

Enhanced Rating: S&P: "AA"
Enhanced Rating: Moody's: "A1"
Unenhanced Rating: Moody's "A2"

(See "RATING", "BOND INSURANCE" and "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein)

OFFICIAL STATEMENT
Dated: February 15, 2023

NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

In the opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds (defined below) will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations.

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

\$9,145,000
GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hansford and Sherman Counties, Texas)
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (NON-PSF)

Dated Date: February 15, 2023

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

The Gruver 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 Gruver Independent School District (the "District") on November 8, 2022 and the order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on February 15, 2023 (the "Bond Order"). 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 State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program** (see "THE BONDS – Security").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Dated Date shown 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 within a stated maturity. Principal and interest 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").

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring and equipping school facilities, the purchase of necessary sites for school facilities, including recreational facilities, the purchase of new school buses, installing technology for school facilities, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose").

The Bonds maturing on and 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 any multiple 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. (See "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption").

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 ("AGM").



MATURITY SCHEDULE
(On Inside Cover Page)

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, and received by the Underwriter identified below (the "Underwriter") subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about March 15, 2023.

HILLTOPSECURITIES

\$9,145,000
GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hansford and Sherman Counties, Texas)
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023 (NON-PSF)

MATURITY SCHEDULE
BASE CUSIP NO: 400496⁽¹⁾

| Maturity Date 2/15 | Principal Amount | Interest Rate | Initial Yield | CUSIP Suffix No.⁽¹⁾ |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 2024 | \$1,260,000 | 5.00% | 3.21% | BV6 |
| 2025 | 1,070,000 | 5.00 | 3.01 | BW4 |
| 2026 | 895,000 | 5.00 | 2.88 | BX2 |
| 2027 | 730,000 | 5.00 | 2.81 | BY0 |
| 2028 | 580,000 | 5.00 | 2.82 | BZ7 |
| 2029 | 435,000 | 4.00 | 2.90 ⁽²⁾ | CA1 |
| 2030 | 290,000 | 4.00 | 3.00 ⁽²⁾ | CB9 |
| 2031 | 155,000 | 4.00 | 3.02 ⁽²⁾ | CC7 |
| 2032 | 790,000 | 4.00 | 3.07 ⁽²⁾ | CD5 |
| 2033 | 700,000 | 4.00 | 3.19 ⁽²⁾ | CE3 |
| 2034 | 600,000 | 4.00 | 3.33 ⁽²⁾ | CF0 |
| 2035 | 520,000 | 4.00 | 3.48 ⁽²⁾ | CG8 |
| 2036 | 440,000 | 4.00 | 3.68 ⁽²⁾ | CH6 |
| 2037 | 375,000 | 4.00 | 3.86 ⁽²⁾ | CJ2 |
| 2038 | 305,000 | 4.00 | 3.97 ⁽²⁾ | CK9 |

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

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

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Date Initially Elected</u> | <u>Current Term Expires</u> | <u>Occupation</u> |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Mike Yanke, President | 2016 | 2025 | Farmer |
| Johnnie Williams, Vice President | 2018 | 2024 | City Manager |
| Garrett Gumfory, Secretary | 2017 | 2023 | Oil/Gas Business |
| Brittany Borden, Member | * | 2023 | Business Owner |
| Derik Grotegut, Member | 2018 | 2024 | Farmer |
| Matt Messer, Member | 2018 | 2025 | CFO Feedlot |
| Rex Ralston, Member | 2019 | 2025 | Farmer/Rancher |

**Appointed January 11, 2023*

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Length of Education Service</u> | <u>Length of Service with District</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Wade Callaway | Superintendent | 22 Years | 12 Years |

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

The 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 Financial Advisor or the Underwriter. 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 District's undertakings 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 UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE UNDERWRITER MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM DESCRIBED UNDER "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" OR THE BOND INSURER AND ITS MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY DESCRIBED UNDER THE HEADINGS "BOND INSURANCE" AND "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS". AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY AND THE BOND INSURER, RESPECTIVELY.

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

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the purchaser of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING 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".

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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 the entire Official Statement.

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| The District | The Gruver Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hansford and Sherman Counties, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors. |
| The Bonds | The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$9,145,000 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 the order adopted by the Board on February 15, 2023 (the "Bond Order"). Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring and equipping school facilities, including recreational facilities, the purchase of necessary sites for school facilities, the purchase of new school buses, installing technology for school facilities, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose") |
| Paying Agent/Registrar | The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. The District intends to use the Book-Entry-Only System of DTC. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM.") |
| 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") |
| Redemption | The Bonds maturing on and 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 any multiple 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. (See "THE BONDS – Optional Redemption.") |
| Rating and Bond Insurance | <p>S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") assigned its municipal bond rating of "AA" and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") assigned its municipal bond rating of "A1" 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.</p> <p>The District's underlying, unenhanced rating is "A2" by Moody's. (See "RATING", "BOND INSURANCE", AND "BOND INSURANCE GENERAL RISKS" herein.)</p> |
| Tax Matters | In the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations. (See "TAX MATTERS" and Appendix C - "Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.") |
| Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations | The District has designated the Bonds as "Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations" for financial institutions. (See "TAX MATTERS – Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations for Financial Institutions"). |
| 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 McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. |
| Delivery | When issued, anticipated to occur on or about March 15, 2023. |
| No PSF Guarantee | The Bonds will not be guaranteed by the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (see "THE BONDS – Security"). |

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement, including Appendices A, B and D, has been prepared by the Gruver Independent School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Hansford and Sherman Counties, Texas, in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 (Non-PSF) (the "Bonds").

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 such 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 adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on February 15, 2023 authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained upon request by writing the Gruver Independent School District, 601 Garrett Avenue, Gruver, Texas 79040 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 the Final Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board 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 Centers for Disease 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. The Governor has since issued a number of executive orders relating to COVID-19 preparedness, mitigation and reopening. However, on March 2, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-34 effective March 10, 2021, which supersedes most of the executive orders relating to COVID-19 and provides, generally, for the reopening of the State to 100%, ends the COVID-19 mask mandate, and supersedes any conflicting order issued by local officials in response to COVID-19, among other things and subject to certain limitations. Executive Order GA-34 remains in place until amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Governor. On May 18, 2021, Governor Abbott issued Executive Order GA-36, which supersedes Executive Order GA-34 in part. Executive Order GA-36 prohibits governmental entities in Texas, including counties, cities, school districts, public health authorities, and government officials from requiring or mandating any person to wear a face covering and subjects a governmental entity or official to a fine of up to \$1,000 for noncompliance, subject to certain exceptions. Notwithstanding the above, Executive Order GA-36 provides for public schools to continue to follow policies regarding the wearing of face coverings to the extent reflected in current guidance by TEA, until June 4, 2021. However, Executive Order GA-36 required TEA to revise its guidance such that, effective 11:59 p.m. on June 4, 2021, no student, teacher, parent, or other staff member or visitor may be required to wear a face covering. TEA has since updated its guidance in accordance with Executive Order GA-36. Executive Order GA-38, issued on July 29, 2021 and Executive Order GA-39, issued on August 25, 2021, further provide that governmental entities cannot require mask mandates, vaccine passports, or mandatory vaccinations. On October 11, 2021, the Governor issued Executive Order GA-40, prohibiting any entity from requiring COVID vaccinations. Various lawsuits have been filed throughout the State related to the foregoing and litigation is expected to continue. Executive orders remain in place until they are amended, rescinded, or superseded by the Governor. 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 District continues to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and is working with local, state, and national agencies to address the potential impact of the Pandemic upon the District. While the potential impact of the Pandemic on the District cannot be fully quantified at this time, the continued outbreak of COVID-19 could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial condition.

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 \$9,145,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), as amended, Texas Education Code, an election held in the District on November 8, 2022 (the "Election") and the Bond Order adopted on February 15, 2023 (the "Bond Order"). Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring and equipping school facilities, including recreational facilities, the purchase of necessary sites for school facilities, the purchase of new school buses, installing technology for school facilities, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose").

General Description

The Bonds are dated February 15, 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 is payable initially 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 the denominations of \$5,000 of principal amount or any integral multiple thereof within a stated 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 books on the Record Date (as defined herein) or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the registered owner to whom interest is to be paid, provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other arrangements. Principal of the Bonds will be payable only upon presentation of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar at stated maturity or prior redemption. So long as the Bonds are registered in the name of CEDE & CO. or other nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), payments of principal and interest of the Bonds will be made as described in "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

If the date for any payment due on any Bond shall be a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or day on which banking institutions in the city in which the designated office of 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 such a day. The 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 and 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 any multiple 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 less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to select by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed.

Notice of Redemption and DTC Notices

Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the District shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice. ANY NOTICE OF REDEMPTION SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER RECEIVED BY THE BONDHOLDER, AND, SUBJECT TO PROVISION FOR PAYMENT OF THE REDEMPTION PRICE HAVING BEEN MADE AND THE SATISFACTION OF ANY OTHER CONDITION SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, INTEREST ON THE REDEEMED BONDS SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE FROM AND AFTER SUCH REDEMPTION DATE NOTWITHSTANDING THAT A BOND HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

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

Security

The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District and are payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes levied annually on all taxable property within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. (See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM").

No Permanent School Fund Guarantee

The Bonds will not be guaranteed under 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 McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel").

Payment Record

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

Amendments

In the Bond Order, the District has reserved the right to amend the Bond Order without the consent of any holder for the purpose of amending or supplementing the Bond 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 Bond Order that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (iv) qualify the Bond Order under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in effect or (v) make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Bond 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 Bond Order further provides that the holders of the Bonds aggregating in principal amount of at least 51% of the outstanding Bonds shall have the right from time to time to approve any amendment not described above to the Bond Order if it is deemed necessary or desirable by the District; provided, however, that without the consent of 100% of the holders 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 or redemption premium, if any, 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 Bond Order for further provisions relating to the amendment thereof.

Defeasance

The Bond 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) money 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 insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, 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 Bond 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, (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent and (d) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by Texas law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds. District officials are authorized to limit the foregoing securities in connection with the sale of the Bonds. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Bond 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 the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption, (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements, and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes.

Sources and Uses of Funds

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

Sources

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| Par Amount of Bonds | \$ | 9,145,000.00 |
| Reoffering Premium | | 368,571.15 |
| Accrued Interest on Bonds | | 34,262.50 |
| Total Sources of Funds | \$ | <u>9,547,833.65</u> |

Uses

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| Deposit to Construction Fund | \$ | 9,300,000.00 |
| Costs of Issuance (including bond insurance premium) | | 157,581.43 |
| Underwriters' Discount | | 55,989.72 |
| Deposit to Interest and Sinking Fund | | 34,262.50 |
| Total Uses of Funds | \$ | <u>9,547,833.65</u> |

REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES

The Bond 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 Bond 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 Bond 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 Bond 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 Bond Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. 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 Bond 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. As a result, bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Bond Order covenants. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Furthermore, the District is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Bond Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, 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 Underwriter believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

The District and the Underwriter cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or redemption notices 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 notices 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 stated maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity and will be deposited with DTC.

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

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

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter believe to be reliable, but none of the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the Direct or Indirect Participant acquires an interest in the Bonds, but (i) all rights of ownership must be exercised through DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System, and (ii) except as described above, notices that are to be given to registered owners under the Bond 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 Bond 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 Bond 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, trust company, financial institution 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 will be printed and delivered to the beneficial owners thereof and thereafter 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 mail, first class postage prepaid to the new registered owner. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like aggregate principal amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer.

Record Date For Interest Payment

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

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.

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 scheduled 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 scheduled principal and scheduled 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

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 Bond 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 Bond 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 Underwriter 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. ("Moody's"), 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".

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 to 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 received additional State funds in proportion to such taxing effort.

2023 Legislative Session

On January 10, 2023, the 88th Texas 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 schools, including the District. 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.

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.

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 in the State, and for any given year, if a school district's MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district's MCR for the current year, then the school district's MCR is instead equal to the school district's prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district's MCR and any other school district's MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. During the 2021 Legislative Session, a provision of the general appropriations act reduced the maximum MCR for the 2022-2023 school year. It established \$0.8941 as the maximum rate 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 plus Golden Pennies.

School districts may levy an Enrichment Tax Rate at a level of their choice, subject to the limitations described under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate"; however to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR. 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").

State Funding for School Districts

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

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

The 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 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 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, if the total amount of allotments to which school districts and open enrollment charter schools are entitled for a 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 districts to form a consolidated taxing school district solely to levy and distribute either M&O taxes or both M&O taxes and I&S taxes. A Chapter 49 school district may also exercise any combination of these remedies. Options (3), (4) and (6) require prior approval by the Chapter 49 school district's voters.

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 not designated as an “excess local revenue” Chapter 49 school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District has not been required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law. As a district with local revenue less than the maximum permitted level, the District may benefit in the future by agreeing to accept taxable property or funding assistance from or agreeing to consolidate with, a property-rich district to enable such district to reduce its wealth per student to the permitted level.

A district’s “excess local revenues” must be tested for each future school year and, if it exceeds the maximum permitted level, the District must reduce its wealth per student by the exercise of one of the permitted wealth equalization options. Accordingly, if the District’s wealth per student should 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 districts see “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts.”

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 Hansford County Appraisal District and Sherman Central 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 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”).

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 55 years old. See “Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation” for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to state-mandated 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.

Local Option Homestead Exemptions

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit. See “Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation” for the reduction in taxable valuation, if any, attributable to local option homestead exemptions.

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

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or 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” 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 prior to January 1, 2022, except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. 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”). The 87th Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which is expired by its terms effective December 31, 2022.

Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, as amended), allowed school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, during the last eight (8) years of the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district could 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”). The 87th 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 “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, \$52,978,200 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”). The Property Tax Code also establishes a procedure for providing notice to property owners of reappraisals reflecting increased property value, appraisals which are higher than renditions, and appraisals of property not previously on an appraisal roll.

Levy and Collection of Taxes

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

The District is authorized to levy an M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on July 19, 1947 under Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated Article 2784e-1, as amended.

The maximum maintenance tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by an independent school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district’s MCR. The District’s MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the District and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, highest possible MCR for an independent 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 bonds subject to voter approval of one or more propositions submitted to the voters under Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, which provides a tax unlimited as to rate or amount for the support of school district bonded indebtedness (see “THE BONDS – Security”).

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Texas Attorney General that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, “exempt bonds”), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the “50-cent Test”). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district’s local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district’s

I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, are not subject to the 50-cent Test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds issued to refund exempt bonds) are included in maximum annual debt service for calculation of the 50-cent Test when applied to subsequent bond issues that are subject to the 50-cent Test. The Bonds are issued as "new money bonds" and are subject to the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test. In connection with prior bond issues, the District has not used State financial assistance other than EDA or IFA allotment funding and has not used projected property values to satisfy this threshold test. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District will use approximately \$300,000 of the Tier 1 Funds to comply with the 50-cent Test.

Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate

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

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

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

The governing body of a school district generally cannot adopt a tax rate exceeding the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate without approval by a majority of the voters approving the higher rate at an election to be held on the next uniform election date.

Further, subject to certain exceptions for areas declared disaster areas, State law requires the board of trustees of a school district to conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate exceeding the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and sets certain parameters for conducting and disclosing the results of such efficiency audit. An election is not required for a tax increase to address increased expenditures resulting from certain natural disasters in the year following the year in which such disaster occurs; however, the amount by which the increased tax rate exceeds the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate for such year may not be considered by the school district in the calculation of its subsequent Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

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

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

The District does not grant a local option, additional exemption to disabled veterans above the State-mandated exemption.

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

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

The District's taxes are collected by the Hansford County Appraisal District.

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

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

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

The District has not granted a local option, additional exemption for persons who are 65 years of age or older or disabled above the State-mandated exemption.

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

The District has three current value limitation agreements under Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended ("Chapter 313") with Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Firewheel Wind Energy LLC; Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Great Prairie Wind II; Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Great Prairie Wind III; and JD Wind 1-2-3-4 LLC (Great Plains Windpower 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 agreements, as approved by the Texas Comptroller's office and the District's Board of Trustees, were each 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 Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Firewheel Wind Energy LLC provides for qualifying businesses to invest a minimum capital investment totaling \$20 million within the District's boundaries during the qualifying time period (which began April 1, 2022) to create jobs. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the taxable value of the investment must have a taxable value of the lesser of appraised value or \$20 million. The value limitation agreement expires in 2032.

The agreement with Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Great Prairie Wind II provides for qualifying businesses to invest a minimum capital investment totaling \$23 million within the District's boundaries during the qualifying time period (which began April 1, 2022) to create jobs. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the taxable value of the investment must have a taxable value of the lesser of appraised value or \$23 million. The value limitation agreement expires in 2032.

The agreement with Great Prairie Wind, LLC f/k/a Great Prairie Wind III provides for qualifying businesses to invest a minimum capital investment totaling \$24 million within the District's boundaries during the qualifying time period (which began April 1, 2022) to create jobs. Beginning on January 1, 2023, the taxable value of the investment must have a taxable value of the lesser of appraised value or \$24 million. The value limitation agreement expires in 2032.

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 "Note I. – Defined Benefit Pension Plan" in the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D (the "Financial Statements").

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

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

During the year ended August 31, 2022, employees of the District were covered by a fully-insured health insurance plan (the "Health Care Plan"). The District contributed \$225 per month per employee to the Health Care Plan. Employees, at their option, authorize payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. See "Note L. – Health Care Coverage" of the Financial Statements.

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

RATING

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") assigned its municipal bond rating of "AA" and Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") assigned its municipal bond rating of "A1" 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 "A2" by Moody's.

An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from Moody's and S&P. The rating of the Bonds by Moody's and S&P reflects only the view of said company at the time the rating is given, and the District makes no representations as to the appropriateness of any rating. The rating of the Bonds is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds, and there is no assurance that any rating will continue for any given period of time, or that a rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by Moody's and S&P, if, in the judgment of Moody's and S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of a rating may have an adverse effect on the market price and 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 approval of certain legal matters by Bond Counsel, which will deliver its opinion to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District and, subject to the qualifications set forth herein under "TAX MATTERS," the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes under existing statutes, published rulings, regulations, and court decisions. The form of Bond Counsel's opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas. The legal fee to be paid to counsel to the Underwriter for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the sale of and delivery of the Bonds.

Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriter from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part in the preparation of this Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein except that in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information appearing under the captions or subcaptions "THE BONDS" (except under the subcaptions "Payment Record", "Sources and Uses of Funds", and the third paragraph under "Notice of Redemption and DTC Notices", as to which no opinion will be expressed), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM", "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – M&O Tax Rate Limitations" (first paragraph only), "LEGAL MATTERS" (except for the last two sentences of the first paragraph thereof, as to which no opinion will be expressed), "TAX MATTERS", "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS", "REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Undertakings," as to which no opinion will be expressed) and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the Bond Order contained under such captions is a fair and accurate summary of the information purported to be shown and that the information and descriptions contained under such captions relating to the provisions of applicable state and federal laws are correct as to matters of law.

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

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

On the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel to the District, will render its opinion that, in accordance with statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof ("Existing Law"), (1) interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes will be excludable from the "gross income" of the holders thereof and (2) the Bonds will not be treated as "specified private activity bonds" the interest on which would be included as an alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Except as stated above, Bond Counsel to the District will express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. See Appendix C -- Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon (a) certain information and representations of the District, including information and representations contained in the District's federal tax certificate, and (b) covenants of the District with respect to arbitrage and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the property financed therewith. Failure by the District to observe the aforementioned representations or covenants could cause the interest on the Bonds to become taxable retroactively to the date of issuance.

The Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder contain a number of requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to be, and to remain, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel to the District is conditioned on compliance by the District with the covenants and the requirements described in the preceding paragraph, and Bond Counsel to the District has not been retained to monitor compliance with these requirements subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds.

Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of Existing Law and the reliance on the aforementioned information, representations and covenants. Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a result. Existing Law is subject to change by the Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that such Existing Law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed in a manner which would adversely affect the tax treatment of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds.

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service by the District with respect to the Bonds or the facilities financed with the proceeds of the Bonds. Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of Existing Law and the representations of the District that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. No assurances can be given as to whether the Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the Internal Revenue Service would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount

The initial public offering price to be paid for one or more maturities of the Bonds may be less than the principal amount thereof or one or more periods for the payment of interest on the Bonds may not be equal to the accrual period or be in excess of one year (the "Original Issue Discount Bonds"). In such event, the difference between (i) the "stated redemption price at maturity" of each Original Issue Discount Bond, and (ii) the initial offering price to the public of such Original Issue Discount Bond would constitute original issue discount. The "stated redemption price at maturity" means the sum of all payments to be made on the Bonds less the amount of all periodic interest payments. Periodic interest payments are payments which are made during equal accrual periods (or during any unequal period if it is the initial or final period) and which are made during accrual periods which do not exceed one year.

Under Existing Law, any owner who has purchased such Original Issue Discount Bond in the initial public offering is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount

Bond equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the accrual period. For a discussion of certain collateral federal tax consequences, see the discussion set forth below.

In the event of the redemption, sale or other taxable disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bond prior to stated maturity, however, the amount realized by such owner in excess of the basis of such Original Issue Discount Bond in the hands of such owner (adjusted upward by the portion of the original issue discount allocable to the period for which such Original Issue Discount Bond was held by such initial owner) is includable in gross income.

Under Existing Law, the original issue discount on each Original Issue Discount Bond is accrued daily to the stated maturity thereof (in amounts calculated as described below for each six-month period ending on the date before the semiannual anniversary dates of the date of the Bonds and ratably within each such six-month period) and the accrued amount is added to an initial owner's basis for such Original Issue Discount Bond for purposes of determining the amount of gain or loss recognized by such owner upon the redemption, sale or other disposition thereof. The amount to be added to basis for each accrual period is equal to (a) the sum of the issue price and the amount of original issue discount accrued in prior periods multiplied by the yield to stated maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) less (b) the amounts payable as current interest during such accrual period on such Original Issue Discount Bond.

The federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of Original Issue Discount Bonds which are not purchased in the initial offering at the initial offering price may be determined according to rules which differ from those described above. All owners of Original Issue Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal, state and local income tax purposes of the treatment of interest accrued upon redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds and with respect to the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, redemption, sale or other disposition of such Original Issue Discount Bonds.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following discussion is a summary of certain collateral federal income tax consequences resulting from the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. This discussion is based on Existing Law, which is subject to change or modification, retroactively.

The following discussion is applicable to investors, other than those who are subject to special provisions of the Code, such as financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals allowed an earned income credit, certain S corporations with Subchapter C earnings and profits, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers qualifying for the health insurance premium assistance credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase tax-exempt obligations.

THE DISCUSSION CONTAINED HEREIN MAY NOT BE EXHAUSTIVE. INVESTORS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE SUBJECT TO SPECIAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE, SHOULD CONSULT THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX TREATMENT WHICH MAY BE ANTICIPATED TO RESULT FROM THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS BEFORE DETERMINING WHETHER TO PURCHASE THE BONDS.

Under section 6012 of the Code, holders of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may be required to disclose interest received or accrued during each taxable year on their returns of federal income taxation.

Interest on the Bonds may be includable in certain corporations' "adjusted financial statement income" determined under section 56A of the Code to calculate the alternative minimum tax imposed by section 55 of the Code.

Section 1276 of the Code provides for ordinary income tax treatment of gain recognized upon the disposition of a tax-exempt obligation, such as the Bonds, if such obligation was acquired at a "market discount" and if the fixed maturity of such obligation is equal to, or exceeds, one year from the date of issue. Such treatment applies to "market discount bonds" to the extent such gain does not exceed the accrued market discount of such bonds; although for this purpose, a de minimis amount of market discount is ignored. A "market discount bond" is one which is acquired by the holder at a purchase price which is less than the stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a bond issued at an original issue discount, the "revised issue price" (i.e., the issue price plus accrued original issue discount). The "accrued market discount" is the amount which bears the same ratio to the market discount as the number of days during which the holder holds the obligation bears to the number of days between the acquisition date and the final maturity date.

State, Local and Foreign Taxes

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

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

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

Future and Proposed Legislation

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

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 continued to 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 aforementioned dollar limitation and the Bonds would not be “qualified tax-exempt obligations.”**

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Section 1201.041 of the Public Securities Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended) provides that the Bonds are negotiable instruments, investment securities 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 of Texas. With respect to investment in the Bonds by municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas, the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended (the “PFIA”), 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.

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

Available District funds are invested as authorized by State law and in accordance with investment policies approved by the Board of Trustees. Both State law and the District’s investment policies are subject to change. Under Texas 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 Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Government Code) as amended (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 clause (1) above, clause (12) below, or, if applicable, 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 less, 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 less 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 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 approximately \$6,753,225 (unaudited) 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 Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2). The Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

It is the obligation of the Underwriter to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Underwriters' 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. is employed as Financial Advisor to the District to assist in the issuance of the Bonds. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Bonds that is contained in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the District to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fee of the Financial Advisor for services with respect to the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of bond proceeds or other funds of the District upon the request of the District.

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Bond Order, the District made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). For a description of the continuing disclosure obligations of the TEA, see "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM." The information provided to the MSRB will be available to the public free of charge via the Electronic Municipal Markets Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org.

Annual Reports

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in APPENDIX D to this Official Statement, which is customarily prepared by the District and publicly available. The District will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year ending in and after 2023.

The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12. The updated information will include audited financial statements for the District, if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not provided by that time, the District will provide unaudited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year to the MSRB with the financial information and operating data and will file the annual audit report when and if the same becomes available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in the District's annual financial statements or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to state law or regulation.

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

Notice of Certain Events

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event): (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into 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 paying agent/registrars or the change of name of a paying agent/registrars, 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 under "Annual Reports". The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB. Neither the Bonds nor the Bond Order make any provision for a bond trustee, debt service reserves, or liquidity enhancement. In the Bond 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, and (b) the District intends the words used in the immediately preceding clauses (15) and (16) and in the definition of Financial Obligation above to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885 dated August 20, 2018.

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 or questions of the District.

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

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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

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

UNDERWRITING

The Underwriter has agreed, subject to certain customary conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on the inside cover page hereof, less an Underwriter's discount of \$55,989.72 plus accrued interest from the Dated Date to the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriter. The Underwriter's obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent, and the Underwriter will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds, if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter.

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

The Underwriter and its affiliates is a full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging,

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

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

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

/s/ Mike Yanke

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ Garrett Gumfory

Secretary, Board of Trustees

APPENDIX A
FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT

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GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Financial Information

ASSESSED VALUATION ⁽¹⁾

| | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| 2022/23 Total Valuation..... | | \$ 741,622,915 |
| Less Exemptions & Deductions ⁽²⁾ : | | |
| State Homestead Exemption | \$ 14,495,650 | |
| State Over-65 Exemption | 1,288,775 | |
| Disabled Homestead Exemption Loss | 6,289 | |
| Veterans Exemption Loss | 29,000 | |
| Pollution Exemption | 389,960 | |
| Productivity Loss | 305,575,276 | |
| Homestead Cap Loss | <u>1,677,352</u> | |
| | \$ 323,462,302 | |
| 2022/23 Certified Net Taxable Valuation | | \$ 418,160,613 |

(1) Source: Certified Values from the Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES -- Residential Homestead Exemptions" in this Official Statement.
 (2) Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers, which totaled \$7,464,917 in 2021/22.

OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS

| | | |
|--|--|------------------|
| Voted Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding | | \$ 5,555,000 |
| Plus: The Bonds | | <u>9,145,000</u> |
| Total Voted Unlimited Tax Bonds | | 14,700,000 |
| | | |
| Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of August 31, 2022) ⁽¹⁾ | | <u>(35,965)</u> |
| Net General Obligation Debt | | \$ 14,664,035 |
| | | |
| Ratio of Net G.O. Debt to Net Taxable Valuation ⁽²⁾ | | 3.51% |
| | | |
| 2023 Population Estimate ⁽³⁾ | | 1,673 |
| Per Capita Net Taxable Valuation | | \$249,947 |
| Per Capita Net G.O. Debt | | \$8,765 |

(1) Source: Gruver ISD Audited Financial Statements.
 (2) 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.
 (3) Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

| Fiscal Year | Net Taxable Valuation | | % Collections ⁽⁵⁾ | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| | Valuation | Tax Rate | Current ⁽⁶⁾ | Total ⁽⁶⁾ |
| 2006/07 | \$ 366,243,851 ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 1.3300 ⁽⁷⁾ | 98.95% | 99.33% |
| 2007/08 | 438,073,931 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0400 ⁽⁷⁾ | 99.45% | 100.60% |
| 2008/09 | 510,842,143 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0400 | 99.40% | 99.79% |
| 2009/10 | 709,161,146 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0380 | 99.62% | 99.96% |
| 2010/11 | 431,720,016 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0380 | 99.35% | 99.83% |
| 2011/12 | 578,044,079 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0380 | 99.44% | 100.44% |
| 2012/13 | 531,821,637 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0380 | 99.53% | 100.09% |
| 2013/14 | 492,571,815 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.0700 | 99.67% | 100.12% |
| 2014/15 | 455,143,165 ⁽¹⁾ | 1.1200 | 99.60% | 99.83% |
| 2015/16 | 392,808,043 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.1500 | 99.16% | 99.73% |
| 2016/17 | 327,319,590 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.3500 | 99.41% | 99.98% |
| 2017/18 | 295,363,635 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.3500 | 96.90% | 96.52% |
| 2018/19 | 277,927,314 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.3500 | 98.77% | 100.04% |
| 2019/20 | 288,758,982 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.3100 ⁽⁸⁾ | 98.50% | 100.31% |
| 2020/21 | 263,518,279 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.3164 | 98.91% | 99.93% |
| 2021/22 | 280,786,334 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 1.2912 | 99.44% | 102.50% |
| 2022/23 | 418,160,613 ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾ | 1.2812 | (In Process of Collection) | |

(1) Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.
 (2) The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.
 (3) Source: Certified Values from the Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 2022.
 (4) The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.
 (5) Source: Gruver ISD Audited Financial Statements.
 (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 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 | 2022/23 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Maintenance & Operations ⁽¹⁾ | \$1.0600 | \$0.9900 | \$0.9764 | \$0.9412 | \$0.8646 |
| Debt Service | \$0.2900 | \$0.3200 | \$0.3400 | \$0.3500 | \$0.4166 |
| Total Tax Rate | \$1.3500 | \$1.3100 | \$1.3164 | \$1.2912 | \$1.2812 |

(1) The annual decline in the District's Maintenance & Operations Tax is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019.

VALUATION AND FUNDED DEBT HISTORY

| Fiscal Year | Net Taxable Valuation | Bond Debt Outstanding ⁽¹⁾ | Ratio Debt to A.V. ⁽²⁾ |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2006/07 | \$ 366,243,851 | \$ - | 0.00% |
| 2007/08 | 438,073,931 | - | 0.00% |
| 2008/09 | 510,842,143 | 5,000,000 | 0.98% |
| 2009/10 | 709,161,146 | 5,000,000 | 0.71% |
| 2010/11 | 431,720,016 | 2,435,000 | 0.56% |
| 2011/12 | 578,044,079 | - | 0.00% |
| 2012/13 | 531,821,637 | 2,200,000 | 0.41% |
| 2013/14 | 492,571,815 | 1,885,714 | 0.38% |
| 2014/15 | 455,143,165 | 1,571,428 | 0.35% |
| 2015/16 | 392,808,043 | 3,757,142 | 0.96% |
| 2016/17 | 327,319,590 | 2,942,856 | 0.90% |
| 2017/18 | 295,363,635 | 2,128,571 | 0.72% |
| 2018/19 | 277,927,314 | 1,314,286 | 0.47% |
| 2019/20 | 288,758,982 | 5,500,000 | 1.90% |
| 2020/21 | 263,518,279 | 4,875,000 | 1.85% |
| 2021/22 | 280,786,334 | 6,325,000 | 2.25% |
| 2022/23 | 418,160,613 ⁽³⁾ | 14,700,000 ⁽⁴⁾ | 3.52% |

(1) At Fiscal Year End.

(2) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement, "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" and "OTHER OBLIGATIONS" in this Appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2022" in Appendix D for more information.

(3) Source: Certified Values from the Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 2022. The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

(4) Includes the Bonds.

ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT

| Taxing Body | Amount | Percent Overlapping | Amount Overlapping |
|--|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Hansford Co. | \$ - | 41.33% | \$ - |
| Piemons-Stinnett-Phillips CISD | 3,335,000 | 0.00% ⁽¹⁾ | - |
| Sherman Co. | - | 3.35% | - |
| Total Overlapping Debt ⁽²⁾ | | | \$ - |
| Gruver Independent School District ⁽³⁾ | | | <u>14,664,035</u> |
| Total Direct & Overlapping Debt | | | <u>\$ 14,664,035</u> |
| Ratio of Net Direct & Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation | | 3.51% | |
| Per Capita Direct & Overlapping Debt | | \$8,765 | |

(1) Less than 0.01%.

(2) Equals gross debt less self-supporting debt.

(3) 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.

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS

2022/23 Top Ten Taxpayers ⁽¹⁾

| Name of Taxpayer | Type of Business | Taxable Value | % of Net Valuation |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Firewheel Energy LLC | Wind Farm | \$ 36,666,670 | 8.77% |
| Great Prairie Wind II LLC | Wind Farm | 36,666,670 | 8.77% |
| Great Prairie Wind III LLC | Wind Farm | 36,666,660 | 8.77% |
| Southwestern Public Service Co | Electric Utility | 36,030,310 | 8.62% |
| Scout Energy Management LLC | Energy | 16,794,330 | 4.02% |
| Great Plains Windpark | Wind Farm | 11,426,000 | 2.73% |
| Hansford Co Feeders LP | Feedlot | 9,116,050 | 2.18% |
| USA Feedyard LLC | Feedlot | 7,846,040 | 1.88% |
| DCP Midstream LP ⁽⁴⁾ | Energy | 7,590,590 | 1.82% |
| Cluck Dean Feedyard, Inc | Feedlot | 6,165,950 | 1.47% |
| | | \$ 204,969,270 | 49.02% ⁽³⁾ |

2021/22 Top Ten Taxpayers ⁽²⁾

| Name of Taxpayer | Type of Business | Taxable Value | % of Net Valuation |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Southwestern Public Service Co | Electric Utility | \$ 31,780,540 | 11.32% |
| Hansford Co Feeders LP | Feedlot | 12,500,048 | 4.45% |
| Great Plains Windpark | Wind Farm | 12,436,000 | 4.43% |
| Scout Energy Management LLC | Energy | 9,804,910 | 3.49% |
| USA Feedyard LLC | Feedlot | 9,172,851 | 3.27% |
| DCP Midstream LP | Energy | 6,991,300 | 2.49% |
| ANR Pipeline Company | Oil & Gas | 6,052,450 | 2.16% |
| Cluck Dean Feedyard, Inc | Feedlot | 4,165,770 | 1.48% |
| Air Products & Chemical Company | Industrial Gas & Chemicals | 4,080,180 | 1.45% |
| Feedyards Inc. A Texas Corp. | Feedlot | 3,895,964 | 1.39% |
| | | \$ 100,880,013 | 35.93% |

2020/21 Top Ten Taxpayers ⁽²⁾

| Name of Taxpayer | Type of Business | Taxable Value | % of Net Valuation |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Southwestern Public Service Co | Electric Utility | \$ 32,603,850 | 12.37% |
| Great Plains Windpark | Wind Farm | 14,173,000 | 5.38% |
| Hansford Co Feeders LP | Feedlot | 13,624,022 | 5.17% |
| Scout Energy Management LLC | Energy | 9,130,250 | 3.46% |
| USA Feedyard LLC | Feedlot | 8,817,660 | 3.35% |
| DCP Midstream LP | Energy | 7,530,130 | 2.86% |
| ANR Pipeline Company | Oil & Gas | 5,991,830 | 2.27% |
| Air Products & Chemical Company | Industrial Gas & Chemicals | 4,458,570 | 1.69% |
| Cluck Dean Feedyard, Inc | Feedlot | 4,454,750 | 1.69% |
| Feedyards Inc. A Texas Corp. | Feedlot | 3,842,610 | 1.46% |
| | | \$ 104,626,672 | 39.70% |

(1) Source: Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 2022.

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

(3) Note: As shown in the table above, the total combined top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for over 49% of the District's tax base. In addition, the top three taxpayers in the District (as subsidiaries or affiliates of the same entity) currently account for over 26% of the District's tax base, thereby creating a concentration risk for the District. Any adverse development related to Great Prairie Wind, LLC or its subsidiaries ("Great Prairie") 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. The District also previously entered into three multi-year economic development agreements with subsidiaries of Great Prairie, each limiting the taxable appraised value thereof for maintenance and operations taxes only. 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.

(4) The District is in settlement discussions to resolve a dispute related to the valuation of the tax payments previously made by DCP Midstream LP ("DCP") to the District. At this time, the District estimates the amount to be refunded to DCP for the overpayment is \$650,000 (and the District maintains funds available to cover this cost). As a result of the foregoing, the District expects to receive a refund in its previously paid State Aid recapture payments of approximately \$400,000.

CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY

| Category | 2022/23⁽¹⁾ | % of Total | 2021/22⁽²⁾ | % of Total | 2020/21⁽²⁾ | % of Total |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Real, Residential, Single-Family | \$ 53,845,694 | 7.26% | \$ 50,940,358 | 8.65% | \$ 48,132,699 | 8.27% |
| Real, Residential, Multi-Family | 685,872 | 0.09% | 615,780 | 0.10% | 613,078 | 0.11% |
| Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts | 797,788 | 0.11% | 1,035,814 | 0.18% | 1,061,408 | 0.18% |
| Real, Qualified Land & Improvements | 366,999,689 | 49.49% | 352,563,024 | 59.89% | 356,861,439 | 61.32% |
| Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements | 23,081,035 | 3.11% | 30,850,077 | 5.24% | 18,449,586 | 3.17% |
| Real, Commercial | 6,550,080 | 0.88% | 5,432,283 | 0.92% | 7,216,627 | 1.24% |
| Real, Industrial | 149,443,135 | 20.15% | 39,873,355 | 6.77% | 42,445,740 | 7.29% |
| Oil & Gas | 45,196,700 | 6.09% | 25,403,900 | 4.32% | 21,646,920 | 3.72% |
| Utilities | 55,985,470 | 7.55% | 51,211,200 | 8.70% | 52,396,240 | 9.00% |
| Tangible Personal, Commercial | 5,288,701 | 0.71% | 4,830,783 | 0.82% | 4,594,905 | 0.79% |
| Tangible Personal, Industrial | 32,876,443 | 4.43% | 25,252,250 | 4.29% | 27,856,798 | 4.79% |
| Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other | 569,496 | 0.08% | 444,091 | 0.08% | 463,541 | 0.08% |
| Tangible Personal, Special Inventory | <u>302,812</u> | <u>0.04%</u> | <u>280,037</u> | <u>0.05%</u> | <u>271,761</u> | <u>0.05%</u> |
| Total Appraised Value | \$ 741,622,915 | 100.00% | \$ 588,732,952 | 100.00% | \$ 582,010,742 | 100.00% |
| Less: | | | | | | |
| Homestead Cap Adjustment | \$ 1,677,352 | | \$ 646,559 | | \$ 824,184 | |
| Productivity Loss | 305,575,276 | | 295,687,087 | | 306,083,949 | |
| Exemptions | <u>16,209,674⁽³⁾</u> | | <u>11,612,972⁽⁴⁾</u> | | <u>11,584,330⁽⁴⁾</u> | |
| Total Exemptions/Deductions ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>\$ 323,462,302</u> | | <u>\$ 307,946,618</u> | | <u>\$ 318,492,463</u> | |
| Net Taxable Assessed Valuation | \$ 418,160,613 | | \$ 280,786,334 | | \$ 263,518,279 | |

| Category | 2019/20⁽²⁾ | % of Total | 2018/19⁽²⁾ | % of Total | 2017/18⁽²⁾ | % of Total |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Real, Residential, Single-Family | \$ 49,685,058 | 8.51% | \$ 47,823,362 | 8.34% | \$ 47,924,029 | 8.02% |
| Real, Residential, Multi-Family | 645,507 | 0.11% | 725,244 | 0.13% | 729,012 | 0.12% |
| Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts | 996,704 | 0.17% | 777,251 | 0.14% | 687,419 | 0.12% |
| Real, Qualified Land & Improvements | 328,600,233 | 56.27% | 327,693,688 | 57.14% | 327,724,990 | 54.84% |
| Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements | 19,121,346 | 3.27% | 16,825,346 | 2.93% | 16,839,127 | 2.82% |
| Real, Commercial | 7,147,471 | 1.22% | 6,993,875 | 1.22% | 6,632,563 | 1.11% |
| Real, Industrial | 63,984,019 | 10.96% | 66,026,647 | 11.51% | 89,953,653 | 15.05% |
| Oil & Gas | 32,643,780 | 5.59% | 28,153,550 | 4.91% | 28,163,790 | 4.71% |
| Utilities | 53,072,260 | 9.09% | 52,318,190 | 9.12% | 55,070,570 | 9.22% |
| Tangible Personal, Commercial | 5,161,726 | 0.88% | 4,968,137 | 0.87% | 4,818,800 | 0.81% |
| Tangible Personal, Industrial | 22,184,900 | 3.80% | 20,475,877 | 3.57% | 18,344,362 | 3.07% |
| Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other | 475,306 | 0.08% | 474,857 | 0.08% | 509,581 | 0.09% |
| Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory | <u>271,115</u> | <u>0.05%</u> | <u>200,044</u> | <u>0.03%</u> | <u>198,406</u> | <u>0.03%</u> |
| Total Appraised Value | \$ 583,989,425 | 100.00% | \$ 573,456,068 | 100.00% | \$ 597,596,302 | 100.00% |
| Less: | | | | | | |
| Homestead Cap Adjustment | \$ 1,961,187 | | \$ 1,901,348 | | \$ 4,298,843 | |
| Productivity Loss | 281,464,066 | | 281,779,520 | | 286,296,931 | |
| Exemptions | <u>11,805,190⁽⁴⁾</u> | | <u>11,847,886⁽⁴⁾</u> | | <u>11,636,893⁽⁴⁾</u> | |
| Total Exemptions/Deductions ⁽⁵⁾ | <u>\$ 295,230,443</u> | | <u>\$ 295,528,754</u> | | <u>\$ 302,232,667</u> | |
| Net Taxable Assessed Valuation | \$ 288,758,982 | | \$ 277,927,314 | | \$ 295,363,635 | |

(1) Source: Certified Values from the Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 2022.

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

(3) The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on May 7, 2022 increased the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

(4) The passage of a Texas Constitutional Amendment on November 3, 2015 increased the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

(5) Excludes values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers.

PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

| Fiscal Year | Outstanding | Plus: | | Principal | Percent of |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Ending 8/31 | Bonds | The | Total | Unpaid | Principal |
| | | Bonds | | At Year End | Retired |
| 2023 | \$ 770,000.00 | \$ - | \$ 770,000.00 | \$ 14,700,000.00 | 4.98% |
| 2024 | 640,000.00 | 1,260,000.00 | 1,900,000.00 | 12,800,000.00 | 17.26% |
| 2025 | 655,000.00 | 1,070,000.00 | 1,725,000.00 | 11,075,000.00 | 28.41% |
| 2026 | 670,000.00 | 895,000.00 | 1,565,000.00 | 9,510,000.00 | 38.53% |
| 2027 | 685,000.00 | 730,000.00 | 1,415,000.00 | 8,095,000.00 | 47.67% |
| 2028 | 700,000.00 | 580,000.00 | 1,280,000.00 | 6,815,000.00 | 55.95% |
| 2029 | 720,000.00 | 435,000.00 | 1,155,000.00 | 5,660,000.00 | 63.41% |
| 2030 | 735,000.00 | 290,000.00 | 1,025,000.00 | 4,635,000.00 | 70.04% |
| 2031 | 750,000.00 | 155,000.00 | 905,000.00 | 3,730,000.00 | 75.89% |
| 2032 | | 790,000.00 | 790,000.00 | 2,940,000.00 | 81.00% |
| 2033 | | 700,000.00 | 700,000.00 | 2,240,000.00 | 85.52% |
| 2034 | | 600,000.00 | 600,000.00 | 1,640,000.00 | 89.40% |
| 2035 | | 520,000.00 | 520,000.00 | 1,120,000.00 | 92.76% |
| 2036 | | 440,000.00 | 440,000.00 | 680,000.00 | 95.60% |
| 2037 | | 375,000.00 | 375,000.00 | 305,000.00 | 98.03% |
| 2038 | | 305,000.00 | 305,000.00 | - | 100.00% |
| Total | <u>\$ 6,325,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 9,145,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 15,470,000.00</u> | | |

OTHER OBLIGATIONS ⁽¹⁾

| Fiscal Year | Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2019 | | Combined |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ending 8/31 | Principal | Interest | Total |
| 2023 | \$ 96,000.00 | \$ 4,588.00 | \$ 100,588.00 |
| 2024 | <u>100,000.00</u> | <u>1,550.00</u> | <u>101,550.00</u> |
| | <u>\$ 196,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 6,138.00</u> | <u>\$ 202,138.00</u> |

(1) See the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2022" in Appendix D for more information.

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

| Fiscal Year Ending 8/31 | Outstanding Debt Service | Plus: The Bonds ⁽¹⁾ | | | Combined Total ^{(1) (2)} |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | Principal | Interest | Total | |
| 2023 | \$ 905,886.00 | \$ - | \$ 205,575.00 | \$ 205,575.00 | \$ 1,111,461.00 |
| 2024 | 756,161.00 | 1,260,000.00 | 379,650.00 | 1,639,650.00 | 2,395,811.00 |
| 2025 | 755,993.00 | 1,070,000.00 | 321,400.00 | 1,391,400.00 | 2,147,393.00 |
| 2026 | 757,126.50 | 895,000.00 | 272,275.00 | 1,167,275.00 | 1,924,401.50 |
| 2027 | 757,693.00 | 730,000.00 | 231,650.00 | 961,650.00 | 1,719,343.00 |
| 2028 | 757,680.50 | 580,000.00 | 198,900.00 | 778,900.00 | 1,536,580.50 |
| 2029 | 762,004.75 | 435,000.00 | 175,700.00 | 610,700.00 | 1,372,704.75 |
| 2030 | 760,653.25 | 290,000.00 | 161,200.00 | 451,200.00 | 1,211,853.25 |
| 2031 | 758,662.50 | 155,000.00 | 152,300.00 | 307,300.00 | 1,065,962.50 |
| 2032 | | 790,000.00 | 133,400.00 | 923,400.00 | 923,400.00 |
| 2033 | | 700,000.00 | 103,600.00 | 803,600.00 | 803,600.00 |
| 2034 | | 600,000.00 | 77,600.00 | 677,600.00 | 677,600.00 |
| 2035 | | 520,000.00 | 55,200.00 | 575,200.00 | 575,200.00 |
| 2036 | | 440,000.00 | 36,000.00 | 476,000.00 | 476,000.00 |
| 2037 | | 375,000.00 | 19,700.00 | 394,700.00 | 394,700.00 |
| 2038 | | 305,000.00 | 6,100.00 | 311,100.00 | 311,100.00 |
| | <u>\$ 6,971,860.50</u> | <u>\$ 9,145,000.00</u> | <u>\$ 2,530,250.00</u> | <u>\$ 11,675,250.00</u> | <u>\$ 18,647,110.50</u> |

(1) Includes accrued interest in the amount of \$34,262.50.

(2) Based on its wealth per student, the District does not expect to receive state financial assistance for debt service in 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 VOTED UNLIMITED TAX BONDS

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Projected Maximum Debt Service Requirement ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 2,395,811.00 |
| Projected State Financial Assistance for Hold Harmless of Increased Homestead Exemption in 2022/23 ⁽²⁾ | <u>15,000.00</u> |
| Projected Net Debt Service Requirement | \$ 2,380,811.00 |
| \$0.58097 Tax Rate @ 98% Collections Produces ⁽³⁾ | \$ 2,380,811.00 |
| 2022/23 Certified Net Taxable Valuation ⁽⁴⁾ | \$ 418,160,613 |

(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) The District has utilized State tier one funds to pass the Attorney General's 50-cent Test with respect to bonds issued for new construction purposes. As a result, the District must credit State assistance payments (including any tier one State funding used to demonstrate the District's ability to pass the \$0.50 bond issuance test) to the District's interest and sinking fund each year in an amount equal to the amount used by the District to demonstrate its ability to comply with the \$0.50 test, and the District may not adopt its annual interest and sinking fund tax rate until such amount of State funding has been credited to the District's interest and sinking fund.

(4) Source: Certified Values from the Hansford and Sherman County Appraisal District as of July 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 \$19,700,000 authorized but unissued unlimited ad valorem tax bonds from the November 8, 2022 bond election. The District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including maintenance tax notes payable from its collection of maintenance taxes, public property finance contractual obligations, delinquent tax notes, and leases for various purposes payable from State appropriations and surplus maintenance taxes.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES ⁽¹⁾

| | Fiscal Year Ended August 31 | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$ 4,281,937 | \$ 4,618,695 | \$ 5,072,758 | \$ 5,175,686 | \$ 5,358,625 |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 3,086,172 | \$ 2,853,569 | \$ 3,161,894 | \$ 2,609,013 | \$ 2,672,394 |
| State Program Revenues | 2,685,086 | 3,155,954 | 2,788,724 | 3,324,047 | 3,266,087 |
| Federal Sources & Other | - | 8,110 | 10,890 | 86,376 | 100,388 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 5,771,258 | \$ 6,017,633 | \$ 5,961,508 | \$ 6,019,436 | \$ 6,038,869 |
| Expenditures: | | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 3,092,022 | \$ 3,133,508 | \$ 3,395,453 | \$ 3,454,698 | \$ 3,464,837 |
| Instructional Resources & Media Services | 6,731 | 8,136 | 7,817 | 7,071 | 6,696 |
| Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development | 8,710 | 12,710 | 14,283 | 7,963 | 6,531 |
| School Leadership | 382,475 | 365,870 | 384,092 | 390,899 | 367,022 |
| Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services | 88,655 | 102,416 | 148,849 | 121,651 | 155,223 |
| Health Services | 40,484 | 38,867 | 45,895 | 41,948 | 44,457 |
| Student (Pupil) Transportation | 232,947 | 172,601 | 174,364 | 192,359 | 239,181 |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities | 264,372 | 313,009 | 282,645 | 282,243 | 376,558 |
| General Administration | 454,113 | 434,656 | 430,999 | 407,258 | 375,342 |
| Plant Maintenance and Operations | 646,307 | 663,628 | 683,516 | 652,933 | 702,913 |
| Data Processing Services | 51,475 | 66,915 | 72,088 | 70,843 | 71,288 |
| Principal on Long Term Debt | - | - | 84,000 | 91,000 | 94,000 |
| Interest on Long Term Debt | - | - | 16,631 | 10,452 | 4,550 |
| Bond Issuance Cost & Fees | - | 15,000 | - | - | - |
| Facilities Acquisition and Construction | - | 450,000 | - | - | - |
| Payments to Shared Service Arrangements | 28,816 | 7,428 | 24,880 | 28,503 | 26,887 |
| Other Governmental Charges | - | - | 4,218 | - | 9,639 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 5,297,107 | \$ 5,784,744 | \$ 5,769,730 | \$ 5,759,821 | \$ 5,945,124 |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues | | | | | |
| over Expenditures | \$ 474,151 | \$ 232,889 | \$ 191,778 | \$ 259,615 | \$ 93,745 |
| Other Resources and (Uses): | | | | | |
| Non-Current Loans | \$ - | \$ 465,000 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Other Resources | - | - | - | 195,000 | - |
| Other Uses | - | - | - | (195,000) | - |
| Transfers Out | (137,393) | (243,826) | (88,850) | (76,676) | (28,789) |
| Total Other Resources (Uses) | \$ (137,393) | \$ 221,174 | \$ (88,850) | \$ (76,676) | \$ (28,789) |
| Excess (Deficiency) of | | | | | |
| Revenues and Other Sources | | | | | |
| over Expenditures and Other Uses | \$ 336,758 | \$ 454,063 | \$ 102,928 | \$ 182,939 | \$ 64,956 |
| Ending Fund Balance ⁽²⁾ | \$ 4,618,695 | \$ 5,072,758 | \$ 5,175,686 | \$ 5,358,625 | \$ 5,423,581 |

(1) See "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS" in Appendix D and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.

(2) For the current Fiscal Year, the District adopted a deficit budget of \$307,096.

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS ⁽¹⁾

| | Fiscal Year Ended August 31 | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Revenues: | | | | | |
| Program Revenues: | | | | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ 442,003 | \$ 269,740 | \$ 221,812 | \$ 249,579 | \$ 115,414 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | (522,011) | 727,591 | 858,585 | 891,770 | 584,314 |
| General Revenues: | | | | | |
| Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes | 2,695,773 | 2,533,295 | 2,687,800 | 2,725,399 | 2,502,857 |
| Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service | 771,993 | 693,833 | 850,037 | 746,448 | 926,314 |
| State Aid Formula Grants | 2,430,462 | 2,892,650 | 2,466,528 | 2,999,972 | 2,945,298 |
| Grants and Contributions Not Restricted | (1,015) | 5,256 | 2,348 | 85,388 | 90,975 |
| Investment Earnings | 31,831 | 62,442 | 69,671 | 53,497 | 19,055 |
| Miscellaneous | 25,830 | (26,393) | 199,037 | (343,337) | 19,947 |
| Total Revenue | \$ 5,874,866 | \$ 7,158,414 | \$ 7,355,818 | \$ 7,408,716 | \$ 7,204,174 |
| Expenses: | | | | | |
| Instruction | \$ 2,306,188 | \$ 3,635,593 | \$ 4,016,301 | \$ 3,923,485 | \$ 3,566,419 |
| Instruction Resources & Media Services | 29,705 | 27,184 | 27,309 | 25,033 | 19,683 |
| Curriculum & Staff Development | 8,710 | 12,710 | 14,283 | 7,963 | 6,531 |
| Instructional Leadership | - | - | - | 20,553 | - |
| School Leadership | 261,327 | 395,091 | 423,891 | 390,685 | 328,439 |
| Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services | 59,410 | 108,951 | 165,003 | 149,832 | 142,113 |
| Health Services | 28,127 | 41,613 | 49,595 | 43,150 | 48,533 |
| Student Transportation | 398,698 | 263,900 | 216,534 | 261,820 | 279,372 |
| Food Services | 180,783 | 235,750 | 248,296 | 236,458 | 246,301 |
| Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities | 579,873 | 644,547 | 672,525 | 737,012 | 736,985 |
| General Administration | 362,874 | 453,493 | 456,254 | 415,198 | 364,077 |
| Plant Maintenance & Operations | 599,301 | 1,340,782 | 3,627,639 | 2,961,934 | 2,436,167 |
| Security and Monitoring Services | - | - | 31,338 | - | - |
| Data Processing Services | 33,554 | 72,245 | 79,743 | 73,163 | 63,396 |
| Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt | 47,393 | 32,236 | 33,373 | 205,592 | 158,887 |
| Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 15,000 | 69,490 | 245 | 48,540 |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges | - | - | 4,218 | - | 9,639 |
| Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 28,816 | 7,428 | 24,880 | 28,503 | 26,887 |
| Total Expenditures | \$ 4,924,759 | \$ 7,286,523 | \$ 10,160,672 | \$ 9,480,626 | \$ 8,481,969 |
| Change in Net Assets | \$ 950,107 | \$ (128,109) | \$ (2,804,854) | \$ (2,071,910) | \$ (1,277,795) |
| Beginning Net Assets | \$ 10,545,459 | \$ 8,608,838 | \$ 8,480,729 | \$ 5,675,875 | \$ 3,603,965 |
| Prior Period Adjustment | \$ (2,885,489) ⁽²⁾ | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Ending Net Assets | \$ 8,610,077 | \$ 8,480,729 | \$ 5,675,875 | \$ 3,603,965 | \$ 2,326,170 |

(1) The foregoing information represents government-wide financial information provided in accordance with GASB 34.

(2) The 2018 prior period adjustment is due to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 for Other Post-Employment Benefits.

APPENDIX B

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

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GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

General and Economic Information

Gruver Independent School District (the "District") is a petroleum producing and agricultural area that includes the City of Gruver, located at the intersection of State Highways 15 and 136. The District's current population estimate is 1,673.

Hansford County (the "County") is a northwest Texas Panhandle County bordering Oklahoma. The numerous rivers and creeks located in the county, including the Palo Duro Creek, make water activities popular in Hansford. In 2016, the county was the fourth largest producing county of corn and the largest producing county of wheat in Texas. The county also had the fifth largest inventory of cattle in Texas as of January 1, 2017. The county seat is Spearman.

Source: Texas Municipal Report for Gruver ISD and Hansford County

Enrollment Statistics

| <u>Year Ending 8/31</u> | <u>Enrollment</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 2011 | 424 |
| 2012 | 403 |
| 2013 | 427 |
| 2014 | 414 |
| 2015 | 456 |
| 2016 | 448 |
| 2017 | 435 |
| 2018 | 434 |
| 2019 | 453 |
| 2020 | 458 |
| 2021 | 453 |
| 2022 | 434 |
| Current | 438 |

District Staff

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Teachers | 53 |
| Teachers' Aides & Secretaries | 12 |
| Auxiliary Personnel | 13 |
| Administrators | 4 |
| Other (Counselors/Technology) | 3 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 85 |

Facilities

| <u>Campus</u> | <u>Grades</u> | <u>Current Enrollment</u> | <u>Capacity</u> | <u>Year Built</u> | <u>Year of Addition/ Renovation</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| Elementary School | PK-4 | 155 | 200 | 1952 | 1986 |
| Junior High School | 5-8 | 130 | 200 | 1929 | 1986 |
| High School | 9-12 | 153 | 200 | 1964 | 2010 |

Principal Employers within the District

| <u>Name of Company</u> | <u>Type of Business</u> | <u>Number of Employees</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Gruver ISD | Education | 85 |
| Ag Ingenuity | Agriculture | 25 |
| Western Bank | Bank | 12 |
| Gruver Farm Supply | Auto / Parts / Repair | 12 |
| Neighbor's Grocery Store | Grocery Store | 10 |
| Gruver Ford | Auto Sales / Repair | 8 |

Unemployment Rates

| | November <u>2020</u> | November <u>2021</u> | November <u>2022</u> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hansford County | 3.8% | 2.7% | 2.6% |
| State of Texas | 6.8% | 4.5% | 3.7% |

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

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APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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March 15, 2023

**GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2023
DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 15, 2023
IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,145,000**

AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*) in connection with the issuance of the bonds described above (the *Bonds*), we have examined into the legality and validity of the Bonds, which bear interest from the dates specified in the text of the Bonds until maturity or prior redemption at the rates and are payable on the dates as stated in the text of the Bonds, all in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the text of the Bonds.

WE HAVE EXAMINED the applicable and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas and a transcript of certified proceedings of the District, and other pertinent instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds including (i) the order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the *Order*), (ii) one of the executed Bonds (*Bond No. T-1*), and (iii) the District's Federal Tax Certificate of even date herewith.

BASED ON SAID EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION that the Bonds have been authorized, issued and delivered in accordance with law; that the Bonds constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the District in accordance with their terms except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, liquidation and other similar laws now or hereafter enacted relating to creditors' rights generally; that the District has the legal authority to issue the Bonds and to repay the Bonds; and that ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds, as such interest comes due, and as such principal matures, have been levied and ordered to be levied against all taxable property in the District, and have been pledged for such payment, without limit as to rate or amount.

IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION, except as discussed below, that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes under the statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date of this opinion. We are further of the opinion that the Bonds are not "specified private activity bonds" and that, accordingly, interest on the Bonds will not be included as an individual alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the *Code*). In expressing the aforementioned opinions, we have relied on and assume continuing compliance with, certain representations contained in the Federal Tax Certificate of the District and covenants set forth in the order adopted by the District to authorize the issuance of the Bonds, relating to, among other matters, the use of the project and the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and certain other amounts used to pay or to secure the payment of debt service on the Bonds, the accuracy of which we have not independently verified. We call your attention to the fact that if such representations are determined to be inaccurate or if the District fails to comply with such covenants, interest on the Bonds may become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.



EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning or disposing of the Bonds, including the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. Owners of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any collateral tax consequences of owning the Bonds.

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT that the interest on tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may be includable in a corporation's adjusted financial statement income for purposes of determining the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations by section 55 of the Code.

OUR OPINIONS ARE BASED ON EXISTING LAW, which is subject to change. Such opinions are further based on our knowledge of facts as of the date hereof. We assume no duty to update or supplement our opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to our attention or to reflect any changes in any law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, our opinions are not a guarantee of result and are not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (the *Service*); rather, such opinions represent our legal judgment based upon our review of existing law and in reliance upon the representations and covenants referenced above that we deem relevant to such opinions. The Service has an ongoing audit program to determine compliance with rules that relate to whether interest on state or local obligations is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. No assurance can be given whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, in accordance with its current published procedures the Service is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer. We observe that the District has covenanted not to take any action, or omit to take any action within its control, that if taken or omitted, respectively, may result in the treatment of interest on the Bonds as includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

WE EXPRESS NO OPINION as to any insurance policies issued with respect to the payments due for the principal of and interest on the Bonds, nor as to any such insurance policies issued in the future.

OUR SOLE ENGAGEMENT in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is as Bond Counsel for the District, and, in that capacity, we have been engaged by the District for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, and with respect to the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and for no other reason or purpose. The foregoing opinions represent our legal judgment based upon a review of existing legal authorities that we deem relevant to render such opinions and are not a guarantee of a result. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the District, or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds, and have not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the marketability of the Bonds and have relied solely on certificates executed by officials of the District as to the current outstanding indebtedness of, and assessed valuation of taxable property within, the District. 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.

Respectfully,

Gruver Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023

APPENDIX D

**AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022**

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GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Gruver Independent School District
Name of School District

Hansford
County

098901
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above-named school district were reviewed and (check one) approved disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2022 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of such school district on the 25th day of January, 2023.



Signature of Board Secretary
VP



Signature of Board President

KILE & CO., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
Gruver Independent School District
PO Box 650
Gruver, Texas 79040

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Gruver Independent School District as of August 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with account principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted the 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 Financial Statements section of the report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to the audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note I.E. 2 to the financial statements, the District adopted new account pronouncement, GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases* during the year. My opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement due 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 with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identify 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 required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedure 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 I obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The combining statements and required TEA schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 25, 2023, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Amarillo, Texas
January 25, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis Gruver Independent School District

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

In this section of the Annual Financial and Compliance Report, we, the managers of Gruver 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 auditors' report on page 4, and the District's Basic Financial Statements, which begins on page 13.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The District's net position decreased by \$1.278 million as a result of this year's operations.

During the year, the District had expenditures that were \$1.791 million more than the \$7.626 million generated in tax and other revenues for governmental programs (before special items). This compares to last year when expenditures exceeded revenues by \$2.277 million.

The General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of \$5.424 million.

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 (on pages 13 and 14). These 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 (starting on page 15) 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 levies and the appropriations budget. 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 (starting on page 24) provide narrative explanations or additional data needed for full disclosure in the government-wide statements or the fund financial statements.

The combining statements for nonmajor funds contain even more information about the District's individual funds. These are not required by TEA. The sections labeled Required TEA Schedules 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 on page 8. 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 or 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 them. The District's net position (the difference between assets and liabilities) 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 nonfinancial 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, the District has one kind of activity:

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

Reporting the District's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements begin on page 15 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 Every Student Succeeds 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 has one kind of fund – governmental fund.

Governmental funds – Most of the District's basic services are reported in governmental funds. These use 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 reconciliation schedules following each of the fund financial statements.

The District as Trustee

Reporting the District's Fiduciary Responsibilities

The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for money raised by student activities. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position on pages 22 and 23 respectively. 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

Our analysis focuses on the net assets (Table I) and changes in net position (Table II) of the District's governmental type activities. Net position of the District's governmental activities decreased from \$3.604 million to \$2.326 million. Unrestricted net position – the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – was \$2.309 million at August 31, 2022.

Table I
Gruver Independent School District
NET POSITION
in thousands

| | Governmental Activities | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| Current and Other Assets | \$ 6,782 | \$ 6,145 |
| Capital Assets | <u>5,898</u> | <u>6,301</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>12,680</u> | <u>12,446</u> |
| Deferred Outflow of Resources | <u>748</u> | <u>868</u> |
| Other Liabilities | 1,513 | 1,180 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | <u>7,771</u> | <u>7,114</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>9,284</u> | <u>8,294</u> |
| Deferred Inflow of Resources | <u>1,818</u> | <u>1,416</u> |
| Net Position: | | |
| Invested in Capital & Right-to-Use | | |
| Lease Assets Net of Related Debt | (623) | 1,136 |
| Restricted | 641 | 249 |
| Unrestricted | <u>2,308</u> | <u>2,219</u> |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 2,326</u> | <u>\$ 3,604</u> |

Table II
Gruver Independent School District
CHANGES IN NET POSITION
in thousands

| | Governmental | Activities |
|---|--------------|------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| Revenues: | | |
| Program Revenues: | | |
| Charges for Services | \$ 115 | \$ 250 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 584 | 892 |
| General Revenues: | | |
| Maintenances and Operations Taxes | 2,503 | 2,725 |
| Debt Service Taxes | 926 | 747 |
| State Aid - Formula Grants | 2,945 | 3,000 |
| Grants and Contributions not | | |
| Restricted to Specific Functions | 91 | 85 |
| Investment Earnings | 19 | 53 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 | (343) |
| Total Revenues | 7,203 | 7,409 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Instruction | 3,566 | 3,923 |
| Instructional Resources and Media Services | 20 | 25 |
| Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 7 | 8 |
| Instructional and School Leadership | 328 | 411 |
| Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | 142 | 150 |
| Health Services | 49 | 43 |
| Student (Pupil) Transportation | 279 | 262 |
| Food Services | 246 | 237 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 737 | 737 |
| General Administration | 364 | 415 |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 2,436 | 2,962 |
| Data Processing Services | 63 | 73 |
| Debt Services - Interest on Long-Term Debt | 159 | 206 |
| Debt Services - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | 49 | - |
| Payments Related to Shared Service Arrangements | 27 | 29 |
| Other Intergovernmental Charges | 10 | - |
| Total Expenses | 8,482 | 9,481 |
| Increase (decrease) in Net Position Before | | |
| Tranfers and Special Items | (1,278) | (2,072) |
| Net Position at Beginning of Year | 3,604 | 5,676 |
| Net Position at End of Year | \$ 2,326 | \$ 3,604 |

The District's property tax rate decreased to \$1.2912 per \$100 valuation.

The cost of all governmental activities this year was \$8.482 million. However, as shown in the Statement of Activities on page 14, the amount that our taxpayers ultimately financed for these activities through District taxes was \$3.429 million because \$115 thousand of the costs were paid by those who directly benefited from the programs and \$584 thousand were received by other governments and organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions.

THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

As the District completed the year, its governmental funds (as presented in the balance sheet on page(s) 15 and 16 reported a combined fund balance of \$6.064 million. Included in this year's total change in fund balance is an increase of \$65 thousand in the District's General Fund. The primary reasons for the General Fund's increase mirror the governmental activities analysis highlighted on page(s) 19 and 20.

Over the course of the year, the Board of Trustees revised the District's budget two times. These budget amendments fall into two categories. The first category includes amendments and supplemental appropriations that were approved shortly after the beginning of the year and reflect the actual beginning balances versus the amounts estimated in August 2021. The second category involved amendments moving funds from programs that did not need all the resources originally appropriated to them to programs with resource needs.

The District's General Fund balance of \$5.424 million reported on page 19 differs from the General Fund's budgetary fund balance of \$5.083 million reported in the budgetary comparison schedule on page 53. This is principally due to expenditures that were less than budgeted.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2022, the District had \$16.161 million invested in a broad range of capital assets, including facilities and equipment for instruction, transportation, athletics, administration, and maintenance.

The District had additions of \$32 thousand and no deletions in the current year.

The District's fiscal year 2023 capital budget calls for no additional expenditures for capital projects. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is present in Note F to the financial statements.

Debt

At year-end, the District had \$6.521 million in bonds and notes outstanding versus \$5.165 million at the end of last year.

More detailed information about the District's long-term liabilities is presented in Notes G and H to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The District's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal-year 2023 budget, tax rates. One of those factors is the local economy. The District's population growth remained steady during 2021-2022. Interest rates have increased modestly making earnings on investments more than in previous years.

These indicators were taken into account when adopting the General Fund budget for 2023. Amounts available for appropriation in the General Fund budget are \$6.434 million, an increase of \$225 thousand from the 2022 budget of \$6.209 million. The District will use its revenue to finance programs currently in place. The District has added no major new programs or initiatives to the 2023 budget.

If these estimates are realized, the District's budgetary General Fund balance is expected to increase by the close of 2023. More importantly, however, this will have been accomplished in spite of unfunded mandates.

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 Gruver Independent School District, PO Box 650, Gruver, Texas 79040.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GRUVER ISD
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2022

EXHIBIT A-1

| Data Control Codes | Primary Government Governmental Activities |
|---|--|
| ASSETS | |
| 1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 2,606,742 |
| 1120 Current Investments | 4,000,000 |
| 1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent | 108,877 |
| 1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes | (38,000) |
| 1240 Due from Other Governments | 73,173 |
| 1290 Other Receivables, Net | 31,409 |
| Capital Assets: | |
| 1510 Land | 219,299 |
| 1520 Buildings, Net | 5,424,232 |
| 1530 Furniture and Equipment, Net | 254,150 |
| 1000 Total Assets | 12,679,882 |
| DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | |
| 1705 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS Pension | 369,353 |
| 1706 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS OPEB | 379,364 |
| 1700 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | 748,717 |
| LIABILITIES | |
| 2160 Accrued Wages Payable | 337,416 |
| 2180 Due to Other Governments | 301,840 |
| 2200 Accrued Expenses | 7,835 |
| Noncurrent Liabilities: | |
| 2501 Due Within One Year: Loans, Note, Leases, etc. | 866,000 |
| Due in More than One Year: | |
| 2502 Bonds, Notes, Loans, Leases, etc. | 5,655,000 |
| 2540 Net Pension Liability (District's Share) | 574,070 |
| 2545 Net OPEB Liability (District's Share) | 1,541,987 |
| 2000 Total Liabilities | 9,284,148 |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | |
| 2605 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS Pension | 698,863 |
| 2606 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS OPEB | 1,119,418 |
| 2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 1,818,281 |
| NET POSITION | |
| 3200 Net Investment in Capital Assets and Right-to-Use Lease Assets | (623,319) |
| Restricted: | |
| 3850 Restricted for Debt Service | 35,965 |
| 3860 Restricted for Capital Projects | 586,860 |
| 3870 Restricted for Campus Activities | 17,827 |
| 3900 Unrestricted | 2,308,837 |
| 3000 Total Net Position | \$ 2,326,170 |

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

GRUVER ISD
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | 1 | Program Revenues | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position | |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| | | 3 | 4 | 6 | |
| | Expenses | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Primary Gov. Governmental Activities | |
| Primary Government: | | | | | |
| GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES: | | | | | |
| 11 | Instruction | \$ 3,566,419 | \$ 59,858 | \$ 349,456 | \$ (3,157,105) |
| 12 | Instructional Resources and Media Services | 19,683 | - | - | (19,683) |
| 13 | Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 6,531 | - | - | (6,531) |
| 23 | School Leadership | 328,439 | - | (5,409) | (333,848) |
| 31 | Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | 142,113 | - | (180) | (142,293) |
| 33 | Health Services | 48,533 | - | 7,446 | (41,087) |
| 34 | Student (Pupil) Transportation | 279,372 | - | (722) | (280,094) |
| 35 | Food Services | 246,301 | 5,824 | 230,561 | (9,916) |
| 36 | Extracurricular Activities | 736,985 | 16,132 | (30) | (720,883) |
| 41 | General Administration | 364,077 | - | 5,583 | (358,494) |
| 51 | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 2,436,167 | 33,600 | (1,217) | (2,403,784) |
| 53 | Data Processing Services | 63,396 | - | (1,174) | (64,570) |
| 72 | Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt | 158,887 | - | - | (158,887) |
| 73 | Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | 48,540 | - | - | (48,540) |
| 93 | Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements | 26,887 | - | - | (26,887) |
| 99 | Other Intergovernmental Charges | 9,639 | - | - | (9,639) |
| [TP] | TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT: | \$ 8,481,969 | \$ 115,414 | \$ 584,314 | (7,782,241) |
| Data Control Codes | General Revenues: | | | | |
| | Taxes: | | | | |
| MT | Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes | | | 2,502,857 | |
| DT | Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service | | | 926,314 | |
| SF | State Aid - Formula Grants | | | 2,945,298 | |
| GC | Grants and Contributions not Restricted | | | 90,975 | |
| IE | Investment Earnings | | | 19,055 | |
| MI | Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue | | | 19,947 | |
| TR | Total General Revenues | | | 6,504,446 | |
| CN | Change in Net Position | | | (1,277,795) | |
| NB | Net Position - Beginning | | | 3,603,965 | |
| NE | Net Position - Ending | | | \$ 2,326,170 | |

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

GRUVER ISD
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | 60 Capital Projects |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| 1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 1,367,932 | \$ 79,259 | \$ 1,136,860 |
| 1120 Investments - Current | 4,000,000 | - | - |
| 1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent | 92,473 | 16,404 | - |
| 1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes | (35,000) | (3,000) | - |
| 1240 Due from Other Governments | - | - | - |
| 1260 Due from Other Funds | 651,295 | - | - |
| 1290 Other Receivables | 31,409 | - | - |
| 1000 Total Assets | <u>\$ 6,108,109</u> | <u>\$ 92,663</u> | <u>\$ 1,136,860</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| 2160 Accrued Wages Payable | \$ 318,505 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2170 Due to Other Funds | - | 43,294 | 550,000 |
| 2180 Due to Other Governments | 301,840 | - | - |
| 2200 Accrued Expenditures | 6,710 | - | - |
| 2000 Total Liabilities | <u>627,055</u> | <u>43,294</u> | <u>550,000</u> |
| DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES | | | |
| 2601 Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes | 57,473 | 13,404 | - |
| 2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | <u>57,473</u> | <u>13,404</u> | <u>-</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Restricted Fund Balance: | | | |
| 3470 Capital Acquisition and Contractual Obligation | - | - | 586,860 |
| 3480 Retirement of Long-Term Debt | - | 35,965 | - |
| Committed Fund Balance: | | | |
| 3545 Other Committed Fund Balance | - | - | - |
| 3600 Unassigned Fund Balance | 5,423,581 | - | - |
| 3000 Total Fund Balances | <u>5,423,581</u> | <u>35,965</u> | <u>586,860</u> |
| 4000 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances | <u>\$ 6,108,109</u> | <u>\$ 92,663</u> | <u>\$ 1,136,860</u> |

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| Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| \$ 22,691 | \$ 2,606,742 |
| - | 4,000,000 |
| - | 108,877 |
| - | (38,000) |
| 73,173 | 73,173 |
| - | 651,295 |
| - | 31,409 |
| <u>\$ 95,864</u> | <u>\$ 7,433,496</u> |
| | |
| \$ 18,911 | \$ 337,416 |
| 58,001 | 651,295 |
| - | 301,840 |
| 1,125 | 7,835 |
| <u>78,037</u> | <u>1,298,386</u> |
| | |
| - | 70,877 |
| <u>-</u> | <u>70,877</u> |
| | |
| - | 586,860 |
| - | 35,965 |
| 17,827 | 17,827 |
| - | 5,423,581 |
| <u>17,827</u> | <u>6,064,233</u> |
| | |
| <u>\$ 95,864</u> | <u>\$ 7,433,496</u> |

GRUVER ISD
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2022

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| | | |
|--|-----------|------------------|
| Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds | \$ | 6,064,233 |
| 1 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 \$16,128,244 and the accumulated depreciation was \$9,826,735. 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 net position. | | 1,136,509 |
| 2 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 2022 capital outlays and debt principal payments is to decrease net position. | | (1,323,509) |
| 3 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 of \$369,353, a deferred resource inflow in the amount of \$698,863, and a net pension liability in the amount of \$574,070. This resulted in a decrease in net position. | | (903,580) |
| 4 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 \$379,364, a deferred resource inflow in the amount of \$1,119,418, and a net OPEB liability in the amount of \$1,541,987. This resulted in a decrease in net position. | | (2,282,041) |
| 5 The 2022 depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position. | | (436,319) |
| 6 Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unavailable revenue from property taxes as revenue, 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 net position. | | 70,877 |
| 19 Net Position of Governmental Activities | \$ | 2,326,170 |

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | 50 Debt Service Fund | 60 Capital Projects |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| REVENUES: | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 2,672,394 | \$ 940,197 | \$ 8,536 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 3,266,087 | 605 | - |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 100,388 | - | - |
| 5020 Total Revenues | <u>6,038,869</u> | <u>940,802</u> | <u>8,536</u> |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 3,464,837 | - | 44,583 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 6,696 | - | 12,987 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 6,531 | - | - |
| 0023 School Leadership | 367,022 | - | - |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | 155,223 | - | - |
| 0033 Health Services | 44,457 | - | - |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 239,181 | - | 38,341 |
| 0035 Food Services | - | - | - |
| 0036 Extracurricular Activities | 376,558 | - | 14,759 |
| 0041 General Administration | 375,342 | - | - |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 702,913 | - | 660,036 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 71,288 | - | - |
| Debt Service: | | | |
| 0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities | 94,000 | 750,000 | - |
| 0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities | 4,550 | 154,337 | - |
| 0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 500 | 48,040 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | |
| 0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction | - | - | 1,081,309 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | |
| 0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 26,887 | - | - |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | 9,639 | - | - |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | <u>5,945,124</u> | <u>904,837</u> | <u>1,900,055</u> |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | <u>93,745</u> | <u>35,965</u> | <u>(1,891,519)</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | |
| 7911 Capital Related Debt Issued | - | - | 2,248,040 |
| 7915 Transfers In | - | - | - |
| 8911 Transfers Out (Use) | (28,789) | - | - |
| 7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | <u>(28,789)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,248,040</u> |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | 64,956 | 35,965 | 356,521 |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | <u>5,358,625</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>230,339</u> |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | <u>\$ 5,423,581</u> | <u>\$ 35,965</u> | <u>\$ 586,860</u> |

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| Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| \$ 8,192 | \$ 3,629,319 |
| 65,371 | 3,332,063 |
| 564,144 | 664,532 |
| 637,707 | 7,625,914 |
| 383,549 | 3,892,969 |
| - | 19,683 |
| - | 6,531 |
| - | 367,022 |
| 2,036 | 157,259 |
| 8,016 | 52,473 |
| 509 | 278,031 |
| 261,239 | 261,239 |
| - | 391,317 |
| 8,145 | 383,487 |
| 3,561 | 1,366,510 |
| - | 71,288 |
| - | 844,000 |
| - | 158,887 |
| - | 48,540 |
| - | 1,081,309 |
| - | 26,887 |
| - | 9,639 |
| 667,055 | 9,417,071 |
| (29,348) | (1,791,157) |
| - | 2,248,040 |
| 28,789 | 28,789 |
| - | (28,789) |
| 28,789 | 2,248,040 |
| (559) | 456,883 |
| 18,386 | 5,607,350 |
| \$ 17,827 | \$ 6,064,233 |

GRUVER ISD
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

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| | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------|
| Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds | \$ | 456,883 |
| 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 2022 capital outlays and debt principal payments is to decrease net position. | | (1,323,509) |
| 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. | | (436,319) |
| Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unavailable revenue from property taxes 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 decrease net position. | | (85,580) |
| 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 \$108,237. 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 net position totaling \$96,198. Finally, the proportionate share of the TRS pension expense on the plan as a whole had to be recorded. The net pension expense decreased the change in net position by \$(29,101). The net result is a increase in the change in net position. | | 41,140 |
| 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 \$32,101. 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 net position totaling \$31,229. Finally, the proportionate share of the TRS pension expense on the plan as a whole had to be recorded. The net pension expense decreased the change in net position by \$(68,718). The net result is an increase in the change in net position. | | 69,590 |
| Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities | \$ | (1,277,795) |

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GRUVER ISD
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2022

| | Custodial Fund |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <hr/> | |
| ASSETS | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 197,713 |
| Total Assets | <u>197,713</u> |
| NET POSITION | |
| Restricted for Other Purposes | <u>197,713</u> |
| Total Net Position | <u>\$ 197,713</u> |

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GRUVER ISD
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| | Custodial Fund |
|--|-------------------|
| ADDITIONS: | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue - Student | \$ 281,967 |
| Total Additions | 281,967 |
| DEDUCTIONS: | |
| Supplies and Materials | 201,938 |
| Total Deductions | 201,938 |
| Change in Fiduciary Net Position | 80,029 |
| Total Net Position - September 1 (Beginning) | 117,684 |
| Total Net Position - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 197,713 |

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GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Gruver 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 (GAAP) promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources identified in *Statement on Auditing Standards No. 76* of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; and it 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.

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.

Other Post-Employment Benefits. The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) TRS Care Plan has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits, OPEB expense, and information about assets, liabilities, and additions to/deductions from TRS 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 a pay-as-you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account.

Gruver Independent School District retrospectively/prospectively applied Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 72, Fair 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. The District's investments are accounted for using the cost amortization method.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") is elected by the public and it 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." There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

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 Gruver Independent School District nonfiduciary activities with most of the interfund activities removed. *Governmental activities* include programs supported primarily by taxes, State foundation funds, grants and other intergovernmental revenues.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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 a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all the District's functions. Taxes are always general revenues.

Interfund activities between governmental funds appear as due to/due froms on the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and as other resources and other uses on the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance. All interfund transactions between governmental funds are eliminated on the government-wide statements. Interfund activities between governmental funds and fiduciary funds remain as due to/due froms on the government-wide Statement of Activities.

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for two fund categories - governmental, 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 funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column.

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. 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 unmatured 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. 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.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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 deferred 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 Fiduciary and Custodial Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic 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 Assets. 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 fund:

1. **The General Fund** – The general fund is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
2. **Debt Service Fund** – The District accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds in debt service fund.
3. **Capital Projects Fund** – The proceeds for long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions are accounted for in the capital projects fund.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

Governmental Funds

1. **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.

Fiduciary Funds:

1. **Custodial Funds** – The District accounts for resources held for others in a custodial capacity in the Custodial fund. The District's Custodial Fund is the Student Activity Fund.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

E. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. **Inventories Items** – The District reports inventories of supplies at weighted average cost including consumable maintenance, instructional, office, athletic, and transportation items. Supplies are recorded as expenditures when they are consumed. Inventories of food commodities are recorded at market values supplied by the Texas Department of Human Services and recorded as inventory and unearned revenue when received. When requisitioned, inventory and unearned revenue are relieved, expenditures are charged, and revenue is recognized for an equal amount.
2. **Long-term Debt** - In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, 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 deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt. The District implemented GASB 87 for reporting leases during this reporting period. A right-to-use lease is defined as a contract that conveys control over another entity’s nonfinancial asset as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. To be accounted for as a lease, the lease must meet the definition of a “long-term” lease provided in GASB 87. The right-to-use lease liability is reported in the government-wide statements. The lease liability is calculated as the present value of the reasonably certain expected payments made over the term of the lease and the interest included in the lease payments is recorded as an expense. There were no leases material to the financial statements that were recorded during the year audited.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognized 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.

3. **Compensated Absence Policy** - 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 government. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide 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.
4. **Capital Assets** - Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture, and equipment are reported in the applicable governmental 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 of at least six 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.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

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

| <u>Assets</u> | <u>Years</u> |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Buildings | 50 |
| Building Improvements | 20 |
| Infrastructure | 50 |
| Vehicles | 5 |
| Computer Equipment | 5 |
| Other Equipment | 5 |

5. **Restrictions on Assets** – There are no restrictions on assets.
6. **Fund Equity** - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance as nonspendable if the amounts cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Restrictions of fund balance are for amounts that are restricted to specific purposes by an external entity (creditors, grantors, governmental regulations) or the restriction is imposed by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation. Commitments of fund balance represent amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the District’s Board. Assignments of fund balance are amounts set aside by the District’s Superintendent or his designee with the intent they be used for specific purposes.
7. When the District incurs an expense for which it may use either restricted or unrestricted assets, it uses the restricted assets first unless unrestricted assets will have to be returned because they were not used.
8. **Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
9. In addition to assets, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position may report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Outflows of Resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.
10. In addition to liabilities, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Position may report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, Deferred Inflows of Resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow or resource (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Uncollected property taxes which are assumed collectible are reported in this category on the balance sheet for governmental funds. They are not reported in this category on the government wide statement of net position.
11. **Data Control Codes** - The Data Control Codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by 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 data base for policy development and funding plans.

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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F. FUND BALANCE

Beginning with the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 54, "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions." This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balances more transparent.

Fund Balance Classifications: The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

- **Nonspendable:** This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The District has no items considered nonspendable fund balance.
- **Restricted:** This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Debt service resources are to be used for future servicing of the District's bonded debt and are restricted through debt covenants. Food service resources are being restricted because their use is restricted pursuant to the mandates of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.
- **Committed:** This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the District's Board of Trustees. The board of Trustees establishes (and modifies or rescinds) fund balance commitments by passage of a resolution. This can also be done through adoption and amendment of the budget. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.
- **Assigned:** This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Trustees or through the Board of Trustees delegating this responsibility to other individuals in the District. Under the District's adopted policy, the superintendent may assign amounts for specific purposes. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for all governmental funds except for the General Fund.
- **Unassigned:** This classification includes all amounts not included in other spendable classifications, including the residual fund balance for the General Fund.

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

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The details of the fund balances are included in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet (pages 15 & 16) and are described below:

General Fund: The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$5,423,581 at August 31, 2022.

Debt Service Fund: The Debt Service Fund has a restricted fund balance of \$35,965 for retirement of long-term debt at August 31, 2022.

Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund has a restricted fund balance of \$586,860 for capital acquisition and contractual obligation at August 31, 2022.

Non-Major Special Revenue Funds: The Campus Activity Fund, Fund 461, has a committed fund balance of \$17,827 at August 31, 2022.

G. 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.

H. OTHER POST RETIREMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (OPEB)

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes for purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB 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.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. BUDGETARY DATA

The Board of Trustees adopts an "appropriated budget" for the General Fund, the Child Nutrition Program which is included in the Special Revenue Funds, and the Debt Service Fund. 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, the Child Nutrition Program Budget report appears in Exhibit J-2, the Debt Service Fund report appears in Exhibit J-3.

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

1. Prior to August 20 the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning September 1. 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. However, none of these were significant.
4. Each budget is controlled by the business manager at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

| August 31, 2022 | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Fund Balance</u> | |
| Appropriated Budget Funds | \$ - |
| Nonappropriated Budget Funds | <u>17,827</u> |
| All Special Revenue Funds | <u>\$ 17,827</u> |

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

A. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits 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. Since the district complies with this law, it has no custodial credit risk for deposits.

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 (state an appropriate policy, such as, limiting all deposits denominated in a foreign currency to less than 5% of all deposits.)

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As of August 31, 2022, the following are the District's cash and cash equivalents with respective maturities and credit rating: (dollar amounts are in thousands).

| <u>Type of Deposit</u> | <u>Fair Value</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Maturity in Less Than 1 Year</u> | <u>Maturity in 1-10 Years</u> | <u>Maturity in More Than 10 Years</u> | <u>Credit Rating</u> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Cash | \$ 2,607 | 39% | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | N/A |
| Money markets and FDIC Insured Accounts | <u>4,000</u> | <u>61%</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | N/A |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | <u>\$ 6,607</u> | <u>100%</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | |

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

Interfund transfers for the year ended August 31, 2022, consisted of the following individual amounts:

Due to General Fund from:

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Debt Service Fund | \$ 43,294 |
| Capital Projects Fund | 550,000 |
| Non-major Governmental Funds | <u>58,001</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 651,295</u> |

Transfers to Non-major Governmental Funds from:

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| General Fund | <u>\$ 28,789</u> |
|--------------|------------------|

These transfers were to supplement the General Fund and the Debt Service Fund.

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E. DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables at August 31, 2022 were as follows:

| <u>Governmental Activities:</u> | Property Taxes | Due From Other Governments | Due From Other Funds | Other Receivables | Total Receivables |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 92,473 | \$ - | \$ 651,295 | \$ 31,409 | \$ 775,177 |
| Debt Service Fund | 16,404 | - | - | - | 16,404 |
| Capital Projects Fund | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Major Governmental Funds | <u>-</u> | <u>73,173</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>73,173</u> |
| Total-Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 108,877</u> | <u>\$ 73,173</u> | <u>\$ 651,295</u> | <u>\$ 31,409</u> | <u>\$ 864,754</u> |
| Amounts not scheduled for collection during the subsequent year | <u>\$ 38,000</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 38,000</u> |

Payables at August 31, 2022, were as follows:

| <u>Governmental Activities:</u> | Loans, Leases, & Bonds Payable Current Year | Accrued Wages Payable | Due To Other Funds | Due To Other Governments | Accrued Expenditures | Total Payables |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund | \$ - | \$ 318,505 | \$ - | \$ 301,840 | \$ 6,710 | \$ 627,055 |
| Debt Service Fund | 866,000 | - | 43,294 | - | - | 909,294 |
| Capital Projects Fund | - | - | 550,000 | - | - | 550,000 |
| Non-Major Governmental Funds | <u>-</u> | <u>18,911</u> | <u>58,001</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,125</u> | <u>78,037</u> |
| Total-Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 866,000</u> | <u>\$ 337,416</u> | <u>\$ 651,295</u> | <u>\$ 301,840</u> | <u>\$ 7,835</u> | <u>\$ 2,164,386</u> |
| Amounts not scheduled for payment during the subsequent year | <u>\$ 5,655,000</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 5,655,000</u> |

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F. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY

Capital asset activity for the District for the year ended August 31, 2022 was as follows:

| | Beginning Balance | Additions | Retirements | Ending Balance |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | |
| Land | \$ 219,299 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 219,299 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 13,867,445 | - | - | 13,867,445 |
| Furniture and Equipment | <u>2,041,500</u> | <u>32,491</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,073,991</u> |
| Total Capital Assets | <u>16,128,244</u> | <u>32,491</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>16,160,735</u> |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation: | | | | |
| Buildings and Improvements | (8,076,271) | (366,942) | - | (8,443,213) |
| Furniture and Equipment | <u>(1,750,464)</u> | <u>(69,377)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(1,819,841)</u> |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(9,826,735)</u> | <u>(436,319)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(10,263,054)</u> |
| Capital Assets, Net | <u>\$ 6,301,509</u> | <u>\$ (403,828)</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 5,897,681</u> |

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Instruction | \$ 7,400 |
| Student (Pupil) Transportation | 41,853 |
| Food Services | 3,223 |
| Extracurricular Activities | 363,988 |
| Facilities Maintenance and Operations | <u>19,855</u> |
| Total Depreciation Expenses | <u>\$ 436,319</u> |

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G. BONDS PAYABLE

Bonded indebtedness of the District is reflected in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group. Current requirements for principal and interest expenditures are accounted for in the Debt Service Fund.

A summary of changes in general long-term debt for the year ended August 31, 2022 is as follows:

| DESCRIPTION | Interest Rate Payable | Amounts Original Issue | Interest Current Year | Payable | | Retired | Payable |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Amounts Outstanding 9/1/2021 | Issued | | Amounts Outstanding 8/31/2022 |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2020 | 2.12%-3% | \$ 5,000,000 | \$ 129,744 | \$ 4,875,000 | \$ - | \$ 705,000 | \$ 4,170,000 |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2021 | 2.12%-3% | 2,200,000 | 24,593 | - | 2,200,000 | 45,000 | 2,155,000 |
| Maintenance Tax Note | 3.10% | <u>465,000</u> | <u>4,550</u> | <u>290,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>94,000</u> | <u>196,000</u> |
| Total Indebtness for the District | | <u>\$ 7,665,000</u> | <u>\$ 158,887</u> | <u>\$ 5,165,000</u> | <u>\$ 2,200,000</u> | <u>\$ 844,000</u> | <u>\$ 6,521,000</u> |

Debt service requirements are as follows:

| Year Ended August 31, | General Obligations - Debt Service | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total Requirements</u> |
| 2023 | 866,000 | 140,874 | 1,006,874 |
| 2024 | 740,000 | 118,111 | 858,111 |
| 2025 | 655,000 | 100,993 | 755,993 |
| 2026 | 670,000 | 87,127 | 757,127 |
| 2027 | 685,000 | 72,693 | 757,693 |
| 2028-2032 | <u>2,905,000</u> | <u>134,001</u> | <u>3,039,001</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 6,521,000</u> | <u>\$ 653,799</u> | <u>\$ 7,174,799</u> |

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H. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term activity for the year ended August 31, 2022, was as follows:

| <u>Governmental Activities:</u> | Beginning Balance 9/1/2021 | Additions | Reductions | Ending Balance 8/31/2022 | Due Within One Year |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2020 | \$ 4,875,000 | \$ - | \$ 705,000 | \$ 4,170,000 | \$ 730,000 |
| Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2021 | - | 2,200,000 | 45,000 | 2,155,000 | 40,000 |
| Maintenance Tax Note | <u>290,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>94,000</u> | <u>196,000</u> | <u>96,000</u> |
| TOTAL | <u>\$ 5,165,000</u> | <u>\$ 2,200,000</u> | <u>\$ 844,000</u> | <u>\$ 6,521,000</u> | <u>\$ 866,000</u> |
| Net Pension Liability | \$ 1,205,241 | \$ (534,973) | \$ 96,198 | \$ 574,070 | \$ - |
| Net OPEB Liability | <u>1,543,347</u> | <u>29,869</u> | <u>31,229</u> | <u>1,541,987</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 2,748,588</u> | <u>\$ (505,104)</u> | <u>\$ 127,427</u> | <u>\$ 2,116,057</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| Total Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities | <u>\$ 7,913,588</u> | <u>\$ 1,694,896</u> | <u>\$ 971,427</u> | <u>\$ 8,637,057</u> | <u>\$ 866,000</u> |

I. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

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.

State law requires the plan to actuarially sound in order for the legislature to consider a benefit enhancement, such as a supplemental payment to retirees. The pension became actuarially sound in May 2019 when the 86th Texas legislature approved the TRS Pension Reform Bill (SB12) that provided gradual contribution increases from the state, participating employers and active employees for the fiscal years 2019 through 2024.

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Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the Teacher Retirement System's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.trs.state.tx.us/about/documents/cafr.pdf#CAFR>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

| <u>Net Pension Liability</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|--------------------------|
| Total Pension Liability | \$227,273,463,630 |
| Less: Plan Fiduciary Net Position | <u>(201,807,002,496)</u> |
| Net Pension Liability | <u>\$25,466,461,134</u> |
| Net Position as a percentage of Total Pension Liability | 88.79% |

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

Contributions. Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 10% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or, if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action.

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The 84th Texas Legislature, General Appropriations Act (GAA) established the employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.

| Contribution Rates | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| | 2021 | 2022 |
| Member | 7.70% | 8.00% |
| Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State) | 7.50% | 7.75% |
| Employers | 7.50% | 7.75% |

| | |
|--|------------|
| Current fiscal year District contributions | \$ 108,237 |
| Current fiscal year Member contributions | \$ 322,159 |
| Measurement year NECE contributions | \$ 260,680 |

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Contributors to the plan include members, employers and the State of Texas as the only non-employer contributing entity. 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, 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 including public 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.

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

- All public schools, charter schools and regional education 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.

Actuarial Assumptions. The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2020. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to August 31, 2021

The total pension liability is determined by an annual actuarial valuation. The actuarial methods and assumptions were selected by the Board of Trustees based upon analysis and recommendations by the System's actuary. The Board of Trustees has sole authority to determine the actuarial assumptions used for the Plan. The actuarial methods and assumptions were primarily based on a study of actual experience for the three-year period ending August 31, 2017 and were adopted in July 2018.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.25%. The long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

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The total pension liability in the August 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

| | |
|--|---|
| Valuation Date | August 31, 2020 rolled forward to August 31, 2021 |
| Actuarial Cost Method | Individual Entry Age Normal |
| Asset Valuation Method | Fair Value |
| Actuarial Assumptions: | |
| Single Discount Rate | 7.25% |
| Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return | 7.25% |
| Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2020 | 1.95% - The source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" |
| Inflation | 2.3% |
| Salary Increases | 3.05% to 9.05% including inflation |
| Benefit Changes During the Year | None |
| Ad hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes | None |

The actuarial assumptions 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.

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

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Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Systems target asset allocation as of August 31, 2021 are summarized below:

| Asset Class ¹ | Target Allocation ² % | Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return ³ | Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns |
|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Global Equity | | | |
| USA | 18% | 3.6% | 0.94% |
| Non-U.S. Developed | 13% | 4.4% | 0.83% |
| Emerging Markets | 9% | 4.6% | 0.74% |
| Private Equity | 14% | 6.3% | 1.36% |
| Stable Value | | | |
| Government Bonds | 16% | -0.2% | 0.01% |
| Absolute Return (Including Credit Sensitive Investments) | 0% | 1.1% | 0.00% |
| Stable Value Hedge Funds | 5% | 2.2% | 0.12% |
| Real Return | | | |
| Real Estate | 15% | 4.5% | 1.00% |
| Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure | 6% | 4.7% | 0.35% |
| Commodities | 0% | 1.7% | 0.00% |
| Risk Parity | | | |
| Risk Parity | 8% | 2.8% | 0.28% |
| Asset Allocation Leverage | | | |
| Cash | 2% | -0.7% | -0.01% |
| Asset Allocation Leverage | -6% | -0.5% | 0.03% |
| Inflation Expectation | | | 2.20% |
| Volatility Drag ⁴ | | | -0.95% |
| Expected Return | <u>100%</u> | | <u>6.90%</u> |

¹ Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments

² Target allocations are based on the FY2021 policy model

³ Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 08/31/2021)

⁴ The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis. The following schedule shows the impact of the Net Pension Liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (7.25%) in measuring the 2021 Net Pension Liability.

| | 1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.25%) | Discount Rate (7.25%) | 1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.25%) |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| District's proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$1,254,434 | \$574,070 | \$22,088 |

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions. At August 31, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$574,070 for its proportionate share of the TRS’s net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------|
| District’s proportionate share of the collective net pension liability | \$ 574,070 |
| State’s proportionate share that is associated with the District | 1,555,627 |
| Total | \$2,129,697 |

The net pension liability was measured as of 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 District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District’s contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2020 thru August 31, 2021.

At August 31, 2021 the District’s proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0022542200% which was an increase of 0.0000038714% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2020.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation. Changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement period are as follows:

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

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

For the year ended August 31, 2022, the District recognized pension expense of \$73,316 and revenue of \$6,219 for support provided by the State in the Government-Wide Statement of Activities.

At August 31, 2022, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS’s deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual economic experiences | \$ 961 | \$ 40,415 |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions | 202,923 | 88,457 |
| Differences between projected and actual investment earnings | - | 481,350 |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the District’s contributions and the proportionate share of contributions | 57,232 | 88,641 |
| Total as of August 31, 2021 measurement date | \$ 261,116 | \$ 698,863 |
| Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date | 108,237 | |
| Total as of August 31, 2022 fiscal year end | \$ 369,353 | \$ 698,863 |

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

| <u>Fiscal year ended August 31,</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2023 | \$ (77,682) |
| 2024 | \$ (73,485) |
| 2025 | \$ (116,452) |
| 2026 | \$ (160,750) |
| 2027 | \$ (8,364) |
| Thereafter | \$ (1,014) |

J. DEFINED OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

Plan Description. The District participates in the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care). It is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing defined benefit Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) plan that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered through a trust by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Board of Trustees. It is established and administered in accordance with the Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575.

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detail information about the TRS-Care’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately-issued TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the internet at <http://www.trs.state.tx.us/about/documents/cafr.pdf#CAFR>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX, 78701-2698; or by calling (512)542-6592.

Components of the net OPEB liability of the TRS-Care plan as of August 31, 2021 are as follows:

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| <u>Net OPEB Liability:</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Total OPEB liability | \$41,113,711,083 |
| Less: plan fiduciary net position | <u>(2,539,242,470)</u> |
| Net OPEB liability | <u>\$38,574,468,613</u> |
| Net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability | 6.18% |

Benefits Provided. TRS-Care provides a basic health insurance coverage at no cost to all retirees from public schools, charter schools, regional education service centers and other educational districts who are members of the TRS pension plan. Optional dependent coverage is available for an additional fee.

Eligible non-Medicare retirees and their dependents may pay premiums to participate in the high-deductible health plans. Eligible Medicare retirees and dependents may pay premiums to participate in the Medicare Advantage health plans. To qualify for TRS-Care coverage, a retiree must have at least 10 years of service credit in the TRS pension system.

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The General Appropriations Act passed by the 86th Legislature included funding to maintain TRS Care premiums at their current level through 2021. The 86th legislature also passed SB 1682 which requires TRS to establish a contingency reserve in the TRS-Care fund equal to 60 days of expenditures.

The following premium rates for retirees with Medicare Part A and Part B became effective January 1, 2018 and are reflected in the following table.

| TRS-Care Plan Premium Rates Effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021 | | |
|--|----------|--------------|
| | 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 |

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

Texas Insurance Code, section 1575.202 establishes the state’s contribution rate which is 1.25% of the employee’s salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee’s rate which is 0.65% of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the public. 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.

| Contribution Rates | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| | 2021 | 2022 |
| Active employee | 0.65% | 0.65% |
| 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 District contributions | \$ 32,101 |
| Current fiscal year member contributions | \$ 26,176 |
| Measurement year NECE contributions | \$ 41,840 |

All employers whose employees are covered by the TRS pension plan are also required to pay a surcharge of \$535 per month when the employee is a retiree of the TRS.

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Actuarial Assumptions. The actuarial valuation of TRS-Care 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 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. All of the demographic assumptions, including rates of retirement, termination, and disability, and most of the economic assumptions, including general inflation and salary increases, used in the OPEB valuation were identical to those used in the respective TRS pension valuation. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017.

The following assumptions used for members of TRS are identical to the assumptions employed in the August 31, 2021 TRS annual pension actuarial valuation:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Rates of Mortality | General Inflation |
| Rates of Retirement | Wage Inflation |
| Rates of Termination | Expected Payroll Growth |
| Rates of Disability Incidence | |

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

The initial medical trend rates were 8.50% for Medicare retirees and 7.10% for non-Medicare retirees. There was an initial prescription drug trend rate of 8.50% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 12 years.

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% |
| Discount Rate | 1.95% as of August 31, 2021 |
| Aging Factors | Based on plan specific experience |
| Expenses | Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs. |
| Projected Salary Increases | 3.05% to 9.05%, including inflation |
| Election Rates | Normal Retirement: 65% participation prior to age 65 and 40% participation after age 65. 25% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65. |
| Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes | None |

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Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 1.95% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. There was a change of (0.38%) in the discount rate since the previous year. Because the plan is essentially a “pay-as-you-go” plan, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. The source of the municipal bond rate was 20-year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability:

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis - The following schedule shows the impact of the net OPEB liability if the discount rate used was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used in measuring the net OPEB liability.

| | 1% Decrease in Discount Rate (0.95%) | Current Single Discount Rate (1.95%) | 1% Increase in Discount Rate (2.95%) |
|---|--|--|--|
| District’s proportionate share of net OPEB liability | \$1,859,992 | \$1,541,987 | \$1,291,707 |

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Sensitivity Analysis - The following presents the net OPEB liability of the plan using the assumed healthcare cost trend rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is one-percentage point lower or one-percentage point higher than the assumed healthcare cost trend rate:

| | 1% Decrease | Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate | 1% Increase |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| District’s proportionate share of net OPEB liability | \$1,248,958 | \$1,541,987 | \$1,935,159 |

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEBs. At August 31, 2022, the District reported a liability of \$1,541,987 for its proportionate share of the TRS’s net OPEB liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

| | |
|---|----------------------------|
| District’s proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability | \$ 1,541,987 |
| State’s proportionate share that is associated with the District | <u>2,065,919</u> |
| Total | <u><u>\$ 3,607,906</u></u> |

The net OPEB liability was measured as of 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 District’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District’s contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021.

At August 31, 2021 the District’s proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0039974291% which was a decrease of 0.0000624608% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2020.

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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 since the prior measurement period:

1. The discount rate changed from 2.33% as of August 31, 2020 to 1.95% as of August 31, 2021. This change increased the total OPEB liability (TOL).

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

For the year ended August 31, 2022, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(113,737) and revenue of \$(76,248) for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2022, 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:

| | Deferred Outflow of Resources | Deferred Inflow of Resources |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Differences between expected and actual actuarial experience | \$ 66,390 | \$ 746,430 |
| Changes in actuarial assumptions | 170,793 | 326,102 |
| Differences between projected and actual investment earnings | 1,674 | - |
| Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions | 108,406 | 46,886 |
| Total as of August 31, 2021 measurement date | \$ 347,263 | \$ 1,119,418 |
| Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date | 32,101 | |
| Total as of August 31, 2022 fiscal year end | \$ 379,364 | \$ 1,119,418 |

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

| Fiscal year ended August 31, | Amount |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| 2023 | \$ (148,470) |
| 2024 | \$ (148,508) |
| 2025 | \$ (148,498) |
| 2026 | \$ (107,908) |
| 2027 | \$ (52,957) |
| Thereafter | \$ (165,814) |

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K. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE - RETIREES AND ACTIVE EMPLOYEES

Retiree Health Care Coverage

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

Funding Policy. Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. Texas Insurance Code, Sections 1575.202, 203, and 204 establish state, active employee, and public school contributions, respectively. The Contribution Rate for the State was 1.25% for 2020 thru 2022. The contribution rate for the District was 0.75% for 2020 thru 2022. The contribution rate for active employees was 0.65% of the district payroll for 2020 thru 2022. Per Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575, the public school contribution may not be less than 0.25% or greater than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the public school. For staff members funded by federal programs, the federal programs are required to contribute 1.25% for 2020 thru 2022.

Contributions. Contributions made by the State on behalf of the District are recorded in the governmental funds financial statements as both revenue and expenditures. State contributions to TRS made on behalf to the District's employees as well as the District's required contributions and federal grant program contributions for the years ended August 31, 2022, 2021 and 2020 are as follows:

| Contribution Rates and Contribution Amounts | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| Year | Member | | State | | School District | |
| | Rate | Amount | Rate | Amount | Rate | Amount |
| 2022 | 0.65% | \$ 26,176 | 1.25% | \$ 50,337 | 0.75% | \$ 30,202 |
| 2021 | 0.65% | \$ 25,946 | 1.25% | \$ 49,896 | 0.75% | \$ 29,937 |
| 2020 | 0.65% | \$ 25,545 | 1.25% | \$ 49,123 | 0.75% | \$ 29,466 |

Medicare Part D. The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006 established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the TRS-Care to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. On-behalf payments recognized as equal revenues and expenditures by the District for the years ended August 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020 were \$16,355, \$17,775, and \$16,730, respectively.

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Active Employee Health Care Coverage

Plan Description. The District participates in TRS Active Care sponsored by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and administered through Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas and CVS Caremark (pharmacy). TRS-Active Care provides health care coverage to employees (and their dependents) of participating public education entities. Optional life and long-term care insurance are also provided to active members and retirees. Authority for the plan can be found in the Texas Insurance Code, Title 8, Subtitle H, Chapter 1579 and in the Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 3, Chapter 41. The plan began operations on September 1, 2002. This is a premium-based plan. Payments are made on a monthly basis for all covered employees.

L. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The District provided health care benefits to staff members and their dependents through the statewide TRS Active Care Benefits Program, a public entity risk pool. The District contributed \$225 per month per employee to the plan, and employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to provide coverage for dependents. Health claim payments were processed by the administrators of the TRS Active Care Benefits Program. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) manages TRS Active Care. The District’s participation in the program is renewable annually.

M. SCHOOL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES (SHARS)

The District received \$100,388 of School Health and Related Services (SHARS). This code is to be used to account for funds received from the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Program. Funds received represent reimbursements to the school district for school-based health services, which are provided to special education students enrolled in the Medicaid Program. These receipts are not considered “federal financial assistance” for inclusion in the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance. In addition, the expenditures associated with SHARS reimbursements will be subtracted from special education expenditures for maintenance of effort purposes.

N. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows of resources at year end consisted of the following:

| | General Fund | Debt Service Fund | Total |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Net unrealized Property Taxes | \$ 57,473 | \$ 13,404 | \$ 70,877 |

O. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The District’s taxpayers approved a \$29.3 million bond in November of 2022 with the proceeds to be used for vehicles, construction, renovations, recreational facilities, and technology improvements.

In January of 2023, \$9.3 million of the bond was sold with the remaining \$20 million to be sold at a later date.

The net proceeds of the bond sale was deposited into the capital projects account.

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P. DUE FROM STATE AGENCIES

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 local, federal, and state governments as of August 31, 2022, 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.

| <u>Fund</u> | Local Other Governments | State Entitlements | Federal Grants | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Debt Service Fund | - | - | - | - |
| Non-major Governmental Funds | - | 49,060 | 24,113 | 73,173 |
| Total | \$ - | \$ 49,060 | \$ 24,113 | \$ 73,173 |

Q. REVENUE FROM LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE SOURCES

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

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Fund | Debt Service Fund | Capital Projects Fund | Total |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Property Taxes and Other Tax-Related Income | \$ 2,554,624 | \$ - | \$ 940,197 | \$ - | \$ 3,494,821 |
| Investment Income | 16,673 | 30 | - | 2,382 | 19,085 |
| Rent | 33,600 | - | - | - | 33,600 |
| Athletic Activities | 16,132 | - | - | - | 16,132 |
| Food Service | - | 5,824 | - | - | 5,824 |
| Other | 51,365 | 2,338 | - | 6,154 | 59,857 |
| Total | \$ 2,672,394 | \$ 8,192 | \$ 940,197 | \$ 8,536 | \$ 3,629,319 |

R. SHARED SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

The District participates in a shared services arrangement (“SSA”) for Special Education with six other Districts. The District does not account for revenues or expenditures in this program and does not disclose them in these financial statements. Sunray ISD (171902) is the fiscal agent manager and is responsible for all financial activities of the shared service agreement. The District contributed \$26,887 to the shared services agreement from the General Fund.

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S. CHAPTER 313 AGREEMENTS

On July 26, 2021, the Gruver Independent School District approved agreements with Firewheel Wind Energy, LLC, Great Prairie Wind II, LLC, and Great Prairie Wind III, LLC. These agreements are 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, i.e., The Texas Economic Development Act, as set forth in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended with each agreements first year being the 2023 tax year. The respective applicant companies qualified for a tax limitation agreement under Texas Tax Code §313.024(b)(5), as a renewable energy project.

On February 16, 2022, the District’s Board of Trustees approved an amendment to each agreement pursuant to Sections 10.2 and 10.3. This amendment represents the transfer of any and all interest ownership to the designated company.

1. The Agreement with the assigned Texas Comptroller Application No. 1541 transferred interest from Firewheel Wind Energy, LLC to Great Prairie Wind, LLC. All further statements regarding Application No. 1541 shall refer to the amended agreement between Gruver Independent School District and Great Prairie Wind, LLC.
2. The Agreement with the assigned Texas Comptroller Application No. 1574 transferred interest from Great Prairie Wind II, LLC to Great Prairie Wind, LLC. All further statements regarding Application No. 1574 shall refer to the amended agreement between Gruver Independent School District and Great Prairie Wind, LLC.
3. The Agreement with the assigned Texas Comptroller Application No. 1587 transferred interest from Great Prairie Wind III, LLC to Great Prairie Wind, LLC. All further statements regarding Application No. 1587 shall refer to the amended agreement between Gruver Independent School District and Great Prairie Wind, LLC.

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) under the Chapter 313 Agreement must be consistent with the state’s goal to “encourage large scale capital investments in this state”. Chapter 313 of the Tax Code grants eligibility to companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, renewable electric energy production, clean coal projects, nuclear power generation, and data centers.

In order to qualify for a value limitation agreement, each applicant, including those with Great Prairie Wind, LLC, has been required to meet a series of capital investment, job creation, and wage requirements specified by state law. At the time of the application’s approval, the agreement was found to have done so by both the District’s Board of Trustees and the Texas Comptroller’s Office, which recommended approval of the project.

The application, the agreements, and state reporting requirement documentation can be viewed at the Texas Comptroller’s website:

- Great Prairie Wind, LLC (Application # 1541)
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs-details.php?id=1541>
- Great Prairie Wind, LLC (Application # 1574)
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs-details.php?id=1574>
- Great Prairie Wind, LLC (Application # 1587)
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs-details.php?id=1587>

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After approval, each Agreement’s applicant company must maintain a viable presence in the district for the entire period of the value limitation plus a period of years thereafter. In addition, there are specific reporting requirements, which are monitored on an annual and biennial basis in order to ensure relevant job, wage, and operational requirements are being met.

In the event that Grand Prairie Wind, LLC terminates an Agreement without the consent of the District, or in the event that the company or its successor-in-interest fails to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, then the District shall be entitled to the recapture of all ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of this Agreement together with the payment of penalty and interest, on that recaptured ad valorem tax revenue. Penalties on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Texas Tax Code §313.01(a), or its successor statute. Interest on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Texas Tax Code §313.01(c) or its successor statute. The agreement provides an administrative procedure to determine any company liability. Ultimately, enforcement of any payment obligation is through the local state district court.

First Year Value Limitation: 2023 Tax Year
 Fiscal Year: 2021-2022 School Year

| | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | (E) | (F) | (G) |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | Project Value 2021 Tax Year | Project's Value Limitation Amount 2021 | Amount of Applicant's M&O Taxes Paid 2021 | Amount of Applicant's M&O Tax Reduced 2021 | Company Revenue Loss Payment to School District 2021 | Company Supplemental Payment to School District 2022 | Net Benefit (Loss) to the School District 2021 (C+E+F) |
| Great Prairie Winds, LLC Application # 1541 | \$ - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Great Prairie Winds, LLC Application # 1574 | \$ - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ - |
| Great Prairie Winds, LLC Application # 1587 | \$ - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ - |
| TOTAL | \$ - | - | - | - | - | - | \$ - |

T. DATE OF MANAGEMENT EVALUATION

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 25, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GRUVER ISD
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS) | Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative) |
|--|------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | Original | Final | | |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 2,605,123 | \$ 2,649,443 | \$ 2,672,394 | \$ 22,951 |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 3,225,020 | 3,248,075 | 3,266,087 | 18,012 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 75,000 | 100,388 | 100,388 | - |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 5,905,143 | 5,997,906 | 6,038,869 | 40,963 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 3,362,388 | 3,522,388 | 3,464,837 | 57,551 |
| 0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services | 10,000 | 8,000 | 6,696 | 1,304 |
| 0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 23,000 | 18,000 | 6,531 | 11,469 |
| 0023 School Leadership | 382,509 | 377,509 | 367,022 | 10,487 |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | 132,372 | 162,372 | 155,223 | 7,149 |
| 0033 Health Services | 49,195 | 53,195 | 44,457 | 8,738 |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | 223,223 | 283,223 | 239,181 | 44,042 |
| 0036 Extracurricular Activities | 309,043 | 419,043 | 376,558 | 42,485 |
| 0041 General Administration | 406,254 | 406,254 | 375,342 | 30,912 |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 691,274 | 741,274 | 702,913 | 38,361 |
| 0053 Data Processing Services | 73,172 | 74,172 | 71,288 | 2,884 |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| 0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities | 94,000 | 94,000 | 94,000 | - |
| 0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities | 7,533 | 7,533 | 4,550 | 2,983 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| 0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 27,500 | 29,500 | 26,887 | 2,613 |
| 0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges | - | 13,000 | 9,639 | 3,361 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 5,791,463 | 6,209,463 | 5,945,124 | 264,339 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 113,680 | (211,557) | 93,745 | 305,302 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 8911 Transfers Out (Use) | (308,680) | (63,680) | (28,789) | 34,891 |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | (195,000) | (275,237) | 64,956 | 340,193 |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 6,100,143 | 5,358,625 | 5,358,625 | - |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 5,905,143 | \$ 5,083,388 | \$ 5,423,581 | \$ 340,193 |

GRUVER 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

| | Measurement Year Ended August 31, | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
| District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) | 0.0022542200% | 0.0022503486% | 0.0024832859% | 0.0025005143% | 0.0020999468% | 0.0022183312% | 0.0025478000% | 0.0010422000% |
| District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset) | \$ 574,070 | \$ 1,205,241 | \$ 1,290,890 | \$ 1,376,344 | \$ 671,450 | \$ 838,274 | \$ 900,613 | \$ 278,386 |
| States Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) associated with the District | 1,555,627 | 3,298,125 | 3,057,449 | 3,180,358 | 2,066,756 | 2,523,069 | 2,430,743 | 2,110,395 |
| Total | <u>\$ 2,129,697</u> | <u>\$ 4,503,366</u> | <u>\$ 4,348,339</u> | <u>\$ 4,556,702</u> | <u>\$ 2,738,206</u> | <u>\$ 3,361,343</u> | <u>\$ 3,331,356</u> | <u>\$ 2,388,781</u> |
| District's Covered Payroll | \$ 3,991,643 | \$ 3,929,847 | \$ 3,671,824 | \$ 3,475,936 | \$ 3,411,922 | \$ 3,361,343 | \$ 3,331,356 | \$ 2,388,781 |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a percentage of its Covered Payroll | 14.38% | 30.67% | 35.16% | 39.60% | 19.68% | 24.94% | 27.03% | 11.65% |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability | 88.79% | 75.54% | 75.24% | 73.74% | 82.17% | 78.00% | 78.43% | 83.25% |

Note: Only eight years of data is presented in accordance with GASB #68, paragraph 138. "The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| | Fiscal Year Ended August 31, | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Contractually Required Contribution | \$ 108,237 | \$ 96,198 | \$ 92,850 | \$ 86,918 | \$ 83,670 | \$ 68,824 | \$ 70,482 | \$ 75,441 |
| Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution | (108,237) | (96,198) | (92,850) | (86,918) | (83,670) | (68,824) | (70,482) | (75,441) |
| Contribution Deficiency (Excess) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| District's Covered Payroll | \$ 4,026,987 | \$ 3,991,643 | \$ 3,929,847 | \$ 3,671,824 | \$ 3,475,936 | \$ 3,411,922 | \$ 3,361,343 | \$ 3,331,356 |
| Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll | 2.69% | 2.41% | 2.36% | 2.37% | 2.41% | 2.02% | 2.10% | 2.26% |

Note: Only eight years of data is presented in accordance with GASB #68, paragraph 138. "The information for all periods for the 10-year schedules that are required to be presented as required supplementary information may not be available initially. In these cases, during the transition period, that information should be presented for as many years as are available. The schedules should not include information that is not measured in accordance with the requirements of this Statement."

GRUVER 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

| | Measurement Year Ended August 31, | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
| District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) | 0.0039974291% | 0.0040598899% | 0.0040856774% | 0.0039845935% | 0.0037912979% |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) | \$ 1,541,987 | \$ 1,543,347 | \$ 1,932,166 | \$ 1,989,544 | \$ 1,648,693 |
| State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) associated with the District | <u>2,065,919</u> | <u>2,073,889</u> | <u>2,567,418</u> | <u>3,044,048</u> | <u>2,759,704</u> |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,607,906</u> | <u>\$ 3,617,236</u> | <u>\$ 4,499,584</u> | <u>\$ 5,033,592</u> | <u>\$ 4,408,397</u> |
| District's Covered Payroll | \$ 3,991,643 | \$ 3,929,847 | \$ 3,671,824 | \$ 3,475,936 | \$ 3,411,922 |
| District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a percentage of its Covered Payroll | 38.63% | 39.27% | 52.62% | 57.24% | 48.32% |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total OPEB Liability | 6.18% | 4.99% | 2.66% | 1.57% | 0.91% |

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

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| | Fiscal Year Ended August 31, | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
| Contractually Required Contribution | \$ 32,101 | \$ 31,229 | \$ 30,850 | \$ 28,997 | \$ 28,204 |
| Contribution in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution | (32,101) | (31,229) | (30,850) | (28,997) | (28,204) |
| Contribution Deficiency (Excess) | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| District's Covered Payroll | \$ 4,026,987 | \$ 3,991,643 | \$ 3,929,847 | \$ 3,671,824 | \$ 3,475,936 |
| Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll | 0.80% | 0.78% | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.81% |

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

GRUVER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Budget

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

- A. Prior to August 20 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- B. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
- C. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

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

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

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

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

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes of assumptions that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement year.

Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes of Assumptions

See Footnote J page 46 for changes in assumptions that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability during the measurement period.

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COMBINING STATEMENTS

GRUVER ISD
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
 NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | 211 ESEA I, A Improving Basic Program | 240 National Breakfast and Lunch Program | 255 ESEA II,A Training and Recruiting | 266 ESSER -School Emergency Relief -CARES |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| 1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ - | \$ 4,864 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 1240 Due from Other Governments | 2,656 | 6,783 | - | - |
| 1000 Total Assets | <u>\$ 2,656</u> | <u>\$ 11,647</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| 2160 Accrued Wages Payable | \$ 2,388 | \$ 11,368 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 2170 Due to Other Funds | - | - | - | - |
| 2200 Accrued Expenditures | 268 | 279 | - | - |
| 2000 Total Liabilities | <u>2,656</u> | <u>11,647</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Committed Fund Balance: | | | | |
| 3545 Other Committed Fund Balance | - | - | - | - |
| 3000 Total Fund Balances | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| 4000 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u>\$ 2,656</u> | <u>\$ 11,647</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

| 270 ESEA V, B,2 Rural & Low Income | 281 ESSER II CRRSA Act Supplemental | 282 ESSER III ARP Act | 289 Other Federal Special Revenue Funds | 410 State Instructional Materials | 429 Other State Special Revenue Funds | 461 Campus Activity Funds | Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 17,827 | \$ 22,691 |
| 11,365 | - | 768 | 2,541 | 2,204 | 46,856 | - | 73,173 |
| <u>\$ 11,365</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 768</u> | <u>\$ 2,541</u> | <u>\$ 2,204</u> | <u>\$ 46,856</u> | <u>\$ 17,827</u> | <u>\$ 95,864</u> |
| \$ 4,188 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 967 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 18,911 |
| 6,707 | - | 768 | 1,466 | 2,204 | 46,856 | - | 58,001 |
| 470 | - | - | 108 | - | - | - | 1,125 |
| <u>11,365</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>768</u> | <u>2,541</u> | <u>2,204</u> | <u>46,856</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>78,037</u> |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 17,827 | 17,827 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | 17,827 | 17,827 |
| <u>\$ 11,365</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 768</u> | <u>\$ 2,541</u> | <u>\$ 2,204</u> | <u>\$ 46,856</u> | <u>\$ 17,827</u> | <u>\$ 95,864</u> |

GRUVER ISD
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
 FUND BALANCES - NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | 211 ESEA I, A Improving Basic Program | 240 National Breakfast and Lunch Program | 255 ESEA II,A Training and Recruiting | 266 ESSER -School Emergency Relief -CARES |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ - | \$ 5,854 | \$ - | \$ - |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | - | 13,855 | - | - |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 33,574 | 209,176 | 10,565 | - |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 33,574 | 228,885 | 10,565 | - |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 Instruction | 33,574 | - | 10,565 | - |
| 0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services | - | - | - | - |
| 0033 Health Services | - | - | - | - |
| 0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation | - | - | - | - |
| 0035 Food Services | - | 257,674 | - | - |
| 0041 General Administration | - | - | - | - |
| 0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations | - | - | - | - |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 33,574 | 257,674 | 10,565 | - |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | - | (28,789) | - | - |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 7915 Transfers In | - | 28,789 | - | - |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balance | - | - | - | - |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | - | - | - | - |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

| 270 ESEA V, B,2 Rural & Low Income | 281 ESSER II CRRSA Act Supplemental | 282 ESSER III ARP Act | 289 Other Federal Special Revenue Funds | 410 State Instructional Materials | 429 Other State Special Revenue Funds | 461 Campus Activity Funds | Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|--|--|------------------------------------|--|
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 2,338 | \$ 8,192 |
| - | - | - | - | 4,660 | 46,856 | - | 65,371 |
| 42,721 | - | 234,252 | 33,856 | - | - | - | 564,144 |
| 42,721 | - | 234,252 | 33,856 | 4,660 | 46,856 | 2,338 | 637,707 |
| 42,721 | - | 215,420 | 26,856 | 7,557 | 46,856 | - | 383,549 |
| - | - | 2,036 | - | - | - | - | 2,036 |
| - | - | 1,016 | 7,000 | - | - | - | 8,016 |
| - | - | 509 | - | - | - | - | 509 |
| - | - | 3,565 | - | - | - | - | 261,239 |
| - | - | 8,145 | - | - | - | - | 8,145 |
| - | - | 3,561 | - | - | - | - | 3,561 |
| 42,721 | - | 234,252 | 33,856 | 7,557 | 46,856 | - | 667,055 |
| - | - | - | - | (2,897) | - | 2,338 | (29,348) |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 28,789 |
| - | - | - | - | (2,897) | - | 2,338 | (559) |
| - | - | - | - | 2,897 | - | 15,489 | 18,386 |
| \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | 17,827 | \$ 17,827 |

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REQUIRED TEA SCHEDULES

GRUVER ISD
 SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE
 FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Last 10 Years Ended August 31 | (1) | (2) | (3) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| | Tax Rates | | Assessed/Appraised Value for School Tax Purposes |
| | Maintenance | Debt Service | |
| 2013 and prior years | Various | Various | \$ Various |
| 2014 | 1.000000 | 0.070000 | 380,711,068 |
| 2015 | 1.040000 | 0.080000 | 370,042,869 |
| 2016 | 1.060000 | 0.090000 | 357,472,035 |
| 2017 | 1.060000 | 0.290000 | 330,294,170 |
| 2018 | 1.060000 | 0.290000 | 288,476,071 |
| 2019 | 1.060000 | 0.290000 | 270,628,819 |
| 2020 | 0.990000 | 0.320000 | 280,938,841 |
| 2021 | 0.976400 | 0.340000 | 256,607,204 |
| 2022 (School year under audit) | 0.941200 | 0.350000 | 273,321,902 |
| 1000 TOTALS | | | |

| (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 |
|--|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| \$ 18,960 | \$ - | \$ 19 | \$ - | \$ (1,028) | \$ 17,913 |
| 1,498 | - | 176 | 11 | 10 | 1,321 |
| 22,473 | - | 470 | 36 | (10) | 21,957 |
| 11,682 | - | 239 | 20 | (12) | 11,411 |
| 6,546 | - | 627 | 172 | (13) | 5,734 |
| 56,051 | - | 39,903 | 10,916 | (12) | 5,220 |
| 9,827 | - | 2,173 | 595 | (12) | 7,047 |
| 32,696 | - | 17,018 | 5,501 | - | 10,177 |
| 34,224 | - | 18,807 | 6,549 | (12) | 8,856 |
| - | 3,529,132 | 2,471,135 | 918,953 | (119,803) | 19,241 |
| <u>\$ 193,957</u> | <u>\$ 3,529,132</u> | <u>\$ 2,550,567</u> | <u>\$ 942,753</u> | <u>\$ (120,892)</u> | <u>\$ 108,877</u> |

GRUVER ISD
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS) | Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative) |
|--|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|--|
| | Original | Final | | |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 33,000 | \$ 33,000 | \$ 5,854 | \$ (27,146) |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | 10,817 | 10,817 | 13,855 | 3,038 |
| 5900 Federal Program Revenues | 95,000 | 135,000 | 209,176 | 74,176 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 138,817 | 178,817 | 228,885 | 50,068 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0035 Food Services | 252,497 | 292,497 | 257,674 | 34,823 |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 252,497 | 292,497 | 257,674 | 34,823 |
| 1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | (113,680) | (113,680) | (28,789) | 84,891 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 7915 Transfers In | 113,680 | 113,680 | 28,789 | (84,891) |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | - | - | - | - |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | - | - | - | - |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |

GRUVER ISD
 SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

| Data Control Codes | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS) | Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative) |
|---|------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| | Original | Final | | |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 822,982 | \$ 940,198 | \$ 940,197 | \$ (1) |
| 5800 State Program Revenues | - | - | 605 | 605 |
| 5020 Total Revenues | 822,982 | 940,198 | 940,802 | 604 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Debt Service: | | | | |
| 0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities | 705,000 | 765,000 | 750,000 | 15,000 |
| 0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities | 117,982 | 174,698 | 154,337 | 20,361 |
| 0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees | - | 500 | 500 | - |
| 6030 Total Expenditures | 822,982 | 940,198 | 904,837 | 35,361 |
| 1200 Net Change in Fund Balances | - | - | 35,965 | 35,965 |
| 0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | - | - | - | - |
| 3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 35,965 | \$ 35,965 |

GRUVER ISD
 USE OF FUNDS REPORT - SELECT STATE ALLOTMENT PROGRAMS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Section A: Compensatory Education Programs

| | | |
|-----|--|---------|
| AP1 | Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the district's fiscal year? | Yes |
| AP2 | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program? | Yes |
| AP3 | List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the district's fiscal year. | 246,015 |
| AP4 | List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. | 187,664 |

Section B: Bilingual Education Programs

| | | |
|-----|---|--------|
| AP5 | Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year? | Yes |
| AP6 | Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program? | Yes |
| AP7 | List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. | 50,685 |
| AP8 | List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25,35) | 73,809 |

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REPORTS ON INTERNAL CONTROLS AND COMPLIANCE

KILE & CO., P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**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***

Board of Trustees
Gruver Independent School District
PO Box 650
Gruver, Texas 79040

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for Gruver Independent School District (the "District") as of and for the year ended August 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2023.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Amarillo, Texas
January 25, 2023

Kille & Co., P.C.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT**

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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for Gruver Independent School District for the year ended August 31, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated March 8, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Gruver Independent School District are described in Note (I) to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by Gruver Independent School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the depreciation is based on historical experience for time of usefulness. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the depreciation in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatement. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to each opinion unit's financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated January 25, 2023.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to Gruver Independent School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as Gruver Independent School District's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the combining statements, individual fund statements, and the schedule of tax delinquency, which are required supplementary information (RSI) that supplements the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding 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 did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of board of trustee and management of Gruver Independent School District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Amarillo, Texas
January 25, 2023

APPENDIX E

SPECIMEN MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

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MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER:

Policy No: -N

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

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, it 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 receipt of payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under the Bond, to the extent of any payment by AGM hereunder. Payment by AGM to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners 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

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 whatsoever, 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.

By _____
Authorized Officer

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