 31, 2017, consisted of the following:

Transfers From	Transfers To	-	Amount	Reason
General Fund	Non Major Internal Service Fund	\$	34,396	Supplement other funds sources
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds		30,000	Supplement other funds sources
	Total	\$	64,396	

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#### F. Long-Term Obligations

1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include debt and other long-term liabilities. Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended August 31, 2017, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities: General obligation bonds Net Pension Liability *	\$ 16,661,000 \$ 3,715,958	 639,889	\$ (2,195,000) \$ (337,834)	14,466,000 \$ 4,018,013	1,966,000
Total governmental activities	\$ 20,376,958 \$	639,889	\$ (2,532,834) \$	18,484,013 \$	1,966,000

#### \* Other long-term liabilities

The funds typically used to liquidate other long-term liabilities in the past are as follows:

Liability	Activity Type	Fund
Net Pension Liability *	Governmental	General Fund

#### 2. Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at August 31, 2017, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities					
Year Ending August 31,		Principal		Interest		Total
2018	\$	1,966,000	\$	449,137	\$	2,415,137
2019		2,008,000		405,663		2,413,663
2020		2,060,000		356,587		2,416,587
2021		1,765,000		306,351		2,071,351
2022		945,000		266,218		1,211,218
2023-2027		4,438,000		824,356		5,262,356
2028-2032		1,284,000		78,112		1,362,112
Totals	\$	14,466,000	\$	2,686,424	\$	17,152,424

#### General Obligation Bonds

\$10,000,000 Groesbeck Independent School District Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2008 due in annual installments of \$4,000 to \$794,000, beginning February 15, 2010, through February 15, 2029 with an interest rate of 4.98%. The new debt qualifies as general obligation debt. Approximately \$2,500,000 was used for student laptop computers and the remainder was used for school construction. The balance at August 31, 2017 is \$7,351,000.

\$5,574,000 Groesbeck Independent School District Unlimited Tax Building Bonds, Series 2009 (QSCB) due in annual installments of \$347,000 to \$395,000, beginning December 15, 2010, through December 15, 2024 with an interest rate of .93%. The new debt qualifies as general obligation debt. The funds were used used for school construction. The balance at August 31, 2017 is \$3,070,000.

\$8,000,000 Groesbeck Independent School District Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2013 due in annual installments of \$1,200,000 to \$1,105,000, beginning August 15, 2013, through February 15, 2018 with an interest rate of .55% to 2.2%. The new debt qualifies as general obligation debt and was used for school construction and equipment. The balance at August 31, 2017 is \$4,045,000.

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#### G. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2017, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

#### H. Pension Plan

1. Plan Description

The District participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). It is a defined benefit pension plan established and administered in accordance with the Texas Constitution, Article XVI, Section 67, and Texas Government Code, Title 8, Subtitle C. The pension trust fund is a qualified pension trust under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Texas Legislature establishes benefits and contribution rates within the guidelines of the Texas Constitution. The pension's Board of Trustees does not have the authority to establish or amend benefit terms.

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

2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at https://www.trs.texas.gov/TRS%20Documents/cafr\_2016.pdf; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

3. Benefits Provided

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

4. Contributions

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

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Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. Senate Bill 1458 of the 83rd Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and established employee contribution rates for fiscal years 2014 through 2017. The 83rd Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. The 84th Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Contributi	ion Rates		
		2016	2017
Member		7.2%	7.7%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (NECE - State)		6.8%	6.8%
Employers		6.8%	6.8%
District's 2017 Employer Contributions	\$	333,719	
District's 2017 Member Contributions	\$	889,990	
NECE 2016 On-Behalf Contributions to District	\$	614,680	

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

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

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

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

- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.
- ---- When a school district or charter school does not contribute to the Federal Old-Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Program for certain employees, they must contribute 1.5% of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100% of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

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5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2016 actuarial evaluation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Single Discount Rate	8%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return	8%
Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases including inflation	3.5% to 9.5%
Payroll Growth Rate	2.5%
Benefit Changes during the year	None
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions are based primarily on a study of actual experience for the four year period ending August 31, 2014 and adopted on September 24, 2015.

#### 6. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 8%. There was no change in the discount rate since the previous year. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at the statutorily required rates. 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 8%. 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, 2016 are summarized below:

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Asset Allocation and L	etirement Syst ong-Term Expe of August 31,	ected Real Rate o	f Return
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return	Expected Contribution to Long-term Portfolio Returns *
Global Equity			
U.S.	18%	4.6%	1.0%
Non-U.S. Developed	13%	5.1%	0.8%
Emerging Markets	9%	5.9%	0.7%
Directional Hedge Funds	4%	3.2%	0.1%
Private Equity	13%	7.0%	1.1%
Stable Value			
U.S. Treasuries	11%	0.7%	0.1%
Absolute Return	0%	1.8%	0.0%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	4%	3.0%	0.1%
Cash	1%	-0.2%	0.0%
Real Return			
Global Inflation Linked Bonds	3%	0.9%	0.0%
Real Assets	16%	5.1%	1.1%
Energy & Natural Resources	3%	6.6%	0.2%
Commodities	0%	1.2%	0.0%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	5%	6.7%	0.3%
Inflation Expectation			2.2%
Alpha			1.0%
Total	100%		8.7%

\* The expected contribution to returns incorporates the volatility drag resulting from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

#### 7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the net pension liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (8%) in measuring the Net Pension Liability.

	1%			1%
		Decrease in Discount		Increase in
	Discount Rate Rate		Discount Rate	
	_	7%	8%	9%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	6,218,531	\$ 4,018,013 \$	6 2,151,529

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

At August 31, 2017, the District reported a liability of \$4,018,013 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:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 4,018,013
State's proportionate share that is associated with District	7,296,154
Total	\$ 11,314,167

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2016 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, 2015 through August 31, 2016.

At August 31, 2016 the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0106329%. which was an increase (decrease) of .0001206% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2015.

# Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation - There were no changes to the actuarial assumptions of other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement period:

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

For the year ended August 31, 2017, the District recognized pension expense of \$757,167 and revenue of \$757,167 for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2017, 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:

	(	ferred Dutflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$	63,002	\$ 119,976
Changes in actuarial assumptions		122,462	111,374
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings		340,237	
Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions		911,095	310
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	_	333,719	
Total	\$	1,770,515	\$231,660

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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			
Year Ended		Expense		
August 31		Amount		
2018	\$	211,796		
2019	\$	211,796		
2020	\$	428,816		
2021	\$	195,119		
2022	\$	129,084		
Thereafter	\$	28,525		

#### I. <u>Retiree Health Care Plans</u>

#### 1. TRS-Care

a. Plan Description

The District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care plan administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). TRS-Care Retired Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. The statutory authority for the program is Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575. Section 1575.052 grants the TRS Board of Trustees the authority to establish and amend basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants. The TRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for TRS-Care. That report may be obtained by visiting the TRS web site at www.trs.state.tx.us under the TRS Publications heading, by writing to the Communications Department of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, Texas 78701, or by calling the TRS Communications Department at 1-800-223-8778.

b. Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. Texas Insurance Code, Sections 1575.202, 203, and 204 establish state, active employee, and public school contributions, respectively. Funding for free basic coverage is provided by the program based upon public school district payroll. Per Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575, the public school contribution may not be less than 0.25% or greater than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the public school. Funding for optional coverage is provided by those participants selecting the optional coverage. The State of Texas contribution rate was 1% for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015. The active public school employee contributions rates were 0.65% of public school payroll, with school districts contributing a percentage of payroll set at 0.55% for fiscal years 2017, 2016 and 2015. For the years ended August 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the State's contributions to TRS-Care were \$115,916, \$116,792, and \$114,868, respectively, the active member contributions were \$75,345, \$75,915, and \$74,664, respectively, and the District's contributions were \$63,754, \$64,236, and \$63,177, respectively, which equaled the required contributions each year.

2. Medicare Part D Subsidies

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006, established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal years ended August 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, the subsidy payments received by TRS-Care on behalf of the District were \$35,527, \$45,679, and \$34,721, respectively.

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#### J. Employee Health Care Coverage

During the year ended August 31, 2017, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District paid premiums of \$250 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to a third party administrator, acting on behalf of the licensed insurer. The Plan was authorized by Article 3.51-2, Texas Insurance Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

The contract between the District and the third party administrator is renewable September 1, 2017, and terms of coverage and premium costs are included in the contractual provisions.

Latest financial statements for the TRS Active Care are available for the year ended Decemberr 31, 2016, have been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance, Austin, Texas, and are public records.

- K. Commitments and Contingencies
  - 1. Contingencies

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

2. Litigation

No reportable litigation was pending against the District at August 31, 2017.

#### L. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits

At August 31, 2017, the District had no liability for accrued sick leave or vacation leave.

District employees accumulate state personal leave at the rate of 5 days per year with no accumulation limit.

The District has non-vested sick and personal leave benefits at August 31, 2017 which are not recorded on the basic financial statements in the amount of \$872,043. These benefits are recorded as expenditures as used.

M. Chapter 41 School District

As a Chapter 41 School District, one in which the Texas Education Agency has mandated Groesbeck ISD to relinquish a substantial portion of its ad valorem tax revenues, under option 3, The District paid \$3,284,548 to the Texas Education Agency during the year.

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N. Local Optional Homestead Exemption

On June 22, 2015 the District rescinded the local optional homestead exemption to maintain local control over the exemption and to provide needed funds due to state funding cuts. As a result, the Texas Education Agency reduced its state funding to the District by \$358,000 in fiscal 2016, the amount of local funds that were raised by this action. Numerous other Texas school districts took the same action and the matter is being litigated in court by other districts. As a result of TEA's reduction in funding, the District has a refund of \$110,346 coming from its payments to TEA as being a Chapter 41 school district.

# O. Budget Overages

The District exceeded its Food Service budget by \$27,894 or 3%.

# Required Supplementary Information

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

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control		_	1 Budgeted	d Ar			3		ariance with Final Budget Positive
Codes	DEVENUED.		Original	-	Final	_	Actual	-	(Negative)
5700	REVENUES: Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	14,287,839	\$	14,478,122	\$	14,296,057	\$	(182,065)
5800	State Program Revenues	Ψ	5,863,079	Ψ	5,863,079	Ψ	6,237,032	¥	373,953
5900	Federal Program Revenues		25,000		70,000		94,606		24,606
5020	Total Revenues	_	20,175,918		20,411,201		20,627,695		216,494
	EXDENDITUDES.								
	EXPENDITURES: Current:								
	Instruction & Instructional Related Services:								
0011	Instruction		9,318,173		9,229,022		9,172,475		56,547
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services		486,620		494,620		465,756		28,864
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development		127,337		148,723		108,301		40,422
	Total Instruction & Instr. Related Services	_	9,932,130	1	9,872,365		9,746,532	1	125,833
	Instructional and School Londorphiny								
0021	Instructional and School Leadership: Instructional Leadership		173,983		178,645		153,953		24,692
0023	School Leadership		938,545		900,056		811,439		88,617
0020	Total Instructional & School Leadership		1,112,528		1,078,701		965,392	-	113,309
		-	1,112,020	-	1,010,101	_	000,002		110,000
	Support Services - Student (Pupil):								
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services		621,290		605,158		583,426		21,732
0032	Social Work Services		41,769		46,769		38,424		8,345
0033	Health Services		181,930		182,178		171,235		10,943
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation		822,479		822,479		756,797		65,682
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		1,054,019		1,101,494	-	1,004,437	_	97,057
	Total Support Services - Student (Pupil)		2,721,487	-	2,758,079	-	2,554,319	-	203,760
	Administrative Support Services:								
0041	General Administration		1,101,808		1,059,808		980,194		79,614
	Total Administrative Support Services		1,101,808		1,059,808	_	980,194	_	79,614
	Support Services - Nonstudent Based:								
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations		2,093,621		2,193,621		2,181,862		11,759
0052	Security and Monitoring Services		41,900		41,900		33,610		8,290
0053	Data Processing Services		184,688		174,688		157,685		17,003
	Total Support Services - Nonstudent Based		2,320,209		2,410,209	1	2,373,157		37,052
	An allama Consideration								
0001	Ancillary Services:		60.044		00.044		01 104		E 010
0061	Community Services		63,344	-	86,344	_	81,134		5,210
	Total Ancillary Services	_	63,344	-	86,344	-	81,134	-	5,210
	Capital Outlay:								
0081	Capital Outlay				244,103	-	244,102		1
	Total Capital Outlay	-	1.5		244,103	-	244,102	-	1
	Intergovernmental Charges:								
0091	Contracted Instr. Services Between Public Schools	;	3,520,000		3,550,000		3,284,548		265,452
	Total Intergovernmental Charges		3,520,000		3,550,000		3,284,548	-	265,452
6030	Total Expenditures		20,771,506		21,059,609		20,229,378		830,231
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)								
1100	Expenditures		(595,588)		(648,408)		398,317		1,046,725
				1					
7040	Other Financing Sources (Uses):				E 000		0.445		0.445
7912	Sale of Real or Personal Property		107 000		5,000		8,415		3,415
8911	Transfers Out	_	(67,000)		(67,000)	-	(64,396)		2,604
7080 1200	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses) Net Change in Fund Balance	-	(67,000) (662,588)		(62,000) (710,408)	-	(55,981) 342,336	-	6,019 1,052,744
.200	not onlarge in the build be		(002,000)		(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		0 12,000		.,
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning		5,878,635		5,878,635		5,878,635		) <del>- 1</del>
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$	5,216,047	\$	5,168,227	\$	6,220,971	\$	1,052,744

**EXHIBIT G-2** 

**GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS \*

							Fisc	Fiscal Year									
		2017	2016	2015	2014		2013	N	2012	N	2011	20	2010	N	2009	50	2008
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)		0.011%	0.011%	0.007%	1		1		1		а		ł	392			I
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	4,018,013 \$	3,715,958 \$	1,777,402 \$	ı	÷	ı	\$	ī	\$	1	ч \$	1	69 1	1	₩	ĩ
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District		7,296,154	7,376,096	6,686,545	ı		T		ă		ı		1	3	ı		1
Total	\$	11,314,167 \$	\$ 11,314,167 \$ 11,092,054 \$	8,463,947 \$	3	θ	1	¢9		⇔		\$		÷		\$	
District's covered-employee payroll	Ф	11,679,199 \$	11,679,199 \$ 11,486,805 \$	11,422,065 \$	ľ	\$	ţ	\$	ī	\$	1	е Ф	U.	69	1	φ	Ē
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll		34.40%	32.35%	15.56%	ł		L		I	127	1	,	T	<i>8</i> 2	t,	·	ſ
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	ge	78.00%	78.43%	83.25%	1		1		ä	11	1	э	Ĵ	Λ.	1		3

\* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this schedule provides the information only for those years for which information is available.

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# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS \*

							ΪĒ	Fiscal Year	ar								
		2017	2016	2015	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010		2009		2008
Contractually required contribution	÷	333,719 \$	338,172 \$	171,457 \$	1000	÷	3	ŝ	3	÷	3	÷	9	÷	8	÷	100
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(333,719)	(338,172)	(171,457)	į		I		I		I		Ĭ		I		) ( <del>11)</del>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	θ	6 <del>9</del> 	<b>↔</b> 1	e I	Ŧ	⇔	E	÷	È	€9	¥.	θ	ř	⇔	¥.	÷	ĩ
District's covered-employee payroll	\$	11,591,603 \$ 11,679,199 \$	11,679,199 \$	11,486,805 \$	1	\$	1	÷	à	÷	з	ŝ		\$	1	÷	T
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		2.88%	2.90%	1.49%	1		1		1		ı		ī		I		ī
* This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, this schedule provides the information for those	the red	uirement to shov	v information for	10 years. Howev	er, until a	full 10-	/ear trend	is com	oiled, this	schedu	le provide	is the in	formatior	n for the	se		

5 2 years for which information is available. +

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

# **Budget**

The official budget was prepared for adoption for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, National School Breakfast and Lunch Program and Debt Service Fund. The budget was prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in the United States of America. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data.:

- a. Prior to August 21 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- b. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
- c. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

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

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

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

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

### Defined Benefit Pension Plan

### Changes of benefit terms

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

### Changes of assumptions

There were changes of assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period.

# Combining Statements and Budget Comparisons as Supplementary Information

This supplementary information includes financial statements and schedules not required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, nor a part of the basic financial statements, but are presented for purposes of additional analysis.

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Contro Codes			Special Revenue Funds	_	Capital Projects Funds	Go F	Total Nonmajor overnmental unds (See xhibit C-1)
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	17,158	\$		\$	17,158
1240	Due from Other Governments	•	164,774	•		•	164,774
1260	Due from Other Funds		30,000		22		30,000
1300	Inventories		23,049				23,049
1000	Total Assets	\$	234,981	\$		\$	234,981
2110 2160 2170 2300	LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable Accrued Wages Payable Due to Other Funds Unearned Revenue	\$	37,821 50,923 86,460 480	\$		\$	37,821 50,923 86,460 480
2000	Total Liabilities		175,684			e —	175,684
3410	FUND BALANCES: Nonspendable Fund Balances: Inventories Restricted Fund Balances:		23,049				23,049
3450	Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions		3.637				3,637
3490	Other Restrictions of Fund Balance		32,611				32,611
3000	Total Fund Balances		59,297				59,297
4000	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	234,981	\$		\$	234,981

# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes		Special Revenue Funds		Capital Projects Funds		Total Nonmajor overnmental Funds (See Exhibit C-2)
-	REVENUES:	<b>A</b> 100 740	•		•	101057
	ocal and Intermediate Sources	\$ 123,749	\$	308	\$	124,057
	State Program Revenues	88,183				88,183
5900 F 5020	Federal Program Revenues Total Revenues	1,666,254	_	308		1,666,254
5020	Total Revenues	1,878,186	<u> </u>	306		1,878,494
E	EXPENDITURES:					
C	Current:					
0011	Instruction	724,969		21,011		745,980
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development	81,727		Site a.		81,727
0023	School Leadership	2,403				2,403
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	100,614		3 <b>44</b>		100,614
0034	Student Transportation	32,276		inter-		32,276
0035	Food Service	984,299		1.770		984,299
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	( mm		113,394		113,394
6030	Total Expenditures	1,926,288		134,405		2,060,693
1100 E 1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(48,102)		(134,097)	_	(182,199)
C	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
7915	Transfers In	30,000				30,000
7080 T	otal Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	30,000	-0			30,000
	Net Change in Fund Balances	(18,102)		(134,097)		(152,199)
0100 5	Fund Balances - Beginning	77,399		134,097		211,496
	Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 59,297	\$	134,097	\$	59,297
5000 F	und Dalandes - Linding	ψ 33,237	Ψ		Ψ	09,297

# GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2017

Data			211 SEA Title I		224		225		240 ional School
Contro			Improving		IDEA-B	_	IDEA-B		akfast/Lunch
Codes		Bas	sic Programs		Formula	Pr	eschool Grant		Program
	ASSETS:								
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	(18,764)	\$	(8,646)	\$	(3,052)	\$	35,594
1240	Due from Other Governments		49,998		32,956		6,876		15,318
1260	Due from Other Funds				373		() ### ()		29,627
1300	Inventories				( <del>***</del> )		() <del></del>	-	23,049
1000	Total Assets	\$	31,234	\$	24,683	\$	3,824	\$	103,588
	LIABILITIES:								
	Current Liabilities:								
2110	Accounts Payable	\$	<del></del>	\$	6,645	\$	3,824	\$	22,644
2160	Accrued Wages Payable		23,861		12,836		1.00		11,426
2170	Due to Other Funds		7,373		5,202		-		42,832
2300	Unearned Revenue				**		**		-12
2000	Total Liabilities		31,234		24,683		3,824		76,902
	FUND BALANCES:								
	Nonspendable Fund Balances:								
3410	Inventories								23,049
	Restricted Fund Balances:								
3450	Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions						1000 A		3,637
3490	Other Restrictions of Fund Balance				( <u>***</u> )		1 <u>00</u> 2		
3000	Total Fund Balances			_			-	_	26,686
4000	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	31,234	\$	24,683	\$	3,824	\$	103,588

Ca	244 areer and Tech Basic Grant	Т	255 SEA Title II Training & Recruiting	C	265 st Century community rrning Centers	Part	270 EA, Title VI B, Subpart 2 Iral School	_	410 State Textbook Fund
\$	2,739 3,740	\$	9,158 12,751	\$	(14,291) 14,541	\$	(24,187) 25,005	\$	480
\$	6,479	\$	21,909	\$	250	\$	818	\$	480
\$	 6,479  6,479	\$	2,150  19,759  21,909	\$	 250  250	\$	818   818	\$	  480 480
			-		-				
\$	6,479	\$	21,909	\$	250	\$	818	\$	480

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COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes			429 ate Funded ccial Revenue Fund	_	461 Campus Activity Funds	F	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue funds (See exhibit H-1)
	ASSETS:	\$	0.776	¢	04.051	¢	17 150
	Cash and Cash Equivalents Due from Other Governments	Φ	3,776	\$	34,351	\$	17,158
	Due from Other Funds		3,589				164,774
	Inventories						30,000 23,049
1000	Total Assets	\$	7,365	\$	34,351	\$	234,981
	LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities: Accounts Payable	\$	-	\$	1,740	\$	37,821
2160	Accrued Wages Payable		2,800				50,923
2170	Due to Other Funds		4,565				86,460
	Unearned Revenue		<del>2</del> -				480
2000	Total Liabilities	-	7,365		1,740		175,684
I	FUND BALANCES: Nonspendable Fund Balances:						
3410	Inventories Restricted Fund Balances:						23,049
3450	Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions		<u>Char</u>		1252		3,637
3490	Other Restrictions of Fund Balance				32,611		32,611
3000	Total Fund Balances			-	32,611		59,297
4000	Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	7,365	\$	34,351	\$	234,981

# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

ControlImproving Basic ProgramsIDEA-B FormulaIDEA-B Preschool GrantBreakfast/Lunc Program5700Local and Intermediate Sources\$-\$-\$120,9935700Local and Intermediate Sources\$-\$-\$120,9935700State Program Revenues280,538325,8356,876784,0055020Total Revenues280,538325,8356,876941,114EXPENDITURES: Current:0011Instruction250,855225,1120013Curriculum and Staff Development29,6836,9850023School Leadership0031Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services-93,7386,876-0035Food Service0035Food Service0035Food Service0035Food Service0035Food Service0036Sources and (Uses):0100Expenditures035Other Financing Sources and (Uses):0410Other Financing Sources and (Uses):0410Teal Other Financing				211		224		225		240
Codes         Basic Programs         Formula         Preschool Grant         Program           5700         Local and Intermediate Sources         \$         \$         \$         \$ 120,993           5800         State Program Revenues          \$         \$         \$ 120,993           5900         Federal Program Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         784,005           5020         Total Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         941,114           EXPENDITURES:         Current:         250,855         225,112             0011         Instruction         250,855         225,112             0013         Curriculum and Staff Development         29,683         6,985             0023         School Leadership                0034         Student Transportation <t< td=""><td>Data</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>Na</td><td>tional School</td></t<>	Data								Na	tional School
REVENUES:         0         0           5700         Local and Intermediate Sources         \$         \$         \$ 120,993           5800         State Program Revenues           36,116           5900         Federal Program Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         784,005           5020         Total Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         941,114           EXPENDITURES:         280,538         325,835         25,812             0011         Instruction         250,855         225,112             0011         Instruction         29,683         6,985             0023         School Leadership               0031         Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services          93,738         6,876            0035         Food Service                0035         Food Service                1100         Expenditures		-							Bre	akfast/Lunch
5700       Local and Intermediate Sources       \$       \$       \$       \$ 120,993         5800       State Program Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       784,005         5900       Federal Program Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       784,005         5020       Total Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       941,114 <b>EXPENDITURES:</b> Current:         0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112           0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985           0023       School Leadership               0034       Student Transportation	Codes		Bas	sic Programs		Formula	Pre	eschool Grant		Program
5800       State Program Revenues          36,116         5900       Federal Program Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       784,005         5020       Total Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       941,114         EXPENDITURES: Current:         0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112           0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985           0023       School Leadership              0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876           0033       Student Transportation <t< td=""><td></td><td>REVENUES:</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>		REVENUES:								
5900         Federal Program Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         784,005           5020         Total Revenues         280,538         325,835         6,876         941,114           EXPENDITURES: Current:         250,855         225,112              0011         Instruction         250,855         225,112              0013         Current:         29,683         6,985              0013         Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services          93,738         6,876            0034         Student Transportation            984,299           6030         Total Expenditures         280,538         325,835         6,876         984,299           1100         Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)               1100         Expenditures                0110         Expenditures                (43,185           0100         Expend	5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$		\$		\$	**	\$	120,993
5020       Total Revenues       280,538       325,835       6,876       941,114         EXPENDITURES: Current:       250,855       225,112            0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112            0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985            0023       School Leadership	5800	State Program Revenues		2.44C		(144)		8 <del>22</del>		36,116
EXPENDITURES: Current:         0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112           0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985           0023       School Leadership              0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876          0034       Student Transportation          944,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)          30,000	5900	Federal Program Revenues		280,538		325,835		6,876		784,005
Current:       0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112            0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985            0023       School Leadership               0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876           0034       Student Transportation               0035       Food Service           984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185)         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7915       Transfers In          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)          30,000	5020	Total Revenues	_	280,538		325,835		6,876		941,114
0011       Instruction       250,855       225,112           0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985           0023       School Leadership             0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services             0034       Student Transportation         93,738       6,876          0035       Food Service           984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185)         0110       Expenditures          30,000         7915       Transfers In          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)          30,000		EXPENDITURES:								
0013       Curriculum and Staff Development       29,683       6,985           0023       School Leadership             0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876          0034       Student Transportation         93,738       6,876          0035       Food Service          984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185         Other Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)          30,000		Current:								
0023       School Leadership             0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876          0034       Student Transportation              0035       Food Service          984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)          30,000	0011	Instruction		250,855		225,112				
0031       Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services        93,738       6,876          0034       Student Transportation              0035       Food Service          984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	0013	Curriculum and Staff Development		29,683		6,985		1		2 <del></del>
0034       Student Transportation                   984,299	0023	School Leadership								
0035       Food Service         984,299         6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services				93,738		6,876		
6030       Total Expenditures       280,538       325,835       6,876       984,299         1100       Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)          (43,185)         0ther Financing Sources and (Uses):          30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	0034	Student Transportation								
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)         1100 Expenditures         (43,185)         Other Financing Sources and (Uses):         7915 Transfers In         30,000         7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	0035	Food Service		07770		(1 <del>777</del> 8)				984,299
1100Expenditures(43,185)Other Financing Sources and (Uses):7915Transfers In30,0007080Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)30,000	6030	Total Expenditures	-	280,538	-	325,835		6,876		984,299
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):         30,000         7915 Transfers In         30,000         7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)								
7915       Transfers In         30,000         7080       Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)         30,000	1100	Expenditures				)( <b>**</b> ))		-		(43,185)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)     30,000		Other Financing Sources and (Uses):								
	7915	Transfers In		()		24423		224		30,000
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances (13,185	7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)				1996) (				30,000
	1200	Net Change in Fund Balances		3 <del></del> 2		9 <b>99</b> 8		0		(13,185)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning 39,871	0100	Fund Balances - Beginning		2 <b>44</b> 6		(22)				39,871
3000 Fund Balances - Ending \$ \$ \$ \$ 26,686	3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$	0	\$	), <b>HA</b>	\$		\$	26,686

244	255	265	270	410
Career and Tech	ESEA Title II	21st Century	ESEA, Title VI	State
Basic	Training &	Community	Part B, Subpart 2	Textbook
Grant	Recruiting	Learning Centers	Rural School	Fund
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
				16,880
14,749	46,932	171,067	36,252	
14,749	46,932	171,067	36,252	16,880
14,749	35,757	138,791	2,368	16,880
	11,175		33,884	
		32,276		
14,749	46,932	171,067	36,252	16,880
14,745				
\$ <u></u>	\$	\$	\$	s <u> </u>

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Total

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Contro Codes			429 ate Funded cial Revenue Fund		461 Campus Activity Funds		Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds (See Exhibit H-2)
5700	REVENUES: Local and Intermediate Sources	¢		¢	0.756	\$	100 740
5700 5800		\$	25 107	\$	2,756	Ф	123,749
5900	State Program Revenues Federal Program Revenues		35,187		123 257		88,183
5020	Total Revenues	-	35,187	-	2,756	2	1,666,254
5020	Total nevenues		33,107		2,750		1,070,100
	EXPENDITURES: Current:						
0011	Instruction		35,187		5,270		724,969
0013	Curriculum and Staff Development		(mm)				81,727
0023	School Leadership				2,403		2,403
0031	Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services		9 <u>00</u> 0		(22)		100,614
0034	Student Transportation		2. <del></del>				32,276
0035	Food Service		-				984,299
6030	Total Expenditures		35,187	_	7,673		1,926,288
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)						
1100	Expenditures				(4,917)	i=	(48,102)
	Other Financing Sources and (Uses):						
7915	Transfers In						30,000
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)		S <del>710</del> 0				30,000
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances		: <del></del> .		(4,917)	_	(18,102)
0100	Fund Balances - Beginning		0		37,528		77,399
3000	Fund Balances - Ending	\$	( <del>177</del> 2)	\$	32,611	\$	59,297

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes	617 Capital Projects Fund	619 Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds (See Exhibit H-1)
ASSETS:			
1000 Total Assets	\$	\$	\$
LIABILITIES:			
2000 Total Liabilities			
FUND BALANCES:			
3000 Total Fund Balances	<u>191-</u>		
4000 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	\$	\$

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES NONMAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017 Data Control Codes DEMENSION		617 Capital Projects Fund		619 Capital Projects Fund	Total Nonmajor Capital Projects Funds (See Exhibit H-2)		
REVENUES: 5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$		\$	308	\$	308	
5020 Total Revenues	Ψ	0750	Ψ	308	Ψ	308	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b> Current: 0011 Instruction 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations 6030 Total Expenditures	- <b>-</b>	460		21,011 112,934 133,945	_	21,011 113,394 134,405	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) 1100 Expenditures 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances		(460)		(133,637) (133,637)	_	(134,097) (134,097)	
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning 3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$	460	\$	133,637 	\$	134,097	

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes		 1 Budget		2 Actual		3 Variance Positive (Negative)
	REVENUES:					
5020	Total Revenues	\$ 	\$		\$	
	EXPENDITURES: Current:					
0051	Support Services - Nonstudent Based:	460		460		
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	 460		460	2	
	Total Support Services - Nonstudent Based	 400	_	400		8 <del>00</del> 3
6030	Total Expenditures	 460		460		5. <u>94</u> 6)
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)					
1100	Expenditures	 (460)		(460)		9,00
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	(460)		(460)		
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	460		460		
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 	\$		\$	( <del></del> )

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes	_		1 Budget		2 Actual		3 Variance Positive (Negative)
5700	REVENUES:	•		•		•	
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$		\$	308	\$	308
5020	Total Revenues				308	_	308
	EXPENDITURES: Current: Instruction & Instructional Related Services:						
0011	Instruction		22,984		21,011		1,973
0011	Total Instruction & Instr. Related Services		22,984		21,011		1,973
0051	Support Services - Nonstudent Based: Plant Maintenance and Operations Total Support Services - Nonstudent Based		128,589 128,589		112,934 112,934		15,655 15,655
6030	Total Expenditures		151,573		133,945	-	17,628
1100 1100 1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures Net Change in Fund Balance		(151,573) (151,573)		(133,637) (133,637)		17,936 17,936
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning		133,637		133,637		
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$	(17,936)	\$		\$	17,936
0000		*		<b>1</b> ===	ishii 🦷		17,000

# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

# AGENCY FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes		863 Payroll Clearing		865 Student Activity		Total Agency unds (See xhibit E-1)
ASSETS: 1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	138,799	\$	119,913	\$	258,712
1000 Total Assets	Ψ	138,799	Ψ	119,913	Ψ	258,712
LIABILITIES: Current Liabilities:						
2110 Accounts Payable	\$	0 <u>66</u> 0	\$	169	\$	169
2150 Payroll Deduction & Withholdings		5,443				5,443
2170 Due to Other Funds		133,356		5 <del>00</del>		133,356
2190 Due to Student Groups		1.000		119,744		119,744
2000 Total Liabilities		138,799		119,913	_	258,712
NET POSITION:						
3000 Total Net Position	\$	0.775	\$		\$	

# Other Supplementary Information

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

SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

	ો	2	3 Assessed/Appraised Value For School Tax Purposes		
Year Ended	Та	x Rates			
August 31	Maintenance	Debt Service			
2008 and Prior Years	\$ Various	\$ Various	\$ Various		
2009	1.01	** :	2,269,987,538		
2010	.9732	.9732 .0368			
2011	.9167	.1233	2,205,993,103		
2012	.8667	.2133	2,025,029,980		
2013	.8667	.2133	1,929,920,824		
2014	.8167	.2633	1,816,539,407		
2015	.8167	.3033	1,776,805,460		
2016	.8167	.3033	1,690,877,869		
2017 (School Year Under Audit)	.9767	.1880	1,487,333,393		
1000 Totals					

1000 Totals

_	10 Beginning Balance 9/1/16	ginning Current alance Year's		31 Maintenance Collections		32 Debt Service Collections		40 Entire Year's Adjustments			50 Ending Balance 8/31/17
\$	56,197	\$	-	\$	947	\$		\$	(1,041)	\$	54,209
	22,764				526				(215)		22,023
	32,770		-		425		16		(207)		32,122
	16,264				1,008	136			(195)		14,925
	23,189		3. <del></del> )		841		201		(967)		21,180
	29,062		-		4,382		1,404		(316)		22,960
	95,497				7,777		2,505		(239)		84,976
	114,257		-		21,048		7,813		(197)		85,199
	210,856		2000		63,264		23,368		(2,485)		121,739
			16,661,433		13,797,193		2,655,814				208,426
\$	600,856	\$	16,661,433	\$	13,897,411	\$	2,691,257	\$	(5,862)	\$	667,759

FUND BALANCE AND CASH FLOW CALCULATION WORKSHEET (UNAUDITED) GENERAL FUND AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control		
Codes	Explanation	Amount
1	Total General Fund Fund Balance as of August 31, 2017 (Exhibit C-1 object 3000 for the General Fund only)	\$ 6,220,971
2	Total General Fund Nonspendable Fund Balance (from Exhibit C-1 - total of object 341X-344X for the General Fund only)	 11,812
3	Total General Fund Restricted Fund Balance (from Exhibit C-1 - total of object 345X-349X for the General Fund only)	 
4	Total General Fund Committed Fund Balance (from Exhibit C-1 - total of object 351X-354X for the General Fund only)	 
5	Total General Fund Assigned Fund Balance (from Exhibit C-1 - total of object 355X-359X for the General Fund only)	 
6	Estimated amount needed to cover fall cash flow deficits in the General Fund (net of borrowed funds and funds representing deferred revenues)	 
7	Estimate of two months' average cash disbursements during the fiscal year	 3,375,000
8	Estimate of delayed payments from state sources (58XX)	 -
9	Estimate of underpayment from state sources equal to variance between Legislative Payment Estimate (LPE) and District Planning Estimate (DPE) or District's calculated earned state aid amount	 
10	Estimate of delayed payments from federal sources (59XX)	 <u>22</u> 2.
11	Estimate of expenditures to be reimbursed to General Fund from Capital Projects Fund (uses of General Fund cash after bond referendum and prior to issuance of bonds)	 
12	General Fund Optimum Fund Balance and Cash Flow (Lines 2+3+4+5+6+7+8+9+10+11)	 3,386,812
13	Excess (Deficit) Unassigned General Fund Fund Balance (1-12)	\$ 2,834,159

Above amount expected to be used for future equipment and buildings

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes	_		1 Budget		2 Actual		3 Variance Positive (Negative)
	REVENUES:	•		•			
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	160,800	\$	120,993	\$	(39,807)
5800	State Program Revenues		35,946		36,116		170
5900	Federal Program Revenues		788,967	_	784,005		(4,962)
5020	Total Revenues		985,713		941,114	_	(44,599)
	EXPENDITURES: Current:						
0005	Support Services - Student (Pupil): Food Services		050 405		004 000		(07.00.4)
0035		-	956,405		984,299	-	(27,894)
	Total Support Services - Student (Pupil)		956,405		984,299	-	(27,894)
6030	Total Expenditures		956,405		984,299		(27,894)
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)						
1100	Expenditures		29,308		(43,185)	_	(72,493)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
7915	Transfers In		30,000		30,000		
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)		30,000		30,000		(1999) (1
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance		59,308		(13,185)		(72,493)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning		39,871		39,871		-
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$	99,179	\$	26,686	\$	(72,493)

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control			1		2		3 Variance Positive
Codes			Budget	-	Actual		(Negative)
	REVENUES:			•			
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	2,651,879	\$	2,712,027	\$	60,148
5800	State Program Revenues		32,209		28,906		(3,303)
5020	Total Revenues		2,684,088	-	2,740,933	_	56,845
	EXPENDITURES:						
	Debt Service:						
0071	Principal on Long-Term Debt		2,195,777		2,195,000		777
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt		486,811		486,266		545
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		1,500		1,000		500
	Total Debt Service		2,684,088	-	2,682,266	_	1,822
6030	Total Expenditures	-	2,684,088	_	2,682,266		1,822
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)						
1100	Expenditures				58,667		58,667
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance		- ( <del></del> )		58,667		58,667
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning		10,901		10,901		22
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$	10,901	\$	69,568	\$	58,667

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

HUDSON ANDERSON, CPA FRANK MARX, III, CPA DORI BOHL, CPA & CFE

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

Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Groesbeck Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Groesbeck Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2017.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

# **Purpose of this Report**

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

Respectfully submitted,

anderson, Marx + Bohl P.C.

Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017

# ANDERSON, MARX & BOHL, P.C.

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

Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

Members of the Board of Trustees:

# Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal program for the year ended August 31, 2017. Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

# Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance.

# **Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the Groesbeck Independent School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended August 31, 2017.

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

Management of the Groesbeck Independent School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Respectfully submitted,

anderson, Marx + Bohl P.C.

Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

- A. Summary of Auditors' Results
  - 1. Financial Statements

		Type of auditors' report issued:		Unmo	odified		
		Internal control over financial reporting:					
		One or more material weaknesses	identified?		Yes	X	No
		One or more significant deficiencie are not considered to be material w			Yes	_X_	None Reported
		Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?			Yes	X	No
	2.	Federal Awards					
		internal control over major programs:					
		One or more material weaknesses	identified?		Yes	X	No
		One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?			Yes	_ <u>X</u>	None Reported
		Type of auditors' report issued on comp major programs:	liance for	Unmo	odified		
		Any audit findings disclosed that are req reported in accordance with Title 2 U.S Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200?			Yes	X	No
		Identification of major programs:					
		CFDA Number(s)	Name of Federal Pr	rogram	or Cluster		
		10.553 10.555 10.555	School Breakfast P National School Lui National School Lui	nch Pro		-cash)	
		Dollar threshold used to distinguish betw type A and type B programs:	ween	<u>\$750</u>	.000		
		Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?		X	Yes		No
В.	Fina	ancial Statement Findings					
	Nor	ne noted					
C.	Fec	leral Award Findings and Questioned Cos	sts				

None noted

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Finding/Recommendation

Current Status

Management's Explanation If Not Implemented

None noted

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

None noted so none required

**GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT** SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

(1)	(2)	(2A)		(3)
Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass- Through Entity Identifying Number	Passed Through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER:				
U. S. Department of Agriculture Passed Through State Department of Education: School Breakfast Program	10.553	147-902	\$	\$ 317,340
National School Lunch Program National School Lunch Program (Non-cash) Total CFDA Number 10.555 Total Passed Through State Department of Education Total U. S. Department of Agriculture Total Child Nutrition Cluster	10.555 10.555	147-902 147-902		413,182 53,483 466,665 784,005 784,005 784,005
SPECIAL EDUCATION (IDEA) CLUSTER:				
U. S. Department of Education Passed Through State Department of Education: IDEA-B Formula	84.027	176600011479	90	331,462
IDEA-B Preschool Total Passed Through State Department of Education Total U. S. Department of Education Total Special Education (IDEA) Cluster	84.173	176610011479	90  	6,876 338,338 338,338 338,338
OTHER PROGRAMS:				
U. S. Department of Education Passed Through State Department of Education: ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010a	176101011479	90	285,506
Career and Technical - Basic Grant	84.048	17200061479	02	15,115
Title IV Part B21st Century Community Learning Centers	84.287	1769501971		172,083
ESEA, Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2 - Rural and Low Income School	84.358	1769600114		36,951
ESEA Title II Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting Total Passed Through State Department of Education Total U. S. Department of Education TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS	84.367a	17694501147	90	47,828 557,483 557,483 1,679,826
Student Health and Related Services (SHARS) TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS PER EXHIBIT C-2			\$	81,034 \$ 1,760,860

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

# GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2017

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards ("the Schedule") includes the federal grant activity of Groesbeck Independent School District. The information in the Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* ("Uniform Guidance"). Therefore, some amounts may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. These expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule, if any, represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

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

# **GROESBECK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES TO SELECTED SCHOOL FIRST INDICATORS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017

Data Control Codes	2	R	esponses
SF2	Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement at fiscal year end?		No
SF4	Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report?		Yes
SF5	Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state or federal funds?		No
SF6	Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts and laws related to local, state or federal funds?		No
SF7	Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other governmental agencies?		Yes
SF8	Did the school district <u>not</u> receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds as a result of a financial hardship?		Yes
SF10	What was the total accumulated accretion on capital appreciation bonds (CABs) included in government-wide financial statements at fiscal year-end?	\$	
SF11	Net Pension Assets (object 1920) at fiscal year-end.	\$	
SF12	Net Pension Liabilities (object 2540) at fiscal year-end.	\$	4,018,013
SF13	Pension Expense (object 6147) at fiscal year-end.	\$	
	In correspondence to all school administrators dated November 1, 2017, the TEA's Director of Financial Compliance stated "For 2017, and until further notice, no		

Director of Financial Compliance stated "For 2017, and until further notice, no data should be entered in the field for data feed Schedule L-1 question SF13. If the AFR and data feed has been submitted no additional steps need to be taken."

# CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

# <u>Groesbeck Independent School District</u> Name of School District

Limestone County <u>147-902</u> Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and (check one) \_\_\_\_\_\_approved \_\_\_\_\_\_disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2017, at a meeting of the board of trustees of such school district on the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_.

Signature of Board Secretary

Signature of Board President

If the board of trustees disapproved of the auditors' report, the reason(s) for disapproving it is (are): (attach list as necessary)

# Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

## **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Groesbeck Independent School District ("the District") as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

Members of the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Groesbeck Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Groesbeck Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2017.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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

Board of Trustees Groesbeck Independent School District Post Office Box 559 Groesbeck, Texas 76642

Members of the Board of Trustees:

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

We have audited the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal program for the year ended August 31, 2017. Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

#### Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Groesbeck Independent School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Groesbeck Independent School District's compliance.

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

In our opinion, the Groesbeck Independent School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended August 31, 2017.

# Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Groesbeck Independent School District as of August 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Emphasis of Matter

## Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in 2017, Groesbeck Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 78, *Pension Provided Through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in 2017, Groesbeck Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues-An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73.* Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

## Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of District pension contributions identified as Required Supplementary Information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management'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.

## Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Groesbeck Independent School District's basic financial statements. The introductory section and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 15, 2017 on our consideration of Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

anderson, Marx & Bohl P.C.

Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

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

Respectfully submitted,

anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017

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

Management of the Groesbeck Independent School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Groesbeck Independent School District's internal control over compliance.

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we considered to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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

Respectfully submitted,

anderson, Marx + Bohl, P.C.

Anderson, Marx & Bohl, P.C.

Corsicana, Texas December 15, 2017

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