### OFFICIAL STATEMENT Dated: February 21, 2023

### NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

In the opinion of Kline Alvarado Veio, P.C., Special Tax Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022 subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein.

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

#### \$6,945,000 BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Nolan, Coke & Taylor Counties) UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (NON-PSF)

#### Dated Date: March 1, 2023

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

The Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 (Non-PSF) (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 8, 2022 and an order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted on February 21, 2023 by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District"). 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 Bonds will not be guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security" herein).

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 August 15, 2023, 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 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" herein.

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for purposes of: (i) constructing, improving, acquiring and equipping school buildings, athletic facilities, and housing for teachers in the District, including necessary sites, purchasing new school buses, and acquiring or updating technology equipment in the District; and (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose" herein).

The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2029 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on February 15, 2028 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" herein).

The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. The bond insurance policy was purchased at the sole discretion of the Purchaser (defined herein). (See "BOND INSURANCE" herein.)



MATURITY SCHEDULE (On Inside Cover)

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, and received by the initial purchaser at the competitive sale (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Powell Law Group, L.L.P., Austin, Texas and Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel, and Kline Alvarado Veio, P.C., Denver, Colorado, Special Tax Counsel. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about March 21, 2023.

# \$6,945,000 BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Nolan, Coke & Taylor Counties) UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (NON-PSF)

#### MATURITY SCHEDULE Base CUSIP No.: 092629<sup>(1)</sup>

Maturity				
Date	Principal	Interest	Initial	CUSIP No.
2/15	Amount	Rate	Yield	Suffix <sup>(1)</sup>
2024	\$980,000	6.00%	3.30%	AW4
2025	1,075,000	5.00	3.10	AX2
2026	925,000	5.00	2.95	AY0
2027	780,000	5.00	2.85	AZ7
2028	555,000	5.00	2.85	BA1
2029	520,000	4.00	2.90 <sup>(2)</sup>	BB9
2030	505,000	4.00	2.95 <sup>(2)</sup>	BC7
2031	510,000	4.00	3.00 <sup>(2)</sup>	BD5
2032	535,000	4.00	3.10 <sup>(2)</sup>	BE3
2033	560,000	4.00	3.20 <sup>(2)</sup>	BF0

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

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<sup>(2)</sup> Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on February 15, 2028, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

# BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

	Date Initially	Current Term	
Name	Elected	Expires	<b>Occupation</b>
James Sanderson, President	2001	2025	Senior Partner – Armstrong Backus
Jason Jones, Vice President	1999	2023	Credit Office President – Lone Star Ag Credit
Shirley Lemley, Secretary	2018	2024	City Clerk
Carole Allen, Member	2020	2023	Retired Educator
Sheldon Claborn, Member	2022	2025	Rancher
Josh Scott, Member	2022	2025	Construction
Ray Walls, Member	2012	2024	Retired

# **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

Name	Position	Length of Education Service	Length of Service with the District
Bryan Shipman	Superintendent of Schools	24 Years	13 Years
Jill Jones	Business Manager	14 Years	14 Years

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Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas	Co-Bond Counsel
Kline Alvarado Veio, P.C., Denver, Colorado	Special Tax Counsel
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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 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 or the Financial Advisor. 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 "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the undertaking of the District to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

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

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE INITIAL 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 MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM, AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND OR THE BOND INSURERAND ITS MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY DESCRIBED HEREIN UNDER THE HEADINGS "BOND INSURANCE" AND "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS", AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND THE BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS", AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND THE BOND INSURANCE, AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND THE BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS", AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND THE BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS".

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. 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 THIS ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM") makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading "Bond Insurance" and "APPENDIX E - Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy" herein.

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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 Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Nolan, Coke & Taylor Counties. The District is governed by a seven- member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors.
The Bonds	The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$6,945,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 8, 2022, and an order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board on February 21, 2023. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for purposes of: (i) constructing, improving, acquiring and equipping school buildings, athletic facilities, and housing for teachers in the District, including necessary sites, purchasing new school buses, and acquiring or updating technology equipment in the District; and (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose" herein).
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" herein).
Security	The Bonds will constitute direct and voted 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. (See "THE BONDS – Security," "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein).
Redemption	The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2029 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on February 15, 2028 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" herein.)
Rating and Bond Insurance	S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") assigned its municipal bond rating of "AA" to this issue of Bonds with the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds, a municipal bond insurance policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. The District's underlying, unenhanced rating is "A+" by S&P. (See "BOND INSURANCE", "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" and "RATING" herein.)
Tax Matters	In the opinion of Special Tax Counsel for the District, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions on the date hereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations. (See "TAX MATTERS" and Appendix C – "Forms of Legal Opinion of Co-Bond Counsel and Special Tax Counsel" hereto.)
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 herein.)
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 Powell Law Group, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, and Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel.
Delivery	When issued, anticipated to be on or about March 21, 2023.
No PSF Guarantee	The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see "THE BONDS – Security" herein).

### INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page and the Appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") located in Nolan, Coke & Taylor Counties, in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 (Non-PSF) (the "Bonds") identified on the inside cover page hereof.

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

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the Order (as defined below) and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained by writing the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, 100 Hornet Drive, Blackwell, Texas 79506 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 (the "Purchaser" or "Initial Purchaser") to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and will be available through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" herein for a description of the District's undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

#### COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, has been characterized as a pandemic (the "Pandemic") by the World Health Organization and is currently affecting many parts of the world, including the United States and Texas. On January 31, 2020, the Secretary of the United States Health and Human Services Department declared a public health emergency for the United States and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States a national emergency. Subsequently, the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America and the United States Control and Prevention called upon Americans to take actions to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the United States.

On March 13, 2020, the Governor of Texas (the "Governor") declared a state of disaster for all counties in Texas in response to the Pandemic. Pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has broad authority to respond to disasters, including suspending any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conducting state business or any order or rule of a state agency (including TEA) that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the disaster, and issuing executive orders that have the force and effect of law. Under executive orders in effect as of the date of this Official Statement, there are no COVID-19 related operating limits for any business or other establishment. The Governor retains the right to impose additional restrictions on activities

Additional information regarding executive orders issued by the Governor is accessible on the website of the Governor at https://gov.texas.gov/. Neither the information on (nor accessed through) such website of the Governor is incorporated by reference, either expressly or by implication, into this Official Statement.

The full extent of the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the District's longer-term operational and financial performance will depend on future developments, many of which are outside of its control, including the duration and spread of COVID-19, and future governmental actions, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. The continued outbreak of COVID-19 could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition or its ratings. See "RATING."

The Pandemic has negatively affected travel, commerce, and financial markets globally, and may continue negatively affecting economic growth and financial markets worldwide. In addition, the federal government has taken, and continues to consider additional, action without precedent in effort to counteract or mitigate the Pandemic's economic impact. These conditions and related responses and reactions may reduce or negatively affect property values within the District. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES". The Bonds are secured by an unlimited ad valorem tax, and a reduction in property values may require an increase in the ad valorem tax rate required to pay the Bonds.

Additionally, state funding of District operations and maintenance in future fiscal years could be adversely impacted by the negative effects on economic growth and financial markets resulting from the Pandemic as well as ongoing disruptions in the global oil markets (which markets provide significant revenues to the State, who in turn, use such revenues to satisfy its public school funding obligations). See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM".

The financial and operating data contained in this Official Statement are as of dates and for periods stated herein. Accordingly, they are not indicative of the future prospects of the District. It is unclear at this time what effect, if any, COVID-19 and resulting economic disruption may have on future assessed values or the collection of taxes, either because of delinquencies or collection and valuation relief resulting from the declared emergency.

#### THE BONDS

### Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$6,945,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on November 8, 2022 (the "Election") and an order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") on February 21, 2023. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for purposes of: (i) constructing, improving, acquiring and equipping school buildings, athletic facilities, and housing for teachers in the District, including necessary sites, purchasing new school buses, and acquiring or updating technology equipment in the District; and (ii) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose" herein).

### **General Description**

The Bonds are dated March 1, 2023 (the "Dated Date") and will bear interest from the Dated Date. The Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside cover page 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 August 15, 2023 and on each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption.

The Bonds will be issued only as fully-registered bonds. The Bonds will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount 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 at the close of business 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.

### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or after, February 15, 2029 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 February 15, 2028 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If fewer 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 fewer 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.

### 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 the persons for whom DTC 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 and voted 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. (See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein).

The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, but the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be insured by a municipal bond insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (herein after defined). (See "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.)

### Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State and the approval of certain legal matters by Powell Law Group, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, and Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C – Forms of Legal Opinions of Co-Bond Counsel and Special Tax Counsel" hereto.)

### Payment Record

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

#### Amendments

In the Order, the District has reserved the right to amend the Order without the consent of any holder for the purpose of amending or supplementing the Order to (i) cure any ambiguity, defect or omission therein that does not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (ii) grant additional rights or security for the benefit of the holders, (iii) add events of default as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Order that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (iv) qualify the Order under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in the provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Order that are not inconsistent with the provisions thereof and which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders.

The Order further provides that the majority of owners of the Bonds shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment not described above to the Order if it is deemed necessary or desirable by the District; provided, however, that without the consent of 100% of the holders in principal amount of the then outstanding Bonds so affected, no amendment may be made for the purpose of: (i) making any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Bonds; (ii) reducing the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Bonds; (iii) reducing the amount of the principal of or redemption premium, if any, payable on any outstanding Bonds; (iv) modifying the terms of payment of principal or interest on outstanding Bonds or imposing any condition with respect to such payment; or (v) changing the minimum percentage of the principal amount of the Bonds necessary for consent to such amendment. Reference is made to the Order for further provisions relating to the amendment thereof.

### Defeasance

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) moneys in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities, that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to increase the nucleability without the payment and or mature as the payment and or mature and and and and and the payment and a such times to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to principal and provide a such times to principal and and an advertee and an advertee to a such times to principal and provide a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and a such times to principal and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and a such times to principal and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and a such times to principal and an amount and an amount and an amount for a such times to principal and an amount and an amount and an amount for a such times to principal amount and an amount and an amount and an amount for a such times to principal amount a insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient moneys to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Order provides that "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. There is no assurance that investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. There is no assurance that investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. 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 for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished, provided, however, the District has reserved 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 for the firm banking and financial arrangements expressly received the option. 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.

### Sources and Uses of Funds

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

Sources		
Par Amount of Bonds	\$	6,945,000.00
Accrued Interest		18,375.00
Reoffering Premium		343,445.65
Total Sources of Funds	\$	7,306,820.65
Uses		
Deposit into Construction Fund	\$	7,000,000.00
Costs of Issuance		90,000.00
Purchaser's Discount (including bond insurance premium)		63,940.61
Deposit into Interest and Sinking Fund (including additional proceeds)		152,880.04
Total Uses of Funds	\$	7,306,820.65

### **REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES**

The Order establishes specific events of default with respect to the Bonds and provides that if the District defaults in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds when due, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, and the continuation thereof for a period of 60 days after notice of default is given by the District by any registered owner, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or the Order covenants and the District's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. 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. 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 o 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 by any registered owner, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally to reclose 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 Coue provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in

administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, 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 cannot and does not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds) or redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

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 certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a S&P Global Ratings rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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 representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of runas 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 with respect to the Bonds to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants. DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, physical Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered to bond holders.

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

#### 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 in lieu of the Bond or Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like 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, and for 30 days thereafter, a new record date for such interest payment (a "Special Record Date") will be established by the Paying Agent/Registrar, if and when funds for the payment of such interest have been received from the District. Notice of the Special Record Date and of the scheduled payment date of the past due interest (the "Special Record 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.

#### Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer, conversion or exchange (i) during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or (ii) with respect to any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 45 days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, that such limitation shall not apply to uncalled portions of a Bond redeemed in part.

#### **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.

### BOND INSURANCE

### Bond Insurance Policy

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy for the Bonds (the "Policy"). The Policy guarantees the timely payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

### Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.

AGM is a New York-domiciled financial guaranty insurance company and an indirect subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. ("AGL"), a Bermuda-based holding company whose shares are publicly traded and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AGO". AGL, through its operating subsidiaries, provides credit enhancement products to the U.S. and international public finance (including infrastructure) and structured finance markets and asset management services. Neither AGL nor any of its shareholders or affiliates, other than AGM, is obligated to pay any debts of AGM or any claims under any insurance policy issued by AGM.

AGM's financial strength is rated "AA" (stable outlook) by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), "AA+" (stable outlook) by Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc. ("KBRA") and "A1" (stable outlook) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Each rating of AGM should be evaluated independently. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security, and such ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies, including withdrawal initiated at the request of AGM in its sole discretion. In addition, the rating agencies may at any time change AGM's long-term rating outlooks or place such ratings on a watch list for possible downgrade in the near term. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings, the assignment of a negative outlook to such ratings or the placement of such ratings on a negative watch list may have an adverse effect on the market price of any security guaranteed by AGM. AGM only guarantees the timely payment of scheduled principal and interest payments payable by the issuer of bonds insured by AGM on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the relevant insurance policy), and does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the securities it insures, nor does it guarantee that the ratings on such securities will not be revised or withdrawn.

#### Current Financial Strength Ratings

On October 21, 2022, KBRA announced it had affirmed AGM's insurance financial strength rating of "AA+" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that KBRA may take.

On July 8, 2022, S&P announced it had affirmed AGM's financial strength rating of "AA" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that S&P may take.

On March 18, 2022, Moody's announced it had upgraded AGM's insurance financial strength rating to "A1" (stable outlook) from "A2" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that Moody's may take.

For more information regarding AGM's financial strength ratings and the risks relating thereto, see AGL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

### Capitalization of AGM

At September 30, 2022:

- The policyholders' surplus of AGM was approximately \$2,660 million.
- The contingency reserve of AGM was approximately \$915 million.
- The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM and its subsidiaries (as described below) were approximately \$2,102 million. Such amount includes (i) 100% of the net unearned premium reserve and deferred ceding commission income of AGM, and (ii) the net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGM's wholly owned subsidiaries Assured Guaranty UK Limited ("AGUK") and Assured Guaranty (Europe) SA ("AGE").

The policyholders' surplus of AGM and the contingency reserves, net unearned premium reserves and deferred ceding commission income of AGM were determined in accordance with statutory accounting principles. The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGUK and AGE were determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

Portions of the following documents filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that relate to AGM are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 (filed by AGL with the SEC on February 25, 2022);
- (ii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2022 (filed by AGL with the SEC on May 6, 2022);
- (iii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2022 (filed by AGL with the SEC on August 4, 2022); and
- (iv) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2022 (filed by AGL with the SEC on November 8, 2022).

All information relating to AGM included in, or as exhibits to, documents filed by AGL with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, excluding Current Reports or portions thereof "furnished" under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, after the filing of the last document referred to above and before the termination of the offering of the Bonds shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents. Copies of materials incorporated by reference are available over the internet at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov, at AGL's website at http://www.assuredguaranty.com, or will be provided upon request to Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.: 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Communications Department (telephone (212) 974-0100). Except for the information referred to above, no information available on or through AGL's website shall be deemed to be part of or incorporated in this Official Statement.

Any information regarding AGM included herein under the caption "BOND INSURANCE – Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp." or included in a document incorporated by reference herein (collectively, the "AGM Information") shall be modified or superseded to the extent that any subsequently included AGM Information (either directly or through incorporation by reference) modifies or

supersedes such previously included AGM Information. Any AGM Information so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Official Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

#### Miscellaneous Matters

AGM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".

## BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS

As a result of the purchase of the Policy by the Purchaser, the following risk factors are applicable to the Policy and the Bonds.

#### General

In the event of default of the payment of principal or interest with respect to the Bonds when all or some becomes due, any owner of the Bonds shall have a claim under the Policy for such payments. However, in the event of any acceleration of the due date of such principal by reason of mandatory or optional redemption or acceleration resulting from default or otherwise, other than any advancement of maturity pursuant to a mandatory sinking fund payment, the payments are to be made in such amounts and at such times as such payments would have been due had there not been any such acceleration. The Policy will not insure against redemption premium, if any. The payment of principal and interest in connection with mandatory or optional prepayment of the Bonds by the District which is recovered by the District from the note owner as a voidable preference under applicable bankruptcy law is covered by the insurance policy, however, such payments will be made by the Insurer at such time and in such amounts as would have been due absent such prepayment by the District unless the Insurer chooses to pay such amounts at an earlier date.

Under most circumstances, default of payment of principal and interest does not obligate acceleration of the obligations of the Insurer without appropriate consent. The Insurer may reserve the right to direct and to consent to any remedies available to the holders of the Bonds and the Insurer's consent may be required in connection with amendments to the Order.

In the event the Insurer is unable to make payment of principal and interest as such payments become due under the Policy, the Bonds are payable solely as described in the Order. In the event the Insurer becomes obligated to make payments with respect to the Bonds, no assurance is given that such event will not adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds.

The long-term ratings on the Bonds are dependent in part on the financial strength of the Insurer and its claim paying ability. The Insurer's financial strength and claims paying ability are predicated upon a number of factors which could change over time. No assurance is given that the long-term ratings of the Insurer and of the ratings on the Bonds insured by the Insurer will not be subject to downgrade and such event could adversely affect the market price of the Bonds or the marketability (liquidity) for the Bonds. See "BOND INSURANCE" herein.

The obligations of the Insurer are general obligations of the Insurer and in an event of default by the Insurer, the remedies available to the Paying Agent/Registrar may be limited by applicable bankruptcy law or other similar laws related to insolvency.

None of the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Purchaser have made independent investigation into the claims paying ability of the Insurer and no assurance or representation regarding the financial strength or projected financial strength of the Insurer is given. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the District to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the claims paying ability of the Insurer, particularly over the life of the investment. See "BOND INSURANCE" herein for further information provided by the Insurer and the Policy, which includes further instructions for obtaining current financial information concerning the Insurer.

### **Claims-Paying Ability and Financial Strength of Municipal Bond Insurers**

Moody's Investors Services, Inc., S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (collectively, the "Rating Agencies") have, since 2008, downgraded the claims-paying ability and financial strength of providers of municipal bond insurance on multiple occasions. Additional downgrades or negative change in the rating outlook for these bond insurers is possible. In addition, recent events in the credit markets have had substantial negative effect on the bond insurance business. These developments could be viewed as having a material adverse effect on the claims paying ability of such bond insurers, including the Insurer of the Bonds. Thus, when making an investment decision, potential investors should carefully consider the ability of the Insurer to pay principal and interest on the Bonds and the claims paying ability of the Insurer, particularly over the life of the investment.

### 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 of the Bonds would be adversely affected by any such legislation. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein.

### CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

### Overview

The following language constitutes only a summary of the public school 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 43 through 49 of the Texas Education Code, as amended.

Local funding is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district's boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: a maintenance and operations ("M&O") tax to pay current expenses and an interest and sinking fund ("I&S") tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts may not increase their M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus to pay debt service on bonds. Prior to 2006, school districts were authorized to levy their M&O tax at a voter-approved rate, generally up to \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value. Since 2006, the State Legislature has enacted various legislation that has compressed the voter-approved M&O tax rate, as described below. Current law also requires school districts to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations" herein). Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is also subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize local funding generated by a school district's M&O tax rate.

Prior to the 2019 Legislative Session, a school district's maximum M&O tax rate for a given tax year was determined by multiplying that school district's 2005 M&O tax rate levy by an amount equal a compression percentage set by legislative appropriation or, in the absence of legislative appropriation, by the Commissioner of Education (the "Commissioner"). This compression percentage was historically set at 66.67%, effectively setting the maximum compressed M&O tax rate for most school districts at \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value, since most school districts in the State had a voted maximum M&O tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value (though certain school districts located in Harris County had special M&O tax rate authorizations allowing a higher M&O tax rate.) School districts were permitted, however, to generate additional local funds by raising their M&O tax rate up to \$0.04 above the compressed tax rate or, with voter-approval at a valid election in the school district, up to \$0.17 above the compressed tax rate (for most school districts, this equated to an M&O tax rate between \$1.04 and \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value). School districts in proportion to such taxing effort.

### 2021 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions

The Texas Legislature meets in regular session in odd-numbered years, for 140 days. The 87th Texas Legislature convened on January 12, 2021 and concluded on May 31, 2021 ("87th Regular Session"). During the 87th Regular Session, the Legislature did not make significant changes to the school finance system, State funding of school districts, nor ad valorem taxation procedures affecting school districts.

When the regular Legislature is not in session, the Governor of Texas may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor's direction, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. Following the conclusion of the 87th Regular Session, the Texas Governor has called three special sessions of the Legislature. No significant changes were made to the Texas school finance system or property tax systems during the First and Second Special Sessions. Senate Joint Resolution 2, passed during the Third Special Session, proposed a constitutional amendment increasing the mandatory homestead exemption for school districts from \$25,000 to \$40,000, which was approved by voters at an election held May 7, 2022. The amendment to the Constitution is effective beginning January 1, 2022. As a result of the increased exemption, additional changes to the education finance system will be implemented, including "hold harmless" allotments, to provide funding to school districts who have less revenue (including revenues specifically for debt service and maintenance and operations) due to the implementation of the increased homestead exemption. At this time, the District cannot ascertain the financial impact, if any, the change in homestead exemption will have on the District's finances.

### 2023 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions

On January 10, 2023, the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature convened in general session which is scheduled to adjourn on May 29, 2023. Thereafter, the Texas Governor may call one or more additional special sessions. During this time, the Texas Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to funding public school, including the District and its finances. The District makes no representation regarding any actions the Texas Legislature may take but intends to monitor proposed legislation for any developments applicable to the District.

The District can make no representations or predictions regarding any actions the Legislature may take during future legislative sessions concerning the substance or the effect of any legislation that previously passed, or may be passed.

## Local Funding for School Districts

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

### State Compression Percentage

The State Compression Percentage is a statutorily-defined percentage of the rate of \$1.00 per \$100 that is used to determine a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (described below). The State Compression Percentage is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the State Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (3) the prior year State Compression Percentage. For any year, the maximum State Compression Percentage is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2022, the State Compression Percentage is set at 91.34%.

### Maximum Compressed Tax Rate

The Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (the "MCR") is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) the school district's prior year MCR; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5%; or (3) the product of the State Compression Percentage for the current year multiplied by \$1.00. However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district's MCR for the current year, if a school district's MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district's MCR for the current year, then the school district's MCR is instead equal to the school district's prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district's MCR and any other school district's MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. For the 2022-2023 school year, the MCR range is \$0.8941 as the maximum and \$0.8046 as the floor.

### Tier One Tax Rate

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

### Enrichment Tax Rate

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

School districts may levy an Enrichment Tax Rate at a level of their choice, subject to the limitations described under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate" herein; however to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR. Additionally, a school district's levy of Copper Pennies is subject to compression if the guaranteed yield (i.e., the guaranteed level of local tax revenue and State aid generated for each cent of tax effort) of Copper Pennies is increased from one year to the next (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two" herein).

#### State Funding for School Districts

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

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

The current public school finance system also provides an Existing Debt Allotment ("EDA") to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment ("IFA") to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment ("NIFA") to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,007,300,000 for the EDA, IFA, and NIFA.

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

### Tier One

Tier One funding is the basic level of funding guaranteed to a school district, consisting of a State-appropriated baseline level of funding (the "Basic Allotment") for each student in "Average Daily Attendance" (being generally calculated as the sum of student attendance for each State-mandated day of instruction divided by the number of State-mandated days of instruction, defined herein as "ADA"). The Basic Allotment is revised downward if a school district's Tier One Tax Rate is less than the State-determined threshold. The Basic Allotment is supplemented by additional State funds, allotted based upon the unique school district characteristics and demographics of students in ADA, to make up most of a school district's Tier One entitlement under the Foundation School Program.

The Basic Allotment for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR, is \$6,160 (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) for each student in ADA and is revised downward for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate lower than the school district's MCR. The Basic Allotment is then supplemented for all school districts by various weights to account for differences among school districts and their student populations. Such additional allotments include, but are not limited to, increased funds for students in ADA who: (i) attend a qualified special education program, (ii) are diagnosed with dyslexia or a related disorder, (iii) are economically disadvantaged, or (iv) have limited English language proficiency. Additional allotments to mitigate differences among school districts include, but are not limited to: (i) a transportation allotment for mileage associated with transporting students who reside two miles or more from their home campus, (ii) a fast growth allotment (for school districts in the top 25% of enrollment growth relative to other school districts), (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further Texas' goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher incentive allotment to increase teacher compensation retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district's total Tier One funding, divided by \$6,160, is a school district's measure of students in "Weighted Average Daily Attendance" ("WADA"), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the fast growth allotment weights change to 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$310 million for the 2022-2023 school year and \$315 million for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### **Tier Two**

Tier Two supplements Tier One funding and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., Golden Pennies and Copper Pennies) depending on the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate. Golden Pennies generate a guaranteed yield equal to the greater of (i) the local revenue per student in WADA per cent of tax effort available to a school district at the ninety-sixth (96th) percentile of wealth per student in WADA, or (ii) the Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.016. For the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$98.56 per student in WADA for each Golden Penny levied. Copper Pennies generate a guaranteed yield per student in WADA equal to the school district's Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.008. For the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$49.28 per student in WADA for each Copper Penny levied. For any school variation, which the guaranteed a vield of \$49.28 per student in WADA for each Copper Penny levied. For any school year in which the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA exceeds the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA for the preceding school year, a school district is required to reduce its Copper Pennies levied so as to generate no more revenue per student in WADA than was available to the school district for the preceding year.

#### Existing Debt Allotment, Instruction Facilities Allotment, and New Instructional Facilities Allotment

The Foundation School Program also includes facilities funding components consisting of the IFA and the EDA, subject to legislative appropriation each State fiscal biennium. To the extent funded for a biennium, these programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a school district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of I&S tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The IFA Yield has been \$35 since this program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the State Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student per cent of local tax effort applicable to the bonds may not be reduced below the level provided for the year in which the bonds were issued. For the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium, the State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State Legislature did appropriate funds fo new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the State Legislature for the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium and debt service assistance on school district bonds that are not yet eligible for EDA is not available, debt service payments during the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium to construct, acquire and improve facilities must be funded solely from local I&S taxes.

A school district may also qualify for a NIFA allotment, which provides assistance to school districts for operational expenses associated with opening new instructional facilities. In the 2021 Legislative Session, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$70,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2022-2023 State fiscal biennium for NIFA allotments.

#### Tax Rate and Funding Equity

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

Furthermore, "property-wealthy" school districts that received additional State funds under the public school finance system prior to the enactment of the 2019 Legislation are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis through the 2023-2024 school year in an amount equal to the amount of additional revenue such school district would have received under former Texas Education Code Sections 41.002(e) through (g), as those sections existed on January 1, 2019. This grant is phased out through the 2023-2024 school year as follows: (1) 20% reduction for the 2020-2021 school year, (2) 40% reduction for the 2021-2022 school year, (3) 60% reduction for the 2022-2023 school year, and (4) 80% reduction for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, school districts (through the fiscal year ending in 2025) and open-enrollment charter schools (through the fiscal year ending in 2024) are entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas enacted by the 86th State Legislature. Beginning with the 2021-2022 school year exceeds \$400 million, the Commissioner shall proportionately reduce each district's or school's allotment. The reduction in the amount to which a district or school is entitled may not result in an amount that is less than zero.

#### Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement

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

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

### **Options for Local Revenue Levels in Excess of Entitlement**

Under Chapter 49, a school district has six options to reduce local revenues to a level that does not exceed the school district's respective entitlements: (1) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school districts to form a consolidated school district; all property and debt of the consolidating school districts vest in the consolidated school district; (2) a school district may detach property from its territory for annexation by a property-poor school district; (3) a school district may purchase attendance credits from the State; (4) a school district may contract to educate nonresident students from a property-poor school district by sending money directly to one or more property-poor school districts; (5) a school district may execute an agreement to provide students of one or more other school districts with career and technology education through a program designated as an area program for career and technology education; or (6) a school district may consolidate by agreement with one or more school district solely to levy and distribute either M&O taxes or both M&O taxes and I&S taxes. A Chapter 49 school district may also exercise any combination of these remedies. Options (3), (4) and (6) require prior approval by the Chapter 49 school district's voters.

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

### CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2022-2023 school year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" Chapter 49 school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District has entered into a wealth equalization agreement with the Commissioner for the purchase of attendance credits for the 2022-23 school year, for the purpose of implementing permitted wealth equalization options.

A district's "excess local revenues" must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the equalized wealth value, the District must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District's wealth per student should exceed the maximum permitted value in future school years, it will be required to exercise one or more of the permitted wealth equalization options. If the District were to consolidate (or consolidate its tax base for all purposes) with a property-poor district, the outstanding debt of each district could become payable from the consolidated district's combined property tax base, and the District's ration 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 an annexing district.

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

### AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES

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

### Valuation of Taxable Property

The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the "Appraisal Review Board") responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the District is the responsibility of the Nolan County Appraisal District, the Coke County Appraisal District and the Taylor County Appraisal District (collectively, the "Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three (3) years. A property within the taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board.

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property.

State law provides that eligible owners of both agricultural land and open-space land, including open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes or open-space land devoted to timber production, may elect to have such property appraised for property taxation on the basis of its productive capacity. The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land.

The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the District, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates (see "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – District and Taxpayer Remedies" herein).

### State-Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$40,000 exemption (as described below) of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty. On November 2, 2021, the Texas Constitution was amended to provide that the surviving spouse of an individual who received a limitation on the school district property taxes on the person's residence homestead on the basis of disability continued to receive that limitation while the property remained the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse was at least fifty-five (55) years old. See "Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation" herein for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to Statemandated homestead exemptions. Senate Joint Resolution 2, passed during the Third Special Session of the 87th Texas Legislature and approved by voters on May 7, 2022, authorized a constitutional amendment increasing the mandatory homestead exemption for school districts from \$25,000 to \$40,000 beginning January 1, 2022. Senate Bill 1, which was also passed during the Third Special Session of the 87th Texas Legislature makes provisions for additional State aid to hold school districts harmless for tax revenue losses resulting from the increased homestead exemption.

#### State-Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes

Except for increases attributable to certain improvements, a school district is prohibited from increasing the total ad valorem tax on the homestead of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such homestead qualified for such exemption. This freeze is transferable to a different homestead if a qualifying taxpayer moves and, under certain circumstances, is also transferable to the surviving spouse of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, but not the disabled. See "Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation" herein for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to the freeze on taxes for the elderly and disabled.

### Personal Property

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the "production of income" is taxed based on the property's market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property.

### Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions

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

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

A taxpayer may receive only one of the Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions for items of personal property. See "Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation" herein for the reduction in taxable valuation, if any, attributable to Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions.

### Other Exempt Property

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

### Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster

The Property Tax Code entitles the owner of certain qualified (i) tangible personal property used for the production of income, (ii) improvements to real property, and (iii) manufactured homes located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area following a disaster and is at least 15 percent damaged by the disaster, as determined by the chief appraiser, to an exemption from taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the property. The amount of the exemption ranges from 15 percent to 100 percent based upon the damage assessment rating assigned by the chief appraiser. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the governor declares the area to be a disaster area. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Tax Code, as amended.

#### Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

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

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

#### Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended), allows school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, during the last eight (8) years of the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district's property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district's taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts" herein). The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which expired by its terms, effective December 31, 2022.

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, see "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – The Property Tax Code as Applied to the District" herein.

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

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

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount," as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of one million or more, may protest the determinations of an appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, appointed by the chairman of the appraisal review board, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount is set at \$50 million for the 2020 tax year, \$50.6 million for the 2021 tax year, \$53.0 for the 2022 tax year and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

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

### Levy and Collection of Taxes

The District is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and become delinquent after January 31 of the following year. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty of up to twenty percent (20%) if imposed by the District. The delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes for certain taxpayers. Furthermore, the District may provide, on a local option basis, for the split payment, partial payment, and discounts for early payment of taxes under certain circumstances. The Property Tax Code permits taxpayers owning homes or certain businesses located in a disaster area and damaged as a direct result of the declared disaster to pay taxes imposed in the year following the disaster in four equal installments without penalty or interest, commencing on February 1 and ending on August 1. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Temporary Exemption for further information related to a discussion of the applicability of this section of the Property Tax Code.

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

Taxes levied by the District are a personal obligation of the owner of the property. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all state and local taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The lien exists in favor of each taxing unit, including the District, having power to tax the property. The District's tax lien is on a parity with tax liens of such other taxing units. A tax lien on real property takes priority over the claim of most creditors and other

holders of liens on the property encumbered by the tax lien, whether or not the debt or lien existed before the attachment of the tax lien; however, whether a lien of the United States is on a parity with or takes priority over a tax lien of the District is determined by applicable federal law. Personal property, under certain circumstances, is subject to seizure and sale for the payment of delinquent taxes, penalty, and interest.

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

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

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

#### TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

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

A school district is authorized to levy maintenance and operations ("M&O") taxes subject to approval of a proposition submitted to district voters. The maximum M&O tax rate that may be levied by a district cannot exceed the voted maximum rate or the maximum rate described in the succeeding paragraphs. The 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 July 27,1957 pursuant to Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended.

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by a school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district's MCR. A school district's MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the school district and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, the highest possible MCR for a school district is \$0.93.

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

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

A school district is also authorized to issue bonds, and levy taxes for payment of such 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" herein).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

Each Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in the respective county. Each Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within the respective 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 Texas Tax Code, as amended.

The District's ad valorem taxes are collected and remitted solely by the Nolan County Appraisal District.

The District allows split payments.

The District does not participate in a tax increment financing ("TIF") zone.

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

The District has not granted the freeport exemption and the District has not taken action to tax goods-in-transit.

The District has one current value limitation agreement under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended ("Chapter 313") with 226HC 8me LLC. Under Chapter 313, Texas school districts may grant value limitation agreements that limit the taxable value of certain qualified investments for maintenance and operations tax purposes. The existing value limitation agreement, as approved by the Texas Comptroller's office and the District's Board of Trustees, was granted for the purpose of enhancing the local tax base, improving the public education system, creating high-paying jobs, and advancing economic development goals of the State.

The agreement with 226HC 8me LLC provides for qualifying businesses to invest a minimum capital investment totaling \$30 million within the District's boundaries during the qualifying time period (which began February 1, 2019) to create jobs. Beginning on January 1, 2021, the project must have a taxable value equal to the lesser of the appraised value or \$30 million. The value limitation agreement expires in 2030.

### EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State of Texas. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. Aside from the District's contribution to TRS, the District has no pension fund expenditures or liabilities. For fiscal year ended August 31, 2022, the District made a contribution to TRS on a portion of their employee's salaries that exceeded the statutory minimum. For a discussion of the TRS retirement plan, see "Y. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans" to the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D (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

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") assigned its municipal bond rating of "AA" to this issue of Bonds with the understanding that upon delivery of the Bonds, a municipal bond insurance policy insuring the timely payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be issued by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. The District's underlying, unenhanced rating is "A+" by S&P.

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

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Texas, who will deliver its opinion, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of Powell Law Group, L.L.P., Austin, Texas, and Haynes and Boone, LLP, Houston, Texas, Co-Bond Counsel to the District ("Co-Bond Counsel"), to like effect and the opinion of Kline Alvarado Veio, P,C., Denver, Colorado, Special Tax Counsel to the District, 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. The forms of Co-Bond Counsel's and Special Tax Counsel's opinions are attached hereto as Appendix C.

Powell Law Group, L.L.P. and Haynes and Boone, LLP represent the Financial Advisor and purchasers of school district bonds from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, but they have been engaged by and only represent the District in the issuance of the Bonds. Co-Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such 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 Co-Bond Counsel, such firms have reviewed the information describing the Bonds in the Official Statement to verify that such description conforms to the provisions of the Order. The District intends to pay the legal fee of Co-Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

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

#### TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Kline Alvarado Veio, P.C., Special Tax Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income tax under existing laws as enacted and construed on the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, assuming the accuracy of the certifications and continuing compliance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; but, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

The opinion described above assumes the accuracy of certain representations and compliance by the District with covenants designed to satisfy the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds. Failure to comply with such requirements could cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The District has covenanted to comply with such requirements. Special Tax Counsel has expressed no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

The accrual or receipt of interest on the Bonds may otherwise affect the federal income tax liability of the owners of the Bonds. The extent of these other tax consequences will depend on such owners' particular tax status and other items of income or deduction. Special Tax Counsel has expressed no opinion regarding any such consequences. Purchasers of the Bonds, particularly purchasers that are corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations operating branches in the United States of America, and applicable corporations as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code relating to the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022), property or casualty insurance companies, banks, thrifts or other financial institutions, certain recipients of social security or railroad retirement benefits, taxpayers entitled to claim the refundable credit in Section 36B of the Code for coverage under a qualified health plan or taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations, should consult their tax advisors as to the tax consequences of purchasing or owning the Bonds.

### **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions**

Section 265(a) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that interest paid or incurred by a taxpayer, including a "financial institution", on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations is not deductible in determining the taxpayer's taxable income. Section 265(b) of the Code provides an exception to the disallowance of such deduction for any interest expense paid or incurred on indebtedness of a taxpayer that is a "financial institution" allocable to tax-exempt obligations, other than "private activity bonds", that are designated by a "qualified small issuer" as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." A "qualified small issuer" is any governmental issuer (together with any "on-behalf of" and "subordinate" issuers) who issues no more than \$10,000,000 of tax-exempt obligations during the calendar year. Section 265(b)(5) of the Code defines the term "financial institution" as any "bank" described in section 585(a)(2) of the Code, or any person accepting deposits from the public in the ordinary course of such person's trade or business that is subject to federal or state supervision as a financial institution. Notwithstanding the exception to the disallowance of the deduction of interest on indebtedness related to "qualified tax-exempt obligations" provided by section 265(b) of the Code, section 291 of the Code provides that the allowable deduction to a "bank", as defined in section 585(a)(2) of the Code, for interest on indebtedness incurred or purchase "qualified tax-exempt obligations" shall be reduced by twenty-percent (20%) as a "financial institution preference item."

The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of section 265(b) of the Code. In furtherance of that designation, the District has covenanted to take such action that would assure, or to refrain from such action

that would adversely affect, the treatment of the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations." Potential purchasers should be aware that if the issue price to the public exceeds \$10,000,000, there is a reasonable basis to conclude that the payment of a de minimis amount of premium in excess of \$10,000,000 is disregarded; however the Internal Revenue Service could take a contrary view. If the Internal Revenue Service takes the position that the amount of such premium is not disregarded, then such obligations might fail to satisfy the \$10,000,000 limitation and the Bonds would not be "qualified tax-exempt obligations."

## 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, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (the "NCUSIF") or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits, other than those described in clause (7), that (i) are invested through a broker or institution with a main office or branch office in this state and selected by the District in compliance with the PFIA, (ii) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the District's account, (iii) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (iv) the District appoints as its custodian of the banking deposits, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (8)(i) above, a bank, or a broker-dealer; (9) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the PFIA (i) that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the NCUSIF, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8), above, or secured in accordance with Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, or in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits, or (ii) where (a) the funds are invested by the District through a broker or institution that has a main office or branch office in the State and selected by the District in compliance with the PFIA, (b) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (d) the District appoints, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (9)(ii)(a) above, a bank, or broker-dealer as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described by clauses (1) or (12), which are pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank, or of the holding company of which the bank is the largest subsidiary, are rated not less than A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or fewer that is rated at least A-1 or P-1 or an equivalent by either (i) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies, or (ii) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the commercial paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a United States or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and complies with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7; (14) no-load mutual funds that are registered and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission that have a weighted maturity of less than two years and either (i) have a duration of one year or more and are invested exclusively in obligations approved in this paragraph, or (ii) have a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset backed securities; (15) guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations described in clause (1), excluding obligations which the District is explicitly prohibited from investing in, and in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract; and (16) securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, including accrued income, (ii) a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time, (iii) a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent, or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (12) through (14) above, or an authorized investment pool, (iv) the terms of a loan made under the program require that the securities being held as collateral be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party designated by the District, (v) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State, and (vi) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less

The District may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAAm" or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating service.

The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than 10 years; and (4) collateralized mortgage obligations the interest rate of which is determined by an index that adjusts opposite to the changes in a market index.

Under State law, the District may 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 of 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 has not contracted with, and has no present intention of contracting with, any such investment management firm or the Texas Securities Board to provide such services.

### **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 and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups. 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.

State law also requires that 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, any additions and changes to market value and the ending value of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the beginning and 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.

### 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 August 31, 2022, the District had \$10,557,947 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.

It is the obligation of the Purchaser to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District has agreed to cooperate, at the Purchaser's written request and sole expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary; provided, however, that the District shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

## CYBERSECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT

The District's operations are increasingly dependent on information technologies and services, which are exposed to cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents or attacks. While the District continually assesses and monitors its cybersecurity risks, the District has been (and may be in the future) subject to cyber-attacks from time to time. In response to such assessments and monitoring, the District takes actions it deems appropriate in response to cybersecurity risks, including, but not limited to, implementing cybersecurity training programs, obtaining technology improvements to mitigate cybersecurity risks, and taking other similar measures. To date, the District has not been the victim of any cyber-attack that has had a material adverse effect on its operations or financial condition. However, no assurance can be given that the District will fully prevent or successfully remediate the operational and/or financial impact of any cybersecurity incursions or incidents arising from events wholly or partially beyond the District's control, including electrical telecommunications outages, natural disasters or cyber-attacks initiated by criminal activities of individuals or organizations. Any such occurrence could materially and adversely affect the District's operations and/or financial condition.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") 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 their 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"). The information provided to the MSRB will be available to the public free of charge via the Electronic Municipal Markets Access ("EMMA") 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 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 12 months of the end of each fiscal year, in each case beginning with the fiscal year ending in addited after 2023. The District may provide the Financial Statements earlier including at the time it provides its Annual Operating Report but if the The District may provide the Financial Statements earlier, including at the time it provides its Annual Operating Report, but if the audit of such Financial Statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited Financial Statements within such 12-month period and audited Financial Statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such Financial Statements becomes available.

The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

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, and the Financial Statements must be provided by August 31 of 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 timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consumation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into 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; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; and (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or others similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above 20 under "Annual Reports." The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB. Neither the Bonds nor the Order make any provision for a bond trustee, debt service reserves, or liquidity enhancement. In the Order, the District adopted policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance of its continuing disclosure undertakings.

For these purposes, (a) an 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. For the purposes of the above describe event notices (15) and (16), the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided however, that a "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

#### Availability of Information

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

#### Limitations and Amendments

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of 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 compel the District to comply with its agreement. Nothing in this paragraph is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive or limit the District's duties under federal or state securities laws.

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 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. The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of this continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provision of the Rule 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 in the primary offering 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 has not previously entered into a continuing disclosure agreement in accordance with the Rule.

### LITIGATION

In the opinion of District officials, 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.

### 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 Piper Sandler & Co. (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at the interest rates shown on the page 2 of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus a reoffering premium of \$ 343,445.65, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The initial reoffering yields shown on page 2 hereof will produce compensation to the Purchaser in the amount of \$ 63,940.61. The District can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the District 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 AND NO LITIGATION

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Initial Bond, 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 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 statement are concerned, such official 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; (d) except as may be otherwise described in the Official Statement, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District, since August 31, 2022, the date of the last financial statements of the District appearing in the Official Statement; and (e) no litigation of any nature has been filed or is pending, as of the date hereof, to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds.

## 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 or 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.

The Order authorized the issuance of the Bonds and approved the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and authorized its further use in the re-offering of the Bonds by the Purchaser. The Board has approved the Official Statement for distribution in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12.

/s/ James Sanderson

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Shirley Lemley

Secretary, Board of Trustees

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT

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## BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Financial Information

#### ASSESSED VALUATION (1)

2022/23 Total Valuation			\$ 1,130,043,178
Less Exemptions & Deductions <sup>(2)</sup> :			
State Homestead Exemption	\$	10,916,134	
State Over-65 Exemption		1,327,002	
Disabled Homestead Exemption Loss		1,133,327	
Veterans Exemption Loss		103,500	
Pollution Control Exemption Loss		1,110,900	
Productivity Loss		306,217,445	
Homestead Cap Loss		4,804,861	
	\$	325,613,169	
2022/23 Net Taxable Valuation			\$ 804,430,009

Source: Certified Values from the Nolan, Coke, and Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 election increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES -- Residential Homestead Exemptions" in this Official Statement.
Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers which totaled \$2,806,661 in 2021/22.

VOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding Plus: The Bonds		\$ - 6,945,000
Total Unlimited Tax Bonds		\$ 6,945,000
Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of August 31, 2022) <sup>(1)</sup> Net General Obligation Debt		\$ (17,217) 6,927,783
Ratio of Net G.O. Debt to Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(2)</sup>	0.86%	
2023 Population Estimate <sup>(3)</sup> Per Capita Net Taxable Valuation Per Capita Net G.O. Debt	1,093 \$735,984 \$6,338	

Source: Blackwell CISD Audited Financial Statements.
See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement and "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2022" in Appendix D for more information relative to the District's outstanding obligations.
Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

	Net						
	Taxable					% Collec	ctions (5)
Fiscal Year	 Valuation		Ta	ax Rate	_	Current (6)	Total (6)
					-		
2006/07	\$ 238,163,741	(1)	\$	1.4700	(7)	98.88%	99.49%
2007/08	844,162,810	(1)		1.1355	(7)	99.86%	100.27%
2008/09	892,387,290	(1)		1.1086		99.33%	99.45%
2009/10	677,968,061	(1)		1.0996		99.56%	100.80%
2010/11	275,100,947	(1)		1.1062		99.05%	99.78%
2011/12	1,143,083,945	(1)		1.1172		98.81%	99.45%
2012/13	1,163,620,910	(1)		1.1172		99.02%	100.38%
2013/14	1,063,143,648	(1)		1.1190		98.89%	100.05%
2014/15	1,013,251,097	(1)		1.1290		99.17%	100.18%
2015/16	910,066,457	(1) (3)		1.1290		99.24%	99.86%
2016/17	752,149,533	(1) (3)		1.1490		98.95%	99.25%
2017/18	651,049,689	(1) (3)		1.1720		99.10%	100.11%
2018/19	849,709,434	(1) (3)		1.1400		99.08%	99.84%
2019/20	733,104,850	(1) (3)		1.0850	(8)	98.58%	99.18%
2020/21	796,595,028	(1) (3)		1.0319		99.60%	100.43%
2021/22	828,539,603	(1) (3)		0.9279		99.35%	99.64%
2022/23	804,430,009	(2) (4)		0.9279		(In Process of	of Collection)

(1) Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.

Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property 182 Division.
Source: Contified Values from the Nolan, Coker and Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022.
The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
Source: Blackwell CISD Audited Financial Statements.
Excludes penalties and interest.

(6) Excludes penalties and interest.
(7) 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 this Official Statement.
(8) The decline in the District's Maintenance & Operation Tax from the 2018/19 fiscal year to the 2019/20 fiscal year is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019. See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.

### TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION

	2018/19	2019/20 (1)	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Maintenance & Operations Debt Service	\$1.0400 \$0.1000	\$0.9700 \$0.1150	\$0.9279 \$0.1040	\$0.9279 \$0.0000	\$0.9279 \$0.0000
Total Tax Rate	\$1.1400	\$1.0850	\$1.0319	\$0.9279	\$0.9279

(1) The decline in the District's Maintenance & Operations Tax from the 2018/19 fiscal year to the 2019/20 fiscal year is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019.

## VALUATION AND FUNDED DEBT HISTORY

Fiscal	Net	Bond Debt	Ratio
Year	Taxable Valuation	Outstanding	Debt to A.V. <sup>(1)</sup>
2006/07	\$ 238,163,741	\$ 9,200,000	3.86%
2007/08	844,162,810	8,830,000	1.05%
2008/09	892,387,290	8,300,000	0.93%
2009/10	677,968,061	7,750,000	1.14%
2010/11	275,100,947	7,180,000	2.61%
2011/12	1,143,083,945	6,585,000	0.58%
2012/13	1,163,620,910	5,965,000	0.51%
2013/14	1,063,143,648	5,320,000	0.50%
2014/15	1,013,251,097	4,530,000	0.45%
2015/16	910,066,457	3,830,000	0.42%
2016/17	752,149,533	3,110,000	0.41%
2017/18	651,049,689	2,375,000	0.36%
2018/19	849,709,434	1,610,000	0.19%
2019/20	733,104,850	820,000	0.11%
2020/21	796,595,028	-	0.00%
2021/22	828,539,603	-	0.00%
2022/23	804,430,009 (2)	6,945,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	0.86%

(1) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement, "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" and "OTHER OBLIGATIONS" in (1) Source: Certified Values from the Nolan, Coke, Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendement
(2) Source: Certified Values from the Nolan, Coke, Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendement (a) May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.
(3) Includes the Bonds.

#### ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT

Taxing Body	Amount	Percent Overlapping	Amount Overlapping				
Coke County	\$ -	5.03%	\$ -				
Nolan County	8,912,000	27.87%	2,483,774				
Nolan County Hospital District	19,055,072	27.87%	5,310,649				
Taylor County	53,465,000	1.16%	620,194				
Total Overlapping Debt <sup>(1)</sup> \$ 8,414,6     Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District <sup>(2)</sup> 6,927,7							
Total Direct & Overlapping Debt <sup>(2)</sup> \$15,342,400							
Ratio of Net Direct & Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation1.91%Per Capita Direct & Overlapping Debt\$14,037							

(1) Equals gross debt less self-supporting debt.
(2) Includes the 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.

## 2022/23 Top Ten Taxpayers (1)

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Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Ta	Taxable Value		
Horse Hollow 3 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	\$	90,467,380	11.25%	
Horse Hollow 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines		70,663,359	8.78%	
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Oil & Gas Pipeline		38,978,519	4.85%	
Buffalo Gap Wind LLC (Phase 2)	Wind Farm/Turbines		33,818,000	4.20%	
Sweetwater Wind 3 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines		32,167,700	4.00%	
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility		30,099,310	3.74%	
226HC 8ME-Holstein Solar	Solar Energy Plant		30,000,000	3.73%	
Horse Hollow Wind I LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines		27,835,709	3.46%	
Grand Prix Pipeline LLC	Oil & Gas Pipeline		26,816,930	3.33%	
Sweetwater Wind 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines		25,834,000	3.21%	
		\$	406,680,907	50.56% (3)	

## 2021/22 Top Ten Taxpayers (2)

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	Valuation
Horse Hollow 3 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	\$ 100,392,890	12.12%
Horse Hollow 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	78,748,088	9.50%
Buffalo Gap Wind LLC (Phase 2)	Wind Farm/Turbines	44,250,000	5.34%
Sweetwater Wind 3 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	36,944,250	4.46%
Buffalo Gap Wind LLC (Phase 3)	Wind Farm/Turbines	35,693,546	4.31%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility	33,074,652	3.99%
Sweetwater Wind 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	30,062,280	3.63%
226HC 8ME-Holstein Solar	Solar Energy Plant	30,000,000	3.62%
Grand Prix Pipeline LLC	Oil & Gas Pipeline	23,291,717	2.81%
Turkey Track Wind	Wind Farm/Turbines	20,101,140	2.43%
		\$ 432,558,563	52.21%

## 2020/21 Top Ten Taxpayers (2)

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	Valuation
Horse Hollow 3 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	\$ 119,130,120	14.95%
Holstein Solar-Duke Energy	Solar Energy Plant	110,000,000	13.81%
Horse Hollow 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	94,875,893	11.91%
Buffalo Gap Wind LLC (Phase 2)	Wind Farm/Turbines	53,373,000	6.70%
Buffalo Gap Wind LLC (Phase 3)	Wind Farm/Turbines	40,609,906	5.10%
Horse Hollow Wind I LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	36,035,267	4.52%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility	33,712,082	4.23%
Sweetwater Wind 2 LLC	Wind Farm/Turbines	32,007,200	4.02%
Grand Prix Pipeline LLC	Oil & Gas Pipeline	24,595,050	3.09%
Turkey Track Wind	Wind Farm/Turbines	24,137,240	3.03%
		\$ 568,475,758	71.36%

(1) Source: Nolan, Coke, and Taylor Central Appraisal Districts.

 Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.
Sahown in the table above, the total combined top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for over 50% of the District's tax base. In addition, the top two taxpayers in the District (as subsidiaries or affiliates of the same enity) currently account for over 20% of the District's tax base, thereby creating a concentration risk for the District. Any adverse development related to Horse Hollow LLC or its subsidiaries ("Horse Hollow") affecting its ability to continue to conduct business at its locations within the District's boundaries may result in significantly less local tax revenue, thereby severely affecting the District's finances and its ability to repay its outstanding indebtedness. See "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT". The valuation of windmills, wind farms, and power utilities within the State, as determined by respective appraisal districts, have been subject to litigation related to the taxable value of such property; private power generation facilities are also subject to transfer and sole ownership by another entity, including to local governments whose property is exempt from ad valorem taxation. In addition, a portion of the District's assessed valuation is comprised of industries related to oil and gas, which are subject to fluctuation in terms of market valuation and availability. Accordingly, the District makes no representation regarding the continued valuation of any of the property listed in the above table or the generation of future tax revenues therefrom. If any major taxpayer (or a combination of taxpayers) were to default in the payment of taxes due to economic conditions resulting difficulty, the ability of the District to timely pay debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien (which, in the event of bankruptcy, certain laws may preclude until the automatic stay is lifted). Such process is time-consuming and can only occur annually; in the alternative, the District may sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever

### CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY

Category	<u>2022/23</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	% of 22/23 <sup>(1)</sup> <u>Total</u> <u>2021/22</u> <sup>(2)</sup>		% of <u>Total</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	% of <u>Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 21,150,642	2 1.87%	\$ 18,830,139	1.67%	\$ 15,660,278	1.41%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	1,198,122	0.11%	458,996	0.04%	296,538	0.03%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	317,860,822	2 28.13%	309,389,908	27.51%	329,340,623	29.65%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	49,153,701	4.35%	37,884,231	3.37%	31,564,451	2.84%
Real, Commercial	1,852,140	0.16%	1,752,373	0.16%	1,093,543	0.10%
Real, Industrial	542,662,750	48.02%	608,665,012	54.12%	575,335,313	51.80%
Oil & Gas	27,777,169	2.46%	14,881,144	1.32%	22,283,313	2.01%
Utilities	157,200,031	13.91%	121,863,539	10.83%	124,507,977	11.21%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	1,202,385	5 0.11%	2,715,924	0.24%	2,781,671	0.25%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	3,101,515	5 0.27%	3,117,506	0.28%	2,785,242	0.25%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	6,883,901	0.61%	5,190,779	0.46%	4,961,857	0.45%
Total Appraised Value	\$ 1,130,043,178	3 100.00%	\$ 1,124,749,551	100.00%	\$ 1,110,610,806	100.00%
Less:						
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 4,804,861	l	\$ 2,504,202		\$ 1,497,608	
Productivity Loss	306,217,445	5	284,113,751		302,166,276	
Exemptions	14,590,863	3 (3)	9,591,995	(4)	10,351,894	(4)
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(5)</sup>	<u>\$ 325,613,169</u>	)	<u>\$ 296,209,948</u>		<u>\$ 314,015,778</u>	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	<u>\$ 804,430,009</u>	<u>)</u>	<u>\$ 828,539,603</u>		<u>\$ 796,595,028</u>	

Category	% of <u>2019/20</u> <sup>(2)</sup> <u>Total</u> <u>2018/19</u> <sup>(2)</sup>		<u>2018/19</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	% of <u>Total</u>		<u>2017/18</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	% of <u>Total</u>	
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 15,935,770	1.50%	\$	14,706,854	1.26%	\$	14,943,896	1.54%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	233,153	0.02%		238,613	0.02%		237,476	0.02%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	346,842,871	32.61%		329,756,183	28.35%		332,752,890	34.30%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	30,982,377	2.91%		32,426,608	2.79%		28,499,280	2.94%
Real, Commercial	1,104,728	0.10%		976,708	0.08%		950,138	0.10%
Real, Industrial	542,998,356	51.06%		684,256,765	58.83%		481,655,851	49.64%
Oil & Gas	26,809,340	2.52%		34,949,283	3.00%		38,982,054	4.02%
Utilities	90,290,049	8.49%		57,288,795	4.93%		63,084,617	6.50%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	1,242,779	0.12%		1,226,042	0.11%		1,103,967	0.11%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	2,351,360	0.22%		2,554,130	0.22%		3,276,820	0.34%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	 4,733,882	0.45%	_	4,752,676	0.41%		4,723,296	0.49%
Total Appraised Value	\$ 1,063,524,665	100.00%	\$	1,163,132,657	100.00%	\$	970,210,285	100.00%
Less:								
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 2,082,424		\$	2,290,635		\$	1,752,071	
Productivity Loss	318,285,302			301,552,794			307,938,425	
Exemptions	 10,052,089	(4)		9,579,794	(4)		9,470,100	(4)
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 330,419,815		\$	313,423,223		\$	319,160,596	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 733,104,850		\$	849,709,434		\$	651,049,689	

Source: Certified Values from the Nolan, Coke, and Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022.
Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.
The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.
The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased the 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.

#### PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	tanding onds	Plus: The Bonds	Total	Bonds Unpaid At Year End	Percent of Principal Retired
2023	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,945,000.00	0.00%
2024	-	980,000.00	980,000.00	5,965,000.00	14.11%
2025	-	1,075,000.00	1,075,000.00	4,890,000.00	29.59%
2026	-	925,000.00	925,000.00	3,965,000.00	42.91%
2027	-	780,000.00	780,000.00	3,185,000.00	54.14%
2028	-	555,000.00	555,000.00	2,630,000.00	62.13%
2029	-	520,000.00	520,000.00	2,110,000.00	69.62%
2030	-	505,000.00	505,000.00	1,605,000.00	76.89%
2031	-	510,000.00	510,000.00	1,095,000.00	84.23%
2032	-	535,000.00	535,000.00	560,000.00	91.94%
2033	-	560,000.00	560,000.00	-	100.00%
Total	\$ -	\$ 6,945,000.00	\$ 6,945,000.00		

#### DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year	Plus: Fiscal Year Outstanding The Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>						Combined				
Ending 8/31	Debt	Service	Prin	icipal		Interest		Total	 Total (1) (2)		
2023	\$	-	\$	-	\$	150,675.00	\$	150,675.00	\$ 150,675.00		
2024		-	98	0,000.00		301,350.00		1,281,350.00	1,281,350.00		
2025		-	1,07	5,000.00		245,075.00		1,320,075.00	1,320,075.00		
2026		-	92	925,000.00 195,075.00 1,7		1,120,075.00	1,120,075.00				
2027		-	78	0,000.00		152,450.00		932,450.00	932,450.00		
2028		-	55	5,000.00		119,075.00		674,075.00	674,075.00		
2029		-	52	0,000.00		94,800.00		614,800.00	614,800.00		
2030		-	50	5,000.00		74,300.00		579,300.00	579,300.00		
2031		-	51	0,000.00		54,000.00		564,000.00	564,000.00		
2032		-	53	535,000.00		535,000.00		33,100.00		568,100.00	568,100.00
2033		-	56	0,000.00		11,200.00		571,200.00	 571,200.00		
	\$	-	\$ 6,94	5,000.00	\$	1,431,100.00	\$	8,376,100.00	\$ 8,376,100.00		

 Includes accrued interest in the amount of \$18,375.00.
Based on it's wealth per student, the District does not expect to receive state financial assistance for the payment of debt service for the fiscal year 2022/23. 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 this Official Statement.

TAX ADEQUACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT'S BONDS	
Projected Maximum Debt Service Requirement <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,320,075.00
Projected State Financial Assistance for Hold Harmless of Increased Homestead Exemption in 2022/23 (2)	 -
Projected Net Debt Service Requirement <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	\$ 1,320,075.00
\$0.16745 Tax Rate @ 98% Collections Produces	\$ 1,320,075.00
2022/23 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation (3)	\$ 804,430,009

(1) Includes the Bonds.

(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 this Official Statement.

(3) Source: Certified Values from the Nolan, Coke, and Taylor Central Appraisal Districts as of October 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

#### AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$7,900,000 (\$4,580,000 in Proposition A, \$1,220,000 in Proposition B, \$1,500,000 in Proposition C, and \$600,000 in Proposition D) authorized but unisused ad valorem tax bonds from the November 8, 2022 election. The District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including 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									
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
Beginning Fund Balance	\$	784,733	\$	1,687,988	\$	4,940,333	\$	3,677,275	\$	5,372,919
Revenues:										
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$	5,662,062	\$	5,543,677	\$	4,032,188	\$	7,420,652	\$	7,094,318
State Sources		2,175,327		5,266,352		3,743,115		3,420,318		4,887,306 (2)
Total Revenues	\$	7,837,389	\$	10,810,029	\$	7,775,303	\$	10,840,970	\$	11,981,624
Expenditures:										
Instruction	\$	1,733,986	\$	1,700,374	\$	1,703,289	\$	1,838,809	\$	1,979,497
Instructional Resources & Media Services		53,425		51,092		48,733		53,766		60,241
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development		14,535		8,667		6,134		5,722		31,349
Instructional Leadership		15,996		12,684		11,214		11,521		11,803
School Leadership		235,828		254,500		253,604		276,418		248,274
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services		26,366		29,740		25,892		28,287		41,149
Health Services		73,033		64,297		66,748		66,688		85,409
Student (Pupil) Transportation		200,120		138,055		126,845		141,717		178,626
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		240,097		259,090		208,046		247,932		313,383
General Administration		477,183		483,325		432,185		425,168		640,614
Plant Maintenance and Operations		499,287		615,531		671,803		673,656		883,731
Security and Monitoring Services		7,500		1,465		17,885		10,875		9,335
Data Processing Services		18,603		21,843		23,557		25,408		25,408
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools		2,931,227		2,874,228		4,949,564		5,097,269		4,088,677
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA		36,339		34,243		46,173		44,520		45,353
Other Intergovernmental Charges		60,481		288,007		46,689		47,109		81,740
Total Expenditures	\$	6,624,006	\$	6,837,141	\$	8,638,361	\$	8,994,865	\$	8,724,589
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues										
over Expenditures	\$	1,213,383	\$	3,972,888	\$	(863,058)	\$	1,846,105	\$	3,257,035
Other Resources and (Uses):										
Sale of Real and Personal Property	\$	-	\$	1,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Operating Transfers Out		(310,128)		(721,543)		(400,000)		(150,461)		(150,179)
Total Other Resources (Uses)	\$	(310,128)	\$	(720,543)	\$	(400,000)	\$	(150,461)	\$	(150,179)
Excess (Deficiency) of										
Revenues and Other Sources										
over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$	903,255	\$	3,252,345	\$	(1,263,058)	\$	1,695,644	\$	3,106,856
Ending Fund Balance	\$	1,687,988	\$	4,940,333	\$	3,677,275	\$	5,372,919	\$	<b>8,479,775</b> <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) See "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS" in Appendix D and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.
(2) In fiscal year ending 2022, the District received approximately \$4.3mm from the State for "Maintenance of Effort and Equity for Federal Money Related to the COVID 19 pandemic." Clearly, this funding improved the FYE 2022 financials substantially and led to a significant increase in the General Fund Balance. The District has invested this money and does not intend to spend it in the near term, in order to let the State funding programs "settle up" over a period of time, which can include surprise negatives in addition to this surprise positive.

Note: The District has an Education Foundation that is governed by a Board that is identical to the members of the School District's Board of Trustees. The Foundation has approximately \$34mm of invested funds that are available at the discretion of its Board to benefit the District should the need arise.

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31									
	2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	
Revenues:										
Program Revenues:										
Charges for Services	\$	57,559	\$	51,812	\$	40,309	\$	39,955	\$	54,017
Operating Grants and Contributions		(377,011)		333,541		311,024		33,855		(16,960)
General Revenues:										
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes		4,393,239		5,046,787		3,952,125		7,269,080		6,378,881
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service		668,996		410,528		469,605		817,251		1,114
State Aid - Formula Grants		2,036,721		5,237,966		3,584,934		3,422,448		4,716,381
Investment Earnings		28,370		75,308		64,356		14,613		50,034
Miscellaneous		1,223,944		287,555		45,628		165,033		691,265
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Property		-		70				-		-
	\$	8,031,818	\$	11,443,567	\$	8,467,981	\$	11,762,235	\$	11,874,732
Expenses:										
Instruction	\$	1,718,397	\$	2,242,868	\$	2,276,792	\$	2,249,949	\$	2,192,570
Instruction Resources & Media Services		54,102		51,318		48,733		53,766		60,241
Curriculum & Staff Development		14,535		8,667		6,134		5,722		31,349
Instructional Leadership		15,996		12,684		11,214		11,521		11,803
School Leadership		150,591		280,759		281,246		282,040		222,314
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services		17,781		30,174		25,961		28,784		37,180
Health Services		49,977		68,115		72,808		68,037		76,841
Student Transportation		200,912		230,159		202,997		201,889		212,614
Food Services		179,205		194,825		212,365		193,903		205,777
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		401,741		452,816		400,563		364,158		421,707
General Administration		396,203		516,798		467,532		431,022		610,721
Plant Maintenance & Operations		504,858		572,890		744,765		694,873		637,193
Security and Monitoring Services		7,500		1,465		17,885		10,875		9,335
Data Processing Services		18,603		21,843		23,557		25,408		25,408
Debt Service - Interest on Long-term Debt		54,744		28,522		868		14,962		-
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Costs and Fees		350		175		350		-		-
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools		2,931,227		2,874,228		4,949,564		5,097,269		4,088,677
Payments for Shared Service Arrangements		36,339		34,243		46,173		44,520		45,353
Other Intergovernmental Charges		60,481		310,485		46,689		47,109		81,740
Total Expenditures	\$	6,813,542	\$	7,933,034	\$	9,836,196	\$	9,825,807	\$	8,970,823
Change in Net Assets	\$	1,218,276	\$	3,510,533	\$	(1,368,215)	\$	1,936,428	\$	2,903,909
Beginning Net Assets	\$	14,899,016	\$	14,605,839	\$	18,116,372	\$	16,748,157	\$	18,684,585
Prior Period Adjustment	\$	(1,511,453) <sup>(2</sup>	<sup>)</sup> \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Ending Net Assets	\$	14,605,839	\$	18,116,372	\$	16,748,157	\$	18,684,585	\$	21,588,494

The foregoing information represents government-wide financial information provided in accordance with GASB 34, which the District adopted in the 2002 fiscal year.
The prior period adjustment is from the District implementing GASB Statement No. 75 for Other Post-Employment Benefits.

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APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT AND ITS ECONOMY (this page intentionally left blank)

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") is a ranching, manufacturing and mineral producing area that includes the City of Blackwell. The District is primarily located in the southeast section of Nolan County, with portions extending into Coke and Taylor Counties. The District's current estimated population is approximately 1,093.

Nolan County (the "County") is a northwest Texas county created in 1876 from the Bexar and Young Districts. Nolan is traversed by IH-20, as well as State Highways 70 and 153, and U.S. Route 84. The county seat is Sweetwater.

Sources: Texas Municipal Advisory Council Report for Blackwell CISD

### **Enrollment Statistics**

Year Ending	Enrollment
2011	162
2012	153
2013	146
2014	155
2015	134
2016	132
2017	146
2018	159
2019	152
2020	163
2021	166
2022	161
Current	152

#### **District Staff**

Teachers		24
Teachers' Aides & Secretaries		6
Auxiliary Personnel		10
Administrators		3
Other		2
	Total	45

#### Facilities

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Campus	<u>Grades</u>	Current <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	Year <u>Built</u>	Addition / <u>Renovation</u>
Elementary School	$PK-6^{th}$	77	160	2009	N/A
Jr High/High School	$7^{th}-12^{th}$	75	160	2009	N/A

#### Leading Employers in the District

<u>Employer</u>	Type of Business	Approximate Number of Employees
Blackwell CISD	Education	45

#### **Unemployment Rates**

	December	December	December
	2020	<u>2021</u>	2022
Nolan County	6.0%	3.5%	3.1%
State of Texas	6.7%	4.2%	3.6%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

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APPENDIX C

FORMS OF LEGAL OPINIONS OF CO-BOND COUNSEL AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL

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Houston, Texas 77010

, 2023

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

BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (NON-PSF), dated March 1, 2023, in the principal amount of \$6,945,000 and maturing on February 15 in the years 2024 through 2033, inclusive. The Bonds are issuable in fully-registered form only, in denominations of \$5,000 of the principal amount or integral multiples thereof, bear interest, are subject to redemption prior to maturity, and may be transferred and exchanged as set out in the Bonds and in the bond order (the "*Order*") adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District authorizing their issuance. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings so assigned in the Order.

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

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

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

(A) The transcript of certified proceedings evidences complete legal authority for the issuance of the Bonds in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas presently in effect; the Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District, enforceable in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof, except to the

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



March 21, 2023

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Reserved

### Re: <u>\$6,945,000 Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Unlimited Tax School</u> Building Bonds, Series 2023 (NON-PSF)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special tax counsel ("Special Tax Counsel") to the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") in connection with the issuance by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of \$6,945,000 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued by the District for the purpose of (a) constructing, improving, acquiring and equipping school buildings in the District including necessary sites, athletic facilities, and housing for teachers in the District, including necessary sites, the purchasing of new school buses, and acquiring or updating technology equipment in the District; and (b) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are authorized by the Bond Order adopted on February 21, 2023 by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Bond Order").

As Special Tax Counsel, we have reviewed the opinions of Haynes and Boone, LLP, and Powell Law Group, LLP as co-bond counsel to the District (together, "Co-Bond Counsel"), the Tax Compliance Certificate of the Issuer dated the date hereof, and other certificates of the District, the Bond Order approving the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Purchase Agreement, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinions set forth herein. As to the questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation. Furthermore, with respect to the validity of the Bonds, we are relying upon the opinion of Co-Bond Counsel. Our examination has been limited to the foregoing as they Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District SAMCO Capital Markets Haynes and Boone, LLP Powell Law Group, LLP March 21, 2023 Page 2

exist or are in effect as of the date hereof. Our opinion is limited to the matters expressly set forth herein, and we express no opinion concerning any other matters.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 265(b) of the Code, the District has designated in the Bond Order that the Bonds are considered "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. The District has certified in the Bond Order the following: (a) that during the calendar year 2023, the District (including all entities that issue obligations on behalf of the District) has not designated nor will it designate obligations which, when aggregated with the Bonds, will result in more than \$10,000,000 of "qualified tax-exempt obligations" being issued; and (b) that the District has examined its financing needs for the calendar year 2023 and reasonably anticipates that the amount of bonds, leases, loans or other obligations, together with the Bonds and any other tax-exempt obligations heretofore issued by the District (plus those of all entities that issue obligations on behalf of the District) during the calendar year 2023, when the higher of the face amount or the issue price of each such tax-exempt obligation issued for the calendar year 2023 by the District is taken into account, will not exceed \$10,000,000.

Based on our examination and the foregoing, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law as presently enacted and construed, as follows:

1. Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for purposes of federal income tax under existing laws as enacted and construed on the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, assuming the accuracy of the certifications of the District and continuing compliance by the District with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of individual federal alternative minimum tax. However, however, such interest is taken into account in determining the annual adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022.

2. The District has designated the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code and nothing has come to our attention to reach a different opinion. Therefore the interest expense of a financial institution will not be subject to allocation to the interest on the Bonds under Section 265(b).

3. The information relating to the Bonds and legal issues described in "TAX MATTERS" in the Official Statement is an accurate description of the tax laws and legal issues therein as of the date of this opinion and with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Bond Order.

In rendering our opinion, we wish to advise you that:

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(a) we express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of any offering material relating to the Bonds; and

(b) except as set forth above, we express no opinion regarding any other tax consequences relating to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

Kline Alvarado Veio, P.C.

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### APPENDIX D

AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022 (this page intentionally left blank)

# **BLACKWELL**

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022



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# BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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# **CERTIFICATE OF BOARD**

Blackwell Consolidated		
Independent School District	Nolan	177903
Name of School District	County	County - District Number
We, the undersigned, certify that the attached a district were reviewed and (check one) August 31, 2022, at a meeting of the Board of October 2022.	approved di	sapproved for the year ended

Signature of Board President Signature of Board Secretary

If the Board of Trustees disapproved of the auditor's report, the reason(s) for disapproving it (are): (Attach list as necessary)

# James E. Rodgers and Company, P.C.

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October 26, 2022

### Unmodified Report on Financial Statements Issued in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* Accompanied by Required Supplementary Information, Supplementary Information, and Other Information

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### To the Board of Trustces Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Blackwell, Texas 79506

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

### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, as of August 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinions**

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

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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



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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information, and GASB 68 and 75 schedules for pension and OPEB liabilities and contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the



basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Supplementary Information

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

### **Other Information**

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

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

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 26, 2022, on our consideration of the Blackwell Consolidated 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District's internal control over financial control over financial control over finance.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Nodgers and Company

James E. Rodgers and Company, P.C.





# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In this section of the Annual Financial and Compliance Report, we, the administration of **Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District**, discuss and analyze the District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the independent auditor's report and the District's Basic Financial Statements.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of Current Fiscal Year Final	nces	
District's Total Net Position at the End of the Year	S	21,588,494
Total District Revenues for the Current Fiscal Year	S	11,874,732
Total District Expenses for the Current Fiscal Year	\$	8,970,823
Fund Balance in the General Fund at the End of Year	S	8,479,775

### Changes in the District's Finances from the Previous Fiscal Year

		Increase (Deer	rease)
		\$	%
Change in Net Position:			
Change in the District's Total Net Position	\$	2,903,909	15.54%
<u>Revenue Changes:</u>			
Change in the District's Total Revenues	\$	112,497	0.96%
Change in the District's Property Tax Revenues	S	(1,706,336)	-21.10%
Change in the District's State Aid Formula Grants	\$	1,293,933	37.81%
Change in Operating Grants and Contributions	\$	(50,815)	-150.10%
Expense Changes:			
Change in the District's Total Expenses	\$	(854,984)	-8.70%
Other Information:			
Change in the District's General Fund Balance	\$	3,106,856	-57.82%
Excess (Deficit) of Actual Revenue over Budgeted Revenue	\$	3,740,222	45.38%

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

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

Fund financial statements report the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what resources remain for future spending. They reflect the flow of current financial resources and supply the basis for tax levics and the appropriations budget. For proprietary activities, fund financial statements tell how goods or services of the District were sold to departments within the District or to external customers and how the sales revenues covered the expenses of the goods or services. The remaining statements, fiduciary statements, provide financial information about activities for which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of those outside of the district. The notes to the financial statements provide narrative explanations or additional data needed for full disclosure in the government-wide statements or the financial statements.

The combining statements for non-major funds contain even more information about the District's individual funds. These are not required by TEA. The sections labeled TEA Required Schedules and Federal Awards Section contain data used by monitoring or regulatory agencies for assurance that the District is using funds supplied in compliance with the terms of grants.

### **Reporting the District as a Whole**

### The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

The analysis of the District's overall financial condition and operations begins with the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A-1). Its primary purpose is to show whether the District is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. The Statement of Net Position includes all the District's assets and liabilities at the end of the year while the Statement of Activities includes all the revenues and expenses generated by the District's operations during the year. These apply the accrual basis of accounting which is the basis used by private sector companies.

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

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

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, we have presented the District into two kinds of activities (governmental and business type activities).

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

Business type activities-The District has no business type activities at present.

### **Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds**

### **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements begin with the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (Exhibit C-1) and provide detailed information about the most significant funds-not the District as a whole. Laws and contracts require the District to establish some funds, such as grants received under the "Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs" act from the U.S. Department of Education. The District's administration establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes (like campus activities). The District's two kinds of funds (governmental and proprietary) use different accounting approaches.

Governmental funds-Most of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds. These funds use the modified accrual accounting (a method that measures the receipt and disbursement of cash and all other financial assets that can be readily converted to cash) and report balances that are available for future spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's general operations and the basic services it provides. We describe the differences between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation schedule following each of the fund financial statements.

Proprietary funds-The District reports the activities for which it charges users (whether outside customers or other units of the District) in proprietary funds using the same accounting methods employed in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. In fact, the District's enterprise funds (one category of proprietary funds which the District does not have at present) are the business-type activities reported in the government-wide statements but containing more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The internal service funds (the other category of proprietary funds in Exhibits D-1, D-2, and D-3) report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's other programs and activities-such as the District's self-insurance programs.

### The District as Trustee

### Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for money raised by student activities and alumni scholarship programs. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Position (Exhibit E-1). We exclude these resources from the District's other financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The District is only responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes.

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

State funding in Texas is based upon the District's average daily attendance, thus the District's revenue is highly dependent on enrollment trends. The District receives additional weighted funding for students enrolled in career and technology coursework, gifted and talented, special, bilingual, and compensatory education programs. The demographics of the District and the types of coursework students pursue are continuing to evolve in the District. The following chart details the enrollment trends of the District.

ENROLLMENT TRENDS								
Year	Enroliment	ADA						
2018	158	141.2						
2019	152	137.3						
2020	164	151.8						
2021	168	152.4						
2022	155	146.0						



The following table indicates the net position of the District at the end of the previous and current year.

Table I BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT												
Net Position Governmental Business-Type												
		Activ		and the state of the state		Activ				Totals		
		2021		2022	2	021	2	022		2021	-	2022
Current and other assets	\$	6,676,047	\$	9,915,354	\$	-	\$	-	\$	6,676,047	\$	9,915,354
Capital assets		14,774,473		14,473,159		-		-		14,774,473		14,473,159
Deferred Outflows to TRS/Other/OPEB		467,235		401,206	1	-		-		467,235		401,206
Total assets and deferred outflows	\$	21,917,755	\$	24,789,719	\$	-	\$	-	\$	21,917,755	\$	24,789,719
Long-term liabilitics	\$		\$		\$	-	\$		\$		\$	-
Net Pension Liability		571,792		272,453		-		-		571,792		272,453
Net OPEB Liability		837,393		731,171		-		-		837,393		731,171
Other liab & unearned revenues		1,020,599		1,140,985		-				1,020,599		1,140,985
Deferred Inflows Related to TRS/OPEB		803,386		1,056,616					_	803,386		1,056,616
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	\$	3,233,170	\$	3,201,225	\$	4	\$	-	\$	3,233,170	\$	3,201,225
Net Position:									-			- William
Net Investment in capital assets	\$	14,774,473	\$	14,473,160	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,774,473	\$	14,473,160
Restricted		193,302		186,810		-				193,302		186,810
Unrestricted		3,716,810		6,928,524			-			3,716,810		6,928,524
Total net position	\$	18,684,585	\$	21,588,494	\$	-	s	-	\$	18,684,585	\$	21,588,494

The following table indicates the changes in net position of the District during the previous and eurrent year.

Table II												
BLACKWELL CO				CH	IOOL DISTR	ICT						
Changes in Net Position												
	Gover	mental	Business-Type									
	Activ	/ities	Activities		Tota	ls						
	2021	2022	2021 2022		2021	2022						
Program Revenues:												
Charges for Services	\$ 39,955	\$ 54,017	\$ - \$	- \$	39,955	\$ 54,017						
Operating grants & contributions	33,855	(16,960)	-	-	33,855	(16,960						
Effect of GASB 75 Negative Accrual	-		-	-								
General Revenues:												
Maintenance & operations taxes	7,269,080	6,378,881	-	-	7,269,080	6,378,881						
Debt service taxes	817,251	1,114	-	-	817,251	1,114						
State aid - formula grants	3,422,448	4,716,381		-	3,422,448	4,716,381						
Grants and contributions not												
restricted to specific functions	-	-	-	-	-							
Investment earnings	14,613	50,034	•	-	14,613	50,034						
Miscellaneous Include Ed Fd Don.	165,033	691,265			165,033	691,265						
Total Revenues	\$ 11,762,235	\$ 11,874,732	\$ - \$	- 3	11,762,235	\$ 11,874,732						
Expenses												
Instruction, curriculum &												
media services	\$ 2,309,437		\$ - \$	- \$								
Instructional & school leadership	293,561	234,117	-	-	293,561	234,117						
Student support services	298,710	326,635	-	-	298,710	326,635						
Food Services	193,903	205,777	-	-	193,903	205,777						
Extracurrienlar activities	364,158	421,707	-	-	364,158	421,707						
General administration &												
data processing	456,430	636,129	-	-	456,430	636,129						
Plant maintenance & security	705,748	646,528	•	-	705,748	646,528						
Interest on long term debt	14,962	-	-	-	14,962							
Other business-type activities &												
intergovernmental	5,188,898	4,215,770	-	-	5,188,898	4,215,770						
Total Expenses	\$ 9,825,807	\$ 8,970,823	s - s	- 5	9,825,807	\$ 8,970,823						
Increase in net position before												
transfers and special items	\$ 1,936,428	\$ 2,903,909	s - s	- 5	1,936,428	\$ 2,903,909						
Transfers		-		-	-							
Extraordinary & special items	-	-	-	-	-							
Prior period adjustment - TRS - Care												
OPEB Plan	16 749 167	10 204 505	1	-	16,748,157	10 604 505						
Net position at 9/1	16,748,157	18,684,585		-		18,684,585						
Total Net Position	\$ 18,684,585	\$ 21,588,494	\$ - \$	- 1	18,684,585	\$ 21,588,494						

Analysis of Change in Net Position for Governmental Activities:	
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures for Governmental Funds	\$ 3,101,764
Current Year Purchases of Capital Assets	297,161
Current Year Debt Principal Payments	-
Depreciation	(598,474)
Net Adjustments to Pension Expense required by GASB 68	41,028
Net Adjustments to OPEB Plan required by GASB 75	45,274
Other Modified to Full Accrual Revenue Adjustments	17,156
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 2,903,909

### THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

		General Fund		Debt Service Fund		Special Revenue Funds	Total		
Revenues	\$	11,981,624	\$	2,617	\$	68,449	\$	12,052,690	
Expenditures		(8,724,589)		-		(226,337)		(8,950,926)	
Other Financing Sources		-		-		150,179		150,179	
Other Financing Uses		(150,179)		-		-		(150,179)	
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	3,106,856	\$	2,617	\$	(7,709)	\$	3,101,764	
Beginning Fund Balance		5,372,919		14,600		170,388		5,557,907	
Ending Fund Balance									
All Governmental Funds	\$	8,479,775	\$	17,217	\$	162,679	\$	8,659,671	

A financial summary of the District's funds for the current year is as follows:

The District did modify its budget during the year resulting in a change in budgeted expenditures between the original and final budget in the District's General Fund. Amendments were made during the current year for various categories of expenditures as per Exhibit G-1.

### CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### **Capital Assets**

At the end of the current year, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including facilities and equipment for instruction, transportation, athletics, administration, and maintenance. This year's major additions and the net change in total capital assets are as follows:

206 N Teacherage Renovation and Addition 110 W Brazos Storage Shed	\$ 289,909 7,252
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 297,161
Total Deletions	
Net Change	\$ 297,161

The District's next fiscal year general fund capital budget indicates no significant capital outlay.

### <u>Debt</u>

The District's long-term debt as of the current year end is as follows:

	Interest Rate on Issue	Amounts Original Issue	Interest Current Year	Outstanding 8/31/2022	Next Year's Total Principal and Interest Requirement
None	0.00%				
Totals		\$	- \$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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

The District's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the next fiscal year budget and tax rates. Those factors included the local economy, the effects of newly enacted IIB3, and changes in the average student population during the five previous years. These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for next year. A summary of the next fiscal year budget is as follows:

	-		Child	Debt	
		General	Nutrition	Service	
		Fund	Fund	Fund	TOTALS
Revenues	\$	8,590,921	\$ 36,300	\$ -	\$ 8,627,221
Expenditures		(8,424,437)	(202,784)	-	(8,627,221)
Other Financing Sources		-	150,000	-	150,000
Other Financing Uses		(150,000)		-	(150,000)
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$	16,484	\$ (16,484)	\$ -	\$
Beginning of Year Fund Balance		8,479,775	156,129	17,217	8,653,121
Projected End of Year Fund Balance	\$	8,496,259	\$ 139,645	\$ 17,217	\$ 8,653,121









## CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's business office, at Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, 610 N Alamo, PO Box 505, Blackwell, Texas 79506: (325) 282-2311.

# BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION AUGUST' 31, 2022

Data	Primary Government				
Control	Governmental				
Codes	Activities				
ASSETS					
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,479,409				
220 Property Taxes - Delinquent	152,929				
230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(38,232)				
240 Due from Other Governments	321,248				
Capital Assets:					
510 Land	90,778				
520 Buildings, Net	13,970,478				
530 Furniture and Eqnipment, Net	411,903				
000 Total Assets	24,388,513				
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
705 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS Pension	157,759				
706 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS OPEB	243,447				
700 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	401,206				
LIABILITIES					
110 Accounts Payable	30,149				
160 Accrued Wages Payable	157,061				
180 Due to Other Governments	950,231				
200 Accrued Expenses	3,544				
Noncurrent Liabilities:					
540 Net Pension Liability (District's Share)	272,453				
545 Net OPEB Liability (District's Share)	731,171				
000 Total Liabilities	2,144,609				
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
605 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS Pension	374,054				
606 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS OPEB	682,562				
600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,056,616				
NET POSITION					
200 Net Investment in Capital Assets Restricted:	14,473,159				
850 Restricted for Debt Service	24,131				
890 Restricted for Other Purposes	162,679				
900 Unrestricted	6,928,525				
000 Total Net Position	\$ 21,588,494				
5000 Total Net Position	\$ 21,588,4 				

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	FOR THE YE	EAR EN	NDED AUGU:	ST 3	1, 2022			Nct (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net
Dat	a				Program	Rev	enues	Position
Co	ntrol		I		3		4	6
Co							Operating _	Primary Gov.
					Charges for		Grants and	Governmental
			Expenses		Services		Contributions	Activities
Pr	imary Government:							
	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:							
11	Instruction	\$	2,192,570	\$	-	\$	(14,781) \$	(2,207,351)
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services		60,241		-		-	(60,241)
13	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development		31,349		-		-	(31,349)
21	Instructional Leadership		11,803		-		-	(11,803)
23	School Leadership		222,314		-		(1,957)	(224,271)
31	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services		37,180		-		(345)	(37,525)
33	Health Services		76,841		-		(730)	(77,571)
34	Student (Pupil) Transportation		212,614		-		(411)	(213,025)
35	Food Services		205,777		43,697		6,205	(155,875)
36	Extracurricular Activities		421,707		1,000		(540)	(421,247)
41	General Administration		610,721		-		(2,268)	(612,989)
51	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		637,193		9,320		(2,133)	(630,006)
52	Security and Monitoring Services		9,335		-		-	(9,335)
53	Data Processing Services		25,408		-		-	(25,408)
91 02	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools		4,088,677		-		-	(4,088,677)
93	Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements		45,353		-		-	(45,353)
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges		81,740					(81,740)
[	TP] TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:	\$	8,970,823	\$	54,017	\$	(16,960)	(8,933,766)
	Data Control General I Codes Taxes	8:						
					General Purpos	es		6,378,881
			Taxes, Levied		Debt Service			1,114
			ormula Grants	5				4,716,381
			Earnings					50,034
	MI Misc	ellanco	us Local and I	nter	mediate Revent	ue	_	691,265
	TR Total (	General	Revenues				_	11,837,675
	CN		Change in N	let F	osition			2,903,909
	NB Net Posit	ion - B	eginniug				_	18,684,585
	NE Net Posit	iou - E	nding				\$	21,588,494

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

AUG	UST	31,	2022
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			_		
Data		10			Total
Control		General		Other	Governmental
Codes		Fund		Funds	Funds
ASSETS					
1110 Cash and Cash Equivale	nts	\$ 9,280,546	\$	198,863	§ 9,479,409
1220 Property Taxes - Delinq		143,710		9,219	152,929
1230 Allowance for Uncollec	tible Taxes	(35,927)		(2,305)	(38,232)
1240 Due from Other Govern	ments	 320,933		315	321,248
1000 Total Assets		\$ 9,709,262	\$	206,092	\$ 9,915,354
LIABILITIES					
2110 Accounts Payable		\$ 19,363	\$	10,787	\$ 30,150
2160 Accrued Wages Payable		148,964		8,097	157,061
2180 Due to Other Governme	nts	949,995		236	950,231
2200 Accrued Expenditures		 3,382		162	3,544
2000 Total Liabilities		1,121,704		19,282	1,140,986
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF	RESOURCES				
2601 Unavailable Revenue - H	Property Taxes	 107,783		6,914	114,697
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of	of Resources	 107,783		6,914	114,697
FUND BALANCES Restricted Fund Balance	,				
3480 Retirement of Long-Te		-		17,217	17,217
3490 Other Restricted Fund		-		162,679	162,679
3600 Unassigned Fund Balan		8,479,775		-	8,479,775
3000 Total Fund Balances		 8,479,775		179,896	8,659,671
4000 Total Liabilities, Deferre	d Inflows & Fund Balances	\$ 9,709,262	\$	206,092	\$ 9,915,354

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AUGUST 31, 2022

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	¢	9 650 671
Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	8,659,671
1 The District does not use internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self-insurance and printing, to appropriate functions in other funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds would be included if maintained in governmental activities in the statement of net position. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase (decrease) net position.		-
2 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. At the beginning of the year, the cost of these assets was \$24,138,235 and the accumulated depreciation was \$9,363,762. In addition, long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period, and, therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. The net effect of including the beginning balances for capital assets (net of depreciation) and long-term debt in the governmental activities is to increase (decrease) net position.		14,774,473
3 Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of including the current year capital outlays and debt principal payments is to increase (decrease) net position.		297,161
4 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability required by GASB 68. The net position related to TRS included a deferred resource outflow in the amount \$157,759, a deferred resource inflow in the amount of \$374,054, and a net pension liability in the amount of \$272,453. This resulted in a decrease in net position.		(488,748)
5 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability required by GASB 75. The net position related to TRS included a deferred resource outflow in the amount of \$243,447, a deferred resource inflow in the amount of \$682,562, and a net OPEB liability in the amount of \$731,171. This resulted in a decrease in net position.		(1,170,286)
6 The current year depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.		(598,474)
7 Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unearned revenue as revenue, eliminating interfund transactions, reclassifying the proceeds of bond sales as an increase in bonds payable, and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt and interest. The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to increase (decrease) net position.		114,697
19 Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	21,588,494

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data			10			Total
Con	trol		General	Other	Governmental Funds	
Cod	es		Fund	Funds		
I	REVENUES:					
5700 5800	Total Local and Intermediate Sources State Program Revenues	\$	7,094,318 \$ 4,887,306	63,837 7,229	\$	7,158,155 4,894,53 <u>5</u>
5020	Total Revenues		11,981,624	71,066		12,052,690
	EXPENDITURES:					
1	Current:					
0011	Instruction		1,979,497	-		1,979,497
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services		60,241	-		60,241
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development		31,349	-		31,349
0021	Instructional Leadership		11,803	-		11,803
0023	School Leadership		248,274	-		248,274
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services		41,149	•		41,149
0033	Health Services		85,409	•		85,409
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation		178,626	-		178,626
0035	Food Services		-	209,075		209,075
0036	Extracurricular Activities		313,383	17,262		330,645
0041	General Administration		640,614	-		640,614
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations		883,731			883,731
0052	Security and Monitoring Services		9,335	-		9,335
0053	Data Processing Services		25,408	-		25,408
	Intergovernmental:					
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools		4,088,677	-		4,088,677
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA		45,353	-		45,353
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges		81,740			81,740
6030	Total Expenditures	_	8,724,589	226,337		8,950,926
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		3,257,035	(155,271)	_	3,101,764
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
7915	Transfers In		-	150,179		150,179
8911	Transfers Out (Use)		(150,179)	-		(150,179)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(150,179)	150,179		
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances		3,106,856	(5,092)		3,101,764
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)		5,372,919	184,988		5,557,907
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$	8,479,775 \$	179,896	\$	8,659,671
#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT EXHIBIT C-4 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Total Nat Change in Fund Palaneer, Covernmental Funde	 0.101.7(4
Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 3,101,764
The District does not use internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self- insurance and printing, to appropriate functions in other funds. The net income (loss) of internal service funds would be reported with governmental activities if used by the District. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase (decrease) net position.	-
Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of removing the current year capital outlays and debt principal payments is to increase (decrease) net position.	297,161
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.	(598,474)
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unearned revenue as revenue, adjusting current year revenue to show the revenue earned from the current year's tax levy, eliminating interfund transactions, reclassifying the proceeds of bond sales, and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt and interest. The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to increase (decrease) net position.	17,156
GASB 68 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows. These contributions made after the measurement date of the plan caused the change in ending net position to increase by \$52,756. Contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were also expended and recorded as a reduction in net pension liability. This caused a decrease in the chauge in net position totaling \$45,476. Finally, the proportionate share of the TRS pension expense on the plan as a whole had to be recorded. The net pension expense increased the change in net position by \$33,748. The net result is an increase in the change in net position.	41,028
GASB 75 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows. These contributions made after the measurement date of the plan caused the change in ending net position to increase by \$15,380. Contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were also expended and recorded as a reduction in net OPEB liability. This caused a decrease in the change in net position totaling \$14,808. Finally, the proportionate share of the TRS OPEB expense on the plan as a whole had to be recorded. The net pension expense (increased) decreased the change in net position by \$44,702. The net result is an increase (decrease) in the change in net position.	45,274
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 2,903,909

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2022

Custodial Fund	Fiduciary Component Unit	
\$ 52,913	<b>\$</b> -	
-	1,025,625	
	31,794,925	
52,913	<u>\$ 32,</u> 820,550	
52,913	-	
•	32,820,550	
\$ 52,913	\$ 32,820,550	
	Fund \$ 52,913  52,913 52,913	

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FIDUCIARY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Custodial Fund	Fiduciary Component Unit
ADDITIONS:		
Miscellaneous Revenue - Student Activities	\$ 91,70	0 \$ -
Earnings from Temporary Deposits	-	(2,022,652)
Total Additions	91,70	00 (2,022,652)
DEDUCTIONS:		
Professional and Contracted Services	-	105,766
Supplies and Materials	87,98	
Other Deductions	-	279,165
Total Deductions	87,91	384,931
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	3,71	9 (2,407,583)
Total Net Position - September 1 (Beginning)	49,19	35,228,133
Total Net Position - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 52,91	3 \$ 32,820,550

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

# BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

#### I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District (the "District")** is a public educational agency operating under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas. It is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board") elected by registered voters of the District. The District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The District also complies with the requirements of the appropriate version of Texas Education Agency's *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide* (the "Resource Guide") and the requirements of contracts and grants of agencies from which it receives funds.

#### A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") is elected by the public and has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the District is a financial reporting entity as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") in its Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity" and amended by GASB Statement No. 61. The only component unit included within the reporting entity is the Blackwell Educational Foundation, Inc. which is included as a fiduciary component unit.

#### **B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the **Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District** non-fiduciary activities with most of the inter-fund activities removed. *Governmental activities* include programs supported primarily by taxes, state foundation funds, grants and other intergovernmental revenues. *Business-type activities* include operations that rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

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

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for three fund categories - governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for District operations, they are not included in the government-wide statements. The District considers some governmental and enterprise funds major and report their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues result from providing goods and services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations; they usually come from exchange or exchange-like transactions. All other revenues are non-operating. Operating expenses can be tied specifically to the production of the goods and services, such as materials and labor and direct overhead. Other expenses are non-operating.

# C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as do the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities and fund balances are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases and decreases in current assets (i.e., revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available, and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for un-matured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due. The expenditures related to certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The District considers all revenues available if they are collectible within 60 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, that is, when they are both measurable and available. The District considers them "available" if they will be collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. 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.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as unearned revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the District to refund all or part of the unused amount. The Proprietary Fund Types and Fiduciary Funds are accounted for on a flow of <u>economic</u> resources measurement focus and utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable and expenses in the accounting period in which they are incurred and become measurable. The District applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the Financial Accounting Standards Board pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict or contradict GASB pronouncements. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the fund Statement of Net Position. The fund equity is segregated into invested in capital assets net of related debt, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

# D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

- **General Fund** The general fund is the District's primary operating fund. This fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- Special Revenue Fund The District did not maintain major special revenue governmental funds during the current year.
- Capital Projects Fund The District did not maintain a major capital project governmental fund during the current year.
- Debt Service Fund The District did not maintain major debt service governmental funds during the current year.
- Other Governmental Fund The District did not maintain other major governmental funds during the current year.

The District reports the following major enterprise fund(s):

#### The District does not maintain major enterprise funds at present.

There are no present balances due to the internal service funds from obligations made to maintain capital for the operation of each internal service fund for such activities as self-insurance; thus the balance is not scheduled to be collected in the subsequent year.

All remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) inter-fund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

During the current year ended August 31, 2022, the District did not make a one-time transfer of funds from the general fund to the debt service fund to subsidize, in part, the District's obligation of interest and sinking fund requirements.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund type(s):

#### **Governmental Funds:**

- **Special Revenue Funds** The District accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most Federal and some State financial assistance is accounted for in a Special Revenue Fund and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.
- **Debt Service Funds** The District accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds in a dcbt service fund when applicable.

#### **Proprietary Funds:**

Enterprise Funds – The District's activities for which outside users are charged a fee roughly equal to the cost of providing the goods or services of those activities are accounted for in an enterprise fund when applicable.

#### Fiduciary Funds:

- **Private Purpose Trust Funds** The District accounts for donations for which the donor has stipulated that both the principal and the income may be used for purposes that benefit parties outside the District. When applicable, the District maintains a private purpose trust fund to provide scholarships for students that have graduated from the District.
- **Custodial Funds** The District accounts for resources held for others in a custodial capacity in custodial funds including funds used to account for student activities.
- The balance due to the internal service fund from the general fund resulted from obligations made to maintain capital for the operation of the internal service fund for such activities as self-insurance; the balance is not scheduled to be collected in the subsequent year.
- All remaining balances resulted from the time lag between the dates that (1) inter-fund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made.
- Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, (2) move receipts restricted to debt service from the funds collecting the receipts to the debt service fund as debt service payments become due, and (3) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

# E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. For purposes of the statement of cash flows for proprietary funds, the District considers highly liquid investments to be cash equivalents if they have maturity of three months or less when purchased.

- 2. The District reports inventories of supplies using the first-in, first-out inventory cost method, if material. The supplies include consumable maintenance, instructional, office, athletic, and transportation items. Under the purchase method, supplies are recorded as expenditures when they are purchased. Inventories of food commodities are recorded at market values supplied by the Department of Agriculture. Although commodities are received at no cost, their fair market value is supplied by the Department of Agriculture and recorded as revenue and expenditures when received. Material inventories (if any) including food commodities are recorded as an asset and a corresponding amount of expenditures are reduced at yearend.
- 3. In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities, or proprietary fund type statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as expense in the year of issue.

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

- 4. It is the District's policy to permit some employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. There is no liability for unpaid accumulated sick leave since the District does not have a policy to pay any amounts when employees separate from service with the District. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.
- 5. Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure assets are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Buildings, furniture and equipment of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

ASSETS	YEARS
Buildings	40
Buildings and Improvements	40
Infrastructure	40
Vehicles	10
Office Equipment	10
Computer Equipment	10

- 6. Since Internal Service Funds in the District support the operations of governmental funds, they are consolidated with the governmental funds in the government-wide financial statements. The expenditures of governmental funds that create the revenues of internal service funds are eliminated to avoid "grossing up" the revenues and expenses of the District as a whole.
- 7. Restricted assets, if applicable, of the District are limited to cash and certificates of deposit which have been gifted to the District with the stipulation that only the earnings are available for current and future scholarship recipients.
- 8. The Districts that participate in self-funded workers' compensation programs execute inter-local agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The program, if applicable, provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members and their injured employees.

#### 9. Net Position and Fund Balances:

#### Government-wide and Proprietary Fund Net Position:

Government-wide and proprietary fund net positions are divided into three components:

- Net investment in capital assets—consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets plus deferred outflows of resources less deferred inflows of resources related to those assets.
- Restricted net position—consist of assets that are restricted by the District's creditors (for example, through debt covenants), by the state enabling legislation (through restrictions on shared revenues), by grantors (both federal and state), and by other contributors.
- Unrestricted—all other net position is reported in this category.

#### Governmental Fund Balances:

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- Non-spendable—Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- Restricted—Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of the District's state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
- Committed—Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by Board of Trustees' ordinance.
- Assigned—Amounts that are designated by the Superintendent for a particular purpose but are not spendable until a budget ordinance is passed or there is a majority vote approval (for capital projects or debt service) by the Board of Trustees.
- Unassigned—All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

#### 10. Use of Restricted Resources:

When an expenditure/expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position), the District's policy is to first apply the expenditure/expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources. In governmental funds, the District's policy is to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to other, less-restrictive classifications—committed and then assigned fund balances before using unassigned fund balances.

- 11. The District applies Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 72, Fair Market Value Measurement and Application. GASB Statement No. 72 provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for reporting purposes and applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.
- 12. Investment income reported in one fund has not been assigned directly to another fund by the District.

- 13. The Data Control Codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in the *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide*. Texas Education Agency requires school districts to display these codes in the financial statements filed with the Agency in order to ensure accuracy in building a statewide database for policy development and funding plans.
- 14. Deferred Outflows of Resources:

The District reports decreases in net assets that relate to future periods as deferred outflows of resources in a separate section of its government-wide and proprietary funds statements of net position. The deferred outflow of resources reported in this year's Statement of Net Position relates to the TRS GASB #68 and GASB #75 liabilities and a deforred charge incurred on refunding honds. No deferred outflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements in the current year.

15. Deferred Inflows of Resources:

The District's governmental funds report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element reflects an increase in net assets that applies to a future period(s). The District will not recognize the related revenues until a future event occurs. The District has only one type of item which occurs because governmental fund revenues are not recognized until available (collected not later than 60 days after the end of the District's fiscal year) under the modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, deferred property taxes and grants are reported in the governmental funds balance sheet. The District's deferred inflows of resources relates to the TRS GASB #68 and #75 liabilities to report in its government-wide or proprietary fund financial statements for the current year.

- 16. Pensions: The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TRS's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.
- 17. The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Rctirement System of Texas (TRS) TRS-Care Plan has been determined using the flow of economic resource measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the new OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows or resources related to other post-employment benefits, OPEB expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TRS-Care's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. There are no investments as this is a pay-as-you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account.

# **II. RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### A. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Exhibit C-2 provides the reconciliation between the fund balance for total governmental funds on the governmental fund balance sheet and the net position for governmental activities as reported in the government-wide statement of net position. One element of that reconciliation explains that capital assets are not financial resources and are therefore not reported in governmental funds. In addition, long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported as liabilities in the funds. The details of capital assets and long-term debt at the beginning of the year were as follows:

Capital Assets at the Beginning of the Year		storical Cost		cumulated	 et Value at eginning of Year	Change in Net Position
Land	\$	90,778	\$	-	\$ 90,778	
Buildings and Improvements	20	,970,909		(6,777,122)	14,193,787	
Furniture and Equipment	3	,076,548		(2,586,640)	489,908	
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Assets		-		-	-	
Construction in Progress		-		~	-	
Change in Net Position						\$ 14,774,473
Long-term Liabilities at the Beginning of the Year					Payable at eginning of Year	
Bonds Payable					\$ -	
Add Unamortized Bond Premium / Disc	ount	Less De	fern	ed Charge	-	
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Asset L	iabil	ities			-	
Deferred Charge on Refunding					-	
Accrued Interest - Bonds, Notes, and C	apita	l Leases			 -	
Change in Net Position						
et Adjustment to Net Position						\$14,774,473

# **B. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES AND THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

Exhibit C-4 provides reconciliation between the net changes in fund balance as shown on the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and the changes in net position of governmental activities as reported on the government-wide statement of activities. One element of that reconciliation explains that current year capital outlays and debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements but should be shown as increases in capital assets and decreases in long-term debt in the government-wide statements. This adjustment affects both the net position balance and the change in net position shown in Exhibit C-2 and Exhibit C-4. The details of this adjustment are as follows:

	ł	Amount	To	justments Changes in Net Position	ustments to Net 'osition
Current Year Capital Outlay					
Land	\$	-			
Buildings & Improvements		<b>297</b> ,161			
Furniture & Equipment		-			
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Assets					
Construction in Progress		-			
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	\$	297,161	\$	297,161	\$ 297,161
Debt Principal Payments			-		
Bond Principal	\$	-			
Note Principal Payments		-			
Financed Purchase Obligation Payments		-			
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Payments		-			
Other Adjustments		-			
<b>Total Principal Payments</b>	\$	-		-	 -
Total Adjustment to Net Position			\$	297,161	\$ 297,161

Another element of the reconciliation on Exhibits C-2 and C-4 are described as various other reclassifications and eliminations necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. This adjustment is the result of several items. The details of this adjustment are as follows:

	А	mount	Adjustments to Change in Net Position		0	
Adjustments to Revenue, Unearned Revenue, Beg	. Ne	t Positio	1:			
Beg. of Year Unearned Tax Revenue/Internal Ser. Property tax adjustments to convert from the modified	\$	97,541			\$	97,541
accrual basis to the full accrual basis of accounting	\$	17,156	\$	17,156		17,156
Other Revenue/Expense Adjustments	\$	-		-		-
Reclassify Proceeds of Bonds, Loans & Long-Term	n Le	ase Liabi	litie	5:		
New Refunding Bond Issue	\$	-		-		-
Discount (Premium) on Issuance of Bonds	\$	-		-		-
Bonds Retired	\$	-		-		-
Reelassify Liabilities Incurred but not Liquidated This Year:						
Unused Vacation Pay and/or Unused Sick Leave Reclassify Certain Expenditures to Full Accrual	\$	-		-		-
From Modified Accrual:						
Adjust Interest Expense on Long-term Debt	\$	-		-		-
Adjust Deferred Charge on Refunding	\$	-		-		-
Current Year Amortization of Bond Premium	\$	-		-		-
Totals			\$	17,156	\$	114,697

# III. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

# A. BUDGETARY DATA

The Board of Trustees adopts an "appropriated budget" for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund and the Food Service Fund (which is included in the Special Revenue Funds). The District is required to present the adopted and final amended budgeted revenues and expenditures for each of these funds. The District compares the final amended budget to actual revenues and expenditures. The General Fund Budget report appears in Exhibit G-1 and the other two reports are in the J Exhibits as reported in the required TEA Exhibits.

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

1. Prior to August 20, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning the first day of September. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

2. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget. At least ten days public notice of the meeting must be given.

3. Prior to September 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the board. Once a budget is approved, it can only be amended at the function and fund level by approval of a majority of the members of the Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval. As required by law, such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after fiscal year end. Because the District has a policy of careful budgetary control, several amendments were necessary during the year.

4. Each budget is controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as adopted and amended by the Board of Trustees. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end. A reconciliation of fund balances for both appropriated budget and non-appropriated budget special revenue funds is as follows:

	20	gust 31, 22 Fund Salance
Appropriated Budget Funds - Food Service Special Revenue Fund	\$	151,001
Non-appropriated Budget Funds		11,678
All Special Revenue Funds	\$	162,679

# B. BUDGETARY STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE and ACCOUNTABILITY

The District has disclosed budgetary stewardship, compliance, and accountability in Section C of the Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

#### C. DEFICIT FUND EQUITY

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The District did not incur a deficit fund balance during the current school year.

# IV. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

#### A. CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The carrying amount of the District's cash and temporary investments at the end of the fiscal year follows:

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BY ACCOUNT TYPE	8/31/2022
Cash Deposits in Bank	\$ 9,532,322
Certificates of Deposit Maturity to 3 months	-
Cash on Hand	-
Restricted Cash Deposits in Bank	1,025,625
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents by Account Type	\$ 10,557,947
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS BY FUND	8/31/2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Fund	\$ 9,280,546
Major Governmental Funds	-
Non-Major Governmental Funds	198,863
Enterprise Funds	-
Internal Service Funds	-
Custodial Funds	52,913
Trust Funds	-
Other Funds	 1,025,625
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents by Fund	\$ 10,557,947

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits

<u>Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits:</u> State law requires governmental entities to contract with financial institutions in which funds will be deposited to secure those deposits with insurance or pledged securities with a fair value equaling or exceeding the amount on deposit at the end of each business day. The pledged securities must be in the name of the governmental entity and held by the entity or its agent. The District's cash deposits subject to custodial credit risk at the date of the highest cash balance and at year end were:

CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK		HEST CASH BALANCE	8/31/2022		
Name of Depository Bank: FIRST FINANCIAL BANK			_		
Total amount of FDIC Insurance (FDIC)	\$	266,451	\$	267,138	
Amount of Bond or Securities Pledged		_ 16,341,239		14,230,349	
Total FDIC, Bond or Securities Pledged	\$	16,607,690	\$	14,497,487	
Cash Deposits and Cash Investments in Bank	\$	10,081,624	\$	9,538,003	
Excess or (Shortage) FDIC and Bond or Pledged Securities Pledged	\$	6,526,066	\$	4,959,484	
The District's cash deposits were entirely covered by FDIC Insurance or by bond or pledged collateral by the Depository Bank		YES		YES	

Foreign Currency Risk: The District limits the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit by limiting all deposits denominated in a foreign currency.

# **Investments**

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Investments

#### Compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act

The **Public Funds Investment Act** (Government Code Chapter 2256) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports, and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires a governmental entity 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, (9) and bid solicitation preferences for certificates of deposit.

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

Additional policies and contractual provisions governing investments for the District are specified below:

<u>Credit Risk:</u> To limit the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations, the District limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds, and mutual bond funds to the top 2 or 3 ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs). As of the current fiscal year, the district's investments were rated by Standard & Poor's, Fitch Ratings, etc.

<u>Custodial Credit Risk for Investments:</u> To limit the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party the District requires counterparties to register the securities in the name of the district and hand them over to the District or its designated agent. This includes securities in securities lending transactions. All of the securities are in the District's name and held by the District or its agent.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk:</u> To limit the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer, the District limits investments to less than 5% of its total investments. The District further limits investments in a single issuer to 20% when they would cause investment risks to be significantly greater in the governmental and business-type activities, individual major funds, aggregate non-major funds and fiduciary fund types than they are in the primary government.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u>: To limit the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments, the District requires at least half of the investment portfolio to have maturities of less than one year on a weighted average maturity basis.

<u>Foreign Currency Risk for Investments:</u> The District limits the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment by avoiding all investments denominated in a foreign currency.

The District categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy below. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The District's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

Investments	August 31, 2022 Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets br Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Percent of Total Iavestment S	Average	Credit Risk
Investments measured at amortized cost -							
Investment pools:							
Texpool	s -	\$ -	\$-	<b>\$</b> -	0.00%	-	AAAm*
Investments measured at net asset value (NAV)-							
Investment pools:							
LoneStar	-	-		-	0.00%	-	<b>Λ</b> ΛΛ <b>m</b> *
TexStar	-	-	-	-	0 00%	~	AAAm*
Investments measured by fair value level -							
U.S. Government Agency Securities:							
Federal Home Loan Bank	-	-		-	0.00%		AA+ to Aaa
Fannie Mae		-		-	0.00%		ለለለመ*
U.S. Treasury Bonds		-	-	-	0.00%	-	AAAm*
Money Market Mutual Funds		-		-	0.00%		Not rated
Certificates of Deposit		-		-	0.00%		BBB+ to AA-
Commercial Paper	-	-	-	-	0.00%	-	BBB+ to AA-
Restricted Investments-							
Scholarship Funds				-	0.00%	-	BBB+ to AA-
Education Foundation	31, <b>794</b> ,925	31, <b>79</b> 4,925		-	100.00%	Various	BBB+ to AA-
Total Investments	\$31,794,925	\$ 31,794,925	<u>s</u> .	\$ -	100.00%		

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District had the following investments:

#### **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 located in the District in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 31 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 (1) when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period and (2) when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period after the close of the school fiscal year.

#### C. DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE

Delinquent taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of the levy. Allowances for uncollectible tax receivables within the General and Debt Service Funds are based on 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.

#### D. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

As of the current fiscal year end, there were no interfund balances.

Inter-fund transfers for the current year-end consisted of the following individual amounts:

FUND	FUND Transfers In		Tra	nsfers Out
General Fund				
Major Governmental Funds	\$	-	\$	-
Non-major Governmental Funds		-		150,179
Internal Service Funds		-		-
All Others		-		-
Total General Fund	\$	-	\$	150,179
Major Governmental Funds		_		
General Fund	\$		\$	-
Non-major Governmental Funds		-		-
Internal Service Funds		-		-
All Others		-		-
Total Major Governmental Funds	\$	-	\$	-
Non-major Governmental Funds				
General Fund	\$	150,179	\$	
Other Major Governmental Funds		-		-
Internal Service Funds		-		-
All Others		-		-
Total Non-major Governmental Funds	\$	150,179	\$	-
Total Interfund Transfers	\$	150,179	\$	150,179

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to cover operating deficits in funds such as the Food Service Funds. The District did make an operating transfer to the Food Service Fund during the current year for \$150,179.

During the current year end, the District did not make a one-time transfer of funds from the general fund to the debt service fund to subsidize, in part, the District's obligation of interest and sinking fund requirements.

# E. DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

#### **Receivables at year-end were as follows:**

			Ι	Due From						
	P	roperty		Other	Du	e From				Total
		Taxes	Go	vernments	Oth	er Funds	0	ther	Re	ceivables
Governmental Activities:										
General Fund	\$	143,710	\$	320,933	\$	-	\$	-	\$	464,643
Major Governmental Fund D/S		-		-		-		-		-
Non-major Governmental Funds		9,219		315		-		-		9,534
Internal Service Funds		-		-		-		-		-
Total Governmental Activities Amounts not scheduled for	\$	152,929	\$	321,248	\$	-	\$	-		474,177
collection during subsequent year	\$	-	<u>\$</u>	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>										
Major Enterprise Fund	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Non-major Enterprise Funds		-		-		-		-	_	
Total Business-type Activities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	

Payables at year-end were as follows:

	counts ayable	Accrued Wages Payable	Ex	Accrued penditures Expense	oue To Other Funds	Due To Other Govt.	-	Otł	1e r	Total Payables
Governmental Activities:										
General Fund	\$ 19,363	\$ 14 <b>8,964</b>	\$	3,382	\$ -	\$949,99	5	\$	-	\$1,121,704
Major Governmental Fund D/S	-	•			•		-		-	-
Non-major Governmental Funds	10,787	8,097		162	-	23	6		-	19,282
Internal Service Funds Total Governmental Type	 -	 -		-	-		-		-	-
Activities	\$ 30,150	\$ 157,061	\$	3,544	\$ -	<u>\$95</u> 0,23	1	\$	-	\$ 1,140,986
Amounts not scheduled for payment during subsequent year Business-Type Activitics:	\$ -	\$ 	\$		\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Major Enterprise Fund Non-major Enterprise Fund	\$ -	\$ •	\$	-	\$ -	S	-	\$	-	\$-
Total Business-Type Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

# F. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY

Capital asset activity for the District for the current year-end was as follows:

P	'nn	ary Gover	nme	ent				
		eginning Balance		dditions	Dati	rements		Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:		Dalance	A	aditions	Reu			Dalance
Non-Depreciable Assets:								
Land	\$	90,778	\$	_	\$	-	\$	90,778
Depreciable Assets:	Ψ	20,770	φ	_	ψ	-	J	50,770
Buildings and Improvements		20,970,909		297,161		1		21,268,069
Furniture and Equipment		3,076,548		-		-		3,076,548
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Assets		-		-		-		-
Infrastructure		-		-		-		-
Totals at Historic Cost	\$	24,138,235	\$	297,161	\$	1	\$	24,435,395
Less Accumulated Depreciation & Amort	iza	tion for:						
Buildings and Improvements	\$	6,777,122	\$	520,468	\$	(1)	\$	7,297,591
Furniture and Equipment		2,586,640		78,006		1		2,664,645
Long-Term Right to Use Lease Assets		-		-		-		-
Infrastructure								-
Total Accumulated Depreciation								
and Amortization	\$	9,363,762	\$	598,474	\$	-	\$	9,962,236
Governmental Activities Capital Assets-	<b>•</b>				•			
Net	\$	14,774,473	\$	(301,313)	\$	1	-5	14,473,159

The District has no capital assets that are not being depreciated as of the current fiscal year end except for land.

#### LONG-TERM LEASE ASSETS

#### Intangible Right-to-Use Assets

In Fiscal Year 2022, the District implemented the guidance in GASBS No. 87, *Leases*, but did not recognize the value of copiers, postage machines, and software leased under long-term contracts due to no current year long-term leases.

As of August 31, 2022, the District had no lease agreements in place for copiers, postage machines, software, or portable buildings. In the current year, the District did not enter into new lease agreements to replace older copiers. The are no lease agreement and therefore, there are no terms of the new lease agreements that require amortization and payments over future years.

epreciation & amortization expense was charged to governmental function	18 85	follows:
Instruction	\$	382,648
Instructional Resources and Media Services		-
School Leadership		
Student (Pupil) Transportation		38,293
Food Services		7,417
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities		96,777
General Administration		-
Plant Maintenance and Operations		73,339
In addition, depreciation on capital assets held by the District's Internal Service		
Fund(s) is charged to the various functions based on their usage of the assets		
al Depreciation & Amortization Expense	\$	598,474

#### G. SHORT-TERM DEBT PAYABLE

The District accounts for short-term debts for maintenance purposes through the General Fund. Short-term debts include notes made in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Education Code Section 45.108. The proceeds from loans are shown in the governmental fund financial statements as Other Resources and principal payments are shown as Other Uses. As shown by the following table, the District has no short-term debt payable.

Date of Issue/ Maturity	Description	Beginnin Balanc	~	Amount Issued	t	ount emed	Ending Salance
	None	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -

# H. BONDS AND LONG-TERM NOTES PAYABLE

The following is a summary of the District's long-term debt for the year ended August 31, 2022:

	Begin Bala	-	Addi	tions	Redu	ctions	End Bala	ling Ince	 Vithin Year
Governmental Activities:			_						
Bonds and Notes Payable:									
General Obligation Bonds	\$	•	\$	-	\$		\$	-	\$
Premium on Bond Issuance		-		-		-		-	-
Maintenance Tax Notes		-		-		-		-	-
Capital Leases		-		-		-		-	 -
Total Bonds and Notes Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other Liabilities:									
Accretion Interest	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		-	\$ -
Accrued Interest Payable		•		•		*		-	•
Total Other Liabilities	\$	•	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ •
Total Governmental Activities Long-Term									
Liabilitie s	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Business-type Activities:									
Bonds and Notes Payable:									
N/A	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total Bonds & Notes Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Other Liabilities:									
Accrued Interest Payable	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Total Other Liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -
Total Business-type Activities Long-Term					_				
Liabilitie s	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -

#### Debt Payable - Governmental Activities:

Description	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Interest Current Year		Beginning Balance 9/1/2021	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance 8/31/2022
General Obligation Bonds Payable:								
N/A	0.00 - 0.00%	\$	- \$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$-
N/A	0 00 - 0 00%	\$	•	-		-	-	-
N/A	0 00 - 0 00%	\$	-	-	-	-	-	
N/A	0 00 - 0 00%	\$	-	-		-	-	
N/A	0.00 - 0.00%	\$	-	-	-	-		-
N/A	0 00 - 0 00%	\$	-	-	-	-		
N/A	0 00 - 0 00%	\$	-	-	-	-	-	
Total General Obligation Bonds			\$		\$-	\$ -	\$-	\$-
Premium on Bond Issuance				_	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ -
Maintenance Tax Notes Payable:								
N/A	0.00%	\$	- \$	-	\$-	\$-	<b>s</b> -	\$-
N/A	0.00%	\$	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Maintenance Tax Notes			\$	-	<b>\$</b> -	\$-	\$-	\$ -
Capital Leases Payable:							_	
N/A	0.00%	\$	- \$	-	5 -	\$-	\$-	\$-
N/A	0 00%	\$	-	-		-	-	-
Total Capital Leases			\$	-	\$ -	\$-	\$ -	\$ -
Total Debt Payable - Governmental Activities			\$	-	s .	s.	\$ -	<b>S</b> -

The following table summarizes the annual debt service requirements of the District's Governmental Activities long-term debt August 31, 2022:

	General O	bligation Bo	nds Mai	птелансе Тах	Notes	Capital Lease	s	Totals	
	Principal	Inte	<u>est</u> Pri	ncipal Inte	erest Prin	icipal Inte	rest Princ	ipal Inte:	rest
2023	\$	- 5	- 5	- 5	- 5	- 5	- \$	- \$	-
2024		•			-		-	-	-
2025		•		-	-	-	-	-	-
2026			-	-			-		-
2027			•	-			-		-
2028-2032				-			•	-	-
2033-2037				-			-	-	-
2038-2042				-			-	-	-
2043-2047		-		-	-	-		-	-
2048-2052		•	•	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$	- <u>s</u>	- \$	- 5	- 5	- \$	- \$	- \$	-

On August 20, 2015, the District issued general obligation bonds (Series 2015 Tax Rcfunding Bonds) of \$3,830,000 (par value) with an interest rates ranging between 3.00% and 4.00%. The District issued the bonds to refund \$3,950,000 of the 2006 Series Tax School Bonds with interest rates ranging between 4.0% and 4.0%. The refunding bonds were issued at par, and after receiving a premium of \$300,192 and accrued interest of \$0, paying issuance costs of \$100,357, the net proceeds were \$4,029,835. The net proceeds were used to retire the 2006 School Building Bonds and accrued interest during the year ended August 31, 2015 except for \$700,000 that was paid February 15, 2016. As a result of the refunding, the District decreased its total debt service requirement by \$190,252, which resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$181,731 during the 2015 year.

In prior years, the District has not defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, no trust account assets and liabilities for the defeased bonds exist and none are included in the District's financial statements. As of August year-end, **\$0** of bonds considered defeased are still outstanding.

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the general obligation bond indenture. District administration has indicated that the District is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions at year-end.

#### LONG-TERM LEASE OBLIGATIONS

#### Intangible Right-to-Use Lease Liabilities

In FY 2022, the District implemented the guidance of GASB Statement No. 87, Leases, for accounting and reporting leases that had previously been reported as operating leases.

#### **Copier** Leases

The District does not lease copier/printers. The District did not enter into a new leases which requires a minimum monthly lease payment plus additional charges for excess usage and excluding applicable taxes. The leased equipment and accumulated amortization of the right-to-use assets would be show in Note F except there are no long-term leases to report.

#### Software and Phone Leases

The District does not lease software and phones. The leased equipment and accumulated amortization of the right-to-use assets would be show in Note F except there are no long-term leases to report.

Lease Payments to Maturity of the District's Governmental Activities long-term leases as of August 31, 2022:

	Сор	y Machine Le	ases F	ostage Machin	ie 1	furfTank Leas	e	Totals	
	Prin	cipal Inte	rest Prin	cipal Inte	rest Prin	cipal Inte	rest Prin	cipal Inte	rest
2023	S	- <b>S</b>	- \$	- S	- \$	- \$	- \$	- \$	-
2024		-		-	-		-	-	-
2025		•	-	-	-		-	-	-
2026		-	-	-	-	-	-		-
2027		•	-	-	-		-	-	-
2028-2032			-	-	-	-	-	*	-
2033-2037			-	-	-		-	-	-
2038-2042			-	•	-		-		-
2043-2047		-		-	-		-	-	-
2048-2052		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$	- 5	- 5	- \$	- \$	- 5	- \$	- \$	

#### I. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The District is not liable for any current or future short-term operating leases as of the current year-end.

#### J. ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS

Upon retirement or death of certain employees, the District pays any accrued sick leave and vacation leave in "lump sum" cash payment to such employee or his/her estate. Individuals employed after October 1, 1985, are not eligible to receive the lump sum payments.

#### K. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

#### a. Plan Description

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

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

#### **b.** Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

#### c. 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 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 ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (a) above.

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

#### d. 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 percent of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6 percent and not more than 10 percent of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) of the 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 thru 2025. Contribution Rates can be found in the TRS 2021 ACFR, Note 11, on pages 85 and 86.

	Contribu	tion Rat	tes
	2021		2022
Member	7.7%		8.0%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	7.5%		7.8%
Employers	7.5%		7.8%
Current fiscal year employer contributions		\$	52,756
Current fiscal year member contributions		\$	164,14
2021 measurement year NECE on-behalf contributions		\$	130,107
Payments made by the State On-Behalf of the District for Me	edicare, Part D:		
Fiscal year 2020 Medicare, Part D On-Behalf		\$	7,88
Fiscal year 2021 Medicare, Part D On-Behalf		\$	8,66
Fiscal year 2022 Medicare, Part D On-Behalf		\$	8,55

Contributors to the plan include members, employers and the State of Texas as the only nonemployer 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 percent of the state contribution rate for certain instructional or administrative employees; and 100 percent of the state contribution rate for all other employees.

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge an employer is subject to.

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.6 percent of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2021, gradually increasing to 2 percent in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

#### e. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: Actuarial Assumptions can be found in the 2021 TRS ACFR, Note 11, page 87.

Valuation Date	August 31, 2020 rolled forward to August 31, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Single Discount Rate	7.25%
Long-term expected investment rate of return	7.25%
Municipal Bond Rate of of August 2019	<ul> <li>1.95%. Source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal Bonds with</li> <li>20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"</li> </ul>
Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period (100 years)	2120
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases including inflation	3.05 % to 9.05% including inflation
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions are used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2020. For a full description of these assumptions please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 9, 2020.

#### f. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.25 percent was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 8.50 percent of payroll in fiscal year 2020 gradually increasing to 9.55 percent of payroll over the next several years. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.25 percent. 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 System's target asset allocation as of August 31, 2021 (see page 53 of the TRS ACFR) are summarized below:

# Teacher Retirement System of Texas Asset Allocation and Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return As of August 31, 2021

Asset Class*	Target Allocation %**	Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return***	Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
USA	18.0 %	3.6 %	0.94 %
Non-US Developed	13.0	4.4	0.83
Emerging Markets	9.0	4.6	0.74
Private Equity	14.0	6.3	1.36
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16.0 %	(0.2)%	0.01 %
Absolute Return	0.0	1.1	0.00
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.0	2.2	0.12
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.0 %	4.5 %	1.00 %
Energy, Natural Resources & Infrastructure	6.0	4,7	0.35
Commodities	0.0	1.7	0.00
Risk Parity	8.0 %	2.8 %	0.28 %
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2.0 %	(0.7)%	(0.01) %
Asset Allocation Leverage	(6.0)	(0.5)	0.03
Inflation Expectation			2.20 %
Volatility Orag****			(0.95)%
Expected Return	100.0 %		6.90 %
*Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investment	s.		

#### g. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the Net Pension Liability of the plan using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate. The discount rate can be found in the 2021 TRS ACFR, Note 11, page 87 and the Table of Sensitivities [Table 11.I.1] can be found on page 88.

	 1% Decrease in			1%	Increase in
	Discount Rate Discount Rate		scount Rate Discount Rate Disco		count Rate
	(6.25%) (7.25%)		(7.25%)		(8.25%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability:	\$ 595,353	\$	272,453	\$	10,483

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

At the current year ended August 31, the District reported a liability of \$272,453 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	\$ 272,453
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	 776,423
Total	\$ 1,048,876

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2020, and rolled forward to August 31, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2020, thru August 31, 2021.

At August 31, 2021, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0010698504% which was an increase (decrease) of 0.0000022375% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2020.

#### **Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation**

There were no changes in assumptions since the prior measurement date.

For the measurement year ended August 31, the district recognized the following:

Year Ended August 31, 2021 pension expense	\$ 14,832
Revenue for support provided by the State	\$ 3,104

As of the current year ended August 31, 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: The current year amounts can be found on the GASB 68 Plan Level Schedule of Deferred Inflows and Outflows file, rows 11, 20, 29 and 38 in column I and J.

	 rred Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources		
Differences between expected and actual actuarial experiences	\$ 456	\$	19,181	
Changes in actuarial assumptions	96,307		41,982	
Differences between projected and actual investment carnings	-		228,448	
Changes in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	8,240		84,443	
Total as of August 31, 2020 measurement date	\$ 105,003	\$	374,054	
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	52,756			
Total as of fiscal year-end	\$ 157,759	\$	374,054	

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

Fiscal year ended August 31,	Pension
2023	\$ (56,058)
2024	(51,045)
2025	(69,162)
2026	(85,378)
2027	(6,934)
Thereafter	(474)

#### L. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The District provided health insurance coverage for employees under the provisions of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) active care health insurance plan during the current year. The District paid premiums per month per employee to the plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. The plan was authorized by Article 3.51-2, Texas Insurance Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

#### M. UNEARNED REVENUE AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES- UNAVAILABLE REVENUE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Unearned Revenue and Deferred Inflows of Resources - Unavailable revenue at year-end consisted of the following:

	(	General Fund	Special levenue Funds	2	Debt Service Fund	Total
Unearned Revenue:						
Unearned Grant Revenue	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Other Unearned Revenue		-	-		-	-
Total Uncarned Revenue	\$		\$ -	\$	-	\$ -
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Unavailable Revenue-Property Taxes	\$	107,783	\$ -	\$	6,914	\$ 114,697
Other Unavailable Revenue		-	-		-	-
Total Deferred Inflows	\$	107,783	\$ -	\$	6,914	\$ 114,697

#### **N. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS**

The District participates in a variety of federal and state programs from which it receives grants to partially or fully finance certain activities. In addition, the District receives entitlements from the State through the School Foundation and Per Capita Programs. Amounts due from federal and state governments at year end, are summarized below. All federal grants shown below are passed through the TEA and are reported on the combined financial statements as "Due from State Agencies" except for some federal programs which are received directly from the federal government for grants such as the REAP Program.

FUND	- Fe	Due From State - Foundation Entitlements		From State & I Grants	Due From Other Governments		Total
General	\$	316,290	\$		\$	4,643	\$ 320,933
Special Revenue		-		-		-	-
Debt Service		-		-		315	315
Totals	\$	316,290	\$	-	\$	4,958	\$ 321,248

#### **O. REVENUE FROM LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE SOURCES**

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
Property Taxes	\$ 6,280,397	\$-	\$ 1,856	\$ 6,282,253
Penalties, Interest and Other Tax-				
Related Income Including Windfarm	79,928	-	657	80,585
Investment Income	49,497	434	103	50,034
Food Sales	-	43,697	-	43,697
Co-curricular Student Activities	1,000	17,090	-	18,090
Donations from Education Foundation	-	-	-	
Insurance Recovery, SSA, & Other	683,496	-	-	683,496
Totals	\$ 7,094,318	\$ 61,221	\$ 2,616	\$ 7,158,155

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

#### P. LITIGATION

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District is aware of pending exposure to claims related to these areas; however, legal counsel and the District do not expect any financial exposure to assets of the District.

# Q. CONSTRUCTION & OTHER SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS & CONTINGENCIES

The District at year-end had not incurred or made any additional commitments and/or contingencies in connection with construction or other areas of significance.

#### **R. JOINT VENTURE-SHARED SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS**

The District is a member of the West Central Texas Shared Services Arrangement ("SSA") and Colorado ISD Credit Recovery SSA. The SSA provides services for special education to member districts. Sweetwater and Colorado Independent School Districts are the fiscal agents for the SSA. In addition to the District, other member districts participate in the special education cooperative. The fiscal agent provides SSA services. The member districts provide the funds to the fiscal agent. The Shared Services Arrangements - Special Education has been accounted for using Model 3 in the SSA section of the TEA Resource Guide. The District has accounted for the fiscal agent of the SSA in the General Fund as intergovernmental expenditures. The District's expenditures to the SSA for the current year-end were as follows:

Shared Services Arrangement	Type of Services	Fiscal Agent	Funding Source	Fiscal Agent Special Revenue Fund	District Special Revenue Fund	Exp	rogram enditures rent Year
West Central Texas	Special	Sweetwater	State Special				
SSA	Education	ISD	Education	437	N.A	\$	29,138
West Central Texas	Abstinence	Sweetwater	Member				
SSA	Coalition	ISD	Districts	457	N.A	\$	1,215
West Central Texas	Pregnancy	Sweetwater	State/Local				
SSA	Ed Parent	ISD	Member Dist.	456	N.A	\$	2,000
	Credit	Colorado	State/Local				
Colorado ISD	Recovery	ISD	Member Dist.	446	N.A	\$	13,000
		TOTAL FUI	NCTION 93 H	XPENDI	<b>FURES</b>	\$	45,353

The District does not participate in shared service arrangements with other school districts for various educational activities. In addition to the District, other member districts participate in the educational cooperatives and the fiscal agent provides SSA services. The funding for each activity is received by the fiscal agent from the grantor agency. The fiscal agent then provides services to the member districts. According to guidance provided in TEA's Resource Guide, the Fiscal Agent has accounted for the fiscal agent's activities of the SSA in a Special Revenue Fund. The Shared Services Arrangements has been accounted for using Model 2 in the SSA section of the TEA Resource Guide. The District neither has a joint ownership interest in fixed assets purchased by the fiscal agent, nor does the district have a net equity interest in the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is neither accumulating significant financial resources nor fiscal exigencies that would give rise to a future additional benefit or burden to the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the shared services arrangement. The District does not participate in other shared service activities and therefore none are presented below in which the District participates, and the extent of funding received and expended under each program.

#### S. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing the basic financial statements, District administration has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 26, 2022, the date this Annual Financial Report was issued. No material subsequent events had occurred in the period of August 31, 2022, through that date.

#### T. RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The District at present does maintain an Educational Foundation (the "Foundation"). This entity was established as a not-for-profit entity to provide assistance and support for teachers and students to develop special programs and projects and other school district support activities. This entity is a "related organization" of the District as defined by *Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No.* 14 and amended by Statement 61. The members of the board of the Foundation are appointed by the District and the support for the District is material. Thus, the financial information is included in the report as a fiduciary component unit.

#### **U. MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT**

The District is in compliance with the maintenance of effort requirements in connection with health insurance.

#### **V. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The District incurs related party transactions with businesses owned or employers for various members of the board of trustees. The District did not incur any material reportable related party transactions or balances as of and during the current year end.

# W. FUND BALANCE / NET POSITION ADJUSTMENTS

The District did not make a fund balance adjustment; however, did make a net position adjustment during the current year of \$0 to record new GASB 87 long-term right to use assets and long-term lease liabilities in the governmental activities.

Governmental Fund Balance	Gene Fui		Ser	e bt vice Ind	Pro	pital jects und	Total	
Increase (Decrease) Beginning of Year Fund Balance From N/A	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Totals	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	-
Government Wide Net Position								
Increase (Decrease) Beg of Year Net Position:								
Prior Period Adjustment - GASB 87 Long-term Leases							\$	-
					_		\$	-

#### X. WORKERS COMPENSATION / PROPERTY & CASUALTY / UNEMPLOYMENT

#### Workers' Compensation Program

During the current year, the District met its statutory workers' compensation obligations through participation in the TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Inter-local Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's workers' compensation program is authorized by Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code. All members participating in the Fund execute Inter-local Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The Fund provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members and their injured employees.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher than expected claims costs through the purchase of stop loss coverage for any claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retention of \$1.5 million. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine reserve adequacy and fully funds those reserves. As of August 31, 2022, the Fund carries a discounted reserve of \$0 for future development on reported claims and claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. For the year ended August 31, 2022, the Fund anticipates no additional liability to members beyond their contractual obligation for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial audit after the close of each plan year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2022, are available at the TASB offices and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

# **Unemployment Compensation Program**

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

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

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

# Y. DEFINED OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

#### a. Plan Description

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

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

#### b. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

# c. Benefits Provided

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

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

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

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

# d. Contributions

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

Texas Insurance Code, section 1575.202 establishes the state's contribution rate which is 1.25 percent of the employee's salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee's rate which is .65 percent of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25 percent or not more than 0.75 percent of the salary of each active employee of the public or charter school. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

	Contribu	ibution Rates			
	2021		2022		
Member	0.65%	C	.65%		
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	1.25%	1	.25%		
Employers	0.75%	0	).75%		
Federal/Private Funding Remitted by Employers	1.25%	1	.25%		
Current fiscal year employer contributions		\$	15,380		
Current fiscal year member contributions		\$	13,330		
2021 measurement year NECE on-behalf contributions		\$	19,839		
In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (*regardless of whether they participate in the TRS Care OPEB program*). When hiring a TRS retiree, employers are required to pay to TRS Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the Non-Employer Contributing Entity in the amount of \$5,520,343 in fiscal year 2021 for consumer protections against medical and health care billing by certain out-of-network providers.

#### e. Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2020. Update procedures were used to roll forward the Total OPEB Liability to August 31, 2021. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions: Actuarial Assumptions can be found in the 2021 TRS ACFR, Note 9, page 76.

The actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan offered through TRS-Care is similar to the actuarial valuation performed for the pension plan, except that the OPEB valuation is more complex. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017.

The following assumptions and other inputs used for member of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2020, TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2021:

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

The active mortality rates were based on 90 percent of the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for males and females. The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2018 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables, with full generational projection using the ultimate improvement rates from the mortality projection scale MP-2018.

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: Rates of Mortality Rates of Retirement Rates of Termination Rates of Disability Incidence

General Inflation Wage Inflation Expected Payroll Growth

#### Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2020 rolled forward to August 31, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	1.95% as of August 31, 2021
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Expenses	Thiry-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs
Salary Increases	3.05% to 9.05%, including inflation
Ad-hoc Post Employment Benefit Changes	None

#### f. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 1.95 percent was used to measure the total OPEB Liability. There was a decrease of .38 percent in the discount rate since the previous year. The Discount Rate can be found in the 2021 TRS ACFR on page 77. Because the plan is essentially a "pay-as-you-go" plan, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at a statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected *to not be able to* make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was used for the long-term rate of return and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The source of the municipal bond rate is the Fidelity "20-year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2021, using the fixed-income Market Data/Yield Curve/ Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

#### g. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1 percentage point lower than and 1 percentage point higher than the discount rate that was used 1.95%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability.

	19	% Decrease			19	6 Increase in
	in D	iscount Rate	D	iscount Rate	D	scount Rate
		(0.95%)		(1.95%)	(2.95%)	
Proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$	<b>88</b> 1, <b>9</b> 61	\$	731,171	\$	612,495

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

At the current year-end August 31, the District reported a liability of \$731,171 for its proportionate share of the TRS's Net OPEB Liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the district. The amount recognized by the district as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the Nct OPEB Liability that was associated with the district were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 731,171
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	 979, <u>606</u>
Total	\$ 1,710,777

The Net OPEB Liability was measured as of August 31, 2020, and rolled forward to August 31, 2021, and the Total OPEB Liability used to calculate the Net OPEB Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the Net OPEB Liability was based on the employer's contributions to OPEB relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2020, thru August 31, 2021.

At the current year-cnd August 31, the employer's proportion of the collective Net OPEB Liability was 0.0018954795%, compared to 0.0022028238% the previous year.

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

		Current Healthcare Cost	
	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
Proportionate share of net OPEB liability	\$ 592,224	\$ 731,171	\$ 917,603

**Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation** - The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the Total OPEB liability (TOL) since the prior measurement period: These can be found in the 2021 TRS ACFR on page 77.

• The discount rate changed from 2.33 percent as of August 31, 2020, to 1.95 percent as of August 31, 2021. This change increased the Total OPEB Liability.

Change of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date – There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date.

The amount of OPEB expense recognized by the district in the reporting period was (\$66,049).

At the current year-end August 31, the district reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits from the following sources: The current year amounts can be found on the BASB 75 Plan Level Schedule of Deferred Inflows and Outflows file, rows 8, 15, 22 and 29 in column H and I.

	-	eferred tflows of		Deferred flows of
	R	esources	R	esources
Differences between expected and actual actuarial experiences	\$	31,480	\$	353,938
Changes in actuarial assumptions		80,986		154,629
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings		794		-
Changes in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the				
proportionate share of contributions		114,807		173,995
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date		15,380		
Total as of fiscal year-end	\$	243,447	\$	682,562

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

	OPE	B Expense
Fiscal year ended August 31,	А	mount
2023	\$	(82,518)
2024		(82,535)
2025		(82,531)
2026		(63,284)
2027		(37,227) (106,400)
Thereafter		(106,400)

For the current year ended August 31, the District recognized OPEB expense of (666,049) and revenue of (36,155) for support provided by the State.

#### Z. TAX ABATEMENT:

Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District has entered into an agreement with 226HC 8ME LLC during May 15, 2019.

(<u>https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs.php</u>) The agreement was for 226HC 8ME LLC to invest capital of \$157,483,400 on a long-term basis for a valuation limitation of \$30,000,000. For fiscal year 2022, which is year 4 for the agreement, with the M&O tax rate \$.9279 per \$100, with property valued at \$130,340,000 without considering the limit and \$30,000,000 each with the limit for this agreement in years 3 through 10. When calculated, the district forgoes collecting \$931,055 in tax revenue – however, that will be offset by the increase in state funding through the FSP funding formula. In addition to the tax abatement, 226HC 8ME, LLC has made other commitments.

On 5/15/2019, the Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees approved an Agreement with 226HC 8ME LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes pursuant to the Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. Value limitation agreements are a part of a state program, originally created in 2001 which allows school districts to limit the taxable value of an approved project for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) for a period of years specified in statute. The project(s) must be consistent with the state's goal to "encourage large scale capital investments in this state." Chapter 313 grants eligibility to companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, renewable electric energy production, clean coal projects, nuclear power generation and Texas Priority projects. 226HC 8ME LLC qualified for a tax limitation agreement under Texas Tax Code 313.024(b)(5), as a renewable energy electric generation. The value limitation will begin during the 8/31/2022 school year.

The application, the agreements and state reporting requirement documentation can be viewed at the Texas Comptroller's website: <u>https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs.php</u>. The agreement and all supporting documentation were assigned Texas Comptroller Application No. 30.

As of the date of this letter, the applicant company is in full compliance with all obligations under *law* and *the* agreement itself.

## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data					Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS)		ariance With Final Budget	
Contro	M	Budgeted	unts	(0.000)	Positive or			
Codes		Original Final				(Negative)		
RI	EVENUES:							
	Fotal Local and Intermediate Sources  \$    State Program Revenues	8,005,801 235,601	\$	8,005,801 235,601	\$ 7,094,318 4,887,306	\$	(911,483) 4,651,705	
5020	Total Revenues	8,241,402		8,241,402	11,981,624		3,740,222	
EZ	KPENDITURES:							
C	Current:							
0011	Instruction	1,950,219		2,000,219	1,979,497		20,722	
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	58,273		60,773	60,241		532	
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	14,638		34,138	31,349		2,789	
0021	Instructional Leadership	11,521		12,221	11,803		418	
0023	School Leadership	278,159		278,159	248,274		29,885	
0031	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	33,994		41,994	41,149		845	
0033	Health Services	76,220		86,220	85,409		811	
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	141,482		183,482	178,626		4,856	
0036	Extracurricular Activities	313,184		331,184	313,383		17,801	
0041	General Administration	441,656		656,656	640,614		16,042	
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	526,066		912,066	883,731		28,335	
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	9,000		10,000	9,335		665	
0053	Data Processing Services	25,500		26,000	25,408		592	
I	ntergovernmental:							
0091	Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	4,100,000		4,100,000	4,088,677		11,323	
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	46,647		46,647	45,353		1,294	
0099	Other Intergovernmental Charges	62,000		84,000	81,740		2,260	
6030	Total Expenditures	8,088,559		8,863,759	8,724,589		139,170	
	excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	152,843		(622,357)	3,257,035		3,879,392	
07	THER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
8911 7	Fransfers Out (Use)	(150,000)		(150,000)	(150,179)		(179)	
1200 N	let Change in Fund Balances	2,843		(772,357)	3,106,856		3,879,213	
0100 F	und Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	5,372,919		5,372,919	5,372,919		-	
3000 F	und Balance - August 31 (Ending) \$	5,375,762	\$	4,600,562	\$ 8,479,775	\$	3,879,213	

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	P	FY 2022 an Year 2021	P	FY 2021 an Year 2020	Р	FY 2020 lan Year 2019
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)		0.00106985%		0.001067613%		0.001323526%
District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$	272,453	\$	571,792	\$	688,010
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District		776,423		1,586,125		1,505,251
Total	\$	1,048,876	\$	2,157,917	\$	2,193,261
District's Covered Payroll	\$	1,974,413	\$	1,879,705	\$	1,885,742
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		13.80%		30.42%		36.48%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability		88.79%		75.54%		75,24%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P20.183 requires that the information on this schedule he data from the period corresponding with the periods covered as of the measurement dates of August 31, 2021 for year 2022, August 31, 2020 for year 2021, August 31, 2019 for year 2020, August 31, 2018 for year 2019, August 31, 2017 for year 2018, August 31, 2016 for year 2017, August 31, 2015 for year 2016 and August 31, 2014 for year 2015.

This schedule shows only the years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until 10 years of data are available and reported.

F	FY 2019 Plan Year 2018	I	FY 2018 Plan Year 2017	 FY 2017 Plan Year 2016		FY 2016 Plan Year 2015	FY 2015 Plan Year 2014
	0.001287808%		0.001285799%	0.001313%		0.0015591%	0.0008372%
\$	708,841	\$	411,129	\$ 496,171	\$	551,121	223,627
	1,637,608		<b>992,</b> 904	1,185,940		1,152,393	1,006,042
\$	2,346,449	\$	1,404,033	\$ 1,682,111	\$	1,703,514	\$ 1,229,669
\$	1,806,684	\$	1,769,254	\$ 1,697,333	\$	1,670,734	1,599,379
	39.23%		23.24%	29.23%		32.99%	13.98%
	73,74%		82.17%	78.00%		78.43%	83.25%

### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

	 2022	2021	 2020
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 52,756 \$	45,476	\$ 43,441
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(52,756)	(45,476)	(43,441)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ - \$	-	\$ •
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,051,837 \$	1,974,413	\$ 1,879,705
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	2.57%	2,30%	2.31%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P20.183 requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's respective fiscal years as opposed to the time periods covered by the measurement dates ending August 31 of the preceding year.

This schedule shows only the years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until 10 years of data are available and reported.

 2019	 2018	 2017	 2016	 2015
\$ 46,277	\$ 43,202	\$ 42,141	\$ 41,718	\$ 46,815
(46,277)	(43,202)	(42,141)	(41,718)	(46,815)
\$ -	\$ 	\$ •	\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,885,742	\$ 1,806,684	\$ 1,769,254	\$ 1,697,333	\$ 1,670,734
2.45%	2.39%	2,38%	2,46%	2.80%

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	P	FY 2022 an Year 2021	F	FY 2021 Plan Year 2020	Р	FY 2020 lan Year 2019
District's Proportion of the Net Liability (Asset) for Other Postemployment Benefits		0.00189548%		0.002202824%		0.001983027%
District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$	731,171	\$	837,393	\$	937,799
State's Proportionate Sharc of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) Associated with the District		979,606		1,125,255		1,246,123
Total	\$	1,710,777	\$	1,962,648	\$	2,183,922
District's Covered Payroll	\$	1,974,413	\$	1,879,705	\$	1,885,742
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll		37.03%		44,55%		49.73%
Plan Fidnciary Nct Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability		6.18%		4.99%		2.66%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P50.238 states that the information on this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date. The amounts reported for FY 2022 are for measurement date August 31, 2021. The amounts reported for FY 2021 are for the measurement date of August 31, 2020. The amounts for FY 2020 are for the measurement date August 31, 2019. The amounts for FY 2019 are for the measurement date August 31, 2018. The amounts for FY 2018 are based on the August 31, 2017 measurement date.

This schedule shows only the years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until 10 years of data are available and reported.

#### EXHIBIT G-4

Р	FY 2019 Plan Year 2018	FY 2018 Plan Year 2017					
	0.001965915%		0.001982108%				
\$	981,599	\$	861,944				
	1,639,135		1,477,598				
\$	2,620,734	\$	2,339,542				
\$	1,806,684	\$	1,885,742				
	54.33%		45.71%				
	1.57%		0,91%				

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

	 2022	2021	 2020
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 15,380 \$	14,808	\$ 14,603
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(15,380)	(14,808)	(14,603)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ - \$		\$ •
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 2,051,837 \$	1,974,413	\$ 1,879,705
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.75%	0.75%	0.78%

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

Information in this schedule should be provided only for the years where data is available. Eventually 10 years of data should be presented.

#### EXHIBIT G-5

 2019	 2018
\$ 14,074	\$ 13,522
(14,074)	(13,522)
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 1,885,742	\$ 1,806,684
0.75%	0.75%

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

#### A. Notes to Schedules for the TRS Pension

#### Changes of benefit terms

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

#### Changes of assumptions

There were no changes to the actuarial assumptions since the prior measurement date.

#### B. Notes to Schedules for the TRS OPEB Plan

#### Changes in Benefit

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

#### Changes in Assumptions

The single discount rate changed from 2.33 percent as of August 31, 2020, to 1.95 percent as of August 31, 2021. This change increased the total OPEB liability.

#### C. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

#### **Budget**

The Board of Trustees (local school board) is legally required to adopt an annual budget (on a 12-month basis) for the general fund, the food scrvice fund, and if applicable, the debt service fund. The budgets must be prepared by August 20 and adopted by the local school board before expenditures are made and, if applicable, before the tax rate for the year is set. The required supplementary information for the general fund budget is located in Exhibit G-1 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund. The required Texas Education Agency (TEA) schedules for the food service fund and if applicable, the debt service fund are located in Exhibit's J-2 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Child Nutrition Fund and Exhibit J-3 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Debt Service Fund".

Once a budget is approved, it can be amended at the fund and function level only by a majority of the member of the Board of Trustees.

Encumbrances for goods or purchased services are documented by purchase orders or contracts. Under State of Texas law, appropriations lapse at year end August 31, and encumbrances outstanding at that time are to be either cancelled or appropriately provided for in the subsequent year's budget.

It is a violation of Texas State Law for expenditures to exceed the budget in any function of the general fund, the food service fund, or the debt service fund.

#### **Expenditures Exceeding Appropriation**

The current year expenditures did not exceed appropriations in any functions in the general fund as detailed in Exhibit G-1 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule -General Fund". The current year expenditures did not exceed appropriations in any functions in the food service fund as detailed in Exhibit J-2 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Child Nutrition Fund". The current year expenditures also did not exceed appropriations in any functions in the debt service fund as detailed in Exhibit J-3 "Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Debt Service Fund".

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – COMBINING SCHEDULES

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING BALANCE SHEET NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AUGUST 31, 2022

	1	100001 01, 2022							
D-4-				240		461		Total	
Data Control			National			Campus	Nonmajor		
Codes				reakfast and		Activity	Special		
			Lui	nch Program	l	Funds	Re	venue Funds	
1	ASSETS								
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$	170,047	\$	11,678	\$	181,725	
1220	Property Taxes - Delinquent			-		-		-	
1230	Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes			-		-		-	
1240	Due from Other Governments			-		-		-	
1000	Total Assets		\$	170,047	\$	11,678	\$	181,725	
I	LIABILITIES								
2110	Accounts Payable		\$	10,787	\$	-	\$	10,787	
2160	Accrued Wages Payable			8,097		-		8,097	
2180	Due to Other Governments			-		-		-	
2200	Accrued Expenditures			162		-		162	
2000	Total Liabilities			19,046	_	-	_	19,046	
I	DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES								
2601	Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes			-		-			
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources			~	_	*	_		
F	FUND BALANCES								
	Restricted Fund Balance:								
3480	Retirement of Long-Term Debt			-		-		-	
3490	Other Restricted Fund Balance			151,001		11,678		162,679	
3000	Total Fund Balances			151,001		11,678	_	162,679	
4000	Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Bal	ances	\$	170,047	\$	11,678	\$	181,725	

	599		Total
	Debt	Ъ	тота Nonmajor
	Service		vernmental
	Fund		Funds
\$	17,138	\$	198,863
	9,219		9,219
	(2,305)		(2,305)
	315		315
\$	24,367	\$	206,092
\$	-	\$	10,787
Ψ	-	Ψ	8,097
	236		236
	-		162
	236	_	19,282
	6,914		6,914
-	6,914		6,914
		_	
	17,217		17,217
			162,679
-	17,217		179,896
		·	113,050
\$	24,367	\$	206,092
<u>.</u>		-	

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data	240	461	Total	
	National	Campus	Nonmajor Special	
Control	Breakfast and	Activity		
Codes	Lunch Program	Funds	Revenue Funds	
REVENUES:	-			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 43,697	\$ 17,524	\$ 61,221	
5800 State Program Revenues	7,228	-	7,228	
5020 Total Revenues	50,925	17,524	68,449	
EXPENDITURES:				
0035 Food Services	209,075	-	209,075	
0036 Extracurricular Activities		17,262	17,262	
6030 Total Expenditures	209,075	17,262	226,337	
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(158,150)	262	(157,888)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915 Transfers In	150,179	•	150,179	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balance	(7,971)	262	(7,709)	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	158,972	11,416	170,388	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 151,001	\$ 11,678	<b>\$</b> 162,679	

599 Debt Service Fund 2,616 1	G	Total Nonmajor overnmental Funds				
Service Fund 2,616	G	overnmental Funds				
Fund 2,616		Funds				
2,616	\$					
	\$	63 027				
		63,837				
		7,229				
2,617		71,066				
-		209,075				
-		17,262				
-		226,337				
2,617		(155,271)				
-		150,179				
2,617		(5,092)				
14,600		184,988				
	•	179,896				
	2,617 2,617 2,617 14,600	2,617				

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# **REQUIRED TEA SCHEDULES**

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

ast 10 Years Ended	(1) Tax I	(1) (2) Tax Rates				
ugust 31	Maintenance	Dcbt Service	Value for School Tax Purposes			
013 and prior years	Various	Various	\$ Various			
014	1.040000	0.079000	271,142,545			
015	1.040000	0.089000	250,139,245			
016	1.040000	0.089000	321,739,793			
017	1.040000	0.110000	273,560,195			
018	1.040000	0.132000	501,223,926			
019	1.040000	0.100000	420,157,999			
020	0.970000	0.115000	400,609,202			
021	0.927900	0.104000	780,319,395			
022 (School year under audit)	0.927900	0.000000	679,581,315			

1000 TOTALS

The assessed value for maintenance and operation (M&O) is limited pursuant to provisions under Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code for Windfarm Property. The current year Chapter 313 M&O value reduction is \$100,340,000.

(10) Beginning Balance 9/1/2021	(20) Current Year's Total Levy	(31) Maintenance Collections	(32) Debt Service Collections	(40) Entire Year's Adjustments	(50) Ending Balance 8/31/2022
\$ 21,754 \$	-	\$ 87	\$ 6	\$ (708) \$	20,953
4,345	-	62	5	1	4,279
9,008	-	137	12	-	8,859
7,102	-	18	2	(1)	7,081
8,016	-	1,255	132	-	6,629
9,537	-	881	112	l	8,545
12,885	-	1,311	126	-	11,448
25,053	-	4,593	631	-	19,829
32,354	-	7,412	831	-	24,111
	6,305,835	6,264,640	-	-	41,195
\$ 130,054 \$	6,305,835	\$ 6,280,396	\$ 1,857	\$ (707) \$	152,929

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data Contro!		Budgeted Amounts				al Amounts AP BASIS)	Variance With Final Budget Positive or		
Codes		Original		Final				legative)	
REVENUES:									
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources 5800 State Program Revenues	\$	30,000 6,300	\$	30,000 6,300	\$	43,697 7,228	\$	13,697 928	
5020 Total Revenues EXPENDITURES: Current:		36,300		36,300	_	50,925		14,625	
0035 Food Services		189,143		213,143		209,075		4,068	
6030 Total Expenditures		189,143		213,143		209,075		4,068	
<sup>1100</sup> Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		(152,843)		(176,843)		(158,150)		18,693	
7915 Transfers In		150,000		150,000		150,179		179	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances		(2,843)		(26,843)		(7,971)		18,872	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)		158,972		158,972		158,972		-	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$	156,129	\$	132,129	\$	151,001	\$	18,872	

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Data Control		Budgeted Amounts				al Amounts AP BASIS)	Variance With Final Budget Positive or		
Codes	Original			Final			(Negative)		
REVENUES:									
<ul><li>5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources</li><li>5800 State Program Revenues</li></ul>	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,616 1	\$	2,616 l	
5020 Total Revenues		-		-		2,617		2,617	
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances		-		-		2,617		2,617	
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)		14,600		14,600		14,600		-	
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$	14,600	\$	14,600	\$	17,217	\$	2,617	

#### BLACKWELL CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### STATE COMPENSATORY EDUCATION AND BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Yes
Yes
\$89,859 -
\$103,657
Yes
Yes
- \$1,761 -
\$2,154

**REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS** 

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October 26, 2022

#### Independent Auditor's 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*

To the Board of Trustees Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Blackwell, Texas 79506

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 aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 26, 2022.

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

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

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

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



#### **Report On Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Blackwell Consolidated 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Janas E. Rodgers and Company

James E. Rodgers and Company, P.C.





## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

#### I. Summary of the Auditor's Results:

- 1. Type of report issued on the financial statements Unmodified opinion.
- 2. Significant deficiencies in internal control None
- 3. Significant deficiencies that were material weaknesses None.
- 4. Noncompliance, which is material to the financial statements None.

# II. Findings Relating to the Financial Statements Which Are Required To Be Reported in Accordance with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards (GAGAS).

#### Finding 2022-001:

a.	Condition:	None
b.	Criteria:	N/A
c.	Cause:	N/A
d.	Effect:	N/A
e.	Recommendation:	N/A
ſ.	District Response:	N/A

#### EXHIBIT L-1

#### SCHOOLS FIRST QUESTIONNAIRE

Blackwell Consolidated Independent School District Fiscal Year 2022 SF1 Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report on the financial statements as a whole? Yes SF2 Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement? No SF3 Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government Yes agencies? (If there was a warrant hold not cleared in 30 days, then not timely.) SF4 Was the school district issued a warrant hold? (Yes even if cleared within 30 days.) No SF5 Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state or federal funds? No SF6 Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? No SF7 Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Yes Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules in effect at the fiscal year end? SF8 Did the school board members discuss the school district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the school district adopted its budget? Yes SF9 Total accumulated accretion on CABs included in government-wide financial statements at fiscal year end. \$0

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APPENDIX E

SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

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## MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

**ISSUER:** 

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

Policy No: -N Effective Date: Premium: \$

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. ("AGM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Bonds) for the Bonds, for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of AGM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the Business Day next following the Business Day on which AGM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, AGM will disburse to or for the benefit of each Owner of a Bond the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bond that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by AGM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of the principal or interest, then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in AGM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, if will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by AGM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by AGM for purposes of the preceding sentence and AGM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, who may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement in respect of a Bond, AGM shall become the owner of the Bond, any appurtenant coupon to the Bond or right to receive for payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner's right to receive payment by AGM tor the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owner's held of the Bond, to the extent of any payment by AGM to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owner's shall, to the extent thereof, discharge the obligation of AGM under this Policy.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity unless AGM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment of principal or interest that is Due for Payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer which has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the

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United States Bankruptcy Code by a trustee in bankruptcy in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means telephonic or telecopied notice, subsequently confirmed in a signed writing, or written notice by registered or certified mail, from an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent to AGM which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount and (d) the date such claimed amount became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

AGM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee and the Paying Agent specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee and the Paying Agent, (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to AGM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to AGM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by AGM under this Policy may be made directly by AGM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of AGM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of AGM only and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of AGM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, AGM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to AGM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of AGM, and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto. (a) any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatspever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity and (b) this Policy may not be canceled or revoked. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW.

In witness whereof, ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.



ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

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Authorized Officer

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