

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Dated April 18, 2024

Rating:
Moody's: "Aaa" / "Aa2"
PSF Guaranteed
See: "OTHER INFORMATION -
Rating" and "THE PERMANENT
SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE
PROGRAM" herein

NEW ISSUE – Book-Entry-Only

In the opinion of Bond Counsel to the Issuer, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations.



\$9,390,000

BURNET CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Burnet, Llano and Williamson Counties, Texas)
UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024

Dated: May 7, 2024

Due: August 1, as shown on the inside cover page

Interest to Accrue From the Date of Initial Delivery (defined below)

PAYMENT TERMS . . . Interest on the \$9,390,000 Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the "District") Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") will accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery, defined below, will be payable on February 1, 2025 and each August 1 and February 1 thereafter until stated maturity, and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the book-entry-only system described herein (see "THE BONDS – BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM"). Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the Beneficial Owners thereof.** Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distributions of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (see "THE BONDS – PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR").

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE . . . The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the "State"), including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, an order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on March 25, 2024, and a pricing certificate executed pursuant to the Bond Order on the date of sale of the Bonds by an authorized representative of the District (the "Pricing Certificate," and together with the Bond Order, the "Order") (see "THE BONDS – AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE"). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on April 18, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds are direct obligations of the District, payable from an ad valorem tax levied, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, on all taxable property located within the District, as provided in the Order. **An application has been filed and conditional approval has been received by the District for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the State which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds (see "APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").**

PURPOSE . . . Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) refunding a portion of the District's outstanding obligations (the "Refunded Bonds") (see "SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS" herein) in order to lower the overall debt service requirements of the District and (ii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (see "PLAN OF FINANCING – PURPOSE" and "– REFUNDED BONDS.").

CUSIP PREFIX: 122241
MATURITY SCHEDULE
SEE INSIDE COVER PAGE

LEGALITY . . . The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and received by the initial purchasers identified below (the "Underwriters") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas and the opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "APPENDIX C – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION"). Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas.

DELIVERY . . . It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on May 7, 2024 (the "Date of Initial Delivery").

SAMCO CAPITAL

FROST BANK

MATURITY SCHEDULE

<u>Maturity (August 1)</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Initial Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP Numbers⁽¹⁾</u>
2025	\$ 890,000	5.000%	3.410%	122241PC0
2026	1,040,000	5.000%	3.250%	122241PD8
2027	1,095,000	5.000%	3.080%	122241PE6
2028	1,150,000	5.000%	3.000%	122241PF3
2029	1,210,000	5.000%	3.000%	122241PG1
2030	1,270,000	5.000%	3.010%	122241PH9
2031	1,335,000	5.000%	3.020%	122241PJ5
2032	1,400,000	5.000%	3.030%	122241PK2

(Interest to accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery)

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REDEMPTION . . . The Bonds will not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. See “THE BONDS – REDEMPTION.”

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFERING OF THE BONDS, THE UNDERWRITERS MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICES 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.

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

THE BONDS ARE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE 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 JURISDICTION IN WHICH THESE SECURITIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED, QUALIFIED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE UNDERWRITERS 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 "THE BONDS – BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" OR THE AFFAIRS OF THE TEA DESCRIBED UNDER "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

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

THE DISTRICT	The Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the “District”) operates as an independent school district under the laws of the State of Texas (the “State”). It is located in Burnet, Llano and Williamson Counties, Texas. The District is approximately 703.99 square miles in area. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”) who serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in May of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Superintendent of Schools, who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors (see “INTRODUCTION – DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT”).
THE BONDS	The \$9,390,000 Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”) will be issued as serial bonds maturing on August 1 in each of the years 2025 through and including 2032 (see “THE BONDS – DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS”).
PAYMENT OF INTEREST	Interest on the Bonds accrues from the Date of Initial Delivery and is payable February 1, 2025 and each August 1 and February 1 thereafter until stated maturity (see “THE BONDS – DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS”).
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE	The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended, an order (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board of the District on March 25, 2024, and a pricing certificate executed pursuant to the Bond Order by an authorized representative of the District (the “Pricing Certificate,” and together with the Bond Order, the “Order”) (see “THE BONDS – AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE”). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on April 18, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds.
SECURITY FOR THE BONDS	The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District, payable from a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property within the District. Additionally, the payment of the Bonds is expected to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas (see “THE BONDS – SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT” and “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”).
PSF GUARANTEE	The District has filed an application and received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the State which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds (see “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”).
REDEMPTION	The Bonds will not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities (see “THE BONDS –REDEMPTION”).
TAX EXEMPTION	In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds 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 the caption “TAX MATTERS” herein, including the alternative minimum tax on corporations.
USE OF PROCEEDS	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) refunding a portion of the District’s outstanding obligations (the “Refunded Bonds”) (see “SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS” herein) in order to lower the overall debt service requirements of the District and (ii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (see “PLAN OF FINANCING – PURPOSE” and “– REFUNDED BONDS.”).
RATING	The Bonds have been rated “Aaa” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State. The Bonds and the presently outstanding tax-supported debt of the District have also been rated “Aa2” by Moody’s without regard to credit enhancement. The District also has two outstanding issues which are rated “Aaa” by Moody’s by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State (see “OTHER INFORMATION – RATING”).

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

PAYMENT RECORD The District has never defaulted in payment of its tax supported debt.

SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Fiscal Year Ended 8/31	Estimated Population ⁽¹⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita	Funded Debt Outstanding at End of Year	Ratio of Funded Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation	Funded Debt Per Capita	% Total Collections
2020	25,580	\$ 3,058,047,451	\$ 119,548	\$ 27,925,000	0.91%	\$ 1,092	99.67%
2021	24,354	3,302,543,652	135,606	70,215,000	2.13%	2,883	99.66%
2022	26,057	4,069,722,509	156,185	63,985,000	1.57%	2,456	99.81%
2023	26,229	4,663,040,676	177,782	60,540,000	1.30%	2,308	99.81%
2024	26,550	5,569,150,421	209,761	50,325,000 ⁽³⁾	0.90% ⁽³⁾	1,895 ⁽³⁾	92.58% ⁽⁴⁾

- (1) Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.
- (2) As reported by the Burnet, Llano and Williamson Central Appraisal Districts and subject to change during the ensuing year. Includes frozen values.
- (3) Projected. Includes the Bonds and excludes the District’s outstanding maintenance tax debt and Refunded Bonds.
- (4) Partial collections as of February 29, 2024.

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DISTRICT OFFICIALS, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

<u>Board of Trustees</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Earl Foster President	May 2025
Angela Moore ⁽¹⁾ Vice President	May 2024
Mark Kincaid Secretary	May 2026
Katy Duke ⁽²⁾ Trustee	May 2024
Ross Behrens ⁽¹⁾ Trustee	May 2024
Suzanne Brown Trustee	May 2026
Robby Robertson ⁽³⁾ Trustee	May 2024

- (1) Ms. Moore is running unopposed in the District’s Board election to be held on May 4, 2024 (the “Trustee Election”).
 (2) This position has two candidates who filed for a place on the Board, to be determined at the Trustee Election.
 (3) Mr. Robertson did not file to run in the Trustee Election; Mr. David Bennett was the only candidate to file for this position.

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Dr. Aaron Pena ⁽⁴⁾	Superintendent
Clay Goehring	Chief Financial Officer/Director of Business and Finance

- (4) In March 2024, the Board selected Mr. Aaron Pena to serve as the District’s new Superintendent which the Board confirmed on March 25, 2024. Mr. Keith McBurnett, former Superintendent, will retire in June 2024.

CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

Auditor..... Eide Bailly, LLP
Abilene, Texas

Bond Counsel McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P.
San Antonio, Texas

Financial Advisor.....Specialized Public Finance Inc.
Austin, Texas

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

RELATING TO

\$9,390,000

BURNET CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, which includes the Schedule and Appendices hereto, provides certain information regarding the issuance of \$9,390,000 Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the “District”) Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”).

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the “State”), including Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1207”), an order (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on March 25, 2024, and a pricing certificate executed on the date of sale of the Bonds pursuant to the Bond Order by an authorized representative of the District (the “Pricing Certificate,” and together with the Bond Order, the “Order”). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on April 18, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Capitalized terms used in this Official Statement have the same meanings assigned to such terms in the Order, except as otherwise indicated herein.

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and certain information regarding 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 from the District’s Financial Advisor, Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, Texas.

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 financial position or other affairs of the District. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future (see “OTHER INFORMATION – FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS DISCLAIMER”).

This Official Statement speaks only as to its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. Copies of the Official Statement will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system. See “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION” for a description of the District’s undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT . . . The District operates as an independent school district under the laws of the State. It is a political subdivision covering approximately 703.99 square miles located in Burnet, Llano and Williamson Counties, and fully encompasses the City of Burnet. The District is governed by the seven-member Board who serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in May of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Superintendent of Schools, who is the chief administrative officer. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors. See “APPENDIX A – GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT.”

PLAN OF FINANCING

PURPOSE . . . Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) refunding a portion of the District’s outstanding obligations (the “Refunded Bonds”) (see “SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS” herein) in order to lower the overall debt service requirements of the District and (ii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

REFUNDED BONDS . . . The principal of and interest due on the Refunded Bonds are to be paid on the redemption date of such Refunded Bonds from funds to be deposited with BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the “Escrow Agent”) pursuant to an Escrow Agreement, dated as of March 25, 2024 (the “Escrow Agreement”) between the District and the Escrow Agent. The Order provides that from the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds received from the Underwriters, together with other lawfully available funds of the District, the District will deposit with the Escrow Agent an amount which will be sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds on the redemption date. Such funds will be held by the Escrow Agent in an escrow account (the “Escrow Fund”) and may be used to purchase direct noncallable obligations of the United States, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States (the “Escrow Securities”).

Public Finance Partners LLC (the “Verification Agent”), will verify in its verification report (the “Report”) the mathematical accuracy of schedules provided by Specialized Public Finance Inc., the Financial Advisor, at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters and that the Escrow Securities will mature at such times and yield interest in amounts, together with uninvested

funds, if any, in the Escrow Fund, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds as the same shall become due by reason of stated maturity or earlier redemption. See “OTHER INFORMATION – VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS.” Under the Escrow Agreement, the Escrow Fund is irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. Such maturing principal of and interest on the escrow securities, if any, will not be available to pay principal of or interest on the Bonds.

In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District will give irrevocable instructions to provide notice to the owners of the Refunded Bonds that the Refunded Bonds will be redeemed prior to their stated maturity on the optional redemption date identified in SCHEDULE I attached hereto, on which dates money will be made available to redeem the Refunded Bonds from money held under the Escrow Agreement.

By the deposit of the Escrow Securities and cash, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have entered into firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge, defeasance and fund payment of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of the order authorizing the issuance of such Refunded Bonds and in accordance with State law, including Chapter 1207. Bond Counsel will render an opinion to the effect that, in reliance upon the Report and as a result of such defeasance, the Refunded Bonds will be deemed to be no longer outstanding except for the purpose of being paid from funds provided therefor in the Escrow Agreement. Thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to the Escrow Agent for the payment of such Refunded Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of the Escrow Agent to receive payment when due on the Escrow Securities.

Defeasance of the Refunded Bonds will cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee relating thereto.

SOURCES AND USES OF PROCEEDS . . . The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together along with the other lawfully available funds of the District, if any, are expected to be applied as follows:

Sources:	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$ 9,390,000.00
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	3,500,000.00
Reoffering Premium	<u>839,709.55</u>
Total Sources	\$ 13,729,709.55
Uses:	
Deposit to Escrow Fund	\$ 13,563,105.05
Deposit to Debt Service Fund	4,698.41
Underwriters' Discount	52,763.59
Costs of Issuance	<u>109,142.50</u>
Total Uses	\$ 13,729,709.55

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS . . . The Bonds are dated May 7, 2024 and mature on August 1 in each of the years and in the amounts shown on page 2 hereof. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery and will be payable on February 1, 2025 and each August 1 and February 1 thereafter until stated maturity. Interest on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The definitive Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity and will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the Beneficial Owners thereof.** Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See “THE BONDS – BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE . . . The Bonds are issued and the tax levied for their payment pursuant to authority conferred by the Constitution and the general laws of the State, including Chapter 1207, the Order and the Pricing Certificate.

SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT . . . All taxable property within the District is subject to a continuing direct annual ad valorem tax levied by the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount, sufficient to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. Additionally, the payment of the Bonds is expected to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE . . . In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has submitted an application to the Texas Education Agency for the guarantee of the Bonds under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (Chapter 45, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code). Subject to satisfying certain conditions discussed under “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” herein, the Bonds will be absolutely and unconditionally guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State. In the event of default, registered owners will receive all payments due on the Bonds from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund.

REDEMPTION . . . The Bonds will not be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities.

DEFEASANCE OF OUTSTANDING BONDS . . . General. The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds and the termination of the pledge of taxes and all other general defeasance covenants in the Order under certain circumstances. Any Bond and the interest thereon shall be deemed to be paid, retired and no longer outstanding (a “Defeased Obligation”) within the meaning of the Order, except to the extent provided below for the Paying Agent/Registrar to continue payments and for the District to retain the right to call Defeased Obligations to be paid at maturity, when the payment of all principal and interest payable with respect to such Bond to the due date or dates thereof (whether such due date or dates be by reason of maturity or otherwise) either (i) shall have been made or caused to be made in accordance with the terms thereof or (ii) shall have been provided for on or before such due date by irrevocably depositing with or making available to the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank for such payment (1) lawful money of the United States of America sufficient to make such payment, (2) Defeasance Securities (defined below) that mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times as will ensure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to provide for such payment and when proper arrangements have been made by the District with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank for the payment of its services until after all Defeased Obligations shall have become due and payable or (3) any combination of (1) and (2). At such time as a Bond shall be deemed to be a Defeased Obligation, such Bond and the interest thereon shall no longer be secured by, payable from, or entitled to the benefits of, the ad valorem taxes levied as provided in the Order, and such principal and interest shall be payable solely from such money or Defeasance Securities.

Any money so deposited with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank may at the discretion of the Board also be invested in Defeasance Securities, maturing in the amounts and at the times as set forth in the Order, and all income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank that is not required for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, shall be turned over to the Board.

All money or Defeasance Securities set aside and held in trust pursuant to the provisions of the Order for the payment of principal of the Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, shall be applied to and used solely for the payment of the particular Bonds and premium, if any, and interest thereon, with respect to which such money or Defeasance Securities have been so set aside in trust. Until all Defeased Obligations shall have become due and payable, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall perform the services of registrar for such Defeased Obligations the same as if they had not been defeased, and the District shall make proper arrangements to provide and pay for such services as required by the Order.

If money or Defeasance Securities have been deposited or set aside with the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank for the payment of Bonds and such Bonds shall not have in fact been actually paid in full, no amendment of the defeasance provisions of the Order shall be made without the consent of the registered owner of each Bond affected thereby.

Investments. Any escrow agreement or other instrument entered into between the District and the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank pursuant to which money and/or Defeasance Securities are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank for the payment of Defeased Obligations may contain provisions permitting the investment or reinvestment of such moneys in Defeasance Securities or the substitution of other Defeasance Securities upon the satisfaction of certain requirements. All income from such Defeasance Securities received by the Paying Agent/Registrar or an eligible trust company or commercial bank which is not required for the payment of the Bonds and interest thereon, with respect to which such money has been so deposited, will be remitted to the Board.

For the purposes of these provisions, “Defeasance Securities” means (i) Federal Securities, (ii) 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 Board adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent, (iii) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the Board adopts or approves proceedings authorizing the funding of an escrow to effect the defeasance of the Bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm no less than “AAA” or its equivalent and (iv) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by State law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds. In the event the District restricts such eligible securities, the final Official Statement will reflect the permitted Defeasance Securities.

The Permanent School Fund Guarantee with respect to any Bonds defeased will terminate upon such defeasance.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM . . . *This section describes how ownership of the Bonds are to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest payments on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.*

The District and the Underwriters cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, or other notices, to DTC Participants, (2) DTC Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds), or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely

basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with DTC Participants are on file with DTC.

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

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

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

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

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

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 the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District and the Underwriters believe to be reliable, but the District and the Underwriters take no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

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

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

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

PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR . . . The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. In the Order, the District retains the right to replace the Paying Agent/Registrar. The District covenants to maintain and provide a Paying Agent/Registrar at all times until the Bonds are duly paid and any successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall be a commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the State or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve as and perform the duties and services of Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the District agrees to promptly cause a written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

TRANSFER, EXCHANGE AND REGISTRATION . . . In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, the Bonds may be transferred and exchanged on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender to the Paying Agent/Registrar and such transfer or exchange 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, exchange and transfer. Bonds may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the respective Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar, in lieu of the Bonds being transferred or exchanged, at the designated office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the new registered owner or his designee. 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 business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled, 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 any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity and for a like aggregate principal amount or maturity amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. See "– BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be utilized initially in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bonds.

LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF BONDS . . . Neither the District nor the Paying Agent/Registrar shall be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period commencing at the close of business on the Record Date and ending at the opening of business on the next interest payment date.

RECORD DATE FOR INTEREST PAYMENT . . . The record date ("Record Date") for the interest payable on the Bonds on any interest payment date means the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day of the 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 ("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 Owner of a Bond appearing on the registration 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.

AMENDMENTS . . . In the Order the District has reserved the right to amend the Order, without the consent of or notice to any Owner, from time to time and at any time, in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the Owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission in the Order. The Order provides in addition, that the District, with the written consent of Owners holding a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding affected thereby, may amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Order; provided that, without the consent of all Owners of then outstanding Bonds, no such amendment, addition, or rescission shall (i) extend the time or times of payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, reduce the principal amount thereof, or the rate of interest thereon, or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (iii) reduce the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required for consent to any such amendment, addition, or rescission. Reference is made to the Order for further provisions relating to the amendment of the Order.

BONDHOLDERS' REMEDIES . . . The Order does not specify events of default with respect to the Bonds. If the District defaults in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds when due or the State fails to honor the Permanent School Fund Guarantee as hereinafter discussed, or the District defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District or District officials to carry out the legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or the Order and the District's obligations are not uncertain or disputed, as well as to enforce the rights of payment under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles, so rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the Bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. On June 30, 2006, the Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 49 Tex. Sup. Ct. J. 819 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the District's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, Bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants. Even if a judgment against the District could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District 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 Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors and the general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

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

Local funding for school districts is derived from collections of ad valorem taxes levied on property located within each school district’s boundaries. School districts are authorized to levy two types of property taxes: (i) a maintenance and operations (“M&O”) tax to pay current expenses and (ii) an interest and sinking fund (“I&S”) tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts are prohibited from levying an M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus in M&O tax revenues to pay the district’s debt service. School districts are required to demonstrate their ability to pay debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount. See “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S TAX RATE LIMITATIONS” herein. Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is 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.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS . . . The regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature began on January 10, 2023 and adjourned on May 29, 2023. The Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. During the 88th Regular Session, the Legislature considered a general appropriations act and legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures and exemptions, and investments, among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. Legislation enacted by the Legislature fully-funded the Foundation School Program for the 2023-2024 State fiscal biennium and increased the state guaranteed yield on the first \$0.08 cents of tax effort beyond a school district’s Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (as defined herein) to \$126.21 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA (as defined herein) in 2024 (from \$98.56 in 2023) and \$129.52 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA in 2025. See “– STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS – TIER TWO.” The Legislature also provided for an increase in funding for the school safety allotment to \$10.00 (from \$9.72 in the prior year) per ADA (as defined herein) and \$15,000 per campus. The Legislature set aside approximately \$4,000,000,000 in additional funding for public education contingent on certain legislation passing in future special sessions. However, the Legislature did not take action on such funding during either the first, second, third or fourth called special sessions of the 88th Texas Legislature.

When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor’s discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. The Governor has called and the Legislature has concluded four special sessions during the 88th Texas Legislature (such special sessions, together with the 88th Regular Session, the “2023 Legislative Sessions”).

During the second called special session, legislation was passed, and at an election held in the State on November 7, 2023, voters approved a State constitutional amendment that (i) reduced the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for school districts by approximately \$0.107 for the 2023-2024 school year; (ii) increased the amount of the mandatory school district general residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and to hold districts harmless from certain M&O and

I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption; (iii) adjusted the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in exemption amounts; (iv) prohibited school districts, cities and counties from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 (the prohibition expires on December 31, 2027); (v) established a three-year pilot program limiting growth in the taxable assessed value of non-residence homestead property valued at \$5,000,000 or less to 20 percent (school districts are not held harmless for any negative revenue impacts associated with such limits); (vi) excepted certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and (vii) expanded the size of the governing body of an appraisal district in a county with a population of more than 75,000 by adding elected directors and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts. This legislation reduces the amount of property taxes paid by homeowners and businesses and increases the State's share of the cost of funding public education.

As described above, the Governor has called four special sessions and may call additional special sessions. During any additional called special session, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the funding of public schools, including the District. The District can make no representations or predictions regarding the scope of additional legislation that may be considered during any additional called special sessions or the potential impact of such legislation at this time.

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

State Compression Percentage. The "State Compression Percentage" or "SCP" is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (i) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (ii) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (iii) the prior year SCP. For any year, the maximum SCP is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2024, the SCP is set at 68.80%.

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The "Maximum Compressed Tax Rate" or the "MCR" is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate (described below) to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the "State Compression Percentage" (as discussed above) multiplied by 100; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district's MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district's MCR for the current year, then the school district's MCR is instead equal to the school district's prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district's MCR and any other school district's MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature took action to reduce the maximum MCR for the 2023-2024 school year, establishing \$0.6880 as the maximum rate and \$0.6192 as the floor.

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

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

School districts may levy an Enrichment Tax Rate at a level of their choice, subject to the limitations described under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE." However, to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR for such year. 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 "– STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS – TIER TWO" herein.

STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS . . . State funding for school districts is provided through the two-tiered Foundation School Program, which guarantees certain levels of funding for school districts in the State. School districts are entitled to a legislatively appropriated guaranteed yield on their Tier One Tax Rate and Enrichment Tax Rate. When a school district's Tier One Tax Rate

and Enrichment Tax Rate generate tax revenues at a level below the respective entitlement, the State will provide “Tier One” funding or “Tier Two” funding, respectively, to fund the difference between the school district’s entitlements and the calculated M&O revenues generated by the school district’s respective M&O tax rates.

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

The Finance System also provides an Existing Debt Allotment (“EDA”) to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment (“IFA”) to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment (“NIFA”) to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,072,511,740 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 Legislature makes sufficient appropriations to fund the allotments for a State fiscal biennium. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the Legislature.

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

The Basic Allotment for a school district with a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district’s MCR, is \$6,160 (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, (iii) a college, career and military readiness allotment to further the State’s goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher compensation incentive allotment to increase teacher retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district’s total Tier One funding, divided by \$6,160, is a school district’s measure of students in “Weighted Average Daily Attendance” (“WADA”), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

The fast growth allotment weights are 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$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 percent 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 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$126.21 per student in WADA in 2024 and \$129.52 per student in WADA in 2025 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 2024-2025 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 the program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Education Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student percent 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 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the Legislature for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium to construct, acquire and improve facilities must be funded solely from local I&S taxes, except to the extent that the bonds of a school district are eligible for hold-harmless funding from the State for local tax revenue lost as a result of an increase in the mandatory homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000. See "-- 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS." Hold-harmless applies only to bonds authorized by voters prior to September 1, 2023.

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. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 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 Finance System prior to the enactment of certain legislation passed during the 86th Texas Legislature are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis, which will be phased out in 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. Additionally, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools may be entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant, but they will not be entitled to an allotment beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. This grant is meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature. Furthermore, 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.

For the 2023-2024 school year, school districts will be held harmless and entitled to additional state aid to the extent that state and local revenue used to service eligible debt is less than the state and local revenue that would have been available to the district under state law providing for state aid to districts to account for increases in the general residence homestead exemption and the elderly or disabled tax ceiling as such state law existed on September 1, 2022, if any increase in a residence homestead exemption under the Texas Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under the elderly or disabled tax ceiling had not occurred. See "TAX INFORMATION – LOCAL HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS" and "-- STATE MANDATED FREEZE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES."

LOCAL REVENUE LEVEL IN EXCESS OF ENTITLEMENT . . . A school district that has sufficient property wealth per student in ADA to generate local revenues on the school district's Tier One Tax Rate and Copper Pennies in excess of the school district's respective funding entitlements (a "Chapter 49 school district"), is subject to the local revenue reduction provisions contained in Chapter 49

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

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

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.

AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXATION

The following is a summary of certain provisions of State law as it relates to ad valorem taxation and is not intended to be complete. Prospective investors are encouraged to review Title 1 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 Burnet, Llano and Williamson 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.

Effective January 1, 2024, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the “Subjected Property”) whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the “Maximum Property Value”) to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property (collectively, the “Appraisal Cap”). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026 unless extended by the State legislature, the Appraisal Cap may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year’s increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to

the Maximum Property Value.

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

The appraisal values set by the Appraisal District are subject to review and change by the Appraisal Review Board. The appraisal rolls, as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, are used by taxing units, such as the District, in establishing their tax rolls and tax rates (see “TAX INFORMATION – DISTRICT AND TAXPAYER REMEDIES”).

STATE MANDATED HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS . . . State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$100,000 exemption 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.

LOCAL OPTION HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS . . . The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit. Cities, counties, and school districts are prohibited from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

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

On May 7, 2022, a constitutional amendment was approved by voters of the State authorizing the State Legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead, effective for the tax year beginning January 1, 2023. See “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.”

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.

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 fifteen percent (15%) physically 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 fifteen percent (15%) to one hundred percent (100%) based upon the damage assessment rating assigned by the chief appraiser. Except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the Governor declares the area to be a disaster area. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Property Tax Code, 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”).

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

During the Regular Session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 (“HB 5”) was enacted into law. HB 5 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code, but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code. Under HB 5, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. HB 5 also provides a 100% abatement of maintenance and operations taxes for eligible property during a project’s construction period. Taxable valuation for purposes of the debt services taxes securing the Bonds **cannot** be abated under HB 5. Eligible projects must involve manufacturing, dispatchable power generation facilities, technology research/development facilities, or critical infrastructure projects and projects must create and maintain jobs, as well as meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District is still in the process of reviewing HB 5 and cannot make any representations as to what impact, if any, HB 5 will have on its finances or operations.

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, see “TAX INFORMATION – DISTRICT APPLICATION OF TAX CODE” 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 \$57.2 million for the 2023 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 (4) equal installments without penalty or interest, commencing on February 1, and continuing as set forth in Section 31.032 of the Texas 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.

DISTRICT APPLICATION OF PROPERTY TAX CODE . . . The Central Appraisal Districts of Burnet, Llano and Williamson Counties collect the District's taxes. The District grants an exemption to the market value of the residence homestead of persons 65 years of age or older of \$10,000; and does grant an exemption to the market value of the residence homestead of the disabled.

In addition to the State-mandated exemptions of \$15,000 for general homestead and an additional \$10,000 for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled, the District grants an additional exemption of \$6,670 for persons 65 years of age or older. See Table 1 below for a listing of the aggregate amount of exemption.

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

The District does not tax nonbusiness personal property.

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

The District does not tax Goods-in-Transit.

The District has not adopted a tax abatement policy.

The District is not a participant in a tax increment financing district.

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 November 25, 1986 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20, Texas Education Code (now codified as Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, as amended).

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by a school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district's MCR. A school district's MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the school district and the State, and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, the highest possible MCR for a school district is \$0.93 (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS" herein).

Furthermore, a school district cannot annually increase its tax rate in excess of the school district's Voter-Approval Tax Rate without submitting such tax rate to an election and a majority of the voters voting at such election approving the adopted rate (see "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE" herein).

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

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Texas Attorney General that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, "exempt bonds"), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the "50-cent Test"). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district's local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district's I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the 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 refunding bonds and are, therefore, not subject to the 50-cent Test. The District not used projected property values or State assistance (other than EDA or IFA allotment funding) to satisfy this threshold 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.

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TAX INFORMATION

TABLE 1 – VALUATION, EXEMPTIONS AND TAX-SUPPORTED DEBT

2023/24 Market Valuation Established by the Burnet, Llano and Williamson Central Appraisal Districts (excluding totally exempt property)		\$ 10,735,152,101
Less Exemptions/Reductions at 100% Market Value:		<u>5,166,001,680</u>
2023/24 Taxable Assessed Valuation		\$ 5,569,150,421 ⁽¹⁾
School Funded Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes (as of 3-1-2024)		\$ 43,825,000 ⁽²⁾
The Bonds		<u>9,390,000</u>
Total Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes		\$ 53,215,000
Interest and Sinking Fund (as of 3-1-2024)		\$ 1,111,739
Ratio Tax Supported Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation		0.96%

2024 Estimated Population - 26,550
 Per Capita Taxable Assessed Valuation - \$209,761
 Per Capita Net General Obligation Debt Payable from Ad Valorem Taxes - \$2,004

(1) Includes frozen values.

(2) Excludes the District's outstanding maintenance tax debt and the Refunded Bonds.

TABLE 2 – VALUATION AND TAX SUPPORTED DEBT HISTORY

Fiscal Year Ended 8/31	Estimated Population ⁽¹⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾	Taxable Assessed Valuation Per Capita	Funded Debt Outstanding at End of Year	Ratio of Funded Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation	Funded Debt Per Capita
2020	25,580	\$ 3,058,047,451	\$ 119,548	\$ 27,925,000	0.91%	\$ 1,092
2021	24,354	3,302,543,652	135,606	70,215,000	2.13%	2,883
2022	26,057	4,069,722,509	156,185	63,985,000	1.57%	2,456
2023	26,229	4,663,040,676	177,782	60,540,000	1.30%	2,308
2024	26,550	5,569,150,421	209,761	50,325,000 ⁽³⁾	0.90% ⁽³⁾	1,895 ⁽³⁾

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

(2) As reported by the Burnet, Llano and Williamson Central Appraisal Districts and includes frozen values.

(3) Projected. Includes the Bonds and excludes the District's outstanding maintenance tax debt and the Refunded Bonds.

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TABLE 3 – TAX RATE, LEVY AND COLLECTION HISTORY

Fiscal Year Ended 8/31	Tax Rate	Local Maintenance	Interest and Sinking Fund	Tax Levy	% Current Collections	% of Total Collections
2020	\$ 1.1850	\$ 0.9900	\$ 0.1950	\$ 33,783,235	98.20%	99.67%
2021	1.1463	0.9513	0.1950	35,495,619	98.38%	99.66%
2022	1.1148	0.8995	0.2153	41,108,914	98.52%	99.81%
2023	1.0596	0.8646	0.1950	48,886,529	98.80%	99.81%
2024	0.8742	0.6792	0.1950	45,389,081	90.51% ⁽¹⁾	92.58% ⁽¹⁾

(1) Partial collections as of February 29, 2024.

TABLE 4 – TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS

Name of Taxpayer	2023/24 Taxable Assessed Valuation	% of Total Taxable Assessed Valuation
Wink to Webster LLC	\$ 82,111,837	1.47%
Hanson Aggregate Central Inc	37,318,299	0.67%
Whitehorn Pipeline LLC	28,235,157	0.51%
Pedernales Electric Coop Inc	25,603,990	0.46%
Seminole Pipeline Co	22,278,047	0.40%
McCoy Corporation	16,729,600	0.30%
Entergris Inc	13,228,937	0.24%
Hometown Renovations LLC	12,871,980	0.23%
LCRA Transmission Services Corp	11,563,954	0.21%
Firefly Aerospace Inc.	11,230,041	0.20%
	<u>\$ 261,171,842</u>	<u>4.69%</u>

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TABLE 5 – ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT

Expenditures of the various taxing entities within the boundaries of the District are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by such entities on properties within the District. Such entities are independent of the District and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures. This statement of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem tax debt (“Tax Debt”) was developed from information contained in “Texas Municipal Reports” published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the District, the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete. Furthermore, certain of the entities listed may have issued additional Tax Debt since the date hereof, and such entities may have programs requiring the issuance of substantial amounts of additional Tax Debt, the amount of which cannot be determined. The following table reflects the estimated share of overlapping Tax Debt of the District.

Taxing Jurisdiction	Total Tax Supported Debt	Estimated % Applicable	District's Overlapping Tax Supported Debt as of 2/29/2024
City of Bertram	\$ -	100.00%	\$ -
Burnet County	30,085,000	43.14%	12,978,669
City of Burnet	31,470,000	100.00%	31,470,000
Llano County	9,750,000	7.38%	719,550
Williamson County	1,122,900,000	0.04%	449,160
Burnet CISD	53,215,000 ⁽¹⁾	100.00%	53,215,000 ⁽¹⁾
Total Direct and Overlapping Tax Supported Debt			\$ 98,832,379
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Tax Supported Debt to Taxable Assessed Valuation			1.77%
Per Capita Overlapping Tax Supported Debt			\$ 3,723

(1) Includes the Bonds and excludes the District’s outstanding maintenance tax debt and the Refunded Bonds.

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DEBT INFORMATION

TABLE 6 – TAX SUPPORTED DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Debt ⁽¹⁾			The Bonds ⁽²⁾			Total Debt Service Requirements
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total	
2024	\$ 2,890,000	\$ 2,039,250	\$ 4,929,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,929,250
2025	1,655,000	1,596,000	3,251,000	890,000	579,050	1,469,050	4,720,050
2026	1,735,000	1,513,250	3,248,250	1,040,000	425,000	1,465,000	4,713,250
2027	1,820,000	1,426,500	3,246,500	1,095,000	373,000	1,468,000	4,714,500
2028	1,915,000	1,335,500	3,250,500	1,150,000	318,250	1,468,250	4,718,750
2029	2,010,000	1,239,750	3,249,750	1,210,000	260,750	1,470,750	4,720,500
2030	2,110,000	1,139,250	3,249,250	1,270,000	200,250	1,470,250	4,719,500
2031	2,215,000	1,033,750	3,248,750	1,335,000	136,750	1,471,750	4,720,500
2032	2,325,000	923,000	3,248,000	1,400,000	70,000	1,470,000	4,718,000
2033	2,420,000	830,000	3,250,000	-	-	-	3,250,000
2034	2,515,000	733,200	3,248,200	-	-	-	3,248,200
2035	2,615,000	632,600	3,247,600	-	-	-	3,247,600
2036	2,720,000	528,000	3,248,000	-	-	-	3,248,000
2037	2,800,000	446,400	3,246,400	-	-	-	3,246,400
2038	2,885,000	362,400	3,247,400	-	-	-	3,247,400
2039	2,975,000	275,850	3,250,850	-	-	-	3,250,850
2040	3,060,000	186,600	3,246,600	-	-	-	3,246,600
2041	3,160,000	94,800	3,254,800	-	-	-	3,254,800
	<u>\$ 43,825,000</u>	<u>\$ 16,336,100</u>	<u>\$ 60,161,100</u>	<u>\$ 9,390,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,363,050</u>	<u>\$ 11,753,050</u>	<u>\$ 71,914,150</u>

(1) Excludes the District’s outstanding maintenance tax debt and the Refunded Bonds.

(2) Interest calculated at the rates shown on the inside cover page hereof.

TABLE 7 – INTEREST AND SINKING FUND BUDGET PROJECTION⁽¹⁾

Estimated Tax Supported Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending 8/31/2024		\$ 4,929,250
Interest and Sinking Fund, 8/31/2023	\$ 1,111,741	
Projected Revenue from Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Levy @ 100%	9,092,929	<u>\$ 10,204,670</u>
Estimated Balance, 8/31/2024		\$ 5,275,420

(1) The numbers listed are preliminary and subject to change. The amount of State funding aid for debt service, if any, may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the Texas Legislature from time to time.

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED UNLIMITED TAX DEBT . . . The District previously exhausted its authorized voted authority. In addition to unlimited tax refunding bonds, the District may issue or 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, General Fund proceeds, and surplus maintenance taxes.

ANTICIPATED ISSUANCE OF UNLIMITED TAX DEBT . . . The District does not anticipate issuing additional unlimited tax bonds within the next twelve months.

OTHER OBLIGATIONS . . . The District has the following other obligations outstanding:

On March 3, 2020, the District issued \$1,415,000 of Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2020. The proceeds of the notes were to be used to fund the District’s technology initiative. The maintenance tax notes are to be paid from the General Fund.

Commitments under operating lease agreements for facilities and equipment provide for minimum future rental payments as of August 1, 2023 as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	
2024	\$ 43,587
2025	<u>1,589</u>
Total	\$ 45,176

PENSION FUND . . . The District’s employees participate in a retirement plan with the State of Texas (the “Plan”). The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (“TRS”). The TRS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. See “Note 9 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN” in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended August 31, 2023 as set forth in APPENDIX B hereto.

The District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (“TRSCare”), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment health care plan administered by the TRS. TRS Care Retired Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the TRS. See “Note 10 – POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH BENEFITS” in the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended August 31, 2023 as set forth in APPENDIX B hereto.

In June 2012, the Government Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) issued Statement No. 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, which was later amended by Statement No. 71 Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date (together, “GASB Statement No. 68”), to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments related to pensions. GASB Statement No. 68 requires reporting entities, such as the District, to recognize their proportionate share of the net pension liability and operating statement activity related to changes in collective pension liability. Reporting entities, such as the District, that contribute to the TRS pension plan will report a liability on the face of their government-wide financial statements. Such reporting began with the District’s fiscal year ending August 31, 2015. GASB Statement No. 68 applies only to pension benefits and does not apply to OPB or TRS Care related liabilities. At the conclusion of the 2022-23 fiscal year, the District had a net pension liability of \$10,542,421.

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.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TABLE 8 – GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURE HISTORY

REVENUES:	Fiscal Year Ended August 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Local, Intermediate and Out of State	\$ 43,096,812	\$ 34,384,950	\$ 30,516,315	\$ 29,222,714	\$ 27,690,374
State Sources	4,021,215	4,529,819	4,658,621	3,946,023	4,698,590
Federal Sources	862,168	563,791	1,680,182	835,625	1,225,527
Total Revenues	\$ 47,980,195	\$ 39,478,560	\$ 36,855,118	\$ 34,004,362	\$ 33,614,491
EXPENDITURES:					
Instruction	\$ 19,513,137	\$ 18,508,007	\$ 16,416,302	\$ 17,011,974	\$ 15,702,424
Instructional Administration	1,103,822	1,164,985	1,026,370	1,077,556	1,223,182
School Leadership	2,130,509	2,039,306	1,957,289	1,910,083	1,816,755
Guidance & Counseling	1,122,133	1,088,639	1,018,070	982,182	811,702
Health Services	376,342	327,898	330,820	328,047	319,689
Student Transportation	1,971,715	2,034,579	1,734,398	1,894,603	2,146,371
Food Service	40,609	4,986	18,689	11,172	10,601
Extracurricular Activities	1,375,394	1,254,669	1,203,169	1,174,856	1,270,358
General Administration	1,558,516	1,543,341	1,503,093	1,571,400	1,449,941
Plant Maintenance & Operations	5,524,936	4,676,255	4,238,439	4,597,656	4,007,798
Security & Monitoring Services	465,536	227,754	281,320	338,631	363,370
Data Processing	704,719	671,213	726,503	816,238	1,106,396
Community Services	1,649	2,442	1,089	1,741	2,352
Debt Service	362,893	360,794	296,901	-	-
Facilities acquisition & construction	-	-	-	-	-
Other Intergovernmental Charges	11,959,459	5,593,862	3,577,736	448,906	363,879
Total Expenses	\$ 48,211,369	\$ 39,498,730	\$ 34,330,188	\$ 32,165,045	\$ 30,594,818
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
Over Expenditures	\$ (231,174)	\$ (20,170)	\$ 2,524,930	\$ 1,839,317	\$ 3,019,673
Other Revenues	(1,772,814)	97,280	(20,863)	24,909	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses					
	(2,003,988)	77,110	2,504,067	1,864,226	3,019,673
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 17,216,723	\$ 17,139,613	\$ 14,635,546	\$ 12,771,320	\$ 9,751,647
Ending Fund Balance	\$ 15,212,735	\$ 17,216,723	\$ 17,139,613	\$ 14,635,546	\$ 12,771,320

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TABLE 8A – CHANGES IN NET POSITION

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Assets:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 21,104,537	\$ 4,983,797	\$ 3,353,343	\$ 2,983,301	\$ 2,969,492
Current Investments	13,870,599	13,898,589	14,516,845	16,250,051	11,172,666
Property Taxes Receivable (Delinquent)	1,289,886	1,074,498	1,091,717	1,166,678	1,142,481
Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	-	(106,000)	(109,000)	-	-
Due from Other Governments	1,078,231	743,879	1,476,668	1,791,657	3,128,118
Accrued Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other Receivables	1,419	1,609	4,575	32,569	-
Prepayments	2,476	3,070	-	55,120	8,301
Inventories	149,668	11,518	13,758	188,308	110,111
Deferred Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Capitalized Bond and Other Debt Issuance Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Unrealized Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Land	833,491	833,491	988,757	988,757	988,757
Buildings	59,476,784	61,100,018	61,342,272	63,265,800	64,770,242
Furniture and Equipment	6,332,428	5,709,108	4,700,609	4,679,830	4,515,187
Leased Property Under Capital Leases	45,663	108,290	-	-	-
Construction in Progress	37,580,518	19,567,853	-	-	-
Total Assets	\$ 141,765,700	\$ 107,929,720	\$ 87,379,544	\$ 91,402,071	\$ 88,805,355
Deferred Outflows of Resources:	7,945,287	5,305,246	5,538,040	6,997,162	7,733,203
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,907,858	\$ 151,874	\$ 443,018	\$ 155,511	\$ 111,015
Interest Payable	191,370	-	248,984	104,489	113,254
Payroll Deductions & Withholdings	27,281	32,845	25,076	1,388	9,224
Accrued Wages Payable	1,833,630	1,599,870	1,565,527	1,402,024	1,466,280
Deferred Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Accrued Liabilities	1,670,603	-	-	-	-
Due to Fiduciary Funds	-	134,254	-	10,938	4,000
Due to Other Governments	1,405,714	499,124	2,917,295	1,773,578	29,512
Unearned Revenue	161	-	39,300	170,911	43,697
Long Term Liabilities:					
Due Within One Year	3,223,587	3,792,696	3,910,000	2,900,000	3,854,763
Net Pension Liability	10,542,421	4,044,406	8,022,555	8,708,151	9,530,179
Premium on issuance of bonds	-	-	11,600,240	4,022,156	4,022,156
Net OPEB liabilities	6,124,294	9,461,823	9,341,259	11,737,528	12,796,109
Due in More Than One Year	64,604,351	74,711,241	67,706,991	26,660,988	29,636,266
Total Liabilities	\$ 91,531,270	\$ 94,428,133	\$ 105,820,245	\$ 57,647,662	\$ 61,616,455
Deferred Inflows of Resources:	10,981,239	12,038,206	9,239,308	7,202,988	4,669,471
Net Position					
Invested in capital assets net of related debt	\$ 46,499,548	\$ 39,027,907	\$ 37,039,487	\$ 37,078,567	\$ 33,833,544
Restricted for Federal and State Programs	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted for grants	1,890,496	1,759,363	1,244,260	952,298	788,278
Restricted for Debt Service	1,124,856	3,919,508	2,953,177	801,584	1,481,359
Restricted for Other Purposes	-	-	-	-	3,350
Unrestricted	(2,316,422)	(1,420,926)	(3,057,241)	(5,283,866)	(5,853,899)
Total Net Position	\$ 47,198,478	\$ 43,285,852	\$ 38,179,683	\$ 33,548,583	\$ 30,252,632

FINANCIAL POLICIES OF THE DISTRICT . . . *Basis of Accounting* . . . The accounting policies of the District substantially comply with the rules prescribed in the Texas State Board of Education’s Bulletin 679, Financial Accounting Manual. These accounting policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to state and local governments (see “APPENDIX B – EXCERPTS FROM THE BURNET CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT”).

General Fund Balance . . . The District's goal for the operating fund is to have an unreserved fund balance at a minimum between 45 and 60 days of operations.

Debt Service Fund Balance . . . The Debt Service Fund accounts for the use of debt service taxes and other revenues collected for the purposes of retiring bond principal and paying interest due. This is a budgeted fund for which the District's policy is to maintain a level adequate to meet bonded debt obligations.

Budgetary Procedures . . . Budget development is a year round process. The Superintendent of Schools considers major financial issues and establishes the budget framework during the first half of the school year. Trustees approve the official budget in August.

INVESTMENTS

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

INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND INVESTMENT PRACTICES OF THE DISTRICT . . . Under State law, the District is authorized to invest in:

- (1) obligations of the United States, including letters of credit, or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks;
- (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities;
- (3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States;
- (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which is guaranteed or insured by or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("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 or their respective successors;
- (8) interest-bearing banking deposits other than those described by clause (7) if (A) the funds invested in the banking deposits are invested through: (i) a broker with a main office or branch office in this State that the District selects from a list the governing body or designated investment committee of the District adopts as required by Section 2256.025, Texas Government Code; or (ii) a depository institution with a main office or branch office in the State that the District selects; (B) the broker or depository institution selected as described by (A) above arranges for the deposit of the funds in the banking deposits in one or more federally insured depository institutions, regardless of where located, for the District's account; (C) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (D) the District appoints as its custodian of the banking deposits issued for its account: (i) the depository institution selected as described by (A) above; (ii) an entity described by Section 2257.041(d), Texas Government Code; or (iii) a clearing broker dealer registered with the SEC and operating under SEC Rule 15c3-3;
- (9) (i) certificates of deposit or share certificates meeting the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code) (the "PFIA") that are issued by or through an institution that either has its main office or a branch in Texas, and are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) or in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits or, (ii) certificates of deposit where (a) the funds are invested by the District through (I) a broker that has its main office or a branch office in the State and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by law or (II) a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State that is selected by the District; (b) the broker or the depository institution selected by the District arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District; (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (d) the District appoints the depository institution selected under (ii)(a) above, an entity as described by Section 2257.041(d) of the Texas Government Code, or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the SEC and operating pursuant to SEC Rule 15c3-3 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit issued for the account of the District;
- (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described in clause (1) above, clause (12) below and "corporate bonds," require the securities being purchased by the District or cash held by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State;

- (11) certain bankers' acceptances with the remaining term of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency;
- (12) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 365 days or less that is rated at least A-1 or P-1 or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank;
- (13) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the SEC that provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the Investment Company Act of 1940 and that comply with SEC Rule 2a-7;
- (14) no-load mutual funds registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either (a) a duration of one year or more and is invested exclusively in obligations described in the this paragraph, or (b) a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities; and
- (15) aggregate repurchase agreement transactions entered into by an investing entity in conformity with the provisions of subsections (a-1), (f), and (g) of Section 2256.011 of the Public Funds Investment Act.

In addition, bond proceeds may be invested in guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract, other than the prohibited obligations described below.

A political subdivision such as the District may enter into securities lending programs if:

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

The District may invest in such obligations directly or through government investment pools that invest solely in such obligations provided that the pools are rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAAm" or an equivalent by at least one nationally recognized rating service. The District may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution.

The District is specifically prohibited from investing in:

- (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal;
- (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest;
- (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity of greater than 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 is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that include a list of authorized investments for District funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups, methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the PFIA. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

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

investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, and 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 strategies and (b) State law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board.

Under State law, the District is additionally required to: (1) annually review its adopted policies and strategies, (2) adopt a rule, order, ordinance or resolution stating that it has reviewed its investment policy and investment strategies and record in such rule, order, ordinance or resolution 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 family relationships with firms seeking to sell securities to the District to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the Texas Ethics Commission and the District, (4) require the registered principal of firms seeking to sell securities to the District to: (a) receive and review the District’s investment policy, (b) acknowledge that reasonable controls and procedures have been implemented to preclude investment transactions conducted between the District and the business organization that are not authorized by the District’s investment policy (except to the extent that this authorization is dependent on an analysis of the makeup of the entity’s entire portfolio, requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards or relates to investment transactions of the entity that are not made through accounts or other contractual arrangements over which the business organization has accepted discretionary investment authority), and (c) deliver a written statement attesting to these requirements, (5) in conjunction with its annual financial audit, perform a compliance audit of the management controls on investments and adherence to the District’s investment policy, (6) 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 repurchase agreement, (7) restrict the investment in non-money market 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, (8) require local government investment pools to conform to the new disclosure, rating, net asset value, yield calculation, and advisory board requirements, (9) provide specific investment training for the treasurer, the chief financial officer (if not the treasurer) and the investment officer, 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.

TABLE 9 – CURRENT INVESTMENTS

As of February 29, 2024, the District’s investable funds (unaudited) were invested in the following categories:

Investments	Market Value	% of Total
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 5,562,204	10.25%
Cash	48,649,588	89.62%
Money Markets	70,825	0.13%
	\$ 54,282,617	100.00%

As of such date, the market value of such investments (as determined by the District by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) was approximately 100% of their 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.

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TAX MATTERS

OPINION . . . On the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel, 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 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 BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION.”

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon the Report and (a) certain information and representations of the Issuer, including information and representations contained in the Issuer’s federal tax certificate, (b) covenants of the Issuer contained in the bond documents relating to certain matters, including arbitrage and the use of the proceeds of the Bonds and the property financed or refinanced therewith; and (c) the certificate with respect to arbitrage by the Commissioner of Education regarding the allocation and investment of certain investments in the Permanent School Fund. Failure by the Issuer 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 is conditioned on compliance by the Issuer with such requirements, and Bond Counsel 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 Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that 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 (the “IRS”) by the District with respect to the Bonds or the property financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Refunded Bonds. No assurances can be given as to whether the IRS will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the IRS would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an IRS audit is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the Issuer 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 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 accumulated earnings and profits and excess passive investment income, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax 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.

Interest on the Bonds may be includable in a corporation's "adjusted financial statement income" as imposed by Section 56A of the Code to calculate the alternative minimum tax imposed by section 55 of the Code.

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.

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 IRS. 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.

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified material events, to the MSRB. This information will be available to securities brokers and others who subscribe to receive the information from the vendors. See “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” for a description of the continuing disclosure undertaking to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually with respect to the Permanent School Fund and the State of Texas, as the case may be, and to provide timely notice of specified material events related to the guarantee to the MSRB.

ANNUAL REPORTS . . . Under Texas law, the District must keep its fiscal records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, must have its financial accounts and records audited by a certified public accountant and must file each audit report with the Board Secretary within 180 days after the close of the District’s fiscal year. The District’s fiscal records and audit reports are available for public inspection during the regular business hours, and the District is required to provide a copy of the District’s audit reports to any bondholder or other member of the public within a reasonable time on request upon payment of charges prescribed by the Texas General Service Commission.

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement under Tables numbered 1 through 4 and 6 through 9 and in APPENDIX B. The District will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year ending in and after 2024. The District will provide the updated information to the MSRB.

The District may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly available documents, as permitted by the Rule. The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the District will provide unaudited financial statements by the required time and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX B 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 last day of February in each year following the end of its fiscal year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB.

EVENT NOTICES . . . The District will also provide to the MSRB notices of certain events on a timely basis no later than 10 business days after the event. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (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 IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the 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; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District (as defined by the Rule, which includes certain debt, debt-like, and debt-related obligations), if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of any such financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In the Order, the District adopted policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance of its continuing disclosure undertakings. (Neither the Bonds nor the Order make any provision for debt service reserves, credit enhancement (other than the Permanent School Fund Guarantee program) or a trustee.)

For these purposes, (a) any event described in clause (12) in the preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, and (b) the District intends the words used in clauses (15) and (16) in the preceding paragraph and the definition of financial obligation in this section to have the meanings ascribed to them in SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

The District will also file notice with the MSRB, in a timely manner, of any failure by the District to provide financial information or operating data as described above in “- ANNUAL REPORTS” by the time required.

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

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement from time to time to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if (i) the agreement, as amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the offering described herein in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (ii) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to the amendment or (b) any person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the registered and beneficial owners of the Bonds.

The District may also amend or repeal the provisions of its continuing disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, and the District also may amend the provisions of its continuing disclosure agreement in its discretion in any other manner or circumstance, but in either case only if and to the extent that the provisions of this sentence would not have prevented an underwriter from lawfully purchasing or selling Bonds in the primary offering of the Bonds, giving effect to (i) such provisions as so amended and (ii) any amendments or interpretations of the Rule.

If the District so amends its continuing disclosure agreement as described in this section, it has agreed to include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under “ANNUAL REPORTS” an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information and operating data so provided.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION FROM THE MSRB . . . All information and documentation filings 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. To make such information available to the public free of charge, the MSRB has established the EMMA system, which may be accessed over the internet at www.emma.msrb.org.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRIOR UNDERTAKINGS . . . In previous continuing disclosure undertakings, the District agreed to supply financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type of information contained in specified tables of the applicable official statement. The District has provided this information for each of the last five years. The enrollment data for fiscal year ending 2020 was unavailable at the time the 2020 annual disclosure report was filed. Such information was filed once it became available. In addition, the District received a rating upgrade from Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) on April 1, 2021. Due to an administrative oversight, this rating was not filed until May 14, 2021, along with the late notice. The District has instituted procedures to ensure timely compliance with its continuing disclosure obligations prospectively.

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OTHER INFORMATION

RATING . . . The Bonds have been rated “Aaa” by Moody’s by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. The Bonds and the presently outstanding tax-supported debt of the District have also been rated “Aa2” by Moody’s without regard to credit enhancement. The District also has three outstanding issues which are rated “Aaa” by Moody’s by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. An explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained from the company furnishing the rating. The ratings reflect only the view of such organizations and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that such ratings will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating companies, if in the judgment of the company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities.

Periodically, rating agencies will evaluate and, on occasion as a result of these evaluations revise, their rating methodologies and criteria for municipal issuers such as the District. A revision in a rating agency’s rating methodology could result in a positive or negative change in a rating assigned by that agency, even if the rated entity has experienced no material change in financial condition or operation. Any of the rating agencies at any time while the Bonds remain outstanding could undertake such an evaluation process.

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

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE . . . The sale of the Bonds has not been registered under the Federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2); and the Bonds have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for 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 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 provisions.

It is the obligation of the Underwriters 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.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS . . . Section 1201.041 of the Public Security Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code) provides that the Bonds are negotiable instruments governed by Chapter 8, Texas Business and Commerce Code, and are legal and authorized investments for insurance companies, fiduciaries, and trustees, and for the sinking funds of municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State. With respect to investment in the Bonds by municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State, the PFIA requires that the Bonds be assigned a rating of at least “A” or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency. See “OTHER INFORMATION – 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 capital of one million dollars or more, 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. No review by the District has been made of the laws in other states to determine whether the Bonds are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

LEGAL MATTERS . . . The District will furnish the Underwriters a transcript of certain proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds. Such transcript will include a certified copy of the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as recorded in the Bond Register of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District. The District will also furnish the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that (i), based upon an examination of such transcript, the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District under the Constitution and the general laws of the State of Texas, except to the extent that enforcement of the rights and remedies of the registered owners of the Bonds may be limited by laws relating to governmental immunity, bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar laws of general application affecting the rights of creditors of political subdivisions such as the District and (ii) the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103(a) of the Code, subject to the matters described under “TAX MATTERS” herein including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations. See “APPENDIX C – FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION.” Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained therein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information describing the Bonds in the Official Statement under the captions “PLAN OF FINANCING – Refunded Bonds,” “THE BONDS” (except for “PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE,” “DTC REDEMPTION PROVISIONS,” “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM,” and “BONDHOLDERS’ REMEDIES”), “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS,” “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM” (except for “THE SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE

DISTRICT”), “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS,” “TAX MATTERS” “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION,” “OTHER INFORMATION – REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE,” “OTHER INFORMATION – LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS,” and “OTHER INFORMATION – LEGAL MATTERS” (except for the next to last sentence of the first paragraph thereof) to determine that the information relating to the Bonds and the Order contained therein fairly and accurately describes the provisions thereof and is correct as to matters of law. The legal fees to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are contingent on the sale and delivery of the Bonds. Bond Counsel’s legal opinion will accompany the Bonds deposited with DTC or will be printed on or attached to the Bonds in the event of discontinuance of the Book-Entry-Only System. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Austin, Texas. In connection with the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by, and only represents, the District. McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. also advises the TEA in connection with its disclosure obligations under federal securities law, but such firm has not passed upon any TEA disclosure contained in the Official Statement.

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.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR . . . Specialized Public Finance Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor’s fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. Specialized Public Finance Inc., in its capacity as Financial Advisor, has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies.

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

UNDERWRITING . . . The Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the District, at a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on the inside cover page hereof, less an underwriting discount of \$52,763.59. The Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds to be offered to the public may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including the Underwriters and other dealers depositing Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices of such Bonds, and such public offering prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

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

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS DISCLAIMER . . . 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. The District’s actual results could differ materially from those discussed in such forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements included 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 will prove to be accurate.

VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS . . . The issuance of the Bonds will be subject to delivery by the Verification Agent of its Report verifying at the time of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters the mathematical accuracy of certain computations. The Verification Agent will verify from the information provided to them the mathematical accuracy as of the date of the closing on the Bonds of the computations contained in the provided schedules to determine that the anticipated receipts from the Escrow Securities and cash deposits listed in the schedules provided by Specialized Public Finance Inc. (as Financial Advisor to the District) to be held in the Escrow Funds, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal and interest requirements of the Refunded Bonds.

The Verification Agent will express no opinion on the assumptions provided to them. Such verification of accuracy of such mathematical computation will be based upon information and assumptions supplied by the District and the Financial Advisor, and such verification, information and assumptions will be relied on by Bond Counsel in rendering the opinion described herein.

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

The Order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds approved the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorized its further use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Underwriters.

/s/ Earl Foster

President, Board of Trustees
Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

ATTEST:

/s/ Mark Kincaid

Secretary, Board of Trustees
Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS

Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Coupon</u>
\$ 1,380,000	8/1/2025	5.000%
1,450,000	8/1/2026	5.000%
1,525,000	8/1/2027	5.000%
1,600,000	8/1/2028	5.000%
1,680,000	8/1/2029	5.000%
1,765,000	8/1/2030	4.000%
1,835,000	8/1/2031	3.000%
1,890,000	8/1/2032	4.000%
290,000	8/1/2033 ⁽¹⁾	5.000%
<u>\$ 13,415,000</u>		

Redemption Date: 8/1/2024
Redemption Price: 100%

(1) Term Bond; amount currently outstanding after previous partial defeasances in 2022 and 2023 totaling \$5,900,000 in principal.

APPENDIX A

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

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THE DISTRICT . . . Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the “District”) is approximately 703.99 square miles and is located primarily within northern Burnet County. The District also extends into Llano County and east into Williamson County. The City of Burnet is located in the approximate center of the school district. The District also serves other communities including Bertram and the Buchanan Dam area.

Enrollment figures for the District is as follows:

Enrollment History	
2018-2019	3,201
2019-2020	3,248
2020-2021	3,113
2021-2022	3,277
2022-2023	3,295

LABOR MARKET PROFILE

Burnet County		
	February 2024	February 2023
Total Civilian Labor Force	27,259	26,339
Total Unemployment	950	940
Percent Unemployed	3.5%	3.6%
Total Employment	26,309	25,399
Llano County		
	February 2024	February 2023
Total Civilian Labor Force	10,083	9,450
Total Unemployment	421	408
Percent Unemployed	4.2%	4.3%
Total Employment	9,662	9,042
Williamson County		
	February 2024	February 2023
Total Civilian Labor Force	387,866	377,414
Total Unemployment	15,032	13,749
Percent Unemployed	3.9%	3.6%
Total Employment	372,834	363,665
State of Texas		
	February 2024	February 2023
Total Civilian Labor Force	15,295,668	15,011,661
Total Unemployment	666,075	654,309
Percent Unemployed	4.4%	4.4%
Total Employment	14,629,593	14,357,352

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

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APPENDIX B

EXCERPTS FROM THE
BURNET CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year Ended August 31, 2023

The information contained in this APPENDIX consists of excerpts from the Burnet Consolidated Independent School District Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2023, and is not intended to be a complete statement of the District's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Report for further information.

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Trustees of
Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Burnet, Texas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the District) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of August 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, TEA required schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Costs Principals, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, TEA required schedules and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we also have issued our report dated December 4, 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 the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eide Bailly LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Abilene, Texas
December 4, 2023

The management of Burnet Consolidated Independent School District ("the District") offer readers of the annual financial report this narrative discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance for the year ended August 31, 2023. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this analysis.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's total combined net position was \$47,198,478.
- During the year, the District's expenses were \$3,912,626 less than the \$61,731,791 generated in property taxes, grants and other revenues for governmental activities.
- The governmental funds financial statements reported combined ending fund balance of \$29,253,017 for the year ending August 31, 2023, a decrease of \$24,120,389 in comparison with the prior year. Note the decrease is largely due to an anticipated decrease in capital projects fund balance as construction funds are spent on approved projects; that fund balance decreased \$19,468,991 from the prior year. This balance consists of \$15,212,735 in the General Fund, \$11,196,225 of which is unassigned and available for spending at the District's discretion; \$3,978,456 has been assigned for various purposes. Restricted fund balance totals \$12,952,513 and is included in the Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Non-Major Funds. Committed fund balance is \$973,679 and consists of amounts held in campus activity funds. Non-spendable fund balance is \$152,144.
- The General Fund had \$47,980,195 in revenues, which primarily consisted of state aid and property taxes, and \$48,211,369 in expenditures, along with other financing sources/uses of \$(1,772,814), which resulted in a decrease in fund balance by \$2,003,988 for the year ended August 31, 2023.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

- The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on individual parts of the government, reporting the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
 - The *governmental funds* statements tell how general government services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - *Proprietary fund* statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities the government operates like businesses.
 - *Fiduciary fund* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Management’s Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended August 31, 2023

Major features of the District’s [government-wide](#) and [fund financial statements](#) are summarized below:

Type of Statement	Government-Wide	Fund Financials		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District’s government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Activities the District operates similar to private business-health insurance and worker’s compensation	Instances in which the District is the trustee or agent for someone else’s resources
Required Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of net position Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of net position Statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statement of fiduciary net position Statement of change in fiduciary net position
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after year-end, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter.	All revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	All revenue and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The financial statements also include *notes* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector company. These statements include:

The Statement of Net Position. The Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A-1) focuses on resources available for future operations. In simple terms, this statement presents a snapshot view of what the District owns (assets), what it owes (liabilities), and the net difference (net position). Net position may be further separated into amounts restricted for specific purposes and unrestricted amounts. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities. The Statement of Activities (Exhibit B-1) presents information showing how the net position of the District changed over the year by tracking revenues, expenses and other transactions that increase or reduce net position. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing for when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes).

To assess the overall health of the District, additional nonfinancial factors should be considered, such as changes in the District's property tax base, student enrollment, and facility conditions.

The government-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

- Governmental activities—Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, extracurricular activities, curriculum and staff development, health services, and general administration. Property taxes and grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds, rather than the District as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives.

The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants, while many other funds are established by the District to help manage resources for particular purposes and compliance with various grant provisions. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds. Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out of those funds and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending in future periods. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's educational programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement that explain the relationship (or differences) between them.

Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and the Debt Service Fund, all of which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other governmental funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation as nonmajor funds.

Proprietary Funds. Services for which the District charges users (other units of the District) a fee are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both long and short-term financial information. The District uses internal service funds to report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's Employee Health Benefit fund and the District's Worker's Compensation fund.

Fiduciary Funds. The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for certain funds. It is also responsible for other assets that, because of a trust arrangement, may be used only for the trust beneficiaries. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Fiduciary funds are excluded from the District's government-wide financial statements because these resources are not available to finance District operations.

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

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

Other Information

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents other supplementary information, including schedules required by the Texas Education Agency.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The District's combined net position increased \$3.9 million from the previous year as can be seen on the following table.

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended August 31, 2023

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Assets		
Current and other assets	\$ 37,496,816	\$ 66,005,344
Capital assets	104,268,884	87,318,760
Total assets	<u>141,765,700</u>	<u>153,324,104</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>7,945,287</u>	<u>5,305,246</u>
Liabilities		
Current liabilities	7,036,617	11,295,126
Noncurrent liabilities	84,494,653	92,010,166
Total liabilities	<u>91,531,270</u>	<u>103,305,292</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,981,239</u>	<u>12,038,206</u>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	46,499,548	39,027,907
Restricted	3,015,352	5,678,871
Unrestricted	<u>(2,316,422)</u>	<u>(1,420,926)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 47,198,478</u>	<u>\$ 43,285,852</u>

The District's capital assets, which consist of the District's land, buildings, building improvements, vehicles, equipment, and right of use assets, represent about 74 percent of total assets. The remaining assets consist mainly of investments, cash, due from other governments, grants receivable, property taxes receivable, inventories and prepaid assets.

The District's long-term liabilities include general obligation bonds (74 percent) and net pension and OPEB liability (18 percent). Other liabilities consist almost entirely of payables on accounts and salaries and benefits (8 percent).

The District's net position includes its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, and equipment) less any related debt used to acquire those assets that are still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources (generally property taxes), since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to students, employees, and creditors.

The change in net position is attributed to the following:

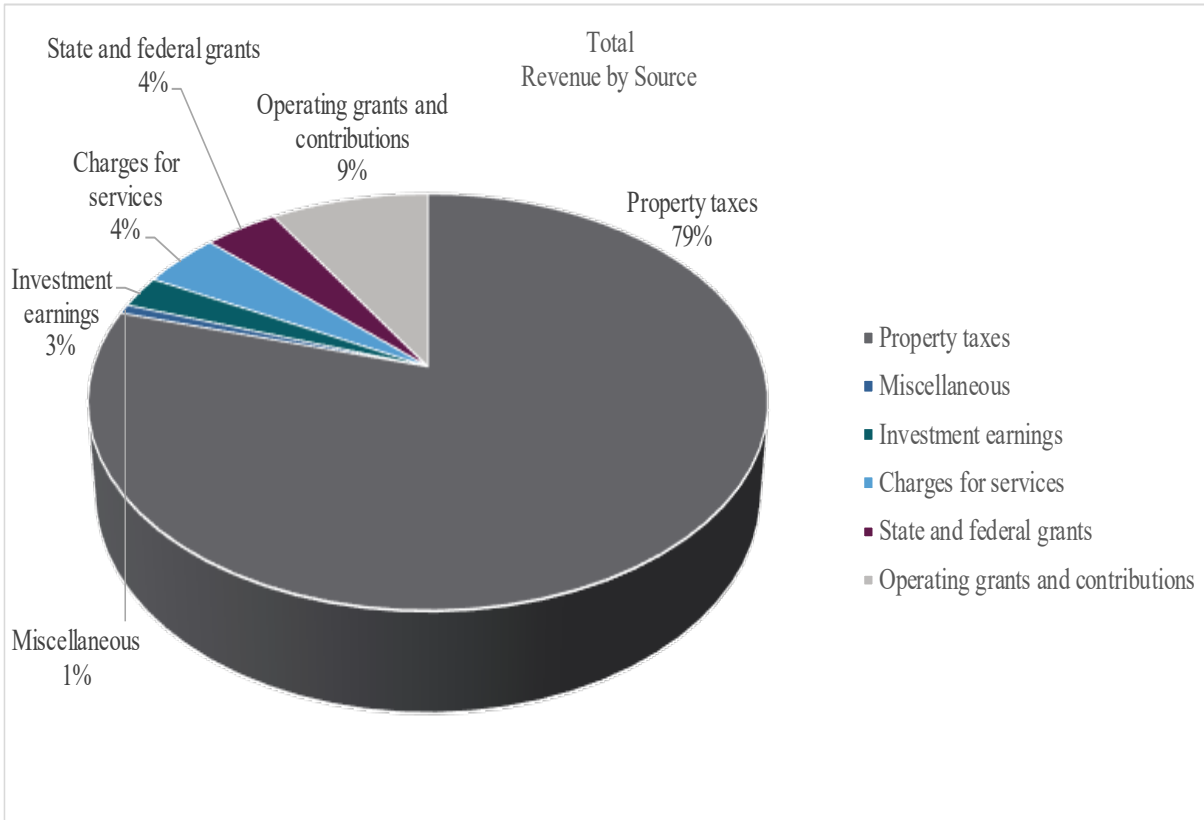
- The net effect of including the 2023 outlays of debt principal repayments and amortization of deferred changes on refunding increased net position.
- During the year, the District continued construction projects, including various campus construction projects and a new student activity center.

Total Government

Funding is by the specific program revenue or through general revenues such as property taxes and investment earnings. Total revenues for the District's activities increased \$9,020,582 while total expenses increased \$10,214,125, which resulted in a net increase of net position of \$3,912,626.

Revenues

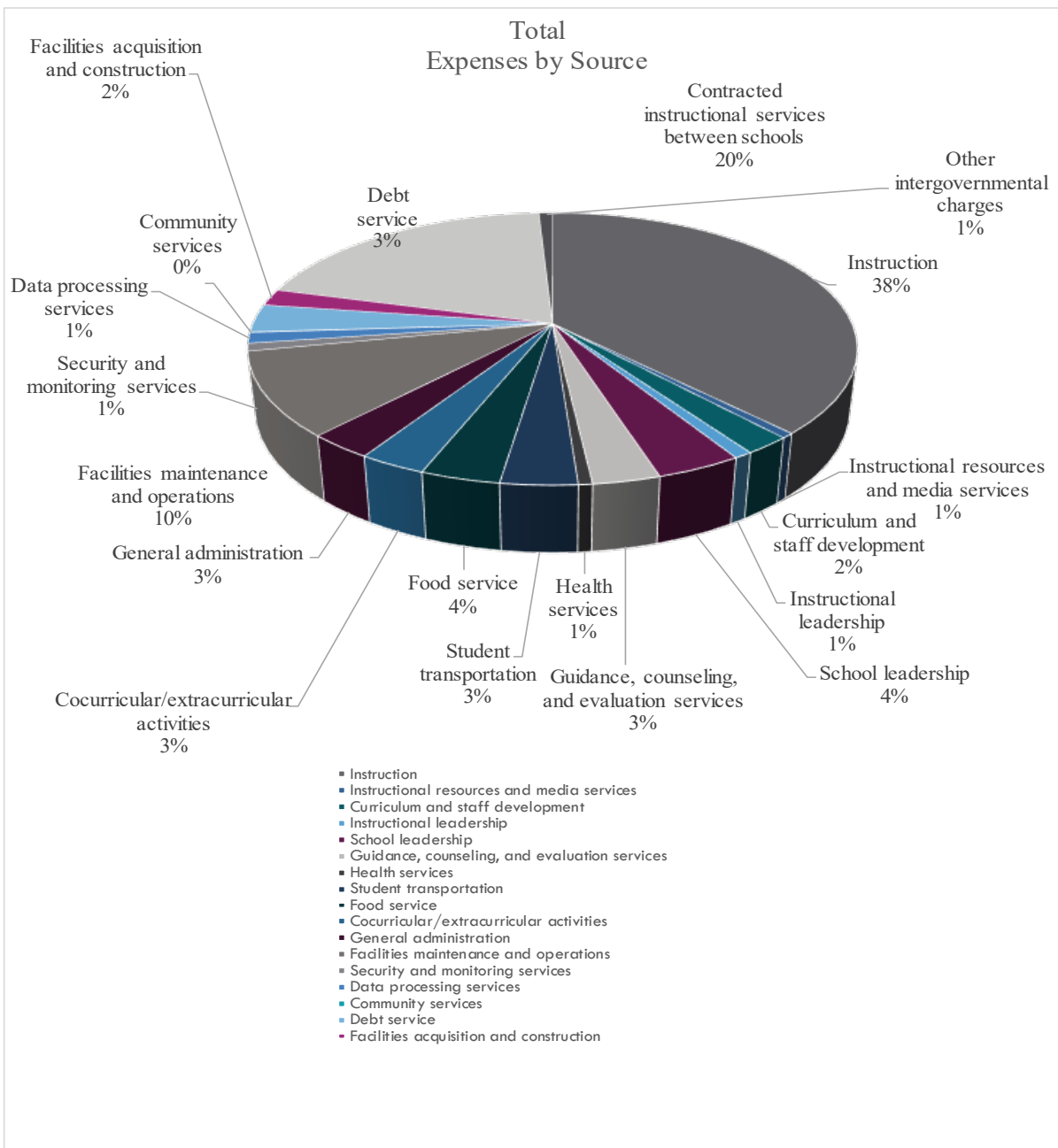
The District's total revenues were \$61,731,791, representing an increase of \$9,020,582 from the previous year. The majority of this change was due to increased operating grants/contributions and increased property taxes. As seen below, approximately 79% of the District's revenue comes from taxes while the remaining comes primarily from program revenue and state and federal sources.



Expenses

The District's total expenses were \$57,819,165, representing an increase of \$10,214,125 from the previous year. Instruction, curriculum and staff development, and facilities maintenance and operations expenses increased along with smaller increases or decreases in other areas. The District's primary functional expenses are outlined on the next page.

- Instruction - \$21,891,877 or 38 percent of total expenses
- Facilities maintenance and operations - \$5,759,903 or 10 percent
- Contracted instructional services between public schools - \$11,462,804 or 20 percent



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Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended August 31, 2023

In total, activities increased the District's net position by \$3,912,626. Key elements of this change are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 2,671,518	\$ 1,871,989
Operating grants/contributions	5,466,555	6,197,957
General revenues		
Property taxes	49,057,048	41,032,927
State aid - formula grants	2,209,766	2,848,443
Grants and contributions not restricted	327,597	199,409
Investment earnings	1,552,107	176,410
Miscellaneous	447,200	384,074
Total revenues	<u>61,731,791</u>	<u>52,711,209</u>
Expenses		
Instruction	21,891,877	20,497,227
Instructional resources and media services	340,004	316,335
Curriculum and staff development	1,225,743	641,024
Instructional leadership	476,478	444,880
School leadership	2,220,622	2,022,146
Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	1,745,462	1,609,205
Health services	359,435	329,771
Student transportation	1,980,780	1,902,395
Food service	2,058,381	1,918,207
Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	1,736,560	1,459,800
General administration	1,701,678	1,594,129
Facilities maintenance and operations	5,759,903	4,390,353
Security and monitoring services	524,637	250,594
Data processing services	736,089	693,907
Community services	32,250	20,527
Debt service	1,923,441	2,267,873
Facilities acquisition and construction	1,146,366	1,652,805
Contracted instructional services between public schools	11,462,804	5,142,211
Other intergovernmental charges	496,655	451,651
Total expenses	<u>57,819,165</u>	<u>47,605,040</u>
Change in net position	3,912,626	5,106,169
Beginning net position	43,285,852	38,179,683
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 47,198,478</u>	<u>\$ 43,285,852</u>

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds

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

At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balance of \$29,253,017, a decrease of \$24,120,389 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 38 percent of this total amount (\$11,196,225) constitutes unassigned fund balance, which is available for spending at the District's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been 1) used to purchase inventories and food services (\$149,668), 2) to purchase services for the next fiscal period (\$2,476), 3) restricted to pay debt service (\$1,111,741), 4) restricted for construction (\$10,064,366); or 5) for grant funding (\$1,776,406). The District's committed fund balance consists of campus activity funds (\$973,679). Assignments (\$3,978,456) reflect the District's self-imposed limitation on the use of otherwise available expendable financial resources in governmental funds.

General Fund. The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$11,196,225, while total fund balance reached \$15,212,735. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 23 percent of total General Fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 32 percent of that same amount.

The fund balance of the District's General Fund decreased \$2,003,988 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this growth are as follows:

- Revenues totaled \$47,980,195 which is a 21.53 percent increase from previous year. Property tax revenues increased 18.67 percent.
- Expenditures totaled \$48,211,369 which is a 22.1 percent increase from previous year.

Debt Service Fund. The Debt Service Fund has a total fund balance of \$1,111,741, all of which is restricted for the payment of debt service. The net decrease in fund balance was \$2,872,335. Note the District defeased bonds payable in the amount of \$6,117,127 during the fiscal year to reduce future debt service payments and generate cash flow savings.

Capital Projects Fund. The Capital Projects Fund has a total fund balance of \$10,064,366, all of which is restricted for the payment of ongoing capital projects with the issuance of the 2021 Bond Program.

National School Breakfast/Lunch Program Fund. The National School Breakfast/Lunch Program fund has a total fund balance of \$1,721,897. The net increase in fund balance during the current year in the Child Nutrition Fund was \$135,825.

Budgetary Highlights

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the General Fund, the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program, and the Debt Service Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for these funds to demonstrate compliance with statutory requirements.

General Fund. The most significant fund for the District is the General Fund, funded primarily through local property tax revenue. The District’s budget amendments presented to the Board of Trustees throughout the year are summarized as follows:

- **Variance of original expenditure budget compared to amended budget.**
Budget amendments increased budgeted expenditures \$3,787,767 from the original approved budget.
- **Variances of amended budget to actual expenditures.**
Expenditures were \$1,368,956 less than final budgeted amounts.
- **Variances of original revenue budget compared to actual revenue**
Revenues were \$1,812,167 more than final budgeted amounts.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of 2023, the District had invested \$104.3 million in a broad range of capital assets. This amount represents a net increase of \$16,950,124 or 19.4 percent over last year. Major capital asset events conducted during the fiscal year included continued improvements related to the 2021 Bond program, and various building and improvement and furniture and equipment additions to be utilized District wide. Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Capital Assets**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Land	\$ 833,491	\$ 833,491
Construction in Progress	37,580,518	19,567,853
Buildings and Improvements	99,866,489	99,086,080
Furniture and Equipment	16,905,455	14,801,411
Intangible asset - right to use asset	191,112	191,112
	<u>155,377,065</u>	<u>134,479,947</u>
Total at historical cost		
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization	(51,108,181)	(47,161,187)
	<u>(51,108,181)</u>	<u>(47,161,187)</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 104,268,884</u>	<u>\$ 87,318,760</u>

Long-Term Debt

At the end of 2023, the District had \$67,827,938 in long-term liabilities which include general obligation bonds, unamortized bond premium, tax maintenance notes, lease liability and compensated absences. The District's long-term liabilities decreased by \$10,675,999.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 6 of this report.

**Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Long-Term Debt**

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
Bonds Payable		
General obligation bonds	\$ 57,240,000	\$ 66,585,000
Unamortized bond premium	9,761,571	10,693,012
Net pension liability	10,542,421	4,044,406
Net OPEB liability	6,124,294	9,461,823
Tax maintenance notes	585,000	870,000
Lease liability	45,176	107,872
Compensated absences	196,191	248,053
	<u>\$ 84,494,653</u>	<u>\$ 92,010,166</u>
Total debt payable	<u>\$ 84,494,653</u>	<u>\$ 92,010,166</u>

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The local economy continues to be strong. The 2022-2023 appraised property values increased by approximately 25%. The State funding is related to property tax revenue, as tax collections increase, state revenue decreases resulting in minimal increase for the District's General Fund revenue. Burnet CISD's recapture continues to increase and exceed total State Revenue.

The Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax rate decreased to \$0.8646 per \$100 valuation for the 2022-2023 year. The Interest and Sinking (I&S) tax rate remained at \$0.195 per \$100 valuation for the 2022-2023 year. The District's 2022-2023 budget included constant student enrollment. The District's 2022-2023 General Fund revenue budget increased by \$8,120,635.

General Fund expenditures are budgeted to increase by \$7,735,493 over the prior year budgeted expenditures. Major expenditure changes included, recapture increase and salary increase of 3 percent for teachers and all other staff. The 2022-2023 General fund budget was adopted with a \$292,802 deficit.

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 demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the District's Business Office Department at 208 East Brier, Burnet, TX 78611.

Data Control Codes		1 Governmental Activities
	Assets	
1110	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,104,537
1120	Current investments	13,870,599
1225	Property taxes receivable, net	1,289,886
1240	Due from other governments	1,078,231
1290	Other receivables	1,419
1300	Inventories at cost	149,668
1410	Prepayments	2,476
	Capital assets	
1510	Land	833,491
1520	Buildings and improvements, net	59,476,784
1530	Furniture and equipment, net	6,332,428
1550	Right-to-use assets, net of accumulated amortization	45,663
1580	Construction in progress	37,580,518
1000	Total assets	<u>141,765,700</u>
	Deferred outflows of resources	
1705	Deferred outflows - pension	5,068,316
1706	Deferred outflows - OPEB	2,420,910
1710	Deferred charge on refunding	456,061
1700	Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>7,945,287</u>
	Liabilities	
2110	Accounts payable	1,907,858
2140	Interest payable	191,370
2150	Payroll deductions and withholdings	27,281
2160	Accrued wages payable	1,833,630
2180	Due to other governments	1,405,714
2200	Accrued expenses	1,670,603
2300	Unearned revenue	161
	Noncurrent liabilities	
2501	Due within one year	3,223,587
2502	Due in more than one year	64,604,351
2540	Net pension liability	10,542,421
2545	Net OPEB liabilities	6,124,294
2000	Total liabilities	<u>91,531,270</u>
	Deferred inflows of resources	
2605	Deferred inflows - pension	1,218,809
2606	Deferred inflows - OPEB	9,762,430
2600	Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,981,239</u>

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Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A-1)

August 31, 2023

Data Control Codes		1 Governmental Activities
	Net position	
3200	Net investment in capital assets	\$ 46,499,548
3820	Restricted for grants	1,890,496
3850	Restricted for debt service	1,124,856
3900	Unrestricted	(2,316,422)
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3000	Total net position	\$ 47,198,478
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Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	1 Expenses	Program Revenues	
			3 Charges for Services	4 Operating Grants and Contributions
	Governmental activities			
11	Instruction	\$ 21,891,877	\$ 457,357	\$ 1,930,776
12	Instructional resources and media services	340,004	-	6,946
13	Curriculum and staff development	1,225,743	-	804,857
21	Instructional leadership	476,478	-	9,691
23	School leadership	2,220,622	-	57,477
31	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	1,745,462	-	540,177
33	Health services	359,435	-	16,550
34	Student transportation	1,980,780	-	42,367
35	Food service	2,058,381	374,250	1,840,561
36	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	1,736,560	666,965	16,691
41	General administration	1,701,678	-	24,456
51	Facilities maintenance and operations	5,759,903	1,172,946	54,870
52	Security and monitoring services	524,637	-	12,122
53	Data processing services	736,089	-	-
61	Community services	32,250	-	28,465
72	Debt service - interest on long-term debt	1,923,441	-	80,549
81	Facilities acquisition and construction	1,146,366	-	-
91	Contracted instructional services between public schools	11,462,804	-	-
99	Other intergovernmental charges	496,655	-	-
TG	Total governmental activities	<u>57,819,165</u>	<u>2,671,518</u>	<u>5,466,555</u>
TP	Total primary government	<u>\$ 57,819,165</u>	<u>\$ 2,671,518</u>	<u>\$ 5,466,555</u>
	General revenues			
MT	Property taxes, levied for general purposes			
DT	Property taxes, levied for debt service			
SF	State aid - Formula grants			
IE	Investment earnings			
GC	Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs			
MI	Miscellaneous			
TR	Total general revenues			
CN	Change in net position			
NB	Net position, beginning			
NE	Net position, ending			

See Notes to Financial Statements

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Activities (Exhibit B-1)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
6	8
Governmental Activities	Total
\$ (19,503,744)	\$ (19,503,744)
(333,058)	(333,058)
(420,886)	(420,886)
(466,787)	(466,787)
(2,163,145)	(2,163,145)
(1,205,285)	(1,205,285)
(342,885)	(342,885)
(1,938,413)	(1,938,413)
156,430	156,430
(1,052,904)	(1,052,904)
(1,677,222)	(1,677,222)
(4,532,087)	(4,532,087)
(512,515)	(512,515)
(736,089)	(736,089)
(3,785)	(3,785)
(1,842,892)	(1,842,892)
(1,146,366)	(1,146,366)
(11,462,804)	(11,462,804)
(496,655)	(496,655)
(49,681,092)	(49,681,092)
(49,681,092)	(49,681,092)
40,027,922	40,027,922
9,029,126	9,029,126
2,209,766	2,209,766
1,552,107	1,552,107
327,597	327,597
447,200	447,200
53,593,718	53,593,718
3,912,626	3,912,626
43,285,852	43,285,852
\$ 47,198,478	\$ 47,198,478

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Data Control			
Codes		General Fund	Debt Service Fund
Assets			
1110	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,678,632	\$ 324,070
1120	Current investments	12,410,631	831,606
1220	Property taxes - delinquent	1,174,585	258,301
1230	Allowance for uncollectable taxes	(117,000)	(26,000)
1240	Due from other governments	64,301	-
1260	Due from other funds	772,501	27,697
1290	Other receivables	1,419	-
1300	Inventories	35,578	-
1410	Prepaid items	2,476	-
1000	Total assets	<u>20,023,123</u>	<u>1,415,674</u>
1000a	Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 20,023,123</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,674</u>
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
2110	Accounts payable	\$ 198,349	\$ -
2150	Payroll deductions and withholdings	27,281	-
2160	Accrued wages payable	1,659,498	-
2170	Due to other funds	685,758	-
2180	Due to other governments	1,306,266	99,448
2200	Accrued expenditures	-	-
2300	Unearned revenue	-	-
2000	Total liabilities	<u>3,877,152</u>	<u>99,448</u>
Deferred inflows of resources			
	Unavailable revenue - property taxes	933,236	204,485
2600	Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>933,236</u>	<u>204,485</u>
Fund Balances			
3410	Nonspendable - inventories	35,578	-
3430	Nonspendable - prepaid items	2,476	-
3450	Restricted - grants	-	-
3470	Restricted - construction	-	-
3480	Restricted - long-term debt	-	1,111,741
3545	Committed - other	-	-
3590	Assigned - other	3,978,456	-
3600	Unassigned	11,196,225	-
3000	Total fund balances	<u>15,212,735</u>	<u>1,111,741</u>
4000	Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 20,023,123</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,674</u>

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Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-1)

August 31, 2023

60 Capital Projects Fund	ONMF Other Non-Major Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 12,764,869	\$ 2,055,374	\$ 20,822,945
-	628,362	13,870,599
-	-	1,432,886
-	-	(143,000)
-	1,013,930	1,078,231
658,016	5,697	1,463,911
-	-	1,419
-	114,090	149,668
-	-	2,476
<u>13,422,885</u>	<u>3,817,453</u>	<u>38,679,135</u>
<u>\$ 13,422,885</u>	<u>\$ 3,817,453</u>	<u>\$ 38,679,135</u>
\$ 1,687,916	\$ 865	\$ 1,887,130
-	-	27,281
-	174,132	1,833,630
-	778,120	1,463,878
-	-	1,405,714
1,670,603	-	1,670,603
-	161	161
<u>3,358,519</u>	<u>953,278</u>	<u>8,288,397</u>
-	-	1,137,721
-	-	1,137,721
-	114,090	149,668
-	-	2,476
-	1,776,406	1,776,406
10,064,366	-	10,064,366
-	-	1,111,741
-	973,679	973,679
-	-	3,978,456
-	-	11,196,225
<u>10,064,366</u>	<u>2,864,175</u>	<u>29,253,017</u>
<u>\$ 13,422,885</u>	<u>\$ 3,817,453</u>	<u>\$ 38,679,135</u>

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

Reconciliation to the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit C-1r)

August 31, 2023

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 29,253,017
The District uses internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self-insurance to appropriate functions in other funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase net position.		260,831
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.		104,268,884
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, leases and subscriptions, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Bonds payable/tax maintenance notes	(57,825,000)	
Unamortized premium on bonds payable	(9,761,571)	
Deferred charge on refunding	456,061	
Lease liability	(45,176)	
Compensated absences	(196,191)	(67,371,877)
Accrued interest is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported as a liability in the governmental funds.		(191,370)
Certain assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds. These are:		
Deferred resource inflow for property taxes		1,137,721
The government-wide statements include the District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liabilities and TRS-Care net OPEB liabilities, as well as certain pension and OPEB related transactions accounted for as deferred inflows and outflows of resources:		
Net pension liability	(10,542,421)	
Deferred outflows of resources - TRS pension	5,068,316	
Deferred inflows of resources - TRS pension	(1,218,809)	
Net OPEB liability	(6,124,294)	
Deferred outflows of resources - TRS-Care OPEB	2,420,910	
Deferred inflows of resources - TRS-Care OPEB	(9,762,430)	(20,158,728)
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position		<u>\$ 47,198,478</u>

Data Control Codes		10	50
		General Fund	Debt Service Fund
	Revenues		
5700	Local and intermediate sources	\$ 43,096,812	\$ 9,293,091
5800	State program revenues	4,021,215	80,549
5900	Federal program revenues	862,168	-
5020	Total revenues	<u>47,980,195</u>	<u>9,373,640</u>
	Expenditures		
	Current		
0011	Instruction	19,513,137	-
0012	Instructional resources and media services	289,639	-
0013	Curriculum and staff development	368,329	-
0021	Instructional leadership	445,854	-
0023	School leadership	2,130,509	-
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	1,122,133	-
0033	Health services	376,342	-
0034	Student transportation	1,971,715	-
0035	Food service	40,609	-
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	1,375,394	-
0041	General administration	1,558,516	-
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	5,524,936	-
0052	Security and monitoring services	465,536	-
0053	Data processing services	704,719	-
0061	Community services	1,649	-
	Debt service		
0071	Principal on long-term debt	347,696	3,445,000
0072	Interest on long-term debt	15,197	2,656,049
0073	Debt issuance costs and fees	-	27,799
	Capital outlay		
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	-	-
	Intergovernmental		
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	11,462,804	-
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	496,655	-
6030	Total expenditures	<u>48,211,369</u>	<u>6,128,848</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(231,174)</u>	<u>3,244,792</u>
	Other financing sources (uses)		
7912	Sale of real and personal property	27,186	-
7915	Transfers in	-	-
8911	Transfers out	(1,800,000)	-
8940	Payment to defeased bonds escrow agent	-	(6,117,127)
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(1,772,814)</u>	<u>(6,117,127)</u>
1200	Net change in fund balances	(2,003,988)	(2,872,335)
0100	Fund balances, beginning	17,216,723	3,984,076
3000	Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 15,212,735</u>	<u>\$ 1,111,741</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-2)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

60 Capital Projects Fund	ONMF Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ 33,136	\$ 1,027,043	\$ 53,450,082
-	43,172	4,144,936
-	4,683,845	5,546,013
<u>33,136</u>	<u>5,754,060</u>	<u>63,141,031</u>
25,999	1,768,814	21,307,950
-	35,020	324,659
-	797,657	1,165,986
-	-	445,854
-	-	2,130,509
-	521,900	1,644,033
-	-	376,342
-	8,440	1,980,155
-	2,082,573	2,123,182
-	261,377	1,636,771
-	12,234	1,570,750
-	321	5,525,257
-	12,122	477,658
-	-	704,719
-	30,601	32,250
-	-	3,792,696
-	-	2,671,246
-	-	27,799
21,276,128	-	21,276,128
-	-	11,462,804
-	-	496,655
<u>21,302,127</u>	<u>5,531,059</u>	<u>81,173,403</u>
<u>(21,268,991)</u>	<u>223,001</u>	<u>(18,032,372)</u>
-	1,924	29,110
1,800,000	-	1,800,000
-	-	(1,800,000)
-	-	(6,117,127)
<u>1,800,000</u>	<u>1,924</u>	<u>(6,088,017)</u>
(19,468,991)	224,925	(24,120,389)
<u>29,533,357</u>	<u>2,639,250</u>	<u>53,373,406</u>
<u>\$ 10,064,366</u>	<u>\$ 2,864,175</u>	<u>\$ 29,253,017</u>

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental
Funds to the Statement of Activities (Exhibit C-2r)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit C-2)	\$ (24,120,389)
The District uses internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self-insurance to appropriate functions in other funds. The change in net position of internal service funds are reported with governmental activities. The net effect of this consolidation is to increase net position.	85,815
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 2023 capital outlays of \$21,342,174, debt principal repayment of \$3,730,000, lease principal payments of \$62,696, a bond defeasance of \$5,900,000, deferred charge refunding of \$217,124, and amortization of deferred charge on refunding of \$192,737 is to increase net position.	31,059,257
2023 depreciation expense of \$4,329,423 increases accumulated depreciation. 2023 amortization of right of use assets of \$62,627 increases accumulated amortization. The net effect of the current year's depreciation and amortization is to decrease net position.	(4,392,050)
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to the accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing deferred tax revenue of \$1,137,721 as revenue and removing the prior year's tax collection of \$990,069 and removing prior year SHARS collection of \$400,000.	(252,348)
Interest payable on long-term debt is accrued in the government-wide financial statements, whereas in the fund financial statements, interest expense is reported when due. The current year change in the accrual is a decrease of \$36,903. The net effect is to increase net position.	36,903
The decrease in compensated absences payable is an expenditure in the governmental funds when paid, but the payment for these is not an expense in the statement of activities. This represents the net decrease to the compensated absences payable.	51,862
Bond premiums are recorded as other financing sources when received in the fund financial statements, but are capitalized and amortized in the government-wide financial statements. This is the current year amortization.	931,441
Changes in the deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and net pension liability must be recorded as expenses. Changes in contributions made after the measurement date caused the change in net position to increase in the amount of \$44,972. The District's share of the unrecognized deferred inflows and outflows for TRS as of the measurement date must be amortized and the District's proportionate share of the pension expense must be recognized. These cause the change in net position to decrease in the amount of \$462,647. The net effect is a decrease to net position.	(417,675)
Changes in the deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and net OPEB liability must be recorded as expenses. Changes in contributions made after the measurement date caused the change in net position to increase in the amount of \$726. The District's share of the unrecognized deferred inflows and outflows for TRS as of the measurement date must be amortized and the District's proportionate share of the OPEB expense must be recognized. These cause the change in net position to increase in the amount of \$929,084. The net effect is an increase in net position.	929,810
Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities	\$ 3,912,626

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds (Exhibit D-1)
August 31, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds</u>
Assets	
Current assets	
1110 Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 281,592
Total current assets	281,592
1000 Total assets	281,592
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
2110 Accounts payable	20,728
2170 Due to other funds	33
Total current liabilities	20,761
2000 Total liabilities	20,761
Net position	
3900 Unrestricted	260,831
3000 Total net position	\$ 260,831

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position – Proprietary Funds (Exhibit D-2)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds</u>
Operating revenues	
5700 Local and intermediate sources	\$ 163,357
5020 Total revenues	163,357
Operating expenses	
6400 Other operating costs	77,542
6030 Total expenses	77,542
Operating income	85,815
1300 Change in net position	85,815
0100 Total net position, beginning	175,016
3300 Total net position, ending	\$ 260,831

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds (Exhibit D-3)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

	<u>Governmental Activities Internal Service Funds</u>
Operating activities	
Cash receipts for operating transactions	\$ 163,357
Cash payments for operating transactions	<u>(87,432)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>75,925</u>
Cash flows used by non-capital financing activities	
Decrease in due to other funds	<u>8</u>
Net cash provided by non-capital financing activities	<u>8</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	75,933
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>205,658</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u><u>\$ 281,592</u></u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Operating income	\$ 85,815
Change in assets and liabilities	
Decrease in accounts payable	<u>(9,890)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 75,925</u></u>

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds (Exhibit E-1)
August 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds	
	865	877
	Student Activity	Hospitality Staff Fund
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 95,078	\$ 1,619
Total assets	95,078	1,619
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	-	55
Total liabilities	-	55
Net Position		
Restricted for student activities	95,078	-
Restricted for hospitality activities	-	1,564
Total net position	\$ 95,078	\$ 1,564

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Fiduciary Funds (Exhibit E-2)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds	
	865	877
	Student Activity	Hospitality Staff Fund
Additions		
Contributions		
Donations	\$ 119,469	\$ 2,140
Total contributions	119,469	2,140
Deductions		
Extracurricular activities	103,220	1,956
Total deductions	103,220	1,956
Change in net position	16,249	184
Net position, beginning	78,829	1,380
Net position, ending	\$ 95,078	\$ 1,564

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**Reporting Entity**

The Board of Trustees, a seven-member group, has fiscal accountability over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the jurisdiction of the Burnet Consolidated Independent School District (the District). The public elects the members of the Board of Trustees. The trustees as a body corporate have the exclusive power and duty to govern and oversee the management of the public schools of the District. All powers and duties not specifically delegated by statute to the TEA or to the State Board of Education are reserved for the trustees, and the TEA may not substitute its judgment for the lawful exercise of those powers and duties by the trustees. The District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in Section 2100, Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards. There are no component units included within the reporting entity. The financial statements of the District include all activities for which the Board exercises these governance responsibilities.

The District receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though fiduciary funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements, as well as the proprietary and fiduciary fund financial statements, are reported using 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 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 are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The Proprietary Fund Types and Fiduciary Funds are accounted for using the *economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized 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. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the fund Statement of Net Position. The fund equity is segregated into net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *General Fund* –the District's primary operating fund, is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Debt Service Fund* –a governmental fund type, accounts for resources accumulated and payments made for principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental funds.

The *Capital Projects Fund* –a governmental fund type, is used to account for the proceeds from long-term debt financing and revenues and expenditures related to authorized construction and other capital asset acquisitions.

Additionally, the District reports the following nonmajor fund types:

The *special revenue funds* - a governmental fund type, account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District accounts for each federal and state grant in a separate special revenue fund.

The *internal service funds* is a proprietary fund type. Revenues and expenses are related to services provided to organizations inside the District on a cost reimbursement basis. Internal service funds inherently create redundancy because their expenses are recorded a second time in the fund that is billed for the services they provide. Therefore, on the government-wide financial statements, the operations of the internal service funds are consolidated and interfund transactions are eliminated. The District has an internal service fund for employee health benefits and workers' compensation.

The *fiduciary funds*, the District has the following:

The *custodial funds* – The District accounts for resources held for others in a custodial capacity in custodial funds. The District's Custodial Fund is the employee hospitality fund and student activity fund.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from *nonoperating items*. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the workers' comp internal service fund are revenues charged to the various governmental funds of the District. Operating expenses include claims paid and administrative expense for administering the workers' comp program. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments of the District are reported at amortized cost or fair value. The local government investment pools are operated in accordance with appropriate state laws and regulations.

Receivables and Payables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund financial statements. The District defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. 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.

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Building and improvements	20 - 50 years
Furniture and equipment	2 - 15 years

Right-to-use lease assets are recognized at the lease commencement date and represent the District’s right to use an underlying asset for the lease term. Right-to-use lease assets are measured at the initial value of the lease liability plus any payments made to the lessor before commencement of the lease term, less any lease incentives received from the lessor at or before the commencement of the lease term, plus any initial direct costs necessary to please the lease asset into service. Right-to-use lease assets are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or useful live of the underlying asset using the straight-line method. The amortization period varies from 3 to 5 years.

Right-to-use subscription IT assets are recognized at the subscription commencement date and represent the District’s right to use the underlying IT asset for the subscription term. Right-to-use subscription IT assets are measured at the initial value of the subscription liability plus any payments made to the vendor at the commencement of the subscription term, less any subscription incentives received from the vendor at or before the commencement of the subscription term, plus any capitalizable initial implementation costs necessary to place the subscription asset into service. Right-to-use subscription IT assets are amortized over the shorter of the subscription term or useful live of the underlying asset using the straight-line method. The amortization period varies from 1 to 3 years.

Inventory

Inventories of supplies on the balance sheet are stated at weighted average cost, while inventories of food commodities are recorded at market values supplied by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Inventory items are recorded as expenditures when they are consumed. Supplies are used for almost all functions of activity, while food commodities are used only in the food service program. Although commodities are received at no cost, their fair market value is supplied by the Texas Department of Agriculture and recorded as inventory and deferred revenue when received. When requisitioned, inventory and deferred revenue are relieved, expenditures are charged, and revenue is recognized for an equal amount. Inventories also include plant maintenance and operation supplies as well as instructional supplies.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid expenses in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable government activities. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method.

Lease liabilities represent the District's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of future lease payments expected to be made during the lease term. The present value of lease payments are discounted based on a borrowing rate determined by the District.

Subscription liabilities represent the District's obligation to make subscription payments arising from the subscription contract. Subscription liabilities are recognized at the subscription commencement date based on the present value of future subscription payments expected to be made during the subscription term. The present value of subscription payments are discounted based on a borrowing rate determined by the District.

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time.

The District has three types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is deferred outflows related to pension and OPEB plans as a result of various estimate differences that will be recognized as expenses in future years, reported in the government-wide statement of net position. The second item is deferred outflows related to deferred charges on previous bond refundings and is reported in the governmentwide statement of net position and will be recognized as expense in future years.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

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

The District has two types of items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item, unavailable revenue from property taxes, arises under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported only in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet. Delinquent property taxes not collected within 60 days of year-end are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the governmental funds in the period the amounts become available. The second item is deferred inflows related to pension and OPEB plans as a result of various estimate differences that will be recognized as expenses in future years, reported in the government-wide statement of net position.

Property Tax

In the governmental fund financial statements, property tax revenues are considered available when collected within the current period or expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District levies its taxes on October 1 in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due upon receipt of the tax bill and are past due and subject to interest if not paid by January 31 of the year following the October 1 levy date. The assessed value of the property tax roll (net of exemptions), upon which the levy for the August 31, 2023 fiscal year was based, was \$4,663,040,676. Taxes are delinquent if not paid by February 1. Delinquent taxes are subject to both penalty and interest charges plus delinquent collection fees for attorney costs.

Current tax collections for the ten-month period ended August 31, 2023 were 97.75% of the year-end adjusted tax levy. Allowances for uncollectible taxes within the General Fund are based on historical experience in collecting taxes. Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the District is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature. As of August 31, 2023, property taxes receivable, net of estimated uncollectible taxes, totaled \$1,289,886.

The tax rate to finance general governmental services was \$0.8646 per \$100 and the tax rate to finance the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations was \$0.1950 per \$100 for the year ended August 31, 2023.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between the sum of assets and deferred outflows of resources and the sum of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The District's net position is composed of the following:

Net Investment in Capital Assets is the component of net position that reports capital assets less both the accumulated depreciation and the outstanding balance of debt that is directly attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvements of these capital assets. The net investment in capital assets is made up of the following:

Net carrying value of capital assets	\$104,268,884
Less:	
Outstanding principal of capital debt and other capital borrowings	(57,870,176)
Unamortized balance of original issue premiums	(9,761,571)
Outstanding balance of capital related liabilities, including accounts payable	(3,358,519)
Plus:	
Unspent bond proceeds	12,764,869
Unamortized balance of capital related deferred outflows	<u>456,061</u>
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 46,499,548</u>

Restricted for Grants is the component of net position that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the Federal and State special revenue programs that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by the Department of Education, Health and Human Services, Defense, Agriculture or TEA.

Restricted for Debt Service is the component of net position that reports the difference between assets and liabilities of the Debt Service Fund, net of accrued interest, at August 31, 2023, that consists of assets with constraints placed on their use by the bond covenants.

Unrestricted is the difference between the assets and liabilities that are not reported in net position invested in capital assets, net position restricted for debt service, net position restricted for federal and state programs, net position restricted for capital projects, and net position restricted for other purposes.

Fund Balance

The District classifies governmental fund balance in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions:

Nonspendable fund balance includes fund balance that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints. At August 31, 2023, the District had \$149,668 and \$2,476 in nonspendable fund balance for inventories and prepaid items, respectively.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that can be spent only for the specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation. At August 31, 2023, the District had \$1,111,741 restricted for funded indebtedness, \$10,064,366 was restricted for capital acquisition, and \$1,776,406 was restricted for Federal grants.

Committed fund balance is established and modified by a resolution from the District's Board, the District's highest level of decision-making authority, and can be used only for the specific purposes determined by the Board's resolution. At August 31, 2023, the District had \$973,679 committed for campus activity funds.

Assigned fund balance is intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but does not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. The Board has delegated the authority to assign fund balance to the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer. At August 31, 2023, the District had \$2,080,000 for Bond facility contingencies, \$1,748,456 for future potential budget deficits, and \$150,000 for career and tech agriculture projects.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the District's general fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in other classifications.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted fund balance first, then unrestricted fund balance. The District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made. The District does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

Pensions

The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System (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. The General Fund is typically used to liquidate pension liabilities.

OPEB

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 relating to other-post employment benefits, OPEB expense, and information about assets, liabilities and additions to/deductions from TRS Care's fiduciary net position. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. There are no investments as this is a pay-as-you-go plan and all cash is held in a cash account. The General Fund is typically used to liquidate OPEB liabilities.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Implementation of GASB Statement No. 96

As of September 1, 2022, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)*. The implementation of this standard establishes that a SBITA results in a right to use subscription IT asset -an intangible asset - and a corresponding liability. The standard provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA. The Statement requires recognition of certain SBITA assets and liabilities for SBITAs that previously were recognized as outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. As a result of implementing this standard the District did not recognize a right to use subscription asset and subscription liability as of September 1, 2022.

New Accounting Pronouncements

GASB Statement No. 91: *Conduit Debt Obligations*. Statement 91 was issued in May 2019. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with (1) commitments extended by issuers, (2) arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and (3) related note disclosures. This Statement achieves those objectives by clarifying the existing definition of a conduit debt obligation; establishing that a conduit debt obligation is not a liability of the issuer; establishing standards for accounting and financial reporting of additional commitments and voluntary commitments extended by issuers and arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations; and improving required note disclosures. This standard becomes effective for the District in fiscal year 2023. The District has no conduit debt obligations.

GASB Statement No. 99: Omnibus 2022. Statement 99 was issued in April 2022. The objective of this Statement are to enhance comparability in accounting and financial reporting and to improve consistency of authoritative literature by addressing (1) practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements and (2) accounting and financial reporting for financial guarantees. The practice issues addressed by this Statement include the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of *Statement No. 53, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Derivative Instruments*, that do not meet the definition of either an investment derivative instrument or a hedging derivative instrument. Clarification of provisions in *Statement No. 87, Leases*, as amended, related to the determination of the lease term, classification of a lease as a short-term lease, recognition and measurement of a lease liability and a lease asset, and identification of lease incentives.

Clarification of provisions in *Statement No. 94, Public-Private and Public- Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, related to (a) the determination of the public-private and public partnership (PPP) term and (b) recognition and measurement of installment payments and the transfer of the underlying PPP asset. Clarification of provisions in *Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, related to the subscription-based information technology arrangement (SBITA) term, classification of a SBITA as a short-term SBITA, and recognition and measurement of a subscription liability. Extension of the period during which the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) is considered an appropriate benchmark interest rate for the qualitative evaluation of the effectiveness of an interest rate swap that hedges the interest rate risk of taxable debt. Accounting for the distribution of benefits as part of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Disclosures related to nonmonetary transactions. Pledges of future revenues when resources are not received by the pledging government.t

Clarification of provisions in *Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, as amended, related to the focus of the government-wide financial statements. Terminology updates related to certain provisions of *Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*. Terminology used in Statement 53 to refer to resource flows statements.

The requirements of Statement 99 that are related to extension of the use of LIBOR, accounting for SNAP distributions, disclosures of nonmonetary transactions, pledges of future revenues by pledging governments, clarification of certain provisions in Statement 34, as amended, and terminology updates related to Statement 53 and Statement 63 are effective upon issuance. The requirements related to leases, PPPs, and SBITAs are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments within the scope of Statement 53 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. The District has implemented this statement.

GASB issued Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. Statement 100 was issued in June 2022 and is an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability. The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. The District has implemented this statement.

GASB issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Statement 101 was issued in June 2022. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. Earlier application is encouraged. The effects of this change on the District's financial statements have not yet been determined.

Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgetary Information

Formal budgetary accounting is employed for all required Governmental Fund Types, as outlined in TEA's Financial Accounting Resource (FAR) module and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. The budget is prepared and controlled at the function level within each organization to which responsibility for controlling operations is assigned.

The official school budget is prepared for adoption for required Governmental Fund Types prior to August 20 of the preceding fiscal year for the subsequent fiscal year beginning September 1. The budget is formally adopted by the Board of Trustees at a public meeting held at least ten days after public notice has been given.

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Child Nutrition Program. The remaining special revenue funds adopt project-length budgets that do not correspond to the District's fiscal year.

Note 3 - Fair Value Measurements

GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction. Fair value accounting requires characterization of the inputs used to measure fair value into three-level fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market the entity has the ability to access.

Level 2 inputs are observable inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on market data obtained from sources independent from the entity.

Level 3 inputs are observable inputs that reflect the entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available.

There are three general valuation techniques that may be used to measure fair value:

Market approach – uses prices generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Cost approach – uses the amount that currently would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

Income approach – uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to present amounts based on current market expectations.

Note 4 - Detailed Notes on All Funds**Deposits and Investments**

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract pursuant to the School Depository Act. The depository bank deposits for safekeeping and trust with the District's agent, bank approved pledged securities in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) coverage. In order to maximize return on cash balances, the District uses consolidated bank accounts from which all disbursements are made, with cash in excess of the District's total daily requirement being invested for future needs.

At August 31, 2023, the bank balance of \$17,789,171 was on deposit with the contracted depository bank. District funds are insured up to \$250,000 for the combined amount of all time and savings accounts. Interest-bearing accounts were collateralized by pledged United States government securities with a fair value of \$27,568,442 at August 31, 2023, held by Bancorp South. Because Bancorp South holds the pledged securities in trust on behalf of the District, the deposits were deemed collateralized under Texas law. All campus activity funds were centralized and were on deposit with the contracted depository.

Investments

The Texas legislature passed the Public Funds Investment Act of 1995 (“Public Funds Investment Act”) which authorizes the District to invest its excess funds in the following:

- Obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities,
- Obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies, and instrumentalities,
- Other obligations guaranteed by the United States or the State of Texas or their agencies and instrumentalities,
- Public funds investment pools,
- No load money market funds with a weighted average maturity of 90 days or less,
- Fully collateralized repurchase agreements,
- Obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality not less than an “A”, or its equivalent, by a nationally recognized investment rating firm,
- Commercial paper having a stated maturity of 365 days or fewer from the date of issuance and is not rated less than A-1 or P-1 by two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or one nationally recognized credit agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit,
- Guaranteed investment contracts for bond proceeds investment only, with a defined termination date and secured by U.S. Government direct or agency obligations approved by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act in an amount equal to the bond proceeds,
- Guaranteed or secured certificates of deposit, issued by state and national banks domiciled in Texas, and insured by federal depository insurance or secured by the obligations mentioned above,
- Bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel, and Secured corporate bonds rated not lower than “AA—” or the equivalent.

The Public Funds Investment Act requires an annual review and approval of investment policies and practices. The review disclosed that in this area of investment practices, management reports and establishment of appropriate policies, the District materially adhered to the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. Additionally, investment practices of the District were in accordance with local policies, which are more restrictive than state statutes.

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As of August 31, 2023, the following are the District's cash equivalents and investments, held by the District, with respective maturities and credit rating:

Type of Investment	Book Value	Percent	Fair Value	Percent	Maturity in Less Than 1 Year	Maturity in 1-2 Years	Maturity in 3-10 Years
Cash	\$ 16,276,960	46.4%	\$ 16,276,960	46%	\$ 16,276,960	\$ -	\$ -
Certificates of Deposit	4,924,274	14.0%	4,924,274	14%	3,400,108	1,524,166	-
Total cash and cash equivalents	21,201,234	60.5%	21,201,234	60.5%	19,677,068	1,524,166	-
Investments:							
Money Markets	58,601	0.2%	58,601	0.2%	58,601	-	-
Investment pools:							
TexPool	13,074,034	37.3%	13,074,034	37%	13,074,034	-	-
Federal Home Loan Bank Agency	737,964	2.1%	737,964	2%	-	737,964	-
Total investments	13,870,599	39.5%	13,870,599	39.5%	13,132,635	737,964	-
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	<u>\$ 35,071,833</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 35,071,833</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 32,809,703</u>	<u>\$ 2,262,130</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Investment Pools are measured at amortized cost or net asset value, i.e. fair value. As such, these investments are not required to be reported in the fair value hierarchy. The Federal Home Loan Bank Agency is classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for External Investment Pools*, the District's investments with a maturity date of greater than one year have been recorded at fair value based upon quoted market prices as of August 31, 2023, with increase or decrease in fair value being recorded as a component of earnings on investments.

The State Comptroller of Public Accounts exercises responsibility over TexPool. Oversight includes the ability to significantly influence operations, designation of management, and accountability for fiscal matters. Additionally, the State Comptroller has established an advisory board composed of both Participants in TexPool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool. TexPool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. TexPool uses amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in TexPool is the same as the value of TexPool Shares. Audited financial statements of the pool are available at First Public, 12008 Research Blvd., Austin, Texas 78759. In addition, TexPool is subject to review by the State Auditor's Office and by the Internal Auditor of the Comptroller's Office.

Interest Rate Risk

In accordance with the District's investment policy, investments are made in a manner that ensures the preservation and safety of the principal, to maintain liquidity and to maximize financial returns within current market conditions. Investment objectives include understanding the suitability of the investment to the financial requirements of the district; preservation and safety of principal; liquidity; marketability of the investment if the need arises to liquidate the investment before maturity; diversification of the investment portfolio and yield.

Credit Risk

The District's investments in Local Government Investment Pools (LGIP's) includes: TexPool. This is a public fund investment pool operating in full compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act. TexPool is rated "AAAm" by Standard and Poor's.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The District's investment portfolio is diversified in terms of investment instruments, maturity scheduling, and financial institutions to reduce risk of loss resulting from overconcentration of assets in a specific class of investments, specific maturity or specific issuer.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

This is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. All deposits not covered by FDIC insurance but held in the depository bank, Bancorp South, were fully collateralized.

Foreign Currency Risk

As of August 31, 2023, there are no foreign currency investments in the District's portfolio.

Due from Other Governments

The District participates in a variety of federal and state programs from which it receives grants to partially or fully finance certain activities. In addition, the District receives entitlements from the State through the School Foundation and Per Capita Programs. Amounts due from federal and state governments as of August 31, 2023, are summarized below:

Governmental Activities	Local	State Grants/ Entitlements	Federal Grants	Total
General Fund	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ 64,091	\$ 64,301
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	-	2	1,013,928	1,013,930
	\$ 210	\$ 2	\$ 1,078,019	\$ 1,078,231

Interfund Receivables/Payable and Transfers

In the fund financial statements, interfund balances are the results of normal transactions between funds and will be liquidated in the subsequent fiscal year.

Interfund balances at August 31, 2023, resulting from payroll and accumulated fund charges, consisted of the following individual fund balances:

<u>Due From/To Other Funds</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 772,501	\$ 685,758
Internal Service Funds	-	33
Debt Service Fund	27,697	-
Capital Projects Funds	658,016	-
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	5,697	778,120
	<u>\$ 1,463,911</u>	<u>\$ 1,463,911</u>

Interfund transfers between capital projects fund and the general fund is to provide additional resources to the capital projects fund.

<u>Transfers in/out</u>	<u>Transfers in</u>	<u>Transfers out</u>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,800,000
Capital Projects Fund	1,800,000	-
	<u>\$ 1,800,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,800,000</u>

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Note 5 - Capital Asset Activity

Capital asset activity for the District for the year ended August 31, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balances	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balances
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 833,491	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 833,491
Construction in progress	19,567,853	18,077,728	(65,063)	37,580,518
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>20,401,344</u>	<u>18,077,728</u>	<u>(65,063)</u>	<u>38,414,009</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings and improvements	99,086,080	780,409		99,866,489
Furniture and equipment	14,801,411	2,549,100	(445,056)	16,905,455
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>113,887,491</u>	<u>3,329,509</u>	<u>(445,056)</u>	<u>116,771,944</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Buildings and improvements	(37,986,062)	(2,403,643)	-	(40,389,705)
Furniture and equipment	(9,092,303)	(1,925,780)	445,056	(10,573,027)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(47,078,365)</u>	<u>(4,329,423)</u>	<u>445,056</u>	<u>(50,962,732)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>66,809,126</u>	<u>(999,914)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,809,212</u>
Right-to-use lease assets being amortized				
Equipment	191,112	-	-	191,112
Total right-to-use lease assets being amortized	<u>191,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>191,112</u>
Less accumulated amortization for				
Equipment	(82,822)	(62,627)	-	(145,449)
Total accumulated amortization, lease assets	<u>(82,822)</u>	<u>(62,627)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(145,449)</u>
Net right-to-use lease assets	<u>108,290</u>	<u>(62,627)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,663</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 87,318,760</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,015,187</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (65,063)</u></u>	<u><u>\$104,268,884</u></u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to the District's functions as follows:

Governmental Activities		
11	Instruction	\$ 2,328,736
12	Instructional resources and media services	34,976
13	Curriculum and staff development	57,466
21	Instructional leadership	55,047
23	School leadership	251,166
31	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	152,618
33	Health services	44,399
34	Student transportation	248,207
36	Extracurricular activities	162,944
41	General administration	194,205
51	Plant maintenance and operations	647,580
52	Security and monitoring services	52,760
53	Data processing services	99,319
	Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$ 4,329,423

Amortization expense was charged to the District's functions as follows:

Governmental Activities		
11	Instruction	\$ 62,627
	Total amortization expense - governmental activities	\$ 62,627

Construction Commitments

Estimated costs to complete construction in progress as of August 31, 2023, are \$2,880,000.

Note 6 - Long-Term Debt

The long-term indebtedness of the District pertains to the Governmental Activities of the District. Expenditures for the debt service requirements of the long-term debt are accounted for in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund.

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A summary of bond issuances and other general long-term debt original amounts issued, interest rates and maturity dates as of August 31, 2023 is as follows:

Bond Issuances	Amounts Original Issued	Interest Rate Payable	Maturity Date
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2012	\$ 23,765,000	0.5%-5.00%	August 1, 2024
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015	23,285,000	3.00%-5.00%	August 1, 2035
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	3,430,000	4.00%-4.25%	August 1, 2023
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021	44,925,000	3.00%-5.00%	August 1, 2041
Notes Payable			
Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2020	1,415,000	1.62%	August 2025
Leases			
Toshiba	8,046	3.95%	August 31, 2023
Toshiba	160,125	1.33%	May 31, 2024
Quadient	16,200	1.19%	September 30, 2023
CI Solutions	6,081	4.35%	May 31, 2025

A summary of changes in general long-term debt for the year ended August 31, 2023 is as follows:

General Obligation Bonds	Beginning Balance	Debt Issued	Principal Retired	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2012	\$ 985,000	\$ -	\$ (985,000)	\$ -	\$ -
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015	21,055,000	-	(6,325,000)	14,730,000	1,315,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016	535,000	-	(535,000)	-	-
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2021	44,010,000	-	(1,500,000)	42,510,000	1,575,000
Total bond payable	66,585,000	-	(9,345,000)	57,240,000	2,890,000
Maintenance Tax Notes, Series 2020	870,000	-	(285,000)	585,000	290,000
Total leases payable	107,872	-	(62,696)	45,176	43,587
Total general long-term debt	\$ 67,562,872	\$ -	\$ (9,692,696)	\$ 57,870,176	\$ 3,223,587

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Debt service requirements for the District's bonds and notes payable are as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2024	\$ 3,180,000	\$ 2,512,477	\$ 5,692,477
2025	3,330,000	2,363,279	5,693,279
2026	3,185,000	2,206,750	5,391,750
2027	3,345,000	2,047,500	5,392,500
2028	3,515,000	1,880,250	5,395,250
2029-2033	18,540,000	6,576,500	25,116,500
2034-2038	13,535,000	2,702,600	16,237,600
2039-2041	9,195,000	557,250	9,752,250
Totals	<u>\$ 57,825,000</u>	<u>\$ 20,846,606</u>	<u>\$ 78,671,606</u>

Payment requirements for the District's leases are as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2024	\$ 43,587	\$ 310	\$ 43,897
2025	1,589	29	1,618
Total	<u>\$ 45,176</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 45,515</u>

A summary in changes of total bonds payable and other long-term debt follows:

	Beginning Balance (as restated)	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Bonds payable					
General obligation bonds	\$ 66,585,000	\$ -	\$ (9,345,000)	\$ 57,240,000	\$ 2,890,000
Premium on bonds payable	10,693,012	-	(931,441)	9,761,571	-
Total bonds payable, net	77,278,012	-	(10,276,441)	67,001,571	2,890,000
Tax maintenance notes	870,000	-	(285,000)	585,000	290,000
Lease asset liabilities	107,872	-	(62,696)	45,176	43,587
Compensated absences	248,053	25,272	(77,134)	196,191	-
Governmental activities					
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 78,503,937</u>	<u>\$ 25,272</u>	<u>\$ (10,701,271)</u>	<u>\$ 67,827,938</u>	<u>\$ 3,223,587</u>

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the District established a defeasance escrow to defease a portion of the District's outstanding Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015, for a total of \$5,900,000, prior to their scheduled maturities in fiscal year 2035. The District deposited directly with a paying agent for the defeased bonds funds in the amount of \$6,117,124, sufficient to provide the final payment and redemption of the defeased bonds. The defeased bonds are no longer regarded as being outstanding, except for the purpose of being paid from funds on deposit in the escrow fund. The payment to the escrow was recorded as other financing uses paid from the Debt Service Fund. As of August 31, 2023, the remaining outstanding principal of the defeased bonds was \$3,300,000. The defeasance resulted in a cash flow savings of approximately \$3,156,123 for the District.

Accumulated Unpaid Sick Leave Benefits

An employee who retires through the Teacher Retirement System or equivalent from the District shall be eligible for reimbursement for state and local leave under the following conditions: the employee's retirement is voluntary, and the employee has at least five years of continuous service with the District, the retirement is the employee's initial retirement through TRS. The employee shall be reimbursed for each day of state and local leave at a rate established by the Board. Currently, employees with at least five years of service are reimbursed 15% per day of unused leave; employees with at least ten years of service are reimbursed 30% per day of unused leave. At August 31, 2023, the District carried a liability of \$196,191 for unused leave.

Note 7 - Leases

The District entered an agreement to lease copiers for District-wide use beginning September 2018. Under the terms of the lease, the District pays a monthly fee of \$148. The lease terminated on August 31, 2023.

The District entered an agreement to lease copiers for District-wide use beginning June 2021. Under the terms of the lease, the District pays a monthly fee of \$4,540. The lease terminates on May 31, 2024.

The District entered an agreement to lease postage meter for District-wide use beginning October 2020. Under the terms of the lease, the District pays a monthly fee of \$458. The lease terminates on September 30, 2023.

The District entered an agreement to lease an ID card system for District-wide use beginning June 2022. Under the terms of the lease, the District pays a monthly fee of \$180. The lease terminates on May 31, 2025.

At August 31, 2023, the District has recognized a right to use asset, net of accumulated amortization, of \$45,663 and a lease liability of \$45,176 related to these agreements. During the fiscal year, the District recorded \$62,627 in amortization expense and \$1,166 in interest expense for the right to use the copier and postage meter. The District used a discount rate of 3.95% on the first copier lease, 1.33% on the second copier lease, 1.19% for the postage meter lease, and 4.35% on the ID card system. The discount rates were based on the estimated incremental borrowing rate of the District.

Remaining obligations associated with these leases are as follows:

Year Ending August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2024	\$ 43,587	\$ 310	\$ 43,897
2025	1,589	29	1,618
Total	<u>\$ 45,176</u>	<u>\$ 339</u>	<u>\$ 45,515</u>

Note 8 - Contingencies

The District is not a party to any legal actions that are believed by administration to have a material effect on the financial condition of the District. Accordingly, no provision for losses has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs that are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, if any, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at August 31, 2023, may be impaired. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

Note 9 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

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). TRS's defined benefit pension plan is 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.

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Benefits Provided

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

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

Contributions

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

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The TRS Pension Reform Bill (Senate Bill 12) of the 86th Texas legislature amended Texas Government Code 825.402 for member contributions and increased employee and employer contribution rates for fiscal years 2020 through 2025.

	Contribution Rates	
	2022	2023
Member	8.00%	8.00%
Non-employer contributing entity (state)	7.75%	8.00%
Employers/District	7.75%	8.00%

The contribution amounts for the District are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Member contributions	\$ 1,886,595	\$ 1,927,939
NECE on-behalf contributions (state)	1,353,617	1,429,123
District contributions	828,390	873,362

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

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

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

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

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.7% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2022, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the TRS the employer shall pay both the member contribution and State contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2021 actuarial valuation rolled forward to August 31, 2022 was determined using the following actuarial assumptions on the following page:

Valuation date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age normal
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Single discount rate	7.00%
Long-term expected investment rate of return	7.00%
Municipal bond rate as of August 2022	3.91%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases including inflation	2.95% to 8.95%
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2021. For a full description of these assumptions, please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 12, 2021.

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the Legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and State contributions will be 8.5% 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.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target allocation as of August 31, 2022 (see page 54 of the TRS ACFR) are summarized on the following page.

Teacher Retirement System of Texas
Asset Allocation and Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
As of August 31, 2022

Asset Class	Target Allocation ¹	Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return ²	Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
U.S.	18.0%	4.6%	1.12%
Non-U.S. Developed	13.0%	4.9%	0.90%
Emerging Markets	9.0%	5.4%	0.75%
Private Equity	14.0%	7.7%	1.55%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16.0%	1.0%	0.22%
Absolute Return ⁴	0.0%	3.7%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.0%	3.4%	0.18%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.0%	4.1%	0.94%
Energy and Natural Resources and Infrastructure	6.0%	5.1%	0.37%
Commodities	0.0%	3.6%	0.00%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	8.0%	4.6%	0.43%
Leverage			
Cash	2.0%	3.0%	0.01%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6.0%	3.6%	-0.05%
Inflation Expectation			2.70%
Volatility Drag ³			-0.91%
Total	<u>100%</u>		<u>8.19%</u>

¹ Target Allocation based on the FY2022 policy manual.

² Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 8/31/2022).

³ The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.

⁴ Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive instruments.

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate 6.00%	Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase in Discount Rate 8.00%
Total TRS net pension liability	\$ 92,353,208,735	\$ 59,367,428,259	\$ 32,630,904,839
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 16,400,010	\$ 10,542,421	\$ 5,794,570

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

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$10,542,421 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 net pension liability	\$ 10,542,421
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	16,831,598
Total	<u>\$ 27,374,019</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2021 and rolled forward to August 31, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

At August 31, 2022, the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.01775791942%, compared to 0.0158813022% as of August 31, 2021.

Changes since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The actuarial assumptions and methods have been modified since the determination of the prior year's Net Pension Liability. These new assumptions were adopted in conjunction with an actuarial experience study. The primary assumption change was the lowering of the single discount rate from 7.25 percent to 7.00 percent.

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For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,608,910 and revenue of \$1,322,968 for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 152,864	\$ 229,845
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,964,396	489,582
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,041,557	-
Changes in proportion and difference between District contribution and proportionate share of contributions	1,036,137	499,382
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	873,362	-
Total as of fiscal year end	\$ 5,068,316	\$ 1,218,809

\$873,362 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability for the year ended August 31, 2024.

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

Year Ended August 31,	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ 736,894
2025	419,373
2026	165,676
2027	1,372,313
2028	281,889
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 2,976,145

Note 10 - Postemployment Health Benefits**Plan Description**

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

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

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Benefits Provided

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

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

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

Contributions

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

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

The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor:

Contribution Rates		
	2022	2023
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%
	2022	2023
Employer Contributions	\$ 210,079	\$ 210,805
Member Contributions	153,286	156,646
NECE On-behalf Contributions	266,356	276,530

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

TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the Non-Employer Contributing Entity in the amount of \$83 million in fiscal year 2022 from the Federal Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help defray Covid-19 related health care costs during fiscal year 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2021. Update procedures were used to roll forward the Total OPEB Liability to August 31, 2022. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

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

The following assumptions and other inputs used for members of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2021 TRS pension plan actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2022:

Rates of mortality	General inflation
Rates of retirement	Wage inflation
Rates of termination	Rates of disability

The active mortality rates were based on 90% of the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Tables for males and females. The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2018 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Rates. The rates were projected on a fully generational basis using the ultimate improvement rates from mortality projection scale MP-2018.

Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Valuation Date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.91% as of August 31, 2022
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.
Salary Increases	3.05% to 9.05%
Healthcare Trend Rates	4.25% to 8.5% The initial medical trend rates were 8.25% for Medicare retirees and 7.25% for non-Medicare retirees. There was an initial prescription drug trend rate of 8.25% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 13 years.
Election Rates	Normal Retirement: 62% participation prior to age 65 and 25% participation after age 65; 30% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.91% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was an increase of 1.96 percent 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 projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was used for the long-term rate of return and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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

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Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.91%)	Discount Rate (3.91%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.91%)
Total TRS Net OPEB Liability	\$ 28,231,881,036	\$ 23,944,005,302	\$ 20,470,275,606
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 7,221,028	\$ 6,124,294	\$ 5,235,798

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease Healthcare Trend Rate	Current Single Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate
Total TRS Net OPEB Liability	\$ 19,729,968,204	\$ 23,944,005,302	\$ 29,406,962,102
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 5,046,446	\$ 6,124,294	\$ 7,521,585

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

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$6,124,294 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 Net OPEB Liability	\$ 6,124,294
State's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability associated with the District	7,470,676
Total	\$ 13,594,970

The Net OPEB Liability was measured as of August 31, 2021 and rolled forward to August 31, 2022 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 employer's contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

At August 31, 2022, the District's proportion of the collective Net OPEB liability was 0.025577567% which was an increase of 0.001048849% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

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:

- The discount rate changed from 1.95% as of August 31, 2021 to 3.91% as of August 31, 2022. This change decreased the Total OPEB liability.

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

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the District recognized OPEB benefit of \$1,060,149 and revenue of \$256,263 for support provided by the State.

At August 31, 2023, 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:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 340,489	\$ 5,102,087
Changes in actuarial assumptions	932,851	4,254,795
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	18,243	-
Changes in proportion and difference between District contribution and proportionate share of contributions	918,522	405,548
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	<u>210,805</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,420,910</u>	<u>\$ 9,762,430</u>

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\$210,805 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability for the year ended August 31, 2024.

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

Year Ended August 31,	OPEB Expense Amount
2024	\$ (1,416,689)
2025	(1,416,622)
2026	(1,156,916)
2027	(805,310)
2028	(1,000,872)
Thereafter	(1,755,916)
Total	\$ (7,552,325)

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 TRS-Care to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from federal governments to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. These on-behalf payments have been recognized as equal revenue and expenditures by the District in the amount of \$125,454, \$100,762, and \$99,791, for the years ended August 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Note 11 - Revenues from Local and Intermediate Sources

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental	Total
Property taxes	\$ 39,921,050	\$ 8,988,346	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,909,396
Penalties, interest and other tax-related income	369,854	81,778	-	-	451,632
Investment income	1,267,538	222,967	33,136	28,466	1,552,107
Food sales	-	-	-	374,953	374,953
Co-curricular extra- curricular student activities	118,677	-	-	619,068	737,745
Insurance recoveries	1,172,946	-	-	-	1,172,946
Gifts and bequests	-	-	-	4,556	4,556
Other	246,747	-	-	-	246,747
	\$ 43,096,812	\$ 9,293,091	\$ 33,136	\$ 1,027,043	\$ 53,450,082

Note 12 - General Fund Federal Source Revenues

Revenues from federal sources, which are reported in the General Fund, consist of:

	<u>CFDA</u>	<u>Amount</u>
School of Health and Related Services	N/A	\$ 534,571
Medicaid Cluster	93.778	25,684
Indirect costs:		
ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	34,474
IDEA-B, Formula	84.027A	27,783
IDEA-B, Preschool	84.173A	444
Title IV, Part A	84.424A	1,813
Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition	84.365A	1,476
Career and Technical - Basic Grant	84.048A	2,003
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	5,650
National School Lunch Program	10.559	20,000
IDEA-B Formula American Rescue Plan	84.027X	4,841
IDEA-B Preschool American Rescue Plan	84.173X	309
T-CLAS COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425	7,125
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425D	90,225
COVID-19 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief	84.425U	105,770
		<u>\$ 862,168</u>

Note 13 - Unavailable and Unearned Revenue

Unavailable revenue at year-end in the fund financial statements consisted of the following:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unavailable tax collections	\$ 933,236	\$ 204,485	\$ 1,137,721
Total	<u>\$ 933,236</u>	<u>\$ 204,485</u>	<u>\$ 1,137,721</u>

Unearned revenue at year-end in the fund financial statements consisted of the following:

	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Unearned state revenue	\$ 161	\$ 161
Total	<u>\$ 161</u>	<u>\$ 161</u>

Note 14 - Joint Venture-Shared Services Arrangement

The District participates in a shared services arrangement (SSA) for Title IV, Part B 21st Century Community Learning Centers with Marble Falls ISD.

The District does not account for revenues or expenditures in this program and does not disclose them in these financial statements. The District neither has a joint ownership interest in capital assets purchased by the fiscal agent, Marble Falls ISD nor does the District have a net equity interest in the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is neither accumulating significant financial resources nor fiscal exigencies that would give rise to a future additional benefit or burden to the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

Note 15 - Employee Defined Contribution Plan

The District sponsors a 403 (b) plan for the benefit of its employees. The District contributes \$1 for every \$2 contributed by the employee up to a maximum amount of 2% of the employee’s monthly salary. Participants vest immediately upon joining the Plan.

Note 16 - Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2023, the District purchased commercial insurance to cover general liabilities. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

Health Care Coverage

For the year ended August 31, 2023, all employees of the District were offered health care coverage under the TRS ActiveCare insurance plan (the Plan), which is a statewide health coverage program for public education employees established by the 77th Texas Legislature. The District contributed \$417 per month per enrolled employee to the Plan, and employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay the additional cost of premiums for themselves and dependents.

Workers' Compensation Insurance

During the year ended August 31, 2023, the District met its statutory workers' compensation obligations through participation in the TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Inter-local Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's workers' compensation program is authorized by Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code.

All districts participating in the Fund execute Inter-local Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The Fund provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members and their injured employees.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher-than-expected claims costs through the purchase of stop loss coverage for any claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retention of \$2 million. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine reserve adequacy and fully fund those reserves. As of August 31, 2022, the Fund carries a discounted reserve of \$50,647,775 for future development on reported claims and claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. For the year ended August 31, 2023, the Fund anticipates no additional liability beyond their contractual obligations for payment of contributions and reimbursable aggregate deductibles.

The Fund engages the services of independent auditors to conduct a financial audit after the close of each plan year on August 31 and is approved by the Fund's Board of Trustee in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2023, are available at the TASB offices and have been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance in Austin.

Tax Abatements

In compliance with GASB Statement No. 77, the District did not have any outstanding tax abatements for the year ended August 31, 2023.



Required Supplementary Information
August 31, 2023

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund (Exhibit G-1)
Year Ended August 31, 2023

Data Control Codes		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
Revenues					
5700	Local and intermediate sources	\$ 40,197,367	\$ 40,865,639	\$ 43,096,812	\$ 2,231,173
5800	State program revenues	4,602,389	4,602,389	4,021,215	(581,174)
5900	Federal program revenues	700,000	700,000	862,168	162,168
5020	Total revenues	<u>45,499,756</u>	<u>46,168,028</u>	<u>47,980,195</u>	<u>1,812,167</u>
Expenditures					
Current					
0011	Instruction	19,766,626	19,958,617	19,513,137	445,480
0012	Instructional resources and media services	295,408	296,885	289,639	7,246
0013	Curriculum and staff development	484,728	486,649	368,329	118,320
0021	Instructional leadership	468,903	471,248	445,854	25,394
0023	School leadership	2,110,927	2,146,482	2,130,509	15,973
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	1,422,497	1,323,833	1,122,133	201,700
0033	Health services	341,682	378,456	376,342	2,114
0034	Student transportation	2,067,311	2,077,648	1,971,715	105,933
0035	Food service	-	45,000	40,609	4,391
0036	Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	1,397,852	1,398,992	1,375,394	23,598
0041	General administration	1,646,869	1,655,103	1,558,516	96,587
0051	Facilities maintenance and operations	4,219,851	5,666,584	5,524,936	141,648
0052	Security and monitoring services	400,766	476,494	465,536	10,958
0053	Data processing services	824,139	848,360	704,719	143,641
0061	Community services	3,500	3,518	1,649	1,869
0071	Debt service	361,619	363,427	362,893	534
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	9,442,000	11,442,460	11,462,804	(20,344)
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	537,880	540,569	496,655	43,914
6030	Total expenditures	<u>45,792,558</u>	<u>49,580,325</u>	<u>48,211,369</u>	<u>1,368,956</u>
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(292,802)</u>	<u>(3,412,297)</u>	<u>(231,174)</u>	<u>3,181,123</u>
Other financing sources (uses)					
7912	Sale of real and personal property	-	-	27,186	27,186
8911	Transfers out	-	(1,800,000)	(1,800,000)	-
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,800,000)</u>	<u>(1,772,814)</u>	<u>27,186</u>
1200	Net change in fund balances	<u>(292,802)</u>	<u>(5,212,297)</u>	<u>(2,003,988)</u>	<u>3,208,309</u>
0100	Fund balances, beginning	<u>17,216,723</u>	<u>17,216,723</u>	<u>17,216,723</u>	<u>-</u>
3000	Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 16,923,921</u>	<u>\$ 12,004,426</u>	<u>\$ 15,212,735</u>	<u>\$ 3,208,309</u>

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Exhibit G-2)
August 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0177579%	0.0158813%	0.0149792%	0.0167519%	0.0173142%	0.0164588%	0.0168604%	0.0175030%	0.0111786%
District' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 10,542,421	4,044,406	\$ 8,022,555	\$ 8,708,151	\$ 9,530,179	\$ 5,262,624	\$ 6,371,299	\$ 6,187,078	\$ 2,985,958
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>16,831,598</u>	<u>7,707,239</u>	<u>17,068,024</u>	<u>15,008,763</u>	<u>16,517,884</u>	<u>9,825,489</u>	<u>11,736,474</u>	<u>11,715,889</u>	<u>9,871,532</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 27,374,019</u>	<u>\$ 11,751,645</u>	<u>\$ 25,090,579</u>	<u>\$ 23,716,914</u>	<u>\$ 26,048,063</u>	<u>\$ 15,088,113</u>	<u>\$ 18,107,773</u>	<u>\$ 17,902,967</u>	<u>\$ 12,857,490</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 23,580,030	\$ 22,009,066	\$ 21,877,627	\$ 20,053,519	\$ 19,845,266	\$ 18,588,305	\$ 18,398,748	\$ 18,077,260	\$ 17,450,746
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	44.71%	18.38%	36.67%	43.42%	48.02%	28.31%	34.63%	34.23%	17.11%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	75.62%	88.79%	75.54%	75.24%	73.74%	82.17%	78.00%	78.43%	83.23%

Note: The information disclosed for each fiscal year is reported as of the measurement date of the net pension liability which is August 31 of the preceding fiscal year.

Note: Plan information was unavailable prior to 2015.

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Schedule of the District's Contributions to the Pension Plan (Exhibit G-3)
August 31, 2023

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contributions	\$ 873,362	\$ 828,390	\$ 677,749	\$ 617,956	\$ 586,691	\$ 585,421	\$ 539,048	\$ 535,698	\$ 781,089
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>(873,362)</u>	<u>(828,390)</u>	<u>(677,749)</u>	<u>(617,956)</u>	<u>(586,691)</u>	<u>(585,421)</u>	<u>(539,048)</u>	<u>(535,698)</u>	<u>(781,089)</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 24,099,218	\$ 23,580,030	\$ 22,009,066	\$ 21,877,627	\$ 20,053,519	\$ 19,845,266	\$ 18,858,305	\$ 18,398,748	\$ 18,077,260
Contributions as a percentage of payroll	3.62%	3.51%	3.08%	2.82%	2.93%	2.95%	2.86%	2.91%	4.32%

Note: The information disclosed for each fiscal year is reported as of the District's fiscal year-end date.

Note 2: Plan information was unavailable prior to 2015.

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Exhibit G-4)
August 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0255776%	0.0245287%	0.0245729%	0.0248197%	0.0243097%	0.0243097%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 6,124,294	\$ 9,461,823	\$ 9,341,259	\$ 11,737,528	\$ 12,796,109	\$ 10,571,343
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	<u>7,470,676</u>	<u>12,676,734</u>	<u>12,552,412</u>	<u>15,596,551</u>	<u>16,459,872</u>	<u>14,336,367</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 13,594,970</u>	<u>\$ 22,138,557</u>	<u>\$ 21,893,671</u>	<u>\$ 27,334,079</u>	<u>\$ 29,255,981</u>	<u>\$ 24,907,710</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 23,580,030	\$ 22,009,066	\$ 21,877,627	\$ 20,053,519	\$ 19,845,266	\$ 18,588,305
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	25.97%	42.99%	42.70%	58.53%	64.48%	56.87%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	11.52%	6.18%	4.99%	2.66%	1.57%	0.91%

Note: The information disclosed for each fiscal year is reported as of the measurement date of the net OPEB liability which is August 31 of the preceding fiscal year.

Note 2: Plan information was unavailable prior to 2018.

Burnet Consolidated Independent School District
Schedule of the District's Contributions to the OPEB Plan (Exhibit G-5)
August 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$ 210,805	\$ 210,079	\$ 191,625	\$ 186,771	\$ 176,151	\$ 177,864
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contributions	<u>(210,805)</u>	<u>(210,079)</u>	<u>(191,625)</u>	<u>(186,771)</u>	<u>(176,151)</u>	<u>(177,864)</u>
Contributions deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 24,099,218	\$ 23,580,030	\$ 22,009,066	\$ 21,877,627	\$ 20,053,519	\$ 19,845,266
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.87%	0.89%	0.87%	0.85%	0.88%	0.90%

Note: The information disclosed for each fiscal year is reported as of the District's fiscal year-end date.

Note 2: Plan information was unavailable prior to 2018.

Note 1 - Budget

Budgetary Information

Each school district in Texas is required by law to prepare annually a budget of anticipated revenues and expenditures for the general fund, debt service fund, and the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program special revenue fund. The Texas Education Code requires the budget to be prepared not later than August 20 and adopted by August 31 of each year. The budgets are prepared on a basis of accounting that is used for reporting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

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

1. Prior to August 20 of the preceding fiscal year, 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 after ten days' public notice of the meeting has been given.
3. Prior to September 1, the budget is formally approved and adopted by the Board.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund and function. The District's campus/department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a campus or department. Transfers of appropriations between campuses or departments require the approval of the District's management. Increasing any one of the functional spending categories, or revenues object accounts and other resources require the approval of the Board. The legal level of budgetary control (i.e., the level at which expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations) is the function level within a fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

Note 2 - Pension

Changes of Benefit Terms

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

Changes in the Size or Composition of the Population Covered by the Benefit Terms

There were no changes in the size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms during the measurement period.

Changes of Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions and methods have been modified since the determination of the prior year's Net Pension Liability. These new assumptions were adopted in conjunction with an actuarial experience study. The primary assumption change was the lowering of the single discount rate from 7.25 percent to 7.00 percent.

Note 3 - OPEB

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were minor benefit revisions that have been adopted since the prior measurement date. These changes are not expected to have a significant impact on plan costs.

Changes in the Size or Composition of the Population Covered by the Benefit Terms

There were no changes in the size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms during the measurement period.

Changes of Assumptions

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the Total OPEB Liability since the prior measurement period:

- The single discount rate changed from 1.95 percent as of August 31, 2021 to 3.91 percent, as of August 31, 2022. Lower participation rates and updates to the health care trend rate assumptions were also factors that decreased the Total OPEB Liability

APPENDIX C

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION

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May 7, 2024

**BURNET CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2024
DATED AS OF MAY 7, 2024
IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,390,000**

AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE BURNET CONSOLIDATED 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 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) the Escrow and Trust Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2024, between the District and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, as Escrow Agent (the *Escrow Agreement*), (iii) the special report of Public Finance Partners LLC, with respect to the adequacy of certain escrowed funds and securities to accomplish the refunding purposes of the Bonds (the *Verification Report*), (iv) the executed Initial Bond numbered T-1, and (v) 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 that the Escrow Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the District and constitutes a binding and enforceable agreement in accordance with its terms and that the "Refunded Obligations" (as defined in the Order) being refunded by the Bonds are outstanding under the order authorizing their issuance only for the purpose of receiving the funds provided by, and are secured solely by and payable solely from, the Escrow Agreement and the cash and investments, including the income therefrom, held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement. In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon the Verification Report concerning the sufficiency of the cash and investments deposited pursuant to the Escrow Agreement for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Obligations.



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 the Verification Report, and we have further relied on, and assumed compliance by the District with, certain representations and covenants regarding the use and investment of the proceeds of the Bonds. We call your attention to the fact that failure by the District to comply with such representations and covenants may cause the interest on the Bonds to 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.

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 and the defeasance of the Refunded Obligations 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.

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APPENDIX D

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

The information below concerning the Permanent School Fund and the Guarantee Program for School District Bonds has been provided by the Texas Education Agency and is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by, and is not to be construed as a representation of, the District, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters.

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

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

During the 87th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (the “87th Regular Session”), which concluded on May 31, 2021, Senate Bill 1232 (“SB 1232”) was enacted and became effective on September 1, 2021. SB 1232 provided for a variety of changes to the operations and management of the Fund, including the creation of the Permanent School Fund Corporation (the “PSF Corporation”), and the delegation of responsibility to manage the portion of the Fund previously under the management supervision of the State Board of Education (the “SBOE”) to the PSF Corporation. SB 1232 also required changes with respect to the management of certain investments previously made at the discretion of the Texas School Land Board (the “SLB”), including limiting the types of investments that may be made by the SLB and mandating the transfer of cash and certain other investment properties from the SLB to the PSF Corporation.

The regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) was held from January 10, 2023, to May 29, 2023. As of the date of this disclosure, there have been four special sessions held, with the fourth special session ending December 5, 2023. The Texas Governor may call one or more additional special sessions. During this time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the Guarantee Program, the TEA, the SBOE, the Act, the PSF Corporation, and Texas school finance generally. No representation is made regarding any actions the Legislature has taken or may take, but the TEA, SBOE, and PSF Corporation monitor and analyze legislation for any developments applicable thereto.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE . . . The PSF supports the State’s public school system in two major ways: distributions to the constitutionally established Available School Fund (the “ASF”), as described below, and the guarantee of school district and charter district issued bonds through the Guarantee Program. The PSF was created in 1845 and received its first significant funding with a \$2,000,000 appropriation by the Legislature in 1854 expressly for the benefit of the public schools of Texas, with the sole purpose of assisting in the funding of public education for present and future generations. The Constitution of 1876 described that the PSF would be “permanent,” and stipulated that certain lands and all proceeds from the sale of these lands should also constitute the PSF. Additional acts later gave more public domain land and rights to the PSF. In 1953, the U.S. Congress passed the Submerged Lands Act that relinquished to coastal states all rights of the U.S. navigable waters within state boundaries. If the State, by law, had set a larger boundary prior to or at the time of admission to the Union, or if the boundary had been approved by Congress, then the larger boundary applied. After three years of litigation (1957-1960), the U.S. Supreme Court on May 31, 1960, affirmed Texas’ historic three marine leagues (10.35 miles) seaward boundary. Texas proved its submerged lands property rights to three leagues into the Gulf of Mexico by citing historic laws and treaties dating back to 1836. All lands lying within that limit belong to the PSF. The proceeds from the sale and the mineral-related rental of these lands, including bonuses, delay rentals and royalty payments, become the corpus of the Fund. Prior to the approval by the voters of the State of an amendment to the constitutional provision under which the Fund was established and administered, which occurred on September 13, 2003 (the “Total Return Constitutional Amendment”), and which is further described below, only the income produced by the PSF could be used to complement taxes in financing public education, which primarily consisted of income from securities, capital gains from securities transactions, and royalties from the sale of oil and natural gas. The Total Return Constitutional Amendment provides that interest and dividends produced by Fund investments will be additional revenue to the PSF.

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

In 2011, legislation was enacted that established the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program as a new component of the Guarantee Program. That legislation authorized the use of the PSF to guarantee revenue bonds issued by or for the benefit of certain open-enrollment charter schools that are designated as “charter districts” by the Education Commissioner. On approval by the Education Commissioner, bonds properly issued by a charter district participating in the Guarantee Program are fully guaranteed by the PSF.

The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective on March 3, 2014. See “The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.”

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

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

Audited financial information for the PSF is provided annually through the PSF Corporation’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the “Annual Report”), which is filed with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”). Due to the establishment of the PSF Corporation, the most recent financial statements include several restatements related thereto. The SLB’s land and real assets investment operations, which are part of the PSF as described below, are also included in the annual financial report of the Texas General Land Office (the “GLO”) that is included in the annual comprehensive report of the State of Texas. The Annual Report includes the Message of the Chief Executive Officer of the PSF Corporation (the “Message”) and the Management’s Discussion and Analysis (“MD&A”). The Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2023, as filed with the MSRB in accordance with the PSF undertaking and agreement made in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 (“Rule 15c2-12”) of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), as described below, is hereby incorporated by reference into this disclosure. Information included herein for the year ended August 31, 2023, is derived from the audited financial statements of the PSF, which are included in the Annual Report as it is filed and posted. Reference is made to the Annual Report for the complete Message and MD&A for the year ended August 31, 2023, and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2023, the most recent year for which audited financial information regarding the Fund is available. The 2023 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the TEA has not obligated itself to update the 2023 Annual Report or any other Annual Report. The PSF Corporation posts (i) each Annual Report, which includes statistical data regarding the Fund as of the close of each fiscal year, (ii) the most recent disclosure for the Guarantee Program, (iii) the PSF Corporation’s Investment Policy Statement (the “IPS”), and (iv) monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program (collectively, the “Web Site Materials”) on the PSF Corporation’s web site at <https://texaspsf.org/bond-guarantee-program/> and with the MSRB at www.emma.msrb.org. Such monthly updates regarding the Guarantee Program are also incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes. In addition to the Web Site Materials, the Fund is required to make quarterly filings with the SEC under Section 13(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such filings, which consist of a list of the Fund’s holdings of securities specified in Section 13(f), including exchange-traded (e.g., NYSE) or NASDAQ-quoted stocks, equity options and warrants, shares of closed-end investment companies and certain convertible debt securities, are available from the SEC at www.sec.gov/edgar. A list of the Fund’s equity and fixed income holdings as of August 31 of each year is posted to the PSF Corporation’s web site and filed with the MSRB. Such list excludes holdings in the Fund’s securities lending program. Such list, as filed, is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND . . . The Texas Constitution and applicable statutes delegate to the SBOE and the PSF Corporation the authority and responsibility for investment of the PSF’s financial assets. The SBOE consists of 15 members who are elected by territorial districts in the State to four-year terms of office. The PSF Corporation is a special-purpose governmental corporation and instrumentality of the State entitled to sovereign immunity, and is governed by a nine-member board of directors (the “PSFC Board”), which consists of five members of the SBOE, the Land Commissioner, and three appointed members who have substantial background and expertise in investments and asset management, with one member being appointed by the Land Commissioner and the other two appointed by the Governor with confirmation by the Senate.

The PSF’s non-financial real assets, including land, mineral and royalty interests, and individual real estate holdings, are held by the GLO and managed by the SLB. The SLB is required to send PSF mineral and royalty revenues to the PSF Corporation for investment, less amounts specified by appropriation to be retained by the SLB.

The Texas Constitution provides that the Fund shall be managed though the exercise of the judgment and care under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of ordinary prudence, discretion, and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of their funds, considering the probable income therefrom as well as the probable safety of their capital (the “Prudent Person Standard”). In accordance with the Texas Constitution, the SBOE views the PSF as a perpetual endowment, and the Fund is managed as an endowment fund with a long-term investment horizon. For a detailed description of the PSFC Board’s investment objectives, as well as a description of the

PSFC’s roles and responsibilities in managing and administering the fund, see the IPS (available on the PSF Corporation’s website).

As described below, the Total Return Constitutional Amendment restricts the annual pay-out from the Fund to both (i) 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund, excluding real property, on the last day of each of the sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding

the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium, and (ii) the total-return on all investment assets of the Fund over a rolling ten-year period.

By law, the Education Commissioner is appointed by the Governor, with Senate confirmation, and assists the SBOE, but the Education Commissioner can neither be hired nor dismissed by the SBOE. The PSF Corporation has also engaged outside counsel to advise it as to its duties with respect to the Fund, including specific actions regarding the investment of the PSF to ensure compliance with fiduciary standards, and to provide transactional advice in connection with the investment of Fund assets in non-traditional investments. TEA's General Counsel provides legal advice to the SBOE but will not provide legal advice directly to the PSF Corporation.

The Total Return Constitutional Amendment shifted administrative costs of the Fund from the ASF to the PSF, providing that expenses of managing the PSF are to be paid "by appropriation" from the PSF. In January 2005, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0293 (2005), stating that the Total Return Constitutional Amendment does not require the SBOE to pay from such appropriated PSF funds the indirect management costs deducted from the assets of a mutual fund or other investment company in which PSF funds have been invested.

The Act requires that the Education Commissioner prepare, and the SBOE approve, an annual status report on the Guarantee Program (which is included in the Annual Report). The State Auditor audits the financial statements of the PSF, which are separate from other financial statements of the State. Additionally, not less than once each year, the PSFC Board must submit an audit report to the Legislative Budget Board ("LBB") regarding the operations of the PSF Corporation. The PSF Corporation may contract with a certified public accountant or the State Auditor to conduct an independent audit of the operations of the PSF Corporation, but such authorization does not affect the State Auditor's authority to conduct an audit of the PSF Corporation in accordance with State laws.

With respect to the 2024-2025 State biennium, and for subsequent biennia, the PSF Corporation is required to submit a legislative appropriations request ("LAR") to the LBB and the Office of the Governor that details a request for appropriation of funds to enable the PSF Corporation to carry out its responsibilities for the investment management of the Fund. The requested funding, budget structure, and riders are sufficient to fully support all operations of the PSF Corporation in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. As described therein, the LAR is designed to provide the PSF Corporation with the ability to operate as a stand-alone state entity in the State budget while retaining the flexibility to fulfill its fiduciary duty and provide oversight and transparency to the Legislature and Governor.

MANAGEMENT TRANSITION TO THE PSF CORPORATION . . . In accordance with SB 1232, at its November 2021 board meeting, the SBOE approved the articles of formation of the PSF Corporation. The articles were filed on December 1, 2021, thus effecting the creation of the PSF Corporation. SB 1232 authorizes the SBOE to delegate investment authority over the PSF and the Charter District Reserve Fund to the PSF Corporation. The bill also provides that the PSF Corporation, the SBOE and TEA must coordinate to determine the PSF Corporation's role in the operation and management of the Guarantee Program to ensure the proper and efficient operation of the program.

The description of SB 1232 that follows summarizes some key provisions of the bill. The full text of the bill can be found at <https://capitol.texas.gov/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=87R&Bill=SB1232>. SB 1232 provides for various transition dates relating to implementation of the bill, with the latest dates generally occurring in calendar year 2023. As noted above, on January 1, 2023 the investment management responsibilities for the Fund transferred to the PSF Corporation and the merger of Fund assets previously managed by the SLB with those previously managed by the SBOE.

As allowed by SB 1232, the PSF Corporation has been created as a special-purpose governmental corporation and instrumentality of the State which is entitled to sovereign immunity. The PSF Corporation is governed by a nine-member board of directors (the "PSFC Board"), which consists of five members of the SBOE, the Land Commissioner, and three appointed members who have substantial background and expertise in investments and asset management; with one of the appointees being appointed by the Land Commissioner and the other two appointed by the Governor (one of which is currently vacant) with confirmation by the Senate.

At the inaugural meeting of the PSFC Board in January 2022, the PSFC Board appointed the Executive Administrator of the Fund as the interim chief executive officer of the PSF Corporation and in April 2022 the Executive Administrator of the Fund was confirmed as the chief executive officer of the PSF Corporation. In July 2023, the PSFC Board appointed an Acting chief executive officer to perform those duties while the PSFC Board conducts a search to hire a permanent replacement for the chief executive officer who retired at the end of March. The PSFC Board adopted bylaws governing how it will manage its affairs and conduct business. The chief executive officer reports to the PSFC Board. Any amendments to the PSF Corporation's articles of formation and bylaws will be adopted by the PSFC Board but are subject to approval by the SBOE. At its March 2023 meeting, the PSFC Board approved its securities lending policy.

Notwithstanding the management transition for the Fund from the SBOE to the PSF Corporation, the provisions of the Texas Constitution that formerly applied to the SBOE's management will continue to provide a framework for the management of the Fund. In particular, the Prudent Person Standard is applicable to the PSF Corporation, and the Total Return Constitutional Amendment will govern distributions from the PSF to the ASF by the SBOE. A separate constitutional provision allowing

distributions from the PSF to the ASF that is currently used by the SLB was also granted to the PSF Corporation. When determining any amount to distribute, the PSF Corporation may consider distributions made by the SBOE. In addition, the Fund will continue to be managed as a perpetual endowment for the benefit of citizens of the State.

The SLB's investments in real estate investment funds and real asset investment funds will transfer to the PSF Corporation. Beginning December 31, 2022, the SLB is no longer authorized to make investments into funds; however, the SLB will still be able to invest in land, mineral and royalty interests, and individual real estate holdings; the SLB will also be required to send PSF mineral revenue to the PSF Corporation for investment, subject to designation via the appropriations process to cover GLO expenses of managing the minerals.

Not less than once each year, the PSFC Board must submit an audit report to the Legislative Budget Board ("LBB") regarding the operations of the PSF Corporation. The PSF Corporation may contract with a certified public accountant or the State Auditor to conduct an independent audit of the operations of the PSF Corporation, but such authorization does not affect the State Auditor's authority to conduct an audit of the PSF Corporation in accordance with other State laws. The first audit of the PSF Corporation will be conducted following the close of the 2022-2023 fiscal year on August 31, 2023.

As required by State law, during the 87th Regular Session the LBB issued a fiscal note on SB 1232. The fiscal note stated that uncertainty exists regarding the nature of future returns and the effect of the bill on distributions from all components of the PSF to the ASF, such that the financial impact of the bill could not be determined during the legislative session. However, the fiscal note stated that TEA and the GLO projected that the changes effected by the bill will have a positive fiscal impact in terms of growth of the Fund and future Fund distributions. No assurances can be given as to future investment results for the Fund.

With respect to the 2024-2025 State biennium, and for subsequent biennia, the PSF Corporation is required to submit a legislative appropriations request ("LAR") to the LBB and the Office of the Governor that details a request for appropriation of funds to enable the PSF Corporation to carry out its responsibilities for the investment management of the Fund. The requested funding, budget structure, and riders are sufficient to fully support all operations of the PSF Corporation in state fiscal years 2024 and 2025. As described therein, the LAR is designed to provide the PSF Corporation with the ability to operate as a stand-alone state entity in the State budget while retaining the flexibility to fulfill its fiduciary duty and provide oversight and transparency to the Legislature and Governor.

THE TOTAL RETURN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT . . . The Total Return Constitutional Amendment requires that PSF distributions to the ASF be determined using a "total-return-based" that provides that the total amount distributed from the Fund to the ASF: (1) in each year of a State fiscal biennium must be an amount that is not more than 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund, excluding real property (the "Distribution Rate"), on the last day of each of the sixteen State fiscal quarters preceding the Regular Session of the Legislature that begins before that State fiscal biennium, in accordance with the rate adopted by: (a) a vote of two-thirds of the total membership of the SBOE, taken before the Regular Session of the Legislature convenes or (b) the Legislature by general law or appropriation, if the SBOE does not adopt a rate as provided by clause (a); and (2) over the ten-year period consisting of the current State fiscal year and the nine preceding State fiscal years may not exceed the total return on all investment assets of the Fund over the same ten-year period (the "Ten Year Total Return"). In April 2009, the Attorney General issued a legal opinion, Op. Tex. Att'y Gen. No. GA-0707 (2009) ("GA-0707"), with regard to certain matters pertaining to the Distribution Rate and the determination of the Ten Year Total Return. In GA-0707 the Attorney General opined, among other advice, that (i) the Ten Year Total Return should be calculated on an annual basis, (ii) a contingency plan adopted by the SBOE, to permit monthly transfers equal in aggregate to the annual Distribution Rate to be halted and subsequently made up if such transfers temporarily exceed the Ten Year Total Return, is not prohibited by State law, provided that such contingency plan applies only within a fiscal year time basis, not on a biennium basis, and (iii) the amount distributed from the Fund in a fiscal year may not exceed 6% of the average of the market value of the Fund or the Ten Year Total Return. In accordance with GA-0707, in the event that the Ten Year Total Return is exceeded during a fiscal year, transfers to the ASF will be halted. However, if the Ten Year Total Return subsequently increases during that biennium, transfers may be resumed, if the SBOE has provided for that contingency, and made in full during the remaining period of the biennium, subject to the limit of 6% in any one fiscal year. Any shortfall in the transfer that results from such events from one biennium may not be paid over to the ASF in a subsequent biennium as the SBOE would make a separate payout determination for that subsequent biennium.

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

The Texas Constitution also provides authority to the GLO or another entity (described in statute as the SLB or the PSF Corporation) that has responsibility for the management of revenues derived from land or other properties of the PSF to determine whether to transfer an amount each year to

the ASF from the revenue derived during the current year from such land or properties. The Texas Constitution limits the maximum transfer to the ASF to \$600 million in each year from the revenue derived during that year from the PSF from the GLO, the SBOE or another entity to the extent such entity has the responsibility for the management of revenues derived from such land or other properties. Any amount transferred to the ASF pursuant to this constitutional provision is excluded from the 6% Distribution Rate limitation applicable to SBOE transfers.

The following table shows amounts distributed to the ASF from the portions of the Fund administered by the SBOE (the “PSF(SBOE)”), the PSF Corporation (the “PSF(CORP)”), and the SLB (the “PSF(SLB)”).

ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO THE AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND⁽¹⁾

Fiscal Year Ending	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023⁽²⁾
PSF(CORP) Distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,076
PSF(SBOE) Distribution	839	839	1,056	1,056	1,236	1,236	1,102	1,102	1,731	-
PSF(SLB) Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	300	600	600 ⁽³⁾	415	115
Per Student Distribution	175	173	215	212	247	306	347	341	432	440

(1) In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

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

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

In November 2022, the SBOE approved a \$3.1 billion distribution to the ASF for State fiscal biennium 2024-2025. In making its determination of the 2024-2025 Distribution Rate, the SBOE took into account the announced planned distribution to the ASF by the SLB of \$1.2 billion for the biennium.

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

<u>State Fiscal Biennium</u>	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
<u>SBOE Distribution Rate⁽¹⁾</u>	3.5%	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32% ⁽²⁾

(1) Includes only distributions made to the ASF by the SBOE; see the immediately preceding table for amounts of direct SLB distributions to the ASF. In addition, the SLB approved transfers of \$600 million per year directly to the ASF for fiscal biennium 2024-25.

(2) The distribution rate approved by the SBOE for fiscal biennium 2024-25 was based on a number of assumptions, including a mid- to long-term expected return rate for the Fund of 6.35% and a rate of inflation measured by the consumer price index of 2.70% according to the policy adopted by the SBOE in June 2022.

PSF CORPORATION STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATIONS . . . The PSFC Board sets the asset allocation policy for the Fund, including determining the available asset classes for investment and approving target percentages and ranges for allocation to each asset class, with the goal of delivering a long-term risk adjusted return through all economic and market environments. Effective January 1, 2023, the IPS includes a combined asset allocation for all Fund assets (consisting of assets transferred for management to the PSF Corporation from the SBOE and the SLB). The IPS provides that the Fund’s investment objectives are as follows:

- Generate distributions for the benefit of public schools in Texas;
- Maintain the purchasing power of the Fund, after spending and inflation, in order to maintain intergenerational equity with respect to distributions from the Fund;
- Provide a maximum level of return consistent with prudent risk levels, while maintaining sufficient liquidity needed to support Fund obligations; and
- Maintain a “AAA” credit rating, as assigned by a nationally recognized securities rating organization.

The table below sets forth the current asset allocation of the Fund that was adopted February 2024 (which is subject to change from time to time):

Asset Class	Strategic Asset Allocation	Range	
		Min	Max
Cash	2.0%	0.0%	7.0%
Core Bonds	10.0%	5.0%	15.0%
High Yield	2.0%	0.0%	7.0%
Bank Loans	4.0%	0.0%	9.0%
Treasury Inflation Protected Securities	2.0%	0.0%	7.0%
Large Cap Equity	14.0%	9.0%	19.0%
Small/Mid-Cap Equity	6.0%	1.0%	11.0%
Non-US Developed Equity	7.0%	2.0%	12.0%
Absolute Return	3.0%	0.0%	8.0%
Real Estate	12.0%	7.0%	17.0%
Private Equity	20.0%	10.0%	30.0%
Private Credit	8.0%	3.0%	13.0%
Natural Resources	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Infrastructure	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%

The table below sets forth the comparative investments of the PSF for the fiscal years ending August 31, 2022 and 2023, as set forth in the Annual Report for the 2023 fiscal year. As of January 1, 2023, the assets of the PSF(SBOE) and the PSF(SLB) were generally combined (referred to herein as the PSF(CORP)) for investment management and accounting purposes.

COMPARATIVE INVESTMENT SCHEDULE – PSF(CORP)

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2023 and 2022				
ASSET CLASS	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
EQUITY				
Domestic Small Cap	\$ 2,975.1	\$ 2,858.4	\$ 116.7	4.1%
Domestic Large Cap	<u>7,896.5</u>	<u>6,402.1</u>	<u>1,494.4</u>	<u>23.3%</u>
Total Domestic Equity	10,871.6	9,260.5	1,611.1	17.4%
International Equity	<u>7,945.5</u>	<u>7,197.9</u>	<u>747.6</u>	<u>10.4%</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	18,817.1	16,458.4	2,358.7	14.3%
FIXED INCOME				
Domestic Fixed Income	5,563.7	5,867.5	(303.8)	-5.2%
U.S. Treasuries	937.5	1,140.2	(202.7)	-17.8%
High Yield Bonds	1,231.6	1,142.5	89.1	7.8%
Emerging Market Debt	<u>869.7</u>	<u>1,190.9</u>	<u>(321.2)</u>	<u>-27.0%</u>
TOTAL FIXED INCOME	8,602.5	9,341.1	(738.6)	-7.9%
ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS				
Absolute Return	3,175.8	2,932.3	243.5	8.3%
Real Estate	6,525.2	6,286.9	238.3	3.88%
Private Equity	8,400.7	7,933.1	467.6	5.9%
Emerging Manager Program	134.5	29.9	104.6	349.8%
Real Return	1,663.7	1,620.3	43.4	2.7%
Real Assets	<u>4,712.1</u>	<u>4,341.3</u>	<u>370.8</u>	<u>8.5%</u>
TOT ALT INVESTMENTS	24,612.0	23,143.8	1,468.2	6.3%
UNALLOCATED CASH	<u>348.2</u>	<u>231.7</u>	<u>116.5</u>	<u>50.3%</u>
TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS	\$ 52,379.8	\$ 49,175.0	\$ 3,204.8	6.5%

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.
Investment Schedule – PSF(SLB)⁽¹⁾

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2023

As of 8-31-23

Investment Type Investments in Real

Assets

Sovereign Lands	\$ 276.14
Discretionary Internal Investments	264.32
Other Lands	167.97
Minerals ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	<u>5,435.62⁽⁶⁾</u>
Total Investments ⁽⁴⁾	6,144.05
Cash in State Treasury ⁽⁵⁾	508.38
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$6,652.44

- (1) Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2023 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.
- (2) Historical Cost of investments at August 31, 2023 was: Sovereign Lands \$838,776.71; Discretionary Internal Investments \$129,728,504.04; Other Lands \$38,241,863.70; and Minerals \$13,437,063.73.
- (3) Includes an estimated 1,000,000.00 acres in freshwater rivers.
- (4) Includes an estimated 1,747,600.00 in excess acreage.
- (5) Cash in State Treasury is managed by the Treasury Operations Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.
- (6) Future Net Revenues discounted at 10% and then adjusted for risk factors. A mineral reserve report is prepared annually by external third-party petroleum engineers.

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

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

In the event of default, holders of guaranteed school district bonds will receive all payments due from the corpus of the PSF. Following a determination that a school district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on any guaranteed bond, the Act requires the school district to notify the Education Commissioner not later than the fifth day before the stated maturity date of such bond or interest payment. Immediately following receipt of such notice, the Education Commissioner must cause to be transferred from the appropriate account in the PSF to the Paying Agent/Registrar an amount necessary to pay the maturing or matured principal and interest. Upon receipt of funds for payment of such principal or interest, the Paying Agent/Registrar must pay the amount due and forward the canceled bond or evidence of payment of the interest to the State Comptroller of Public Accounts (the “Comptroller”). The Education Commissioner will instruct the Comptroller to withhold the amount paid, plus interest, from the first State money payable to the school district. The amount withheld pursuant to this funding “intercept” feature will be deposited to the credit of the PSF. The Comptroller must hold such canceled bond or evidence of payment of the interest on behalf of the PSF. Following full reimbursement of such payment by the school district to the PSF with interest, the Comptroller will cancel the bond or evidence of

payment of the interest and forward it to the school district. The Act permits the Education Commissioner to order a school district to set a tax rate sufficient to reimburse the PSF for any payments made with respect to guaranteed bonds, and also sufficient to pay future payments on guaranteed bonds, and provides certain enforcement mechanisms to the Education Commissioner, including the appointment of a board of managers or annexation of a defaulting school district to another school district.

If a school district fails to pay principal or interest on a bond as it is stated to mature, other amounts not due and payable are not accelerated and do not become due and payable by virtue of the district’s default. The School District Bond Guarantee Program does not apply to the payment of principal and interest upon redemption of bonds, except upon mandatory sinking fund redemption, and does not apply to the obligation, if any, of a school district to pay a redemption premium on its guaranteed bonds. The guarantee

applies to all matured interest on guaranteed school district bonds, whether the bonds were issued with a fixed or variable interest rate and whether the interest rate changes as a result of an interest reset provision or other bond order provision requiring an interest rate change. The guarantee does not extend to any obligation of a school district under any agreement with a third party relating to guaranteed bonds that is defined or described in State law as a “bond enhancement agreement” or a “credit agreement,” unless the right to payment of such third party is directly as a result of such third party being a bondholder.

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

Generally, the regulations that govern the School District Bond Guarantee Program (the “SDBGP Rules”) limit guarantees to certain types of notes and bonds, including, with respect to refunding bonds issued by school districts, a requirement that the bonds produce debt service savings. The SDBGP Rules include certain accreditation criteria for districts applying for a guarantee of their bonds, and limit guarantees to districts that have less than the amount of annual debt service per average daily attendance that represents the 90th percentile of annual debt service per average daily attendance for all school districts, but such limitation will not apply to school districts that have enrollment growth of at least 25% over the previous five school years. As noted, above, in connection with the Regulatory Recodification, the SDBGP Rules are now codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC section 33.6 and are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/facilities-funding-and-standards/bond-guarantee-program>.

THE CHARTER DISTRICT BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM . . . The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program became effective March 3, 2014. The SBOE published final regulations in the Texas Register that provide for the administration of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program (the “CDBGP Rules”). As noted, above, in connection with the Regulatory Recodification, the CDBGP Rules are now codified at 19 TAC section 33.7 and are available at <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/state-funding/facilities-funding-and-standards/bond-guarantee-program>.

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

Pursuant to the CDBGP Rules, the Education Commissioner annually determines the ratio of charter district students to total public school students, for the 2024 fiscal year, the ratio is 7.69%. At February 26, 2024, there were 186 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 1,128 charter school campuses authorized under such charters, though as of such date, 212 of such campuses are not currently serving students for various reasons; therefore, there are 916 charter school campuses actively serving students in Texas. Section 12.101, Texas Education Code, limits the number of charters that the Education Commissioner may grant to a total number of 305 charters. While legislation limits the number of charters that may be granted, it does not limit the number of campuses that may operate under a particular charter. For information regarding the capacity of the Guarantee Program, see “Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program.” The Act provides that the Education Commissioner may not approve the guarantee of refunding or refinanced bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program in a total amount that exceeds one-half of the total amount available for the guarantee of charter district bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program.

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

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

In the event of default, holders of guaranteed charter district bonds will receive all payments due from the corpus of the PSF. Following a determination that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on any guaranteed bond, the Act requires a charter district to notify the Education Commissioner not later than the fifth day before the stated maturity date of such bond or interest payment and provides that immediately following receipt of notice that a charter district will be or is unable to pay maturing or matured principal or interest on a guaranteed bond, the Education Commissioner is required to instruct the Comptroller to transfer from the Charter District Reserve Fund to the district’s paying agent an amount necessary to pay the maturing or matured principal or interest. If money in the Charter District Reserve Fund is insufficient to pay the amount

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

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

The CDBGP Rules provide that an open-enrollment charter holder applying for charter district designation and a guarantee of its bonds under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program satisfy various provisions of the regulations, including the following: It must (i) have operated at least one open-enrollment charter school with enrolled students in the State for at least three years; (ii) agree that the bonded indebtedness for which the guarantee is sought will be undertaken as an obligation of all entities under common control of the open-enrollment charter holder, and that all such entities will be liable for the obligation if the open-enrollment charter holder defaults on the bonded indebtedness, provided, however, that an entity that does not operate a charter school in Texas is subject to this provision only to the extent it has received state funds from the open-enrollment charter holder; (iii) have had completed for the past three years an audit for each such year that included unqualified or unmodified audit opinions; and (iv) have received an investment grade credit rating within the last year. Upon receipt of an application for guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Education Commissioner is required to conduct an

investigation into the financial status of the applicant charter district and of the accreditation status of all open-enrollment charter schools operated under the charter, within the scope set forth in the CDBGP Rules. Such financial investigation must establish that an applying charter district has a historical debt service coverage ratio, based on annual debt service, of at least 1.1 for the most recently completed fiscal year, and a projected debt service coverage ratio, based on projected revenues and expenses and maximum annual debt service, of at least 1.2. The failure of an open-enrollment charter holder to comply with the Act or the applicable regulations, including by making any material misrepresentations in the charter holder's application for charter district designation or guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, constitutes a material violation of the open-enrollment charter holder's charter.

From time to time, TEA has limited new guarantees under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program to conform to capacity limits specified by the Act. The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program Capacity (the "CDBGP Capacity") is made available from the capacity of the Guarantee Program but is not reserved exclusively for the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. See "Capacity Limits for the Guarantee Program." Other factors that could increase the CDBGP Capacity include Fund investment performance, future increases in the Guarantee Program multiplier, changes in State law that govern the calculation of the CDBGP Capacity, as described below, changes in State or federal law or regulations related to the Guarantee Program limit, growth in the relative percentage of students enrolled in open-enrollment charter schools to the total State scholastic census, legislative and administrative changes in funding for charter districts, changes in level of school district or charter district participation in the Guarantee Program, or a combination of such circumstances.

CAPACITY LIMITS FOR THE GUARANTEE PROGRAM . . . The capacity of the Fund to guarantee bonds under the Guarantee Program is limited to the lesser of that imposed by State law (the "State Capacity Limit") and that imposed by regulations and a notice issued by the IRS (the "IRS Limit", with the limit in effect at any given time being the "Capacity Limit"). From 2005 through 2009, the Guarantee Program twice reached capacity under the IRS Limit, and in each instance the Guarantee Program was closed to new bond guarantee applications until relief was obtained from the IRS. The most recent closure of the Guarantee Program commenced in March 2009 and the Guarantee Program reopened in February 2010 after the IRS updated regulations relating to the PSF and similar funds.

Prior to 2007, various legislation was enacted modifying the calculation of the State Capacity limit; however, in 2007, Senate Bill 389 ("SB 389") was enacted, providing for increases in the capacity of the Guarantee Program, and specifically providing that the SBOE may by rule increase the capacity of the Guarantee Program from two and one-half times the cost value of the PSF to an amount not to exceed five times the cost value of the PSF, provided that the increased limit does not violate federal law and regulations and does not prevent bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program from receiving the highest available credit rating, as determined by the SBOE. SB 389 further provided that the SBOE shall at least annually consider whether to change the capacity of the Guarantee Program. Additionally, on May 21, 2010, the SBOE modified the SDBGP Rules, and increased the State Capacity

Limit to an amount equal to three times the cost value of the PSF.

Such modified regulations, including the revised capacity rule, became effective on July 1, 2010. The SDBGP Rules provide that the Education Commissioner will estimate the available capacity of the PSF each month and may increase or reduce the State Capacity Limit multiplier to prudently manage fund capacity and maintain the “AAA” credit rating of the Guarantee Program but also provide that any changes to the multiplier made by the Education Commissioner are to be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at the next meeting following the change. See “Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds” below.

Since September 2015, the SBOE has periodically voted to change the capacity multiplier as shown in the following table.

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

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

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of December 31, 2023 the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$44,034,322,531 (unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of \$220,171,612,655 in principal amount of guaranteed bonds outstanding.

As of December 31, 2023, the estimated State Capacity Limit is \$154,120,128,859, which is lower than the IRS Limit, making the State Capacity Limit the current Capacity Limit for the Fund.

Since July 1991, when the SBOE amended the Guarantee Program Rules to broaden the range of bonds that are eligible for guarantee under the Guarantee Program to encompass most Texas school district bonds, the principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program has increased sharply. In addition, in recent years a number of factors have caused an increase in the amount of bonds issued by school districts in the State. See the table “Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds” below. Effective March 1, 2023, the Act provides that the SBOE may establish a percentage of the Capacity Limit to be reserved from use in guaranteeing bonds (the “Capacity Reserve”). The SDBGP Rules provide for a maximum Capacity Reserve for the overall Guarantee Program of 5% and provide that the amount of the Capacity Reserve may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the SBOE based on changes in the cost value, asset allocation, and risk in the portfolio, or may be increased or decreased by the Education Commissioner as necessary to

prudently manage fund capacity and preserve the “AAA” credit rating of the Guarantee Program (subject to ratification or rejection by the SBOE at the next meeting for which an item can be posted). The CDBGP Rules provide for an additional reserve of CDBGP Capacity determined by calculating an equal percentage as established by the SBOE for the Capacity Reserve, applied to the CDBGP Capacity. Effective March 1, 2023, the Capacity Reserve is 0.25%. The Capacity Reserve is noted in the monthly updates with respect to the capacity of the Guarantee Program on the PSF Corporation’s web site at <https://texaspsf.org/monthly-disclosures/>, which are also filed with the MSRB.

Based upon historical performance of the Fund, the legal restrictions relating to the amount of bonds that may be guaranteed has generally resulted in a lower ratio of guaranteed bonds to available assets as compared to many other types of credit enhancements that may be available for Texas school district bonds and charter district bonds. However, the ratio of Fund assets to guaranteed bonds and the growth of the Fund in general could be adversely affected by a number of factors, including Fund investment performance, investment objectives of the Fund, an increase in bond issues by school districts in the State or legal restrictions on the Fund, changes in State laws that implement funding decisions for school districts and charter districts, which could adversely affect the credit quality of those districts, the implementation of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, or significant changes in distributions to the ASF. The issuance of the IRS Notice and the Final IRS Regulations resulted in a substantial increase in the amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program.

No representation is made as to how the capacity will remain available, and the capacity of the Guarantee Program is subject to change due to a number of factors, including changes in bond issuance volume throughout the State and some bonds receiving guarantee approvals may not close. If the amount of guaranteed bonds approaches the State Capacity Limit, the SBOE or Education Commissioner may increase the State Capacity Limit multiplier as discussed above.

2017 LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE CHARTER DISTRICT BOND GUARANTEE PROGRAM . . . The CDBGP Capacity is established by the Act. During the 85th Texas Legislature, which concluded on May 29, 2017, Senate Bill 1480 (“SB 1480”) was enacted. SB 1480 amended the Act to modify how the CDBGP Capacity is established effective as of September 1, 2017, and made other substantive changes to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. Prior to the enactment of SB 1480, the CDBGP Capacity was calculated as the Capacity Limit less the amount of outstanding bond guarantees under the Guarantee Program multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population. SB 1480 amended the CDBGP Capacity calculation so that the Capacity Limit is multiplied by the percentage of charter district scholastic population relative to the total public school scholastic population prior to the subtraction of the outstanding bond guarantees, thereby increasing the CDBGP Capacity.

The percentage of the charter district scholastic population to the overall public school scholastic population has grown from 3.53% in September 2012 to 7.69% in February 2024. TEA is unable to predict how the ratio of charter district students to the total State scholastic population will change over time.

In addition to modifying the manner of determining the CDBGP Capacity, SB 1480 provided that the Education Commissioner’s investigation of a charter district application for guarantee may include an evaluation of whether the charter district bond security documents provide a security interest in real property pledged as collateral for the bond and the repayment obligation under the proposed guarantee. The Education Commissioner may decline to approve the application if the Education Commissioner determines that sufficient security is not provided. The Act and the CDBGP Rules also require the Education Commissioner to make an investigation of the accreditation status and financial status for a charter district applying for a bond guarantee.

Since the initial authorization of the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, the Act has established a bond guarantee reserve fund in the State treasury (the “Charter District Reserve Fund”). Formerly, the Act provided that each charter district that has a bond guaranteed must annually remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 10% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on its bonds due to the guarantee by the PSF. SB 1480 modified the Act insofar as it pertains to the Charter District Reserve Fund. Effective September 1, 2017, the Act provides that a charter district that has a bond guaranteed must remit to the Education Commissioner, for deposit in the Charter District Reserve Fund, an amount equal to 20% of the savings to the charter district that is a result of the lower interest rate on the bond due to the guarantee by the PSF. The amount due shall be paid on receipt by the charter district of the bond proceeds. However, the deposit requirement will not apply if the balance of the Charter District Reserve Fund is at least equal to 3.00% of the total amount of outstanding guaranteed bonds issued by charter districts. At January 31, 2024, the Charter District Reserve Fund contained \$97,636,048, which represented approximately 2.32% of the guaranteed charter district bonds. The Reserve Fund is held and invested as a non-commingled fund under the administration of the PSF Corporation staff.

CHARTER DISTRICT RISK FACTORS . . . Open-enrollment charter schools in the State may not charge tuition and, unlike school districts, charter districts have no taxing power. Funding for charter district operations is largely from amounts appropriated by the Legislature. Additionally, the amount of State payments a charter district receives is based on a variety of factors, including the enrollment at the schools operated by a charter district, and may be affected by the State’s economic performance and other budgetary considerations and various political considerations.

Other than credit support for charter district bonds that is provided to qualifying charter districts by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, State funding for charter district facilities construction is limited to a program established by the Legislature in 2017, which provides \$60 million per year for eligible charter districts with an acceptable performance rating for a variety of funding purposes, including for lease or purchase payments for instructional facilities. Since State funding for charter facilities is limited, charter schools generally issue revenue bonds to fund facility construction and acquisition, or fund facilities from cash flows of the school. Some charter districts have issued non-guaranteed debt in addition to debt guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, and such non-guaranteed debt is likely to be secured by a deed of trust covering all or part of the charter district’s facilities. In March 2017, the TEA began requiring charter districts to provide the TEA with a lien against charter district property as a condition to receiving a guarantee under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, charter district bonds issued and guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program prior to the implementation of the new requirement did not have the benefit of a security interest in real property, although other existing debts of such charter districts that are not guaranteed under the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program may be secured by real property that could be foreclosed on in the event of a bond default.

As a general rule, the operation of a charter school involves fewer State requirements and regulations for charter holders as compared to other public schools, but the maintenance of a State- granted charter is dependent upon on-going compliance with State law and regulations, which are monitored by TEA. TEA has a broad range of enforcement and remedial actions that it can take as corrective measures, and such actions may include the loss of the State charter, the appointment of a new board of directors to govern a charter district, the assignment of operations to another charter operator, or, as a last resort, the dissolution of an open-enrollment charter school. Charter holders are governed by a private board of directors, as compared to the elected boards of trustees that govern school districts.

As described above, the Act includes a funding “intercept” function that applies to both the School District Bond Guarantee Program and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. However, school districts are viewed as the “educator of last resort” for students residing in the geographical territory of the district, which makes it unlikely that State funding for those school districts

would be discontinued, although the TEA can require the dissolution and merger into another school district if necessary to ensure sound education and financial management of a school district. That is not the case with a charter district, however, and open-enrollment charter schools in the State have been dissolved by TEA from time to time. If a charter district that has bonds outstanding that are guaranteed by the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program should be dissolved, debt service on guaranteed bonds of the district would continue to be paid to bondholders in accordance with the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program, but there would be no funding available for reimbursement of the PSF by the Comptroller for such payments. As described under “The Charter District Bond Guarantee Program,” the Act established the Charter District Reserve Fund, to serve as a reimbursement resource for the PSF.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAK . . . Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, TEA and TEA investment management for the PSF have continued to operate and function pursuant to the TEA continuity of operations plan developed as mandated in accordance with Texas Labor Code Section 412.054. That plan was designed to ensure performance of the Agency’s essential missions and functions under such threats and conditions in the event of, among other emergencies, a pandemic event.

Circumstances regarding the COVID-19 pandemic continue to evolve; for additional information on these events in the State, reference is made to the website of the Governor, <https://gov.texas.gov/>, and, with respect to public school events, the website of TEA, <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/safe-and-healthy-schools/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>.

TEA cannot predict whether any school or charter district may experience short- or longer-term cash flow emergencies as a direct or indirect effect of COVID-19 that would require a payment from the PSF to be made to a paying agent for a guaranteed bond. However, through the end of January 2024, no school district or charter district had failed to perform with respect to making required payments on their guaranteed bonds. Information regarding the respective financial operations of the issuer of bonds guaranteed, or to be guaranteed, by the PSF is provided by such issuers in their respective bond offering documents and the TEA takes no responsibility for the respective information, as it is provided by the respective issuers.

RATINGS OF BONDS GUARANTEED UNDER THE GUARANTEE PROGRAM . . . Moody’s Investors Service, Inc., S&P Global Ratings, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. rate bonds guaranteed by the PSF “Aaa,” “AAA” and “AAA,” respectively. Not all districts apply for multiple ratings on their bonds, however. See the applicable rating section within the offering document to which this is attached for information regarding a district’s underlying rating and the enhanced rating applied to a given series of bonds.

VALUATION OF THE PSF AND GUARANTEED BONDS

Permanent School Fund Valuations		
Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Book Value ⁽¹⁾	Market Value ⁽¹⁾
2019	\$ 35,288,344,219	\$ 46,464,447,981
2020	36,642,000,738	46,764,059,745
2021	38,699,895,545	55,582,252,097
2022	42,511,350,050	56,754,515,757
2023 ⁽²⁾	43,915,792,841	59,020,536,667

- (1) SLB managed assets are included in the market value and book value of the Fund. In determining the market value of the PSF from time to time during a fiscal year, the current, unaudited values for PSF investment portfolios and cash held by the SLB are used. With respect to SLB managed assets shown in the table above, market values of land and mineral interests, internally managed real estate, investments in externally managed real estate funds and cash are based upon information reported to the PSF Corporation by the SLB. The SLB reports that information to the PSF Corporation on a quarterly basis. The valuation of such assets at any point in time is dependent upon a variety of factors, including economic conditions in the State and nation in general, and the values of these assets, and, in particular, the valuation of mineral holdings administered by the SLB, can be volatile and subject to material changes from period to period.
- (2) At August 31, 2023, mineral assets, sovereign and other lands and discretionary internal investments, and cash managed by the SLB had book values of approximately \$13.4 million, \$168.8 million, and \$708.4 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$5,435.6 million, \$678.4 million, and \$508.4 million, respectively.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds

At 8/31	Principal Amount ⁽¹⁾
2019	\$ 84,397,900,203
2020	90,336,680,245
2021	95,259,161,922
2022	103,239,495,929
2023	115,730,826,682 ⁽²⁾

- (1) Represents original principal amount; does not reflect any subsequent accretions in value for compound interest bonds (zero coupon securities). The amount shown excludes bonds that have been refunded and released from the Guarantee Program. The TEA does not maintain records of the accreted value of capital appreciation bonds that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program.
- (2) At August 31, 2023 (the most recent date for which such data is available), the TEA expected that the principal and interest to be paid by school districts and charter districts over the remaining life of the bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program was \$178,520,723,868, of which \$62,789,897,186 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2023, there were \$115,730,826,682 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program. Using the State Capacity Limit of \$154,120,128,859 (the State Capacity Limit is currently the Capacity Limit), net of the Capacity Reserve, as of December 31, 2023, 7.36% of the Guarantee Program’s capacity was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. As of December 31, 2023, the amount of outstanding bond guarantees represented 76.36% of the Capacity Limit (which is currently the State Capacity Limit). December 31, 2023 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category⁽¹⁾

School District Bonds			Charter District Bonds			Totals
FYE 8/31	No. of Issues	Principal Amount	No. of Issues	Principal Amount	No. of Issues	Principal Amount
2019	3,297	\$ 82,537,755,203	49	\$1,860,145,000	3,346	\$ 84,397,900,203
2020	3,296	87,800,478,245	64	2,536,202,000	3,360	90,336,680,245
2021	3,346	91,951,175,922	83	3,307,986,000	3,429	95,259,161,922
2022	3,348	99,528,099,929	94	3,711,396,000	3,442	103,239,495,929
2023 ⁽²⁾	3,339	111,647,914,682	102	4,082,912,000	3,441	115,730,826,682

- (1) Represents original principal amount; does not reflect any subsequent accretions in value for compound interest bonds (zero coupon securities). The amount shown excludes bonds that have been refunded and released from the Guarantee Program.
- (2) At December 31, 2023 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$117,374,697,034 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,369 school district issues, aggregating \$113,174,765,034 in principal amount and 105 charter district issues, aggregating \$4,199,932,000 in principal amount. At December 31, 2023 the projected guarantee capacity available was \$26,935,589,587(based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS PERTAINING TO FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 . . . The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2023, including the Message from the Chief Executive Officer of the Fund, the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, and other schedules contained therein. Reference is made to the Annual Report, as filed with the MSRB, for the complete Message and MD&A. Investment assets managed by the PSFC Board are referred to throughout this MD&A as the PSF(CORP). The Fund’s non-financial real assets are managed by the SLB and these assets are referred to throughout as the PSF(SLB) assets.

At the end of fiscal year 2023, the PSF(CORP) net position was \$52.3 billion. During the year, the PSF(CORP) continued implementing the long-term strategic asset allocation, diversifying the investment mix to strengthen the Fund. The asset allocation is projected to increase returns over the long run while reducing risk and portfolio return volatility. The PSF(CORP) is invested in global markets and liquid assets experience volatility commensurate with the related indices. The PSF(CORP) is broadly diversified and benefits from the cost structure of its investment program. Changes continue to be researched, crafted, and implemented to make the cost structure more effective and efficient. The PSF(CORP) annual rates of return for the one-year, five-year, and ten- year periods ending August 31, 2023, net of fees, were 6.14%, 6.19%, and 6.78%, respectively (total return takes into consideration the change in the market value of the Fund during the year as well as the interest and dividend income generated by the Fund’s investments). See “Comparative Investment Schedule – PSF(CORP)” for the PSF(CORP) holdings as of August 31, 2023.

Beginning January 1, 2023, Texas PSF transitioned into the PSF Corporation combining all PSF financial investment assets under the singular management of the PSF Corporation. The new structure of the PSF Corporation updated the strategic asset allocation among public equities, fixed income, and alternative assets, as discussed herein. Alternative assets now include absolute return, private equity, real estate, natural resources, infrastructure, and real return (TIPS and commodities). The inauguration of the PSF Corporation as a discretely presented component unit of the State of Texas for fiscal year 2023 required a change in the basis of

accounting to full accrual. For a description of the full accrual basis of accounting and more information about performance, including comparisons to established benchmarks for certain periods, please see the 2023 Annual Report which is included by reference herein.

PSF Returns Fiscal Year Ended 8-31-2023⁽¹⁾

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Return</u>	Benchmark <u>Return⁽²⁾</u>
Total PSF (CORP) Portfolio	6.14	4.38
Domestic Large Cap Equities	16.09	15.94
Domestic Small/Mid Cap Equities	9.31	9.14
International Equities	12.38	11.89
Emerging Market Equity	2.48	1.25
Fixed Income	(1.30)	(1.19)
Treasuries	(9.21)	(9.69)
Absolute Return	7.59	3.58
Real Estate	(1.96)	(3.13)
Private Equity	4.55	0.20
Real Return	(5.51)	(5.88)
Emerging Market Debt	12.68	11.34
High Yield	7.80	7.19
Emerging Manager Program	33.35	0.97
Natural Resources	5.70	3.67
Infrastructure	14.22	3.67

- (1) Time weighted rates of return adjusted for cash flows for the PSF(CORP) investment assets. Does not include SLB managed real estate or real assets. Returns are net of fees. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.
- (2) Benchmarks are as set forth in the Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

The SLB is responsible for the investment of money in the Real Estate Special Fund Account (RESFA) of the PSF (also referred to herein as the PSF(SLB)). Pursuant to applicable law, money in the PSF(SLB) may be invested in land, interest in real estate, mineral and royalty interest, and real property holdings. For more information regarding the investments of the PSF(SLB), please see the 2023 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

The Fund directly supports the public school system in the State by distributing a predetermined percentage of its asset value to the ASF. In fiscal year 2023, \$2.1 billion was distributed to the ASF, \$345 million of which was distributed by the PSF(CORP) on behalf of the SLB.

OTHER EVENTS AND DISCLOSURES . . . State ethics laws govern the ethics and disclosure requirements for financial advisors and other service providers who advise certain State governmental entities, including the PSF. The SBOE code of ethics provides ethical standards for SBOE members, the Education Commissioner, TEA staff, and persons who provide services to the SBOE relating to the Fund. The PSF Corporation developed its own ethics policy that provides basic ethical principles, guidelines, and standards of conduct relating to the management and investment of the Fund in accordance with the requirements of §43.058 of the Texas Education Code, as amended. The SBOE code of ethics is codified in the Texas Administrative Code at 19 TAC sections 33.4 et seq. and is available on the

TEA web site at <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf>. The PSF Corporation’s ethics policy is posted to the PSF Corporation’s website at texaspsf.org.

In addition, the SLB and GLO have established processes and controls over the administration of real estate transactions and are subject to provisions of the Texas Natural Resources Code and internal procedures in administering real estate transactions for Fund assets it manages.

As of August 31, 2023, certain lawsuits were pending against the State and/or the GLO, which challenge the Fund’s title to certain real property and/or past or future mineral income from that property, and other litigation arising in the normal course of the investment activities of the PSF. Reference is made to the Annual Report, when filed, for a description of such lawsuits that are pending, which may represent contingent liabilities of the Fund.

PSF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING . . . The Regulatory Recodification included the codification of the TEA’s undertaking pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the “TEA Undertaking”) pertaining to the PSF and the Guarantee Program. As of March 1, 2023, the TEA Undertaking is codified at 19 TAC 33.8, which relates to the Guarantee Program and is available at [available at available at https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf](https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/ch033a.pdf).

Through the codification of the TEA Undertaking and its commitment to guarantee bonds, the TEA has made the following agreement for the benefit of the issuers, holders, and beneficial owners of guaranteed bonds. The TEA (or its successor with respect to the management of the Guarantee Program) is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains an “obligated person,”

within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12, with respect to guaranteed bonds. Nothing in the TEA Undertaking obligates the TEA to make any filings or disclosures with respect to guaranteed bonds, as the obligations of the TEA under the TEA Undertaking pertain solely to the Guarantee Program. The issuer or an “obligated person” of the guaranteed bonds has assumed the applicable obligation under Rule 15c2-12 to make all disclosures and filings relating directly to guaranteed bonds, and the TEA takes no responsibility with respect to such undertakings. Under the TEA Undertaking, the TEA is obligated to provide annually certain updated financial information and operating data, and timely notice of specified material events, to the MSRB.

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

ANNUAL REPORTS . . . The PSF Corporation, on behalf of the TEA, and the TEA will annually provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the Guarantee Program and

the PSF of the general type included in this offering document under the heading “THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM.” The information also includes the Annual Report. The PSF Corporation will update and provide this information within six months after the end of each fiscal year.

The TEA and the PSF Corporation may provide updated information in full text or may incorporate by reference certain other publicly-available documents, as permitted by Rule 15c2-12. The updated information includes audited financial statements of, or relating to, the State or the PSF, when and if such audits are commissioned and available. In the event audits are not available by the filing deadline, unaudited financial statements will be provided by such deadline, and audited financial statements will be provided when available. Financial statements of the State will be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to state governments, as such principles may be changed from time to time, or such other accounting principles as the State Auditor is required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation. The financial statements of the Fund are required to be prepared to conform to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

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

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

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

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

EVENT NOTICES . . . The TEA and the PSF Corporation will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. Such notices will be provided not more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event. The TEA or the PSF Corporation will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Guarantee Program: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Guarantee Program, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Guarantee Program; (7) modifications to rights of holders of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (8) bond calls, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of bonds guaranteed by the Guarantee Program, if such event is material within the meaning of the federal securities laws; (11) rating changes of the Guarantee Program; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the Guarantee Program (which is

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

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

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

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

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

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

SEC EXEMPTIVE RELIEF . . . On February 9, 1996, the TEA received a letter from the Chief Counsel of the SEC that pertains to the availability of the “small issuer exemption” set forth in paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12. The letter provides that Texas school

districts which offer municipal securities that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program may undertake to comply with the provisions of paragraph (d)(2) of Rule 15c2-12 if their offerings otherwise qualify for such exemption, notwithstanding the guarantee of the school district securities under the Guarantee Program. Among other requirements established by Rule 15c2-12, a school district offering may qualify for the small issuer exemption if, upon issuance of the proposed series of securities, the school district will have no more than \$10 million of outstanding municipal securities.

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