

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**Dated: September 5, 2024**

**NEW ISSUE: BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY**

*In the opinion of Special Tax Counsel (as defined below), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds (as defined below) is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Special Tax Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Special Tax Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

**\$180,365,000**  
**BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Chambers County, Texas)**  
**Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024**

**Dated Date: September 15, 2024**

**Due: February 15, as shown on page ii**

The Barbers Hill Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), an election held in the Barbers Hill Independent School District (the "District") on May 4, 2024 and the order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on June 24, 2024 (the "Bond Order"). As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Bond Order, delegated the authority to certain District officials (each, a "Pricing Officer") to execute a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") establishing the pricing terms for the Bonds (the Pricing Certificate, together with the Bond Order, are collectively referred to herein as the "Order"). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on September 5, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds are payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied annually, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District. The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the Bonds to be guaranteed under the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (hereinafter defined), which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Dated Date shown above and will be payable on February 15, 2025 and each August 15 and February 15 thereafter, until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Principal of the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar, which initially is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the "Paying Agent/Registrar"), upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds for payment. Interest on the Bonds is payable by check dated as of the interest payment date and mailed by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owners as shown on the records of the Paying Agent/Registrar on the Record Date, as defined herein.

The District intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). Such Book-Entry-Only System will affect the method and timing of payment and the method of transfer of the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM").

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and equipment of school buildings, the purchase of land for school buildings, and the purchase of new school buses, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose").

The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2035 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2034 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. In addition, the Term Bonds (hereafter defined) are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein. (see "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption" and "THE BONDS – Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption").

**MATURITY SCHEDULE**  
(On page ii)

*The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, and received by the Underwriters subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by Leon Alcala, PLLC, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel, and Jackson Walker LLP, Houston, Texas, Special Tax Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Bracewell LLP, Houston, Texas. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about October 8, 2024 (the "Date of Delivery").*

**PIPER SANDLER & CO.**

**STEPHENS INC.**

**\$180,365,000**  
**BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Chambers County, Texas)  
**UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2024**

**MATURITY SCHEDULE**  
Base CUSIP No.: 067167 <sup>(1)</sup>

**\$89,785,000 Serial Bonds**

<b>Maturity Date (2/15)</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Initial Yield</b>	<b>CUSIP No. Suffix<sup>(1)</sup></b>
2025	\$555,000	5.00%	2.71%	B47
2026	2,445,000	5.00	2.62	B54
2027	2,900,000	5.00	2.61	B62
2028	3,050,000	5.00	2.60	B70
2029	3,380,000	5.00	2.60	B88
2030	3,555,000	5.00	2.70	B96
2031	3,740,000	5.00	2.80	C20
2032	3,930,000	5.00	2.90	C38
2033	4,130,000	5.00	2.96	C46
2034	4,340,000	5.00	3.00	C53
2035	4,565,000	5.00	3.15 <sup>(2)</sup>	C61
2036	4,800,000	5.00	3.20 <sup>(2)</sup>	C79
2037	5,045,000	5.00	3.27 <sup>(2)</sup>	C87
2038	5,305,000	5.00	3.30 <sup>(2)</sup>	C95
2039	5,575,000	5.00	3.32 <sup>(2)</sup>	D29
2040	5,860,000	5.00	3.38 <sup>(2)</sup>	D37
2041	6,160,000	5.00	3.47 <sup>(2)</sup>	D45
2042	6,480,000	5.00	3.53 <sup>(2)</sup>	D52
2043	6,810,000	5.00	3.59 <sup>(2)</sup>	D60
2044	7,160,000	5.00	3.64 <sup>(2)</sup>	D78

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

**\$90,580,000 Term Bonds**

\$40,635,000 4.00% Term Bond due February 15, 2049 – Price \$98.162 (yield 4.12%) CUSIP Suffix No. D86<sup>(1)</sup>  
\$49,945,000 4.25% Term Bond due February 15, 2054 – Price \$99.828 (yield 4.26%) CUSIP Suffix No. D94<sup>(1)</sup>

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

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<sup>(2)</sup> Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on August 15, 2034, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

# BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Initially Elected</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Benny May, President	1996	2025	ExxonMobil
Mark Wilson, Vice President	2022	2025	Military Officer
Becky Tice, Secretary	2009	2027	Finance Manager
George Barrera, Member	2002	2026	Purchasing Agent
Eric Davis, Member	2018	2027	General Manager
Clint Pipes, Member	2019	2026	Vice President / Controller
Fred Skinner, Member	2007	2027	Retired

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Service with District</u>
Dr. Greg Poole	Superintendent	18 Years
Sandra Duree	Deputy Superintendent	18 Years
Becky McManus	Assistant Superintendent of Finance	18 Years
Chloe Yowell	Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction	15 Years
Barbara Ponder	Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources	32 Years
Stephanie Martin	Assistant Superintendent of Special Services	30 Years
Kristen Davis	Assistant Superintendent of Technology	19 Years

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

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

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

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

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.

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

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE UNDERWRITERS MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, NEW YORK, NEW YORK ("DTC") OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM, OR THE AFFAIRS OF THE TEA DESCRIBED UNDER "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM", AS SUCH INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY DTC AND TEA, RESPECTIVELY.

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

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

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## SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

<b>The District</b>	The Barbers Hill Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Chambers County, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors.
<b>The Bonds</b>	The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$180,365,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), an election held in the District on May 4, 2024 and the order adopted by the Board on June 24, 2024 (the "Bond Order"). As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Bond Order, delegated the authority to certain District officials (each, a "Pricing Officer") to execute a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") establishing the pricing terms of the Bonds (the Pricing Certificate and the Bond Order are collectively referred to herein as the "Order"). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on September 5, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) the construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, renovation, expansion and equipment of school buildings, the purchase of land for school buildings, and the purchase of new school buses, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose").
<b>Paying Agent/Registrar</b>	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas. The District intends to use the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein).
<b>Security</b>	The Bonds will constitute direct and voted obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from ad valorem taxes levied annually against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. Payments of principal and interest on the Bonds will also be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas. (See "THE BONDS – Security", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").
<b>Redemption</b>	The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2035 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2034 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. In addition, the Term Bonds (hereinafter defined) are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption as described herein. (See "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption" and "THE BONDS – Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption").
<b>Permanent School Fund Guarantee</b>	The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (defined herein), which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee" and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM.")
<b>Ratings</b>	The Bonds are rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") based upon the guaranteed repayment thereof under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the TEA. The District's unenhanced, underlying ratings, including the Bonds, are "Aa1" by Moody's and "AA+" by S&P. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" and "RATINGS" herein.)
<b>Tax Matters</b>	In the opinion of Special Tax Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Special Tax Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Special Tax Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds. (See "TAX MATTERS" and "Appendix C – Forms of Legal Opinions of Bond Counsel and Special Tax Counsel.")
<b>Payment Record</b>	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.
<b>Legal Opinions</b>	Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of opinions by Leon Alcala, PLLC, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel, and Jackson Walker LLP, Houston, Texas, Special Tax Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "APPENDIX C - FORMS OF LEGAL OPINIONS OF BOND COUNSEL AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL").
<b>Delivery</b>	When issued, anticipated to be on or about October 8, 2024.

## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page and the Appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Barbers Hill Independent School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") located in Chambers County, Texas, in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") identified on page ii hereof.

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

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on June 24, 2024 authorizing the issuance of the Bonds ("Bond Order") and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained by writing the Barbers Hill Independent School District, 9600 Eagle Drive, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77523 and, during the offering period, from the Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024, by electronic mail without charge or by physical delivery upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges.

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

## THE BONDS

### Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$180,365,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), as amended, Texas Education Code, Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), an election held in the District on May 4, 2024 (the "Election") and the Bond Order. As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Bond Order, delegated the authority to certain District officials (each, a "Pricing Officer") to execute a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") establishing the pricing terms of the Bonds (the Pricing Certificate and the Bond Order are collectively referred to herein as the "Order"). The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on September 5, 2024, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purpose of (i) constructing, acquiring, rehabilitating, renovating, expanding and equipping school buildings in the District including the purchase of new school buses and the purchase of land for school buildings, and (ii) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

### General Description

The Bonds are dated September 15, 2024 (the "Dated Date") and interest will accrue from the Dated Date. The Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on page ii of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and is payable on February 15, 2025 and on each August 15 and February 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption.

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

Interest on the Bonds is payable by check mailed on or before each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar, initially, BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's registration books on the Record Date (as defined herein) or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the registered owner to whom interest is to be paid, provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other arrangements. Principal of the Bonds will be payable only upon presentation of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar at stated maturity or prior redemption. So long as the Bonds are registered in the name of Cede & Co. or other nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made as described in "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

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

### Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on and after February 15, 2035, are subject to redemption, at the option of the District, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be redeemed. If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed. Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

### Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

In addition to the optional redemption provision described above, the Bonds maturing on February 15 in each of the years 2049 and 2054 (the "Term Bonds") are subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to their stated maturity, and will be redeemed by the District, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus interest accrued thereon to the redemption date, on the dates and in the principal amounts shown in the following schedules:

Term Bonds February 15, 2049		Term Bonds February 15, 2054	
Date (2/15)	Amount	Date (2/15)	Amount
2045	\$7,490,000	2050	\$9,160,000
2046	7,795,000	2051	9,555,000
2047	8,115,000	2052	9,970,000
2048	8,445,000	2053	10,405,000
2049*	8,790,000	2054*	10,855,000

**\*Stated Maturity**

At least forty-five (45) days prior to each mandatory redemption date for any Term Bond, the Paying Agent/Registrar shall randomly select by lot or other customary method the numbers of the Term Bonds within the applicable Stated Maturity to be redeemed on the next following February 15 from moneys set aside for that purpose in the Debt Service Fund (as defined in the Bond Order). Any Term Bonds not selected for prior redemption shall be paid on the date of their Stated Maturity.

The principal amount of a Term Bond required to be redeemed pursuant to the operation of such mandatory redemption provisions shall be reduced, at the option of the District, by the principal amount of any Term Bonds of such Stated Maturity which, at least forty-five (45) days prior to the mandatory redemption date (i) shall have been acquired by the District at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase, thereof, and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation, (ii) shall have been purchased and canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar at the request of the District at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase, or (iii) shall have been redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions set forth above and not theretofore credited against a mandatory redemption requirement.

**Notice of Redemption**

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

**DTC Notices**

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

**Security**

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

**Permanent School Fund Guarantee**

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

In the event the District defeases any of the Bonds, the payment of such defeased Bonds will cease to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" and "REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES" herein.

**Legality**

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State and the approval of certain legal matters by Leon Alcala, PLLC, Austin, Texas, Bond Counsel, and Jackson Walker LLP, Houston, Texas,

**Payment Record**

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

**Amendments**

The District may, without the consent of or notice to any holders of the Bonds, from time to time and at any time amend the Order without the consent of any Beneficial Owner in any manner not detrimental to the interests of the beneficial owners, including the curing of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or formal defect or omission therein. In addition, the District may, with the written consent of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding, amend, add to, or rescind any of the provisions of the Order; except that, without the consent of all of the beneficial owners of the Bonds then outstanding, 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 thereof or in any other way modify the terms of payment of the principal or interest on the Bonds, (ii) give any preference to any Bond over any other Bond, or (iii) reduce the percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Bonds required to be held for beneficial owners for consent to any amendment, addition, or waiver, or rescission.

**Defeasance**

The Order provides that the Bonds may be defeased, refunded or discharged in any manner permitted by applicable law. Under current State law, such discharge may be accomplished by either (i) depositing with the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas a sum of money equal to the principal of and all interest to accrue on the Bonds to maturity or prior redemption or (ii) by depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, amounts sufficient to provide for the payment and/or redemption of the Bonds; provided that such deposits may be invested and reinvested in (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, and that are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded and that, on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the issuance of refunding obligations to refund the Bonds, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "AAA" or its equivalent. The foregoing obligations may be in book-entry-only form, and shall mature and/or bear interest in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment and/or redemption of the Bonds. If any such Bonds are to be redeemed prior to their respective dates of maturity, provision must have been made for giving notice of redemption as provided in the Order.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid for any purposes. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge, final payment, or redemption of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished; provided, however, the District may reserve the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption, at an earlier date, those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District: (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption; (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements; and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes. Defeasance will automatically cancel the Permanent School Fund Guarantee with respect to those defeased Bonds.

The Order does not contractually limit defeasance investments to those described above. As a result, the holders of the Bonds may be deemed to have consented to other defeasance investments in the event that Texas law is changed to allow for such other defeasance investments.

**Sources and Uses of Funds**

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

<b>Sources</b>	
Par Amount of Bonds	\$ 180,365,000.00
Accrued Interest	526,272.74
Net Reoffering Premium	10,363,157.15
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 191,254,429.89</b>
<b>Uses</b>	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$ 189,190,000.00
Costs of Issuance	650,053.67
Underwriters' Discount	888,103.48
Deposit to Interest and Sinking Fund	526,272.74
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 191,254,429.89</b>

**REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES**

The Order does not establish specific events of default with respect to the Bonds. If the District defaults in the payment of principal, interest or redemption price on the Bonds when due, or if it fails to make payments into any fund or funds created in the Order, or 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 District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or Order and the District's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon periodically. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3rd 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. In so ruling, the Court declared that statutory language such as "sue and be sued", in and of itself, did not constitute a clear and unambiguous waiver of sovereign immunity. In *Tooke*, the Court noted the enactment in 2005 of sections 271.151-.160, Texas Local Government Code (the "Local Government Immunity Waiver Act"), which, according



to the Court, waives "immunity from suit for contract claims against most local governmental entities in certain circumstances." The Local Government Immunity Waiver Act covers school districts and relates to contracts entered into by school districts for providing goods or services to school districts. The District is not aware of any State court construing the Local Government Immunity Waiver Act in the context of whether contractual undertakings of local governments that relate to their borrowing powers are contracts covered by the Local Government Immunity Waiver Act. Neither the remedy of mandamus nor any other type of injunctive relief was at issue in Tooke, and it is unclear whether Tooke will be construed to have any effect with respect to the exercise of mandamus, as such remedy has been interpreted by State courts. In general, State courts have held that a writ of mandamus may be issued to require public officials to perform ministerial acts that clearly pertain to their duties. State courts have held that a ministerial act is defined as a legal duty that is prescribed and defined with a precision and certainty that leaves nothing to the exercise of discretion or judgment, though mandamus is not available to enforce purely contractual duties. However, mandamus may be used to require a public officer to perform legally-imposed ministerial duties necessary for the performance of a valid contract to which the State or a political subdivision of the State is a party (including the payment of monies due under a contract). Chapter 1371, which pertains to the issuance of public securities by issuers such as the District, including the Bonds, permits the District to waive sovereign immunity in the proceedings authorizing its bonds, but in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District has not waived sovereign immunity, as permitted by Chapter 1371. As a result, 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. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein for a description of the procedures to be followed for payment of the Bonds by the Permanent School Fund in the event the District fails to make a payment on the Bonds when due. The opinions of Bond Counsel and Special Tax Counsel will provide that the rights and obligations under the Bonds, the Order and the federal tax certificate related to the Bonds and their enforceability are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion. See "APPENDIX C - FORMS OF LEGAL OPINIONS OF BOND COUNSEL AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL" attached hereto.

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

*This section describes how ownership of the Bonds is to be transferred and how the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by DTC while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor and the 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 redemption or other notices, to Direct Participants, (2) Direct Participants or others will distribute debt service payments paid to DTC or its nominee (as the registered owner of the Bonds) or redemption or other notices, to the Beneficial Owners, or that they will do so on a timely basis, or (3) DTC will serve and act in the manner described in this Official Statement. The current rules applicable to DTC are on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and the current procedures of DTC to be followed in dealing with Direct Participants are on file with DTC.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **Paying Agent/Registrar**

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

#### **Successor Paying Agent/Registrar**

Provision is made in the Order for replacing the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the District replaces the Paying Agent/Registrar, such Paying Agent/Registrar shall, promptly upon the appointment of a successor, deliver the Paying Agent/Registrar's records to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar, and the successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the District shall be a commercial bank or trust company organized under the laws of the United States or any state or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties of the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds. Upon any change in the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds, the District has agreed to promptly cause a written notice thereof to be sent to each registered owner of the Bonds by United States mail, first-class, postage prepaid, which notice shall also give the address of the new Paying Agent/Registrar.

#### **Initial Registration**

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

#### **Future Registration**

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned on the registration books only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond or Bonds being transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like aggregate principal amount as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer.

## **Record Date For Interest Payment**

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

## **Limitation on Transfer of Bonds**

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

## **Replacement Bonds**

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

## **THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

Subject to satisfying certain conditions, the payment of the Bonds will be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. In the event of default, registered owners will receive all payments due on the Bonds from the Permanent School Fund, and the Charter District Bond Guarantee Reserve would be the first source to pay debt service if a charter school was unable to make such payment. See "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" for pertinent information regarding the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program. The disclosure regarding the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program in Appendix E is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

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

### 2023 Regular and Special 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. 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 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 2024-2025 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" herein. 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 2023 Legislative Sessions.

During the second called special session, legislation was passed to (i) reduce the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for school districts by approximately \$0.107 for the 2023-2024 school year; (ii) increase the amount of the mandatory school district general residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and holds districts harmless from certain M&O and I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption (in connection with the Bonds, the District will not be held harmless from I&S tax revenue losses associated with such increased exemption); (iii) adjust 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) prohibit school districts, cities and counties from repealing or reducing a general optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 (the prohibition expires on December 31, 2027); (v) establish 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) except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and (vii) expand 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.

### Local Funding for School Districts

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

#### **State Compression Percentage**

The State Compression Percentage is a statutorily-defined percentage of the rate of \$1.00 per \$100 that is used to determine a school district's Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (described below). The State Compression Percentage is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the State Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (3) the prior year State Compression Percentage. For any year, the maximum State Compression Percentage is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2024, the State Compression Percentage is set at 68.80%.

#### **Maximum Compressed Tax Rate**

The Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (the "MCR") is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the school district's prior year MCR; 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. It established \$0.6880 as the maximum rate and \$0.6192 as the floor. The maximum rate for the 2024-2025 school year is \$0.6855 and the floor is \$0.6169.

### **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" herein; however to levy any of the Enrichment Tax Rate in a given year, a school district must levy a Tier One Tax Rate equal to the school district's MCR. Additionally, a school district's levy of Copper Pennies is subject to compression if the guaranteed yield (i.e., the guaranteed level of local tax revenue and State aid generated for each cent of tax effort) of Copper Pennies is increased from one year to the next (See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two" herein.)

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

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

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

The current public school finance system also provides an Existing Debt Allotment ("EDA") to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment ("IFA") to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment ("NIFA") to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the State 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 State Legislature makes sufficient appropriations to fund the allotments for a State fiscal biennium. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the State Legislature.

### **Tier One**

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

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

The fast growth allotment weights change to 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment is limited to \$315 million for the 2023-2024 school year and \$320 million for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **Tier Two**

Tier Two supplements Tier One funding and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., Golden Pennies and Copper Pennies) depending on the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate. Golden Pennies generate a guaranteed yield equal to the greater of (i) the local revenue per student in WADA per cent of tax effort available to a school district at the ninety-sixth (96th) percentile of wealth per student in WADA, or (ii) the Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.016. For the 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 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 this program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the State Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student 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 State Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the State Legislature for the 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 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. 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. In the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the State 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 public school finance system prior to the enactment of the 2019 Legislation 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 State 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Possible Effects of Wealth Transfer Provisions on the District’s Financial Condition**

For the 2024-2025 school year, the District was designated as an “excess local revenue” school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District has entered into a wealth equalization agreement with the Commissioner for the purchase of attendance credit for the 2024-25 school year, for the purpose of implementing a permitted wealth equalization option under Chapter 49, Texas Education Code.

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

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

## **AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES**

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

### **Valuation of Taxable Property**

The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the “Appraisal Review Board”) responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the District is the responsibility of the Chambers Central Appraisal District (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 exceeding 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, the maximum property value may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year’s increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the maximum property value. After such time, such value limitation provisions for non-homestead properties will expire unless extended by the State legislature.

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

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

## **State Mandated Homestead Exemptions**

State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$100,000 exemption (as described below) of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty. On November 2, 2021, the Texas Constitution was amended to provide that the surviving spouse of an individual who received a limitation on the school district property taxes on the person's residence homestead on the basis of disability continued to receive that limitation while the property remained the spouse's residence homestead if the spouse was at least 55 years old. Senate Bill 1, which was also passed during the Third Special Session of the 87th Texas Legislature makes provisions for additional state aid to hold school districts harmless for tax revenue losses resulting from the increased homestead exemption.

Additional legislation concerning the required homestead exemption was passed in the 2nd Special Session of the 88th Texas Legislature. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2023 Legislative Sessions" herein.

## **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 a general optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027. See "Appendix A – Financial Information of the District – Assessed Valuation" herein for the reduction in taxable valuation, if any, attributable to local option homestead exemptions.

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

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

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 sixty-five (65) years old or older or disabled may be adjusted to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the MCR of the M&O taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead.

## **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 outside the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or outside the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

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

## **Other Exempt Property**

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

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

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



## Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones

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

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

## Tax Limitation Agreements

The Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313, Property Tax Code), allows school districts to grant limitations on appraised property values to certain corporations and limited liability companies to encourage economic development within the school district. Generally, during the last eight (8) years of the ten-year term of a tax limitation agreement, a school district may only levy and collect M&O taxes on the agreed-to limited appraised property value. For the purposes of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district’s property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district’s taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement. See “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts.”

During the Regular Session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5, codified as Chapter 403, Subchapter T, Texas Government Code (“Chapter 403T”) was enacted into law. Chapter 403T is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Property Tax Code (“Chapter 313”), but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. Under Chapter 403T, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for maintenance and operations property taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. Chapter 403T also provides a 100% abatement of 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 Chapter 403T.** Eligible projects must relate to manufacturing, provision of utility services, dispatchable electric generation (such as nonrenewable energy), development of natural resources, critical infrastructure, or research and development for high-tech equipment or technology, and projects must create and maintain jobs and meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District does not expect that Chapter 403T will have any material adverse effect on its ability to repay the Bonds or its finances or operations more generally.

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, see “THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT” herein.

## Tax Abatement Agreements

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

For a discussion of how the various exemptions described above are applied by the District, See “THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT” herein.

## 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 \$59,562,331 for the 2024 tax year and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

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

## Levy and Collection of Taxes

The District is responsible for the collection of its taxes, unless it elects to transfer such functions to another governmental entity. Taxes are due October 1, or when billed, whichever comes later, and generally become delinquent after January 31 of the following year. A delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent (6%) of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent, plus one percent (1%) for each additional month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. If the tax is not paid by July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent, the tax incurs a total penalty of twelve percent (12%) regardless of the number of months the tax has been delinquent and incurs an additional penalty of up to twenty percent (20%) if imposed by the District. The delinquent tax also accrues interest at a rate of one percent (1%) for each month or portion of a month it remains unpaid. The Property Tax Code also makes provision for the split payment of taxes, discounts for early payment and the postponement of the delinquency date of taxes for certain taxpayers. Furthermore, the District may provide, on a local option basis, for the split payment, partial payment, and discounts for early payment of taxes under certain circumstances. The Property Tax Code permits taxpayers owning homes or certain businesses located in a disaster area and damaged as a direct result of the declared disaster to pay taxes imposed in the year following the disaster in four equal

installments without penalty or interest, commencing on February 15 and ending on August 15. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster" herein for further information related to a discussion of the applicability of this section of the Property Tax Code.

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

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

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

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

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

## **TAX RATE LIMITATIONS**

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

A school district is authorized to levy maintenance and operation ("M&O") taxes subject to approval of a proposition submitted to district voters under Section 45.003(d) of the Texas Education Code, as amended. The maximum M&O tax rate that may be levied by a district cannot exceed the voted maximum rate or the maximum rate described in the next succeeding paragraph. The maximum voted M&O tax rate for the District is \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation as approved by the voters at an election held on March 16, 1963 pursuant to Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Chambers County. The Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within Chambers County.

Property within the District is assessed as of January 1 of each year, taxes become due October 1 of the same year (or when billed if billed after October 1) and generally become delinquent on February 1 of the following year.

The District grants a local exemption of 20% of the market value of all residence homesteads and an additional \$90,000 local option homestead exemption for disabled taxpayers and taxpayers 65 years of age or older. Such exemptions are in addition to the State-mandated homestead exemptions. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – State Mandated Homestead Exemptions."

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

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

The District's taxes are collected by the Barbers Hill ISD Tax Collector.

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

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

The District grants the "Goods-in-Transit" exemption.

The District has not granted the Freeport Property exemption.

The District has entered into thirty six tax value limitation agreements under the provisions of Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code ("Chapter 313"), known as the Texas Economic Development Act, as described below:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Application #</u>	<u>First Year of Taxable Value for I&amp;S Taxation</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Total Investment</u> <sup>2</sup>	<u>Capped Value for M&amp;O Taxation</u>	<u>First Year of Capped Value And Payments to the District</u> <sup>3</sup>
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	166	2010/11	\$219,384,527	\$30,000,000	2012/13
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	178	2011/12	\$257,689,496	\$30,000,000	2013/14

Enterprise Products Operating LLC	192	2012/13	\$243,467,269	\$30,000,000	2014/15
Oneok Hydrocarbon, L.P.	193	2013/14	\$275,000,000	\$30,000,000	2014/15
Cedar Bayou Fractionators, L.P.	194	2012/13	\$250,000,000	\$30,000,000	2014/15
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	195	2012/13	\$316,223,110	\$30,000,000	2014/15
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	251	2013/14	\$275,000,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Oneok Hydrocarbon, L.P.	252	2014/15	\$325,000,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	253	2014/15	\$248,677,118	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	254	2014/15	\$275,500,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Exxon Mobil Corporation	264	2015/16	\$1,151,000,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	278	2015/16	\$1,508,782,968	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Cedar Bayou Fractionators, L.P.	333	2016/17	\$300,000,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	339	2014/15	\$237,000,000	\$30,000,000	2016/17
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	349	2015/16	\$146,000,000	\$30,000,000	2017/18
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	363	2016/17	\$350,000,000	\$30,000,000	2017/18
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	364	2016/17	\$93,100,000	\$30,000,000	2017/18
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	1016	2016/17	\$300,000,000	\$30,000,000	2017/18
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	1034	2016/17	\$285,000,000	\$30,000,000	2017/18
Lone Star NGL Asset Holdings II, LLC	1035	2018/19	\$300,000,000	\$30,000,000	2018/19
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	1162	2019/20	\$921,200,000	\$80,000,000	2020/21
Targa Downstream, LLC	1228	2019/20	\$235,000,000	\$80,000,000	2020/21
Oneok Hydrocarbon, L.P.	1236	2019/20	\$265,000,000	\$80,000,000	2020/21
Targa Downstream, LLC	1263	2020/21	\$250,000,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Targa Downstream, LLC	1264	2020/21	\$250,000,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Enterprise Products Operating LLC	1272	2020/21	\$1,180,483,192	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Oneok Hydrocarbon LLC	1282	2020/21	\$265,000,000	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Lone Star NGL Asset Holding II, LLC	1298	2020/21	\$335,000,000	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Enterprise Products Operating, LLC	1309	2022/23	\$1,229,250,000	\$80,000,000	2023/24
Lone Star NGL Asset Holding II, LLC	1336	2020/21	\$335,000,000	\$80,000,000	2021/22
Enterprise Products Operating, LLC	1369	2022/23	\$469,000,000	\$80,000,000	2022/23
Enterprise Products Operating, LLC	1653	2023/24	\$405,875,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2025/26
Targa Downstream LLC	1725	2025/26	\$240,000,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2025/26
Fulcrum Trinity Fuels, LLC	1767	2026/27	\$549,500,000 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2026/27
Enterprise Products Operating, LLC	1907	2028/29	\$553,847,500 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2028/29
Enterprise Products Operating, LLC	1909	2028/29	\$1,025,818,500 <sup>4</sup>	\$80,000,000	2028/29

<sup>1</sup> First year of qualifying time period as set forth in the company's application.

<sup>2</sup> Total cumulative investment amount as set forth in the company's Biennial Chapter 313 Cost Data Request to the District for tax abatement.

<sup>3</sup> First year that payments in lieu of taxes was or will be remitted to the District as set forth in the company's application.

<sup>4</sup> Investment amount as set forth in the findings of the company's agreement with the District for a tax value limitation.

The District's tax abatement applications and agreements can be viewed at the Texas Comptroller's website: <https://www.comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/agreement-docs.php>. See also APPENDIX D - Audited Financial Report of the District - Note 5

## EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State of Texas. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. Aside from the District's contribution to TRS, the District has no pension fund expenditures or liabilities. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District made a contribution to TRS on a portion of their employee's salaries that exceeded the statutory minimum. The District generally does not offer any post-employment retirement benefits and has no liabilities for "Other Post Employment Retirement Benefits" as defined in GASB Statement No. 45. For a discussion of the TRS retirement plan, see "Note C. – Defined Benefit Pension Plan" in the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D (the "Financial Statements").

In addition to its participation in TRS, the District contributes to the Texas Public School Retired Employees Group Insurance Program (the "TRS-Care Retired Plan"), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment health care plan. The

TRS-Care Retired Plan provides health care coverage for certain persons (and their dependents) who retired under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. For more detailed information concerning the District's funding policy and contributions in connection with the TRS-Care Retired Plan, see "Note D. – Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans" in the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as Appendix D (the "Financial Statements").

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

During the year ended June 30, 2023, employees of the District were covered by a fully-insured health insurance plan (the "Health Care Plan"). The District contributed \$250 per month per employee to the Health Care Plan. Employees, at their option, authorize payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. See "Note 4. – Other Information, A. Risk Management - Health Care Coverage" of the Financial Statements.

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

## **RATINGS**

The Bonds are rated "Aaa" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") based upon the guaranteed repayment thereof under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the TEA. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM"). The District's unenhanced, underlying ratings, including the Bonds, are "Aa1" by Moody's and "AA+" by S&P.

An explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained from Moody's and S&P. The ratings on the Bonds by Moody's and S&P reflects only the view of said company at the time the ratings are given, and the District makes no representations as to the appropriateness of the ratings. There is no assurance that the ratings will continue for any given period of time, or that the ratings will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by Moody's and S&P, if, in the judgment of Moody's and S&P, circumstances so warrant.

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

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The District will furnish the Underwriters a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of Texas as to the Bonds to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of Leon Alcala, PLLC, Bond Counsel to the District ("Bond Counsel"), to like effect. Based on a similar review, Jackson Walker LLP will also render its opinion to the effect that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein. The forms of Bond Counsel's and Special Tax Counsel's opinions are attached hereto as Appendix C.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Bracewell LLP, Houston, Texas. The legal fee to be paid to Bond Counsel and the Underwriters' counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part in the preparation of this Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein except that in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information appearing under the captions or subcaptions "THE BONDS" (except under the subcaptions "Permanent School Fund Guarantee", "Payment Record", and "Sources and Uses of Funds," as to which no opinion will be expressed), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM," (except under the subcaption "Possible Effects of Wealth Transfer Provisions on the District's Financial Condition," as to which no opinion will be expressed), "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" (except for the last sentence of the second paragraph under the subcaption "I&S Tax Rate Limitations and the subcaption "Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate," in each case as to which no opinion is expressed), "LEGAL MATTERS" (only insofar as such caption describes the opinions of Bond Counsel), "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS", "REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (except under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Undertakings," as to which no opinion will be expressed), excluding any material related to DTC, its book-entry only system or the Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee or that may be treated as included under such captions or subcaptions by cross-reference or reference to other documents or sources, and such firm is of the opinion that insofar as such statements expressly summarize certain provisions of the Bonds and the Order or set out the content of Bond Counsel's opinions, such statements are accurate in all material respects.

Special Tax Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and 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 Special Tax Counsel, has reviewed the information under the caption "TAX MATTERS" and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and the legal issues contained under such caption is an accurate description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein.

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

## TAX MATTERS

The following discussion of certain federal income tax considerations is for general information only and is not tax advice. Each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should consult its own tax advisor as to the tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the Bonds.

In the opinion of Jackson Walker LLP, Special Tax Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Special Tax Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Special Tax Counsel is set forth in Appendix C hereto. To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Bonds is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Bonds (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Bonds), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each Beneficial Owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Bonds which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Bonds is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Bonds is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of Underwriter, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Bonds accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Bonds on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Bonds to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Bonds. Beneficial owners of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Bonds with original issue discount, including the treatment of beneficial owners who do not purchase such Bonds in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Bonds is sold to the public.

Bonds purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount higher than their principal amount payable at maturity (or, in some cases, at their earlier call date) ("Premium Bonds") will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of Bonds, like the Premium Bonds, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, the amount of tax-exempt interest received, and a Beneficial Owner's basis in a Premium Certificate, will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to such Beneficial Owner. Beneficial owners of Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable bond premium in their particular circumstances.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds. The District has made certain representations and covenanted to comply with certain restrictions, conditions and requirements designed to ensure that interest on the Bonds will not be included in federal gross income. Inaccuracy of these representations or failure to comply with these covenants may result in interest on the Bonds being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, possibly from the date of original issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Special Tax Counsel assumes the accuracy of these representations and compliance with these covenants. Special Tax Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken), or events occurring (or not occurring), or any other matters coming to Special Tax Counsel's attention after the date of issuance of the Bonds may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds. Accordingly, the opinion of Special Tax Counsel is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters.

Although Special Tax Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of amounts treated as interest on, the Bonds may otherwise affect a Beneficial Owner's federal, state or local tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences depends upon the particular tax status of the Beneficial Owner or the Beneficial Owner's other items of income or deduction. Special Tax Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences. Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals or clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential impact of any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Special Tax Counsel is expected to express no opinion.

The opinion of Special Tax Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Special Tax Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Special Tax Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the District, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The District has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

## INVESTMENT POLICIES

### Investments

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

### Legal Investments

Under State law, the District is authorized to invest in: (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (the "NCUSIF") or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits, other than those described in clause (7), that (i) are invested through a broker or institution with a main office or branch office in this state and selected by the District in compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act (the "PFIA"), (ii) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit

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

As a school district that qualifies as an "issuer" under Chapter 1371, the District is also authorized to purchase, sell, and invest its funds in corporate bonds, but only if the District has formally amended its investment policy to authorize such investments. Texas law defines "corporate bonds" as senior secured debt obligations issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment rating firm. The term does not include a bond that is convertible into stocks or shares in the entity issuing the bond (or an affiliate or subsidy thereof) or any unsecured debt. Corporate bonds must finally mature not later than 3 years from their date of purchase by the school district. A school district may not (1) invest more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds, reserves, and other funds held for the payment of debt service) in corporate bonds; or (2) invest more than 25% of the funds invested in corporate bonds in any one domestic business entity (including subsidiaries and affiliates thereof).

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

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

Under State law, the District may contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term of up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance or resolution. The District has not contracted with, and has no present intention of contracting with, any such investment management firm or the Texas Securities Board to provide such services.

### **Investment Policies**

Under State law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that includes a list of authorized investments for District funds, maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment owned by the District and the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Effective September 1, 2019, the investment officer of a local government is allowed to invest bond proceeds or pledged revenue only to the extent permitted by the PFIA and in accordance with (i) statutory provisions governing the debt issuance (or lease, installment sale, or other agreement) and (ii) the local government's investment policy regarding the debt issuance or the agreement.

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

District, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, any additions and changes to market value and the ending value of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the beginning and end of the reporting period, (5) the maturity date of each separately invested asset, (6) the account or fund or pooled fund group for which each individual investment was acquired, and (7) the compliance of the investment portfolio as it relates to: (a) adopted investment strategy statements and (b) State law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board.

### **Additional Provisions**

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

### **Current Investments**

As of May 31, 2024, the District had approximately \$93,578,013 (unaudited) invested in government investment pools that generally have the characteristics of a money-market mutual fund; \$93,604,840 (unaudited) invested in U.S. Agency Securities and municipal bonds; \$1,266,387 (unaudited) invested in bank certificates of deposit; and \$672,598 (unaudited) invested at a local bank. The market value of such investments (as determined by the District by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) is approximately 100% of the book value. No funds of the District are invested in derivative securities; i.e., securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index, or commodity.

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

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

### **CYBERSECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

### **WEATHER EVENTS**

The District is located near the Texas Gulf Coast. Land located in this area is susceptible to, and land within the District has experienced on several occasions in the last five years high winds, heavy rain and flooding caused by hurricanes, tropical storms, and other tropical disturbances. If a future weather event significantly damaged all or part of the properties comprising the tax base within the District, the assessed value of property within the District could be substantially reduced, which could result in a decrease in tax revenues and/or necessitate an increase the District's tax rate. Texas law allows school districts to increase property tax rates without voter approval upon the occurrence of certain disasters such as floods and upon a gubernatorial or presidential declaration of disaster. See "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate." There can be no assurance that a casualty loss to taxable property within the District will be covered by insurance (or that property owners will even carry flood or other casualty insurance), that any insurance company will fulfill its obligation to provide insurance proceeds, or that insurance proceeds will be used to rebuild or repair any damaged improvements within the District.

Even if insurance proceeds are available and improvements are rebuilt, there could be a lengthy period in which assessed values within the District could be adversely affected.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. (the "Financial Advisor") is employed as Financial Advisor to the District to assist in the issuance of the Bonds. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Bonds that is contained in this Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the District to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Because of their limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information



contained herein. The fee of the Financial Advisor for services with respect to the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of bond proceeds or other funds of the District upon the request of the District.

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

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

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

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

#### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

In the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). For a description of the continuing disclosure obligations of the TEA, see "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM." The information provided to the MSRB will be available to the public free of charge via the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access System at [www.emma.msrb.org](http://www.emma.msrb.org).

#### **Annual Reports**

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually to the MSRB. The information to be updated includes financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement in Appendix A (such information being the "Annual Operating Report"). The District will additionally provide financial statements of the District (the "Financial Statements"), that will be (i) prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in Appendix D or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation and shall be in substantially the form included in Appendix D and (ii) audited, if the District commissions an audit of such Financial Statements and the audit is completed within the period during which they must be provided. The District will update and provide the Annual Operating Report within six months after the end of each fiscal year and the Financial Statements within 12 months of the end of each fiscal year, in each case beginning with the fiscal year ending in and after 2024. The District may provide the Financial Statements earlier, including at the time it provides its Annual Operating Report, but if the audit of such Financial Statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District shall file unaudited Financial Statements within such 12-month period and audited Financial Statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such Financial Statements becomes available.

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

The District's current fiscal year end is June 30. Accordingly, the Annual Operating Report must be provided by the last day of December in each year, and the Financial Statements must be provided by June 30 of each year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will notify the MSRB of the change.

#### **Notice of Certain Events**

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

For these purposes, any event described in clause (12) of the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed

by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District. For the purposes of the above described event notices (15) and (16), the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided however, that a "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in Rule 15c2-12) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12.

### **Limitations and Amendments**

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

The District may amend its continuing disclosure agreement to adapt to changed circumstances that arise from a change in legal requirements, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, status, or type of operations of the District, if, but only if, (1) the agreement, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the initial primary offering in compliance with Rule 15c2-12, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of Rule 15c2-12 to the date of such amendment, as well as such changed circumstances, and (2) either (a) the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to the amendment or (b) any qualified person unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determines that the amendment will not materially impair the interests of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. If the District amends its agreement, it has agreed to include with the financial information and operating data next provided, in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of information and operating data so provided.

### **Compliance with Prior Undertakings**

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

### **LITIGATION**

In the opinion of District officials, except as may be described in this Official Statement, the District is not a party to any litigation or other proceeding pending or to their knowledge threatened, in any court, agency or other administrative body (either state or federal) which, if decided adversely to the District, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

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

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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

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

### **UNDERWRITING**

The Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain customary conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on the inside cover page hereof, less an Underwriters' discount of \$888,103.48 plus accrued interest from the Dated Date to the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Underwriters. The Underwriters' obligations are subject to certain conditions precedent, and the Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds, if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices, and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

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.

Piper Sandler & Co., one of the underwriters of the Bonds, has entered into a distribution agreement ("Distribution Agreement") with Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. ("CS&Co.") for the retail distribution of certain securities offerings including the Bonds, at the original issue prices. Pursuant to the Distribution Agreement, CS&Co. will purchase Bonds from Piper Sandler & Co. at the original issue price less a negotiated portion of the selling concession applicable to any Bonds that CS&Co. sells.

The Underwriters and their respective affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The Underwriters and their respective affiliates have, from time to time, performed, and may in the future perform, various investment banking services for the District for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

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

#### **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

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

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

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

The Bond Order authorized the Pricing Officer to approve the form and content of this Official Statement and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto and authorized its further use in the re-offering of the Bonds by the Underwriters. This Official Statement has been approved by the Pricing Officer of the District for distribution in accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12.

/s/ Becky McManus

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Pricing Officer

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**APPENDIX A**  
**FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT**

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**BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Financial Information**

**ASSESSED VALUATION <sup>(1)</sup>**

2024/25 Total Valuation.....		\$ 21,134,699,908
Less Exemptions & Deductions <sup>(2)</sup> :		
State Homestead Exemption	\$ 779,922,420	
State Over-65 Exemption	18,828,000	
Disabled Homestead Exemption	51,049,730	
Local Over-65 Exemption	152,270,233	
Local Homestead Exemption	596,618,700	
Veterans Exemption	2,592,750	
Surviving Spouse of First Responder	1,400,440	
Pollution Exemption	157,576,741	
Productivity Loss	360,530,820	
Prorations and Other Partial Exemptions	113,764,804	
Homestead Cap Loss	216,980,217	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Loss	40,061,214	
	<u>\$ 2,491,596,069</u>	
2024/25 Certified Net Taxable Valuation .....		\$ 18,643,103,839

(1) Source: Certified values from the Chambers County Appraisal District as of July 21, 2024. The passage of a Texas constitutional amendment on November 7, 2023 increased the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – State Mandated Homestead Exemptions" in this Official Statement. The tax roll figures used in Appendix A represent the tax roll on which the District levies to fund the interest and sinking fund of the District for the payment of debt service on its unlimited tax-supported bonds (the "I&S" tax). Due to the Limitation Agreements described under "THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT" in the Official Statement, the District has a bifurcated tax roll where abated amounts are not taxed for purposes of the District's M&O tax levy, but are taxed for purposes of the I&S tax. The 2024/25 tax roll for the District's M&O tax levy is \$13,074,309,022.

(2) Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers which totaled \$129,420,093 in 2023/24.

**VOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT**

Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding	\$ 406,910,000
Plus: The Bonds	<u>180,365,000</u>
Total Unlimited Tax Bonds	587,275,000
Less: Estimated Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of June 30, 2024) <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>(35,902,430)</u>
Net General Obligation Debt	\$ 551,372,570
Ratio of Net G.O. Debt to Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(2)</sup>	2.96%
2024 Population Estimate <sup>(3)</sup>	25,250
Per Capita Net Taxable Valuation	\$738,341
Per Capita Net G.O. Debt	\$21,837

(1) Source: District Estimate.

(2) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement, "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this Appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023" in Appendix D for more information relative to the District's long-term obligations other than unlimited tax bonds. The ratio is calculated using the 2024/25 certified tax roll value used for the levy of the District's I&S tax.

(3) Estimate.

**PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS**

Fiscal Year	Net Taxable		% Collections <sup>(7)</sup>	
	Valuation <sup>(1)</sup>	Tax Rate	Current <sup>(8)</sup>	Total <sup>(8)</sup>
2006/07	\$ 2,787,057,320 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 1.6199 <sup>(9)</sup>	97.74%	100.26%
2007/08	2,900,935,170 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3299 <sup>(9)</sup>	96.60%	99.09%
2008/09	3,249,747,280 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3299	96.80%	99.83%
2009/10	2,874,386,720 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3299	98.58%	102.57%
2010/11	2,793,938,060 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3299	99.01%	100.38%
2011/12	3,266,657,573 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3298	98.91%	99.80%
2012/13	4,087,200,674 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3298	99.39%	100.32%
2013/14	4,394,611,854 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3298	98.67%	99.63%
2014/15	5,796,747,171 <sup>(2)</sup>	1.3298	98.95%	100.03%
2015/16	6,507,943,390 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.3298	96.64%	97.61%
2016/17	7,222,124,757 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.3298	98.01%	102.04%
2017/18	8,892,351,117 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.3298	99.45%	101.44%
2018/19	9,940,278,475 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.3298	99.38%	99.96%
2019/20	11,588,762,050 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.2598 <sup>(10)</sup>	99.54%	100.13%
2020/21	13,785,584,230 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.1545 <sup>(10)</sup>	99.65%	100.59%
2021/22	14,028,608,529 <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.1545	99.26%	99.65%
2022/23	16,037,223,217 <sup>(2)(4)</sup>	1.1545	99.40%	99.91%
2023/24	17,065,329,360 <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	1.1024	98.69% <sup>(11)</sup>	98.17% <sup>(11)</sup>
2024/25	18,643,103,839 <sup>(5)(6)</sup>		(In Process of Collection)	

(1) Beginning with the 2012 tax year, the District has a bifurcated tax roll. The figures shown in the table are the tax roll values used for the levy of the District's I&S tax.

(2) Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division. See the Assessed Valuation section in this Appendix for additional information.

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

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

(5) The passage of a Texas constitutional amendment on November 7, 2023 increased the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

(6) Source: Certified values from the Chambers County Appraisal District as of July 21, 2024.

(7) Source: District Audited Financial Statements.

(8) Excludes penalties and interest.

(9) The declines in the District's Maintenance & Operation Tax for the 2006/07 and 2007/08 fiscal years are a function of House Bill 1 adopted by the Texas Legislature in May 2006. See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.

(10) The decline in the District's Maintenance & Operation Tax from the 2018/19 fiscal year to the 2020/21 fiscal year is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019. See "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.

(11) Source: District Estimate.

**TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION <sup>(1)</sup>**

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Maintenance & Operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.9900	\$0.8847	\$0.8847	\$0.8646	\$0.8326
Debt Service	\$0.2698	\$0.2698	\$0.2698	\$0.2899	\$0.2698
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$1.2598</b>	<b>\$1.1545</b>	<b>\$1.1545</b>	<b>\$1.1545</b>	<b>\$1.1024</b>

(1) The District successfully held a voter-approval tax rate election on November 7, 2023. The District also previously held a successful tax ratification election on October 11, 2008.  
 (2) The decline in the District's Maintenance & Operations Tax from the 2018/19 fiscal year to the 2019/20 fiscal year is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019.

**VALUATION AND FUNDED DEBT HISTORY**

Fiscal Year	Net Taxable Valuation	Bond Debt Outstanding <sup>(1)</sup>	Ratio Debt to A.V. <sup>(2)</sup>
2006/07	\$ 2,787,057,320	\$ 110,508,771	3.97%
2007/08	2,900,935,170	108,093,771	3.73%
2008/09	3,249,747,280	105,838,771	3.26%
2009/10	2,874,386,720	102,593,771	3.57%
2010/11	2,793,938,060	108,558,771	3.89%
2011/12	3,266,657,573	177,338,771	5.43%
2012/13	4,087,200,674	172,053,771	4.21%
2013/14	4,394,611,854	208,798,771	4.75%
2014/15	5,796,747,171	199,630,000	3.44%
2015/16	6,507,943,390	204,100,000	3.14%
2016/17	7,222,124,757	237,840,000	3.29%
2017/18	8,892,351,117	280,325,000	3.15%
2018/19	9,940,278,475	257,555,000	2.59%
2019/20	11,588,762,050	389,350,000	3.36%
2020/21	13,785,584,230	369,015,000	2.68%
2021/22	14,028,608,529	452,620,000	3.23%
2022/23	16,037,223,217	430,090,000	2.68%
2023/24	17,065,329,360	406,910,000	2.38%
2024/25	18,643,103,839 <sup>(3)</sup>	561,700,000	3.01%

(1) The Bonds are illustrated on the State of Texas fiscal year end of August 31st, although the District's fiscal year ends June 30th.  
 (2) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in the Official Statement, "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this Appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023" in Appendix D for more information. Beginning with the 2012 tax year, the District has a bifurcated tax roll. The figures shown in the table are the tax roll values used for the levy of the District's I&S tax.  
 (3) Source: Certified values from the Chambers County Appraisal District as of July 21, 2024.

**ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT**

Taxing Body	Amount	Percent Overlapping	Amount Overlapping
Cedar Port Navigation & Improvement District	\$ 261,580,000	7.80%	\$ 20,403,240
Chambers County	97,600,000	36.94%	36,053,440
Chambers County Improvement District #1	13,940,000	100.00%	13,940,000
Mont Belvieu, City of	112,485,000	66.19%	74,453,822
<b>Total Overlapping Debt <sup>(1)</sup></b>			<b>\$ 144,850,502</b>
Barbers Hill Independent School District <sup>(2)</sup>			551,372,570
<b>Total Direct &amp; Overlapping Debt <sup>(1)(2)</sup></b>			<b>\$ 696,223,072</b>
<b>Ratio of Net Direct &amp; Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation</b>		<b>3.73%</b>	
<b>Per Capita Direct &amp; Overlapping Debt</b>		<b>\$27,573</b>	

(1) Equals gross-debt less self-supporting debt.  
 (2) Net general obligation debt includes the Bonds.

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



**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS <sup>(1)</sup>**

**2024/25 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
Enterprise Prod. Operating LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	\$ 6,561,696,632	35.20%
Energy Transfer GC NGL	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	2,109,296,393	11.31%
Oneok Hydrocarbon, LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	999,681,652	5.36%
Exxon Mobil Corp	Petro Chemical Polyethylene Manufacturing Facility	852,152,292	4.57%
Cedar Bayou Fractionators LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	555,717,737	2.98%
Enterprise EF78 LLC	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	494,837,905	2.65%
Targa Train 6 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	245,450,073	1.32%
Targa Train 7 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	245,450,073	1.32%
Targa Train 8 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	245,450,073	1.32%
MTBV Caverns LLC	NGL Storage	233,235,623	1.25%
		<u>\$ 12,542,968,453</u>	<u>67.28%</u>

**2023/24 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
Enterprise Prod. Operating LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	\$ 6,053,701,770	35.47%
Energy Transfer GC NGL	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	1,971,266,232	11.55%
Exxon Mobil Corp	Petro Chemical Polyethylene Manufacturing Facility	938,702,986	5.50%
Oneok Hydrocarbon, LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	816,625,199	4.79%
Enterprise EF78 LLC	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	446,442,888	2.62%
Cedar Bayou Fractionators LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	560,189,803	3.28%
Targa Train 6 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	236,953,532	1.39%
Targa Train 7 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	236,953,532	1.39%
Targa Train 8 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	236,953,532	1.39%
MTBV Caverns LLC	NGL Storage	231,574,799	1.36%
		<u>\$ 11,729,364,273</u>	<u>68.73%</u>

**2022/23 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
Enterprise Prod. Operating LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	\$ 5,548,547,626	34.60%
Lone Star NGL Mt Belvieu LP	Petro Chemical Stored Inventory	1,966,748,280	12.26%
Exxon Mobil Corp	Petro Chemical Polyethylene Manufacturing Facility	974,979,760	6.08%
Oneok Hydrocarbon, LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	767,338,228	4.78%
Cedar Bayou Fractionators LP	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	541,840,232	3.38%
Enterprise EF78 LLC	Petro Chemical Processing/Fractionator	459,320,847	2.86%
Targa Train 7 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	233,111,441	1.45%
Targa Train 8 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	233,111,441	1.45%
Targa Train 6 LLC	Fractionation Facilities	232,364,581	1.45%
MTBV Caverns LLC	NGL Storage	229,220,263	1.43%
		<u>\$ 11,186,582,699</u>	<u>69.75%</u>

(1) Source: Chambers County Appraisal District.

Note: As shown in the tables above, the top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for approximately 67% of the District's tax base and the top taxpayer accounts for over 35% of the District's tax base, with such property associated with the natural gas or other chemicals stored in the Barbers Hill Salt Dome formation that lies beneath the District or the industrial properties of the companies that operate chemical plants, pipelines and other infrastructure relating to petrochemical industry. Adverse developments in economic conditions, especially in the natural gas refining industry, could adversely impact the businesses that own properties in the District or that store chemicals in the salt domes, and the tax values in the District, resulting in less local tax revenue. Additionally, fluctuations in inventory of individual taxpayers and prices in the general industry could significantly impact the taxable assessed value of the District if any major taxpayer were to default in the payment of taxes, the ability of the District to make timely payment of debt service on the Bonds will be dependent on its ability to enforce and liquidate its tax lien, which is a time-consuming process, or, perhaps, to sell tax anticipation notes until such amounts could be collected, if ever. Bondholders may become reliant upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee to receive debt service payments in the event of a payment default by the District. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM."

**CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY**

<u>Category</u>	<u>2024/25</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2023/24</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2022/23</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 3,828,682,000	18.12%	\$ 3,530,156,070	18.25%	\$ 2,764,028,800	15.64%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	29,812,280	0.14%	35,703,190	0.18%	34,246,590	0.19%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	99,403,130	0.47%	96,297,820	0.50%	103,590,840	0.59%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	366,158,900	1.73%	381,335,200	1.97%	410,407,670	2.32%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	396,047,970	1.87%	376,359,380	1.95%	312,901,890	1.77%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	14,466,461,606	68.45%	12,991,055,515	67.18%	12,325,331,403	69.75%
Oil & Gas	7,488,094	0.04%	11,718,180	0.06%	20,609,762	0.12%
Utilities	268,168,352	1.27%	230,878,328	1.19%	198,026,794	1.12%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	1,613,308,676	7.63%	1,648,523,141	8.52%	1,464,742,220	8.29%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	20,206,690	0.10%	19,123,190	0.10%	5,906,350	0.03%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	30,448,070	0.14%	8,892,810	0.05%	23,244,350	0.13%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	<u>8,514,140</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>7,995,100</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>6,629,780</u>	<u>0.04%</u>
<b>Total Appraised Value</b>	<b>\$ 21,134,699,908</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 19,338,037,924</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 17,669,666,449</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Less:</b>						
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 216,980,217		\$ 323,411,800		\$ 104,224,460	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Adjustment	40,061,214		-		-	
Productivity Loss	360,530,820		377,219,970		406,364,860	
Exemptions	<u>1,874,023,818</u> <sup>(3)</sup>		<u>1,572,076,794</u> <sup>(3)</sup>		<u>1,121,853,912</u> <sup>(4)</sup>	
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(6)</sup>	<u>\$ 2,491,596,069</u>		<u>\$ 2,272,708,564</u>		<u>\$ 1,632,443,232</u>	
<b>Net Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 18,643,103,839</b>		<b>\$ 17,065,329,360</b>		<b>\$ 16,037,223,217</b>	

<u>Category</u>	<u>2021/22</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2020/21</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2019/20</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>% of Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 2,361,418,810	15.61%	\$ 2,208,056,010	14.77%	\$ 1,802,861,070	14.22%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	32,909,800	0.22%	20,602,170	0.14%	15,557,740	0.12%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	51,338,840	0.34%	50,523,590	0.34%	50,871,900	0.40%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	169,943,990	1.12%	182,366,990	1.22%	183,425,660	1.45%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	126,022,290	0.83%	148,556,890	0.99%	136,404,570	1.08%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	11,162,539,218	73.77%	10,819,949,281	72.39%	8,722,127,297	68.78%
Oil & Gas	5,887,777	0.04%	8,320,417	0.06%	9,694,133	0.08%
Utilities	190,964,045	1.26%	159,239,906	1.07%	145,880,815	1.15%
Tangible Personal, Commercial & Industrial	1,007,368,971	6.66%	1,328,598,183	8.89%	1,589,098,420	12.53%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	5,174,720	0.03%	4,492,180	0.03%	4,312,430	0.03%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	11,064,430	0.07%	9,733,080	0.07%	15,079,010	0.12%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	<u>5,923,280</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>6,595,580</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>6,440,748</u>	<u>0.05%</u>
<b>Total Appraised Value</b>	<b>\$ 15,130,556,171</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 14,947,034,277</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 12,681,753,793</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Less:</b>						
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 25,495,770		\$ 94,108,770		\$ 28,534,380	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Adjustment	-		-		-	
Productivity Loss	166,035,600		178,416,330		179,344,960	
Exemptions	<u>910,416,272</u> <sup>(5)</sup>		<u>888,924,947</u> <sup>(5)</sup>		<u>885,112,403</u> <sup>(5)</sup>	
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(6)</sup>	<u>\$ 1,101,947,642</u>		<u>\$ 1,161,450,047</u>		<u>\$ 1,092,991,743</u>	
<b>Net Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 14,028,608,529</b>		<b>\$ 13,785,584,230</b>		<b>\$ 11,588,762,050</b>	

(1) Source: Certified values from the Chambers County Appraisal District as of July 21, 2024.

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

(3) The passage of a Texas constitutional amendment on November 7, 2023 increased the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

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

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

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

**PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE <sup>(1)</sup>**

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Bonds	Plus: The Bonds	Total	Bonds Unpaid At Year End	Percent of Principal Retired
2025	\$ 25,020,000.00	\$ 555,000.00	\$ 25,575,000.00	\$ 561,700,000.00	4.35%
2026	23,560,000.00	2,445,000.00	26,005,000.00	535,695,000.00	8.78%
2027	24,250,000.00	2,900,000.00	27,150,000.00	508,545,000.00	13.41%
2028	25,305,000.00	3,050,000.00	28,355,000.00	480,190,000.00	18.23%
2029	20,970,000.00	3,380,000.00	24,350,000.00	455,840,000.00	22.38%
2030	21,295,000.00	3,555,000.00	24,850,000.00	430,990,000.00	26.61%
2031	21,480,000.00	3,740,000.00	25,220,000.00	405,770,000.00	30.91%
2032	21,625,000.00	3,930,000.00	25,555,000.00	380,215,000.00	35.26%
2033	21,765,000.00	4,130,000.00	25,895,000.00	354,320,000.00	39.67%
2034	21,900,000.00	4,340,000.00	26,240,000.00	328,080,000.00	44.14%
2035	22,065,000.00	4,565,000.00	26,630,000.00	301,450,000.00	48.67%
2036	22,245,000.00	4,800,000.00	27,045,000.00	274,405,000.00	53.27%
2037	22,430,000.00	5,045,000.00	27,475,000.00	246,930,000.00	57.95%
2038	22,525,000.00	5,305,000.00	27,830,000.00	219,100,000.00	62.69%
2039	22,550,000.00	5,575,000.00	28,125,000.00	190,975,000.00	67.48%
2040	22,560,000.00	5,860,000.00	28,420,000.00	162,555,000.00	72.32%
2041	22,560,000.00	6,160,000.00	28,720,000.00	133,835,000.00	77.21%
2042	22,805,000.00	6,480,000.00	29,285,000.00	104,550,000.00	82.20%
2043	-	6,810,000.00	6,810,000.00	97,740,000.00	83.36%
2044	-	7,160,000.00	7,160,000.00	90,580,000.00	84.58%
2045	-	7,490,000.00	7,490,000.00	83,090,000.00	85.85%
2046	-	7,795,000.00	7,795,000.00	75,295,000.00	87.18%
2047	-	8,115,000.00	8,115,000.00	67,180,000.00	88.56%
2048	-	8,445,000.00	8,445,000.00	58,735,000.00	90.00%
2049	-	8,790,000.00	8,790,000.00	49,945,000.00	91.50%
2050	-	9,160,000.00	9,160,000.00	40,785,000.00	93.06%
2051	-	9,555,000.00	9,555,000.00	31,230,000.00	94.68%
2052	-	9,970,000.00	9,970,000.00	21,260,000.00	96.38%
2053	-	10,405,000.00	10,405,000.00	10,855,000.00	98.15%
2054	-	10,855,000.00	10,855,000.00	-	100.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 406,910,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 180,365,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 587,275,000.00</b>		

(1) The Bonds are illustrated on the State of Texas fiscal year end of August 31st, although the District's fiscal year ends June 30th.

**DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS <sup>(1)</sup>**

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Debt Service	Plus: The Bonds <sup>(2)</sup>			Combined Total <sup>(2) (3)</sup>
		Principal	Interest	Total	
2025	\$ 41,907,635.50	\$ 555,000.00	\$ 7,536,994.79	\$ 8,091,994.79	\$ 49,999,630.29
2026	39,406,360.50	2,445,000.00	8,148,437.50	10,593,437.50	49,999,798.00
2027	39,081,373.00	2,900,000.00	8,014,812.50	10,914,812.50	49,996,185.50
2028	39,081,573.00	3,050,000.00	7,866,062.50	10,916,062.50	49,997,635.50
2029	33,577,899.00	3,380,000.00	7,705,312.50	11,085,312.50	44,663,211.50
2030	32,781,775.00	3,555,000.00	7,531,937.50	11,086,937.50	43,868,712.50
2031	31,986,200.00	3,740,000.00	7,349,562.50	11,089,562.50	43,075,762.50
2032	31,189,650.00	3,930,000.00	7,157,812.50	11,087,812.50	42,277,462.50
2033	30,399,200.00	4,130,000.00	6,956,312.50	11,086,312.50	41,485,512.50
2034	29,595,050.00	4,340,000.00	6,744,562.50	11,084,562.50	40,679,612.50
2035	28,811,525.00	4,565,000.00	6,521,937.50	11,086,937.50	39,898,462.50
2036	28,020,600.00	4,800,000.00	6,287,812.50	11,087,812.50	39,108,412.50
2037	27,234,775.00	5,045,000.00	6,041,687.50	11,086,687.50	38,321,462.50
2038	26,448,950.00	5,305,000.00	5,782,937.50	11,087,937.50	37,536,887.50
2039	25,662,300.00	5,575,000.00	5,510,937.50	11,085,937.50	36,748,237.50
2040	24,868,075.00	5,860,000.00	5,225,062.50	11,085,062.50	35,953,137.50
2041	24,020,150.00	6,160,000.00	4,924,562.50	11,084,562.50	35,104,712.50
2042	23,309,475.00	6,480,000.00	4,608,562.50	11,088,562.50	34,398,037.50
2043	-	6,810,000.00	4,276,312.50	11,086,312.50	11,086,312.50
2044	-	7,160,000.00	3,927,062.50	11,087,062.50	11,087,062.50
2045	-	7,490,000.00	3,598,262.50	11,088,262.50	11,088,262.50
2046	-	7,795,000.00	3,292,562.50	11,087,562.50	11,087,562.50
2047	-	8,115,000.00	2,974,362.50	11,089,362.50	11,089,362.50
2048	-	8,445,000.00	2,643,162.50	11,088,162.50	11,088,162.50
2049	-	8,790,000.00	2,298,462.50	11,088,462.50	11,088,462.50
2050	-	9,160,000.00	1,928,012.50	11,088,012.50	11,088,012.50
2051	-	9,555,000.00	1,530,318.75	11,085,318.75	11,085,318.75
2052	-	9,970,000.00	1,115,412.50	11,085,412.50	11,085,412.50
2053	-	10,405,000.00	682,443.75	11,087,443.75	11,087,443.75
2054	-	10,855,000.00	230,668.75	11,085,668.75	11,085,668.75
	<u>\$ 557,382,566.00</u>	<u>\$ 180,365,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 148,412,351.04</u>	<u>\$ 328,777,351.04</u>	<u>\$ 886,159,917.04</u>

(1) Debt Service for the Bonds is illustrated on the State of Texas fiscal year end of August 31st, although the District's fiscal year ends June 30th.  
(2) Includes accrued interest in the amount of \$526,272.74.  
(3) Based on its wealth per student, the District does not expect to receive any Instructional Facilities Allotment nor Existing Debt Allotment state financial assistance for debt service in 2024/25. The amount of state financial assistance for debt service, if any, may differ substantially each year depending on a variety of factors, including the amount, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the state legislature and a school district's wealth per student. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement.

**TAX ADEQUACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT'S BONDS**

Projected Maximum Debt Service Requirement <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 49,999,798.00
Projected State Financial Assistance for Hold Harmless of Increased Homestead Exemption <sup>(2)</sup>	1,285,000.00
Projected Net Debt Service Requirement	\$ 48,714,798.00
 \$0.26394 Tax Rate @ 99% Collections Produces	\$ 48,714,798.00
 2024/25 Certified Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 18,643,103,839

(1) Includes the Bonds.  
(2) The amount of state financial assistance for debt service, if any, may differ substantially each year depending on a variety of factors, including the amount, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the state legislature and a school district's wealth per student. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement. The District will not receive any Instructional Facilities Allotment nor Existing Debt Allotment state aid in 2024/25, but will receive additional state aid for the increases in the homestead exemption which took effect in 2015/16, 2022/23 and 2023/24.  
(3) Source: Certified values from the Chambers County Appraisal District as of July 21, 2024.

**AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS**

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$189,110,000 of authorized but unissued unlimited ad valorem tax bonds from the May 4, 2024 bond election. The District may issue a portion of the remaining authorized but unissued bonds within the next twelve months, and may also issue refunding bonds for the primary purpose of achieving debt service savings. The District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including maintenance tax notes payable from its collection of maintenance taxes, public property finance contractual obligations, delinquent tax notes, and leases for various purposes payable from State appropriations and surplus maintenance taxes.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES <sup>(1)</sup>

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	\$ 46,249,746	\$ 47,021,643	\$ 49,178,393	\$ 43,012,820	\$ 42,991,977
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 76,520,973	\$ 84,140,132	\$ 95,986,576	\$ 89,605,152	\$ 107,379,324
State Sources	11,003,214	13,239,987	19,265,128	17,345,837	18,002,797
Federal Sources & Other	1,075,453	662,543	832,789	2,496,397	729,174
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 88,599,640	\$ 98,042,662	\$ 116,084,493	\$ 109,447,386	\$ 126,111,295
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 37,370,557	\$ 41,853,464	\$ 48,310,420	\$ 51,219,672	\$ 57,991,060
Instructional Resources & Media Services	681,156	601,524	620,864	630,527	807,633
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	1,509,188	1,530,225	1,479,121	1,660,672	2,119,544
Instructional Leadership	837,802	567,074	500,836	661,149	571,412
School Leadership	3,364,157	3,742,419	4,223,539	4,598,983	4,976,853
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	2,340,075	2,535,390	3,131,948	3,448,975	3,931,294
Social Work Services	83,598	276,649	373,362	623,478	577,466
Health Services	845,531	902,881	1,793,375	1,075,259	1,198,583
Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,978,063	2,236,020	2,319,457	3,026,296	3,776,093
Food Services	26,364	348	30,561	-	430
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,318,409	2,316,769	2,293,536	2,637,821	3,061,677
General Administration	3,492,813	3,029,985	3,523,367	3,616,067	4,128,698
Plant Maintenance and Operations	7,271,924	7,599,983	8,499,473	8,685,001	10,416,696
Security and Monitoring Services	536,589	704,274	802,593	926,067	1,358,692
Data Processing Services	1,211,558	1,277,025	1,574,731	1,659,705	1,835,913
Community Services	10,256,017	14,844,020	26,473,468	13,718,699	10,164,804
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	10	91,944	353,695	23,532
Contracted Instructional Services	8,925,909	7,184,317	11,951,718	7,093,644	21,584,132
Debt Service - Principal on Long-Term Debt	3,269,499	-	-	-	107,930
Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	650,496	-	-	-	494
Payments of Ad Valorem Tax Credits	-	3,939,388	3,603,370	-	-
Other Intergovernmental Charges	552,481	668,617	618,865	640,482	943,452
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 87,522,186	\$ 95,810,382	\$ 122,216,548	\$ 106,276,192	\$ 129,576,388
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 1,077,454	\$ 2,232,280	\$ (6,132,055)	\$ 3,171,194	\$ (3,465,093)
<b>Other Resources and (Uses):</b>					
Operating Transfers Out	\$ (25,000)	\$ (75,530)	\$ (33,518)	\$ (1,336)	\$ (65,225)
Proceeds from Leased Subscription Assets	-	-	-	-	180,913
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-	-	36,627
Sale of Real and Personal Property	-	-	-	17,609	-
State Revenue Pursuant to Tax Refund	3,943,747	-	-	-	-
Tax Refund Pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313	(3,943,747)	-	-	(3,208,310)	(2,466,877)
Other Uses	(280,557)	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Resources (Uses)</b>	\$ (305,557)	\$ (75,530)	\$ (33,518)	\$ (3,192,037)	\$ (2,314,562)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 771,897	\$ 2,156,750	\$ (6,165,573)	\$ (20,843)	\$ (5,779,655)
<b>Ending Fund Balance <sup>(2)</sup></b>	\$ 47,021,643	\$ 49,178,393	\$ 43,012,820	\$ 42,991,977	\$ 37,212,322

(1) See "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates" in Appendix D hereto for a discussion of the 2023/24 budget and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - Possible Effects of Wealth Transfer Provisions on the District's Financial Condition" in this Official Statement.  
(2) The District anticipates the General Fund balance as of June 30, 2024 to be approximately \$41,214,054.

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS <sup>(1)</sup>**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Revenues:</b>					
<b>Program Revenues:</b>					
Charges for Services	\$ 3,468,216	\$ 2,699,775	\$ 3,782,810	\$ 4,128,164	\$ 5,560,107
Operating Grants and Contributions	7,025,869	9,689,677	7,565,419	6,142,353	7,397,797
Capital Grants and Contributions	-	-	-	1,653,965	-
<b>General Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	49,711,600	59,001,916	64,668,994	58,231,038	78,862,103
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service	26,712,693	31,176,146	36,937,426	37,711,953	46,440,288
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted	30,179,654	30,422,408	41,879,789	38,813,882	31,356,158
Investment Earnings (Losses)	3,564,964	2,352,929	3,132,992	(549,657)	5,824,744
County Available	940,705	24,616	23,901	24,588	486,244
County Equalization	2,320,989	2,568,387	2,946,341	3,791,698	3,730,564
Miscellaneous	615,363	574,707	711,496	1,264,412	1,158,439
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 124,540,053</b>	<b>\$ 138,510,561</b>	<b>\$ 161,649,168</b>	<b>\$ 151,212,396</b>	<b>\$ 180,816,444</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 47,668,563	\$ 60,157,967	\$ 59,822,041	\$ 56,339,720	\$ 66,071,600
Instruction Resources & Media Services	827,520	687,890	755,049	726,256	906,662
Curriculum & Staff Development	1,701,275	1,675,506	1,597,433	1,705,722	2,302,145
Instructional Leadership	860,200	608,366	508,215	607,414	546,941
School Leadership	3,578,603	4,038,934	4,295,909	4,217,845	4,778,500
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	2,512,215	2,800,588	3,439,993	3,367,665	4,165,196
Social Work Services	90,226	290,769	375,071	583,158	551,737
Health Services	917,578	993,627	1,841,232	1,128,797	1,165,496
Student Transportation	2,535,573	3,487,445	2,813,054	3,598,343	4,267,674
Food Service	3,472,684	3,292,582	3,407,862	3,805,122	4,258,259
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	3,256,610	3,917,246	3,640,357	3,730,035	4,831,856
General Administration	3,728,526	3,470,145	3,734,657	3,551,492	4,141,327
Plant Maintenance & Operations	8,849,274	10,033,983	9,545,939	9,795,430	11,938,929
Security and Monitoring Services	673,473	1,078,299	976,045	1,098,118	1,836,490
Data Processing Services	1,343,907	1,413,667	1,752,735	1,681,620	1,803,111
Community Services	10,259,838	14,850,451	26,475,569	13,718,166	10,173,206
Debt Service - Interest on Long-term Debt	9,312,248	8,455,419	11,334,980	11,258,360	16,078,110
Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	302,474	705,813	1,134,928	8,700	975,075
Facilities Repair and Maintenance	424,123	161,207	1,511,443	1,530,109	47,619
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	8,925,909	7,184,317	11,951,718	7,093,644	21,584,132
Payments of Ad Valorem Tax Credits	-	3,939,388	3,603,370	-	-
Other Intergovernmental Activities	552,481	668,617	618,865	640,482	943,452
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 111,793,300</b>	<b>\$ 133,912,226</b>	<b>\$ 155,136,465</b>	<b>\$ 130,186,198</b>	<b>\$ 163,367,517</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 12,746,753</b>	<b>\$ 4,598,335</b>	<b>\$ 6,512,703</b>	<b>\$ 21,026,198</b>	<b>\$ 17,448,927</b>
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 15,307,130</b>	<b>\$ 28,053,883</b>	<b>\$ 32,652,218</b>	<b>\$ 39,662,983</b>	<b>\$ 60,689,181</b>
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 498,062 <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 11,616 <sup>(3)</sup></b>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 28,053,883</b>	<b>\$ 32,652,218</b>	<b>\$ 39,662,983</b>	<b>\$ 60,689,181</b>	<b>\$ 78,149,724</b>

(1) The foregoing information represents government-wide financial information provided in accordance with GASB 34, which the District adopted for the 2002 fiscal year.

(2) Prior Period Adjustment in FYE 2021 was from implementing GASB 84 for Fiduciary Activities.

(3) Prior Period Adjustment in FYE 2023 was from implementing GASB 96.

**APPENDIX B**

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

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# BARBERS HILL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## General and Economic Information

Barbers Hill Independent School District (the "District") is a petroleum producing area that includes the City of Mont Belvieu, a retail center located 28 miles east of the downtown Houston business district on I-10. Salt domes within the District are used by oil companies as chemical storage facilities. The District's current estimated population is 25,250.

Chambers County (the "County") located in southeast Texas, was created in 1858 from Liberty and Jefferson Counties. The county is bordered by Galveston Bay and traversed by Interstate Highway 10, as well as State Highways 61, 65, and 146. The county seat is Anahuac.

Source: Texas Municipal Reports for Barbers Hill ISD and Chambers County

### Enrollment Statistics

<u>Year Ending 6/30</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2012	4,398
2013	4,533
2014	4,676
2015	4,902
2016	4,984
2017	5,224
2018	5,380
2019	5,730
2020	6,258
2021	6,424
2022	6,818
2023	7,339
Current	7,723

### District Staff

Teachers	615
Auxiliary Personnel	285
Teachers' Aides & Secretaries	256
Administrators	48
Other	125
Total	1,329

### Facilities

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Present Enrollment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Year of Addition/ Renovation</u>
Early Childhood Center	PK-K	789	1,400	2019	Multi, 2019
Elementary School North	1-3	866	1,500	2014	2014
Elementary School South	1-3	939	1,500	2006	2009, 2014
Intermediate School North	4-6	842	1,300	2022	N/A
Intermediate School South	4-6	945	1,300	2022	N/A
Middle School North	7-8	584	1,015	1968	Multi, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2020
Middle School South	7-8	627	955	1981	Multi, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2020
High School	9-12	2,027	2,480	2001	Multi, 2011, 2014, 2018, 2020, 2021

### Principal Employers within the District

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Barbers Hill ISD	Public Education	1,329
Chevron Cedar Bayou	Industrial	1,042
Enterprise Products	Industrial	953
Targa	Industrial	599
Exxon Mobil Chemicals	Industrial	500
City of Mont Belvieu/Eagle Pointe	Government	198
Oneok	Industrial	100

### Unemployment Rates

	<u>July 2022</u>	<u>July 2023</u>	<u>July 2024</u>
Chambers County	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%
State of Texas	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%

Source: Texas Workforce Commission

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**APPENDIX C**

**FORMS OF LEGAL OPINIONS OF BOND COUNSEL AND SPECIAL TAX COUNSEL**

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# LEON | ALCALA

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

October 8, 2024

Re: Barbers Hill Independent School District  
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the captioned issuer (the “District”) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, which are being issued in the aggregate original principal amount of \$180,365,000. The Bonds are authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District on June 24, 2024 and a pricing certificate executed pursuant thereto (collectively, the “Order”). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

We have acted as Bond Counsel for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas. In such capacity, we have reviewed a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds, including the Order; certain certifications and representations and other material facts within the knowledge and control of the District, upon which we rely; and certain other customary documents and instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds. As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine, or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after the date hereof. Accordingly, this letter speaks only as of its date and is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon or otherwise used in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Bonds has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this letter. We have assumed the genuineness of all documents and signatures presented to us (whether as originals or as copies) and the due and legal execution and delivery thereof by, and validity against, any parties other than the District. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents referred to in the second paragraph hereof. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Order. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Bonds and the Order and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases, and to the limitations on legal remedies against issuers in the State of

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Texas. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, liquidated damages, penalty (including any remedy deemed to constitute a penalty), right of set-off, arbitration, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, non-exclusivity of remedies, waiver or severability provisions contained in the foregoing documents. Our services did not include financial or other non-legal advice. We have not assumed any responsibility with respect to the financial condition or capabilities of the District or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds. Finally, 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.

We express no opinion with respect to: (1) whether the interest on the Bonds is excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, or (2) any other federal, state, or local tax consequences under present law or any proposed legislation resulting from the receipt or accrual of interest on, or the acquisition or disposition of, the Bonds.

Based on and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

- (1) The transcript of certified proceedings evidences complete legal authority for the issuance of the Bonds in full compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas presently in effect. The Bonds constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the District, and the Bonds have been authorized and delivered in accordance with law.
- (2) The Bonds are payable, both as to principal and interest, from the receipts of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon taxable property located within the District, which taxes have been pledged irrevocably to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Alcala, PLLC

October 8, 2024

Re: Barbers Hill Independent School District  
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as special tax counsel to the Barbers Hill Independent School District (the “District”) in connection with its issuance of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”), in the aggregate principal amount of \$180,365,000. The Bonds are authorized by an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the “Board”) on June 24, 2024 (the “Order”). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Order.

We have served as special tax counsel for the sole purpose of rendering an opinion with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under federal income tax law. In such capacity we have examined the federal income tax law and a transcript of certain certified proceedings pertaining to the issuance of the Bonds, including the tax certificate of the District dated the date hereof (the “Tax Certificate”), certificates of the District and others, and such other documents, opinions and matters to the extent we deemed necessary to render the opinion set forth herein. The transcript contains certified copies of certain proceedings of the District; certain certifications and representations and other material facts within the knowledge and control of the District, upon which we rely; and certain other customary documents and instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds.

Based on our examination as described above and in reliance on the legal opinion of Leon Alcalá, PLLC, as Bond Counsel, dated the date hereof, that the Bonds have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and is a valid and legally binding obligation of the District, we are of the opinion that interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”). Interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

The opinion set forth in the first sentence of the immediately preceding paragraph is subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted in the Order and the Tax Certificate executed by the District on the date hereof to comply with each such requirement. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes to be retroactive to the date

of issuance of the Bonds. The Code and the existing regulations, rulings and court decisions thereunder, upon which the foregoing opinion is based, are subject to change, which could prospectively or retroactively result in the inclusion of the interest on the Bonds in gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes.

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

JACKSON WALKER LLP

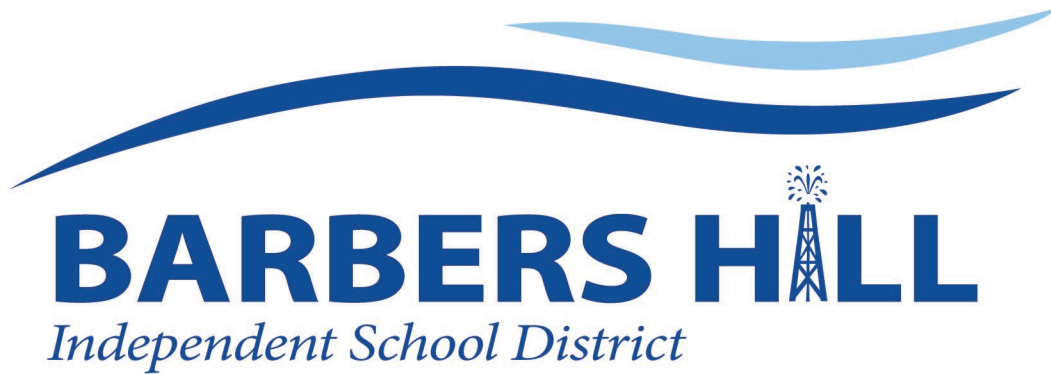
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**APPENDIX D**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL  
&  
COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**JUNE 30, 2023**

**Mont Belvieu, Texas**

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# Barbers Hill Independent School District

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**Certificate of the Board**

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Name of School District

**Chambers**

County

**036-902**

Co.-Dist Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and 6 approved 0 disapproved for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of such school district on the 23rd day of October, 2023.

Mark A. Wilson  
Signature of Board Secretary

Clint Ripper  
Signature of Board President

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

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# **Financial Section**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District  
Mont Belvieu, Texas

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Barbers Hill Independent School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 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 present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position 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. 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.

#### Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the basic financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Beginning net position has been restated as a result of the implementation of this statement. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The District's 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 the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents, 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.

The Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District

**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 Supplementary Information and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

**Other Information Included in the Annual Report**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Required Responses to Selected School FIRST Indicators but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2023 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.*

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Conroe, Texas  
October 13, 2023

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## Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Barbers Hill Independent School District (the District), we offer readers of the accompanying report this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. In reviewing this report, readers should be mindful that it is often necessary for management to make and use estimates in the preparation of financial statements. Examples of the use of such estimates may be found in amounts reported for depreciation/amortization, net taxes receivable, claims payable of the District's self-insured workers' compensation program, and net pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) liabilities.

### Financial Highlights

- Assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at year-end by \$78,149,724 (net position).
- The District's total net position increased by \$17,448,927.
- At the end of the year, unassigned fund balance in the general fund was \$23,880,924 while total fund balance in the general fund was \$37,212,322, a decrease of \$5,779,655.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information, supplementary information, and other information in addition to the basic 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 enterprise.

The *Statement of Net Position* (Exhibit A-1) presents information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as an indicator of how the financial position of the District is changing.

The *Statement of Activities* (Exhibit B-1) presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the year. Changes in net position are reported upon occurrence of the underlying event giving rise to the change, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some transactions that will not result in cash flows until future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and incurred but unpaid workers' compensation benefits).

The government-wide financial operations (*governmental activities*) of the District are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues. The governmental activities of the District include *Instruction, Instructional Resources and Media Services, Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development, Instructional Leadership, School Leadership, Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services, Social Work Services, Health Services, Student Transportation, Food Services, Extracurricular Activities, General Administration, Plant Maintenance and Operations, Security and Monitoring Services, Data Processing Services, Community Services, Interest on Long-term Debt, Issuance Costs and Fees, Facilities Repair and Maintenance, Contracted Instructional Services between Schools, and Other Intergovernmental Charges.*

The government-wide financial statements can be found as noted in the table of contents of this report.

**Fund Financial Statements.** 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, as do other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental Funds.** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of cash resources*, as well as on *balances of cash resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds financial statements is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term effect of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The District maintained twenty-four individual governmental funds during the year. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund, debt service fund, and capital projects fund, which are considered to be major funds. Data from the other twenty-one governmental funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation titled *total nonmajor funds*.

The District adopts an annual revenue and appropriations budget for its general fund, debt service fund and national school breakfast and lunch program special revenue fund. All other governmental funds adopt project length budgets. Subsequent to adoption, amendments approved by the governing body are reflected in a revised budget column. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund, debt service fund and national school breakfast and lunch program special revenue fund a to demonstrate compliance with its budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements are noted in the table of contents of this report.

**Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of students. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is similar to the accounting used for proprietary funds.

The basic fiduciary fund financial statements can be found as noted in the table of contents of this report.

**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. The notes to the basic financial statements are noted in the table of contents of this report.

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report presents required supplementary information, supplementary information and other information, including schedules required by the Texas Education Agency. Such information is noted in the table of contents of this report.



## Government-wide Financial Analysis

As mentioned earlier, net position may, over time, serve as an indicator of a District's changing financial position. At the close of the District's most recent fiscal year, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$78,149,724.

	Governmental Activities					
	2023		2022		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Current and other assets	\$ 228,520,164	35	\$ 127,934,323	24	\$ 100,585,841	79
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	416,862,801	65	404,477,469	76	12,385,332	3
Total assets	645,382,965	100	532,411,792	100	112,971,173	
Total deferred outflows of resources	24,896,302	100	19,907,657	100	4,988,645	25
Other liabilities	38,238,877	7	31,156,778	7	7,082,099	23
Long-term liabilities outstanding	527,635,323	93	429,471,217	93	98,164,106	23
Total liabilities	565,874,200	100	460,627,995	100	105,246,205	
Total deferred inflows of resources	26,255,343	100	31,002,273	100	(4,746,930)	(15)
Net position:						
Net investment in capital assets	61,633,460	78	45,040,220	74	16,593,240	37
Restricted	23,918,233	31	17,132,547	28	6,785,686	40
Unrestricted	(7,401,969)	(9)	(1,483,586)	(2)	(5,918,383)	399
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 78,149,724</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 60,689,181</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 17,460,543</b>	

The largest portion of the District's net position is net investment in capital assets. Investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, right-to-use subscriptions and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets is \$61,633,460, an increase of \$16.6 million from June 30, 2022. The District utilizes capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Net position that is restricted for debt service and grants totals \$23,918,233 or 31 percent of net position.

Unrestricted net position which is a deficit (\$7,401,969) due to net pension and OPEB liabilities. However, the District was still able to report a positive total net position.

**Governmental Activities.** Governmental activities increased the District's net position by \$17,488,927 from current operations. The elements giving rise to this change may be determined from the table below.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District's Changes in Net Position**

	Governmental Activities					
	2023		2022		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Revenue						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 5,560,107	3	\$ 4,128,164	3	\$ 1,431,943	35
Operating grants and contributions	7,397,797	4	6,142,353	4	1,255,444	20
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	1,653,965	1	(1,653,965)	(100)
General revenues:						
Property taxes, levied for general purpose	78,862,103	44	58,231,038	37	20,631,065	35
Property taxes, levied for debt service	46,440,288	26	37,711,953	25	8,728,335	23
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	31,356,158	17	38,813,882	26	(7,457,724)	(19)
Investment earnings (losses)	5,824,744	3	(549,657)	-	6,374,401	(1,160)
County available	486,244	-	24,588	-	461,656	1,878
County equalization	3,730,564	2	3,791,698	3	(61,134)	(2)
Miscellaneous	1,158,439	1	1,264,412	1	(105,973)	(8)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>180,816,444</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>151,212,396</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>29,604,048</b>	
Expenses						
Instruction	66,071,600	39	56,339,720	43	9,731,880	17
Instructional resources and media services	906,662	1	726,256	1	180,406	25
Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,302,145	1	1,705,722	1	596,423	35
Instructional leadership	546,941	-	607,414	-	(60,473)	(10)
School leadership	4,778,500	3	4,217,845	3	560,655	13
Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,165,196	3	3,367,665	3	797,531	24
Social work services	551,737	-	583,158	-	(31,421)	(5)
Health services	1,165,496	1	1,128,797	1	36,699	3
Student transportation	4,267,674	3	3,598,343	3	669,331	19
Food services	4,258,259	3	3,805,122	3	453,137	12
Extracurricular activities	4,831,856	3	3,730,035	3	1,101,821	30
General administration	4,141,327	3	3,551,492	3	589,835	17
Plant maintenance and operations	11,938,929	7	9,795,430	8	2,143,499	22
Security and monitoring services	1,836,490	1	1,098,118	1	738,372	67
Data processing services	1,803,111	1	1,681,620	1	121,491	7
Community services	10,173,206	6	13,718,166	11	(3,544,960)	(26)
Interest on long-term debt	16,078,110	10	11,258,360	9	4,819,750	43
Issuance costs and fees	975,075	1	8,700	-	966,375	11,108
Facilities repair and maintenance	47,619	-	1,530,109	1	(1,482,490)	(97)
Contracted instructional services between schools	21,584,132	13	7,093,644	5	14,490,488	204
Other intergovernmental charges	943,452	1	640,482	-	302,970	47
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>163,367,517</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>130,186,198</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>33,181,319</b>	
<b>Change in net position</b>	<b>17,448,927</b>		<b>21,026,198</b>		<b>(3,577,271)</b>	
Net position - beginning	60,689,181		39,662,983		21,026,198	
Cummulative effect of adoption of GASB 96	11,616		-		11,616	
<b>Net position - beginning, as restated</b>	<b>60,700,797</b>		<b>39,662,983</b>		<b>21,037,814</b>	
<b>Net position - ending</b>	<b>\$ 78,149,724</b>		<b>\$ 60,689,181</b>		<b>\$ 17,460,543</b>	

The current period increase in net position primarily resulted from total revenues of \$180,816,444 exceeding total expenses of \$163,367,517. The most significant increase in revenues of \$29,359,400 was property taxes. The most significant increase in expenses of \$14,490,488 in contracted instructional services between schools is due to an increase in recapture payments to the State.

Revenues, aggregating \$180,816,444, were generated primarily from two sources. Property taxes totaling \$125,302,391 represent 70 percent of total revenues; while grants and contributions, including those not restricted for program-specific use as well as for general operations, totaling \$38,753,955, represent 21 percent of total revenues. The remaining revenue is generated from investment earnings, charges for services, county available, county equalization and miscellaneous revenues.

The primary functional expenses of the District are instruction \$66,071,600, which represents 39 percent of total expenses, contracted instructional services between schools \$21,584,132 which represents 13 percent of total expenses, interest on long-term debt \$16,078,110 which represents 10 percent of total expenses, plant maintenance and operations \$11,938,929 which represents 7 percent of total expenses and community services \$10,173,206 which represents 6 percent of total expenses. The remaining functional expense categories are 5 percent or less of total expenses.

### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As mentioned earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental Funds.** At the end of the fiscal year, the District's governmental funds had combined ending fund balances of \$195,902,357, an increase of \$95,343,013 from the preceding year. Comments as to each major individual fund's change in fund balance follows.

The general fund is the primary operating fund of the District. At year-end, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$23,880,924, while total fund balance was \$37,212,322. To evaluate the general fund's liquidity, it may be helpful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 18 percent of total general fund expenditures, while total fund balance represents 29 percent of that same total. The fund balance of the general fund decreased \$5,779,655 during the year due to the district receiving less State Foundation revenue than budgeted and Chapter 313 payments.

The debt service fund ended the year with a total fund balance of \$28,542,491, all of which is reserved for the payment of principal and interest on debt. The debt service fund balance increased by \$7,969,151 during the year primarily due to increases in property tax revenues which exceeded the increase in scheduled debt payments.

The capital projects fund ended the year with a total fund balance of \$128,095,275, all of which is reserved for capital acquisition program and contractual obligations. The capital projects fund balance increased by \$92,899,217 primarily due to the issuance of capital-related bonds.

Governmental funds financial statements may be found by referring to the table of contents.

### **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The significant differences between the original adopted budget and the final amended budget of the general fund were primarily from an increase in projected property tax revenues resulting from revised estimates of the certified taxable values, an increase in community services expenditures for payments to the foundation and an increase in contracted instructional services between schools for recapture payments to the State.

The significant difference between budget and actual was primarily from a decrease in actual revenues for State program revenue and local and intermediate revenues.

### Capital Assets and Long-term Liabilities

**Capital Assets.** The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023 was \$416,862,801 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land and improvements, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, right-to-use subscriptions, and construction in progress. The increase in total capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization, for the current fiscal year was \$12,209,186.

Major capital asset activity during the year included the following:

- \$4.5 million on transportation center
- \$2.1 million on high school addition
- \$4.5 million on intermediate school north campus
- \$5.3 million on intermediate school south campus

#### Barbers Hill Independent School District's Capital Assets (net of depreciation/amortization)

	Governmental Activities					
	2023		2022		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
Land and improvements	\$ 6,160,156	1	\$ 5,971,230	1	\$ 188,926	3
Buildings and improvements	396,806,906	96	250,625,977	63	146,180,929	58
Furniture and equipment	6,155,962	1	5,484,722	1	671,240	12
Right-to-use subscriptions*	336,018	-	176,146	-	159,872	91
Construction in progress	7,403,759	2	142,395,540	35	(134,991,781)	(95)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 416,862,801</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 404,653,615</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 12,209,186</b>	

\* Right-to-use subscriptions have been adjusted to reflect a beginning balance upon adoption of GASB 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*.

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note 3.D. of the notes to the financial statements as noted in the table of contents of this report.

**Construction Commitments.** At the end of the current fiscal year, the District's commitments with construction contractors, including purchase orders, totaled \$4,379,644.

**Noncurrent Liabilities.** At year-end, the District had the following long-term liabilities:

**Barbers Hill Independent School District's Long-term Liabilities Outstanding**

	Governmental Activities					
	2023		2022		Increase (Decrease)	
	Amount	%	Amount	%	Amount	%
General obligation bonds	\$ 482,962,934	91	\$ 394,284,579	92	\$ 88,678,355	22
Subscription liabilities*	237,513	-	164,530	-	72,983	44
Workers' compensation	258,490	-	387,175	-	(128,685)	(33)
Net pension liability	29,429,093	6	12,260,006	3	17,169,087	140
Net OPEB liability	14,747,293	3	22,539,457	5	(7,792,164)	(35)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 527,635,323</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 429,635,747</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$ 97,999,576</b>	

\* Subscription liabilities have been adjusted to reflect a beginning balance upon adoption of GASB 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*.

The District's total long-term liabilities increased by \$97,999,576 (23 percent) during the current fiscal year, which resulted primarily from issuance of capital-related general obligation bonds.

The District's general obligation debt is backed by the full faith and credit of the District and when eligible, is further guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund Bond Guarantee Program. State statutes do not limit the tax rate or amount of local tax support of school districts' bonded indebtedness. However, approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas is required prior to the sale of bonds.

Additional information on the District's long-term debt can be found in Note 3.E. in the notes to the financial statements as indicated in the table of contents of this report.

Additional information on the District's net pension liability can be found in Note 4.C. to the financial statements as indicated in the table of contents of this report.

Additional information on the District's OPEB liability can be found in Note 4.D. to the financial statements as indicated in the table of contents of this report.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit**

The Barbers Hill ISD Education Foundation (the Foundation) is legally separate from the District and is reported as a discretely presented component unit. The Foundation is governed by at least 3 but not to exceed 15 members who are elected by the Foundation's directors. The District maintains the Foundation's accounting records. Due to the significant benefits provided by the Foundation to the District, the component unit is reported as a discretely presented component unit. The discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements.

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

- Student enrollment is 7,317 compared to 6,835 in the prior year.
- District staff totals 1,177 employees in 2022-23, which includes 551 teachers and 206 teacher aids and secretaries.
- Certified property values of the District are expected to increase by 2% for maintenance and operations and increase by 6% for interest and sinking for the 2023-24 year.
- A maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.8326 and a debt service tax rate of \$0.2698, a total rate of \$1.1024, was adopted for 2023-24, which is a decrease from fiscal year 2023.
- Unemployment rates for the State and County were 4.1% and 5.8%, respectively.

All of these factors and others were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

During the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance in the general fund decreased to \$23,880,924. The District plans to utilize unassigned fund balance to fund current period expenditures prior to collecting the current year tax levy.

### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is intended to provide a general overview of the District's finances for those with an interest in this information. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Barbers Hill Independent School District, P.O. Box 1108, Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580.

# **Basic Financial Statements**

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**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2023

**Exhibit A-1**

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Data Control Codes		Primary Government	Component Unit
		Governmental Activities	Barbers Hill ISD Education Foundation
<b>ASSETS</b>			
1110	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 18,000,070	\$ 26,889,580
1120	Investments	199,161,392	93,798,724
1220	Property taxes receivable	1,422,032	-
1230	Allowance for uncollectable taxes	(85,382)	-
1240	Due from other governments	3,652,356	-
1241	Due from component unit	448,647	-
1250	Accrued interest	218,981	96,932
1290	Other receivables	103,968	4,533
1300	Inventories	264,287	-
1410	Prepaid items	1,067,111	-
1810	Restricted cash and cash equivalents	649,475	-
1890	Restricted investments	3,617,227	-
1990	Equity investment	-	5,000,000
	Capital assets:		
1510	Land and improvements	6,160,156	10,898,754
1520	Buildings and improvements (net)	396,806,906	-
1530	Furniture and equipment (net)	6,155,962	23,334
1550	Right-to-use subscriptions (net)	336,018	-
1580	Construction in progress	7,403,759	-
1000	Total assets	645,382,965	136,711,857
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
1705	Deferred outflows - pension	14,054,747	-
1706	Deferred outflow - OPEB	9,747,560	-
1710	Deferred charge on refunding	1,093,995	-
1700	Total deferred outflows of resources	24,896,302	-
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
2110	Accounts payable	1,008,256	9,346
2140	Interest payable	6,957,720	-
2150	Payroll deductions and withholdings	283,071	-
2160	Accrued wages payable	7,183,346	-
2180	Due to other governments	21,546,357	-
2181	Due to primary government	-	448,647
2190	Due to student groups	4,500	-
2200	Accrued liabilities	1,137,849	-
2300	Unearned revenue	117,778	-
	Noncurrent liabilities:		
2501	Due within one year (Note 3.E)	23,082,208	-
	Due in more than one year (Note 3.E)		
2502	Bonds payable, subscriptions and workers' compensation	460,376,729	-
2540	Net pension liabilities	29,429,093	-
2545	Net OPEB liability	14,747,293	-
2000	Total liabilities	565,874,200	457,993
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
2605	Deferred inflows - pension	2,505,818	-
2606	Deferred inflows - OPEB	22,531,361	-
2610	Deferred gain on refunding	1,218,164	-
2600	Total deferred inflows of resources	26,255,343	-
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
3200	Net investment in capital assets	61,633,460	10,922,088
3820	Restricted for grants	2,027,269	-
3850	Restricted for debt service	21,890,964	-
3900	Unrestricted	(7,401,969)	125,331,776
3000	<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 78,149,724</b>	<b>\$ 136,253,864</b>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

# Barbers Hill Independent School District

## Statement of Activities

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	1	3	4
		Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
	<b>PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>			
	Governmental activities:			
0011	Instruction	\$ 66,071,600	\$ 994,233	\$ 4,381,911
0012	Instructional resources and media services	906,662	62,457	20,052
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,302,145	-	301,047
0021	Instructional leadership	546,941	-	11,296
0023	School leadership	4,778,500	-	107,341
0031	Guidance, counseling, & evaluation services	4,165,196	-	415,244
0032	Social work services	551,737	4,748	11,027
0033	Health services	1,165,496	-	27,667
0034	Student transportation	4,267,674	-	53,750
0035	Food services	4,258,259	3,325,979	1,135,657
0036	Extracurricular activities	4,831,856	1,144,582	59,725
0041	General administration	4,141,327	-	59,728
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	11,938,929	-	120,935
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,836,490	8,774	366,676
0053	Data processing services	1,803,111	19,334	25,487
0061	Community services	10,173,206	-	5,994
0072	Interest on long-term debt	16,078,110	-	287,348
0073	Issuance costs and fees	975,075	-	-
0081	Facilities repair and maintenance	47,619	-	6,912
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	21,584,132	-	-
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	943,452	-	-
TG	Total governmental activities	<u>163,367,517</u>	<u>5,560,107</u>	<u>7,397,797</u>
TP	<b>TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT</b>	<u>\$ 163,367,517</u>	<u>\$ 5,560,107</u>	<u>\$ 7,397,797</u>
	<b>COMPONENT UNIT</b>			
1C	Barbers Hill ISD Education Foundation	<u>\$ 1,388,270</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	General revenues:			
MT	Property taxes, levied for general purposes			
DT	Property taxes, levied for debt service			
GC	Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs			
IE	Investment earnings			
CA	County available			
CE	County equalization			
MI	Miscellaneous			
TR	Total general revenues			
CN	Change in net position			
NB	Net position - beginning			
PA	Cummulative effect of adoption of GASB 96			
	Net position - beginning, as restated			
NE	<b>NET POSITION - ENDING</b>			

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

<b>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</b>	<b>Component Unit</b>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Barbers Hill ISD Education Foundation</b>
\$ (60,695,456)	\$ (833)
(824,153)	-
(2,001,098)	-
(535,645)	-
(4,671,159)	-
(3,749,952)	-
(535,962)	-
(1,137,829)	-
(4,213,924)	-
203,377	-
(3,627,549)	-
(4,081,599)	(649,420)
(11,817,994)	-
(1,461,040)	-
(1,758,290)	-
(10,167,212)	(738,017)
(15,790,762)	-
(975,075)	-
(40,707)	-
(21,584,132)	-
(943,452)	-
<u>(150,409,613)</u>	<u>(1,388,270)</u>
(150,409,613)	-
-	(1,388,270)
78,862,103	-
46,440,288	-
31,356,158	10,293,310
5,824,744	13,413,598
486,244	-
3,730,564	-
1,158,439	-
<u>167,858,540</u>	<u>23,706,908</u>
17,448,927	22,318,638
60,689,181	113,935,226
11,616	-
<u>60,700,797</u>	<u>113,935,226</u>
<u>\$ 78,149,724</u>	<u>\$ 136,253,864</u>

# Barbers Hill Independent School District

Balance Sheet  
 Governmental Funds  
 June 30, 2023

Data Control Codes		199	599
		General Fund	Debt Service Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>			
1110	Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,072,660	\$ 162,707
1120	Investments	52,755,391	24,078,750
1220	Property taxes receivable	1,096,295	325,737
1230	Allowance for uncollectable taxes	(65,838)	(19,544)
1240	Due from other governments	2,930,938	-
1241	Due from component unit	-	-
1250	Accrued interest	108,872	76,910
1260	Due from other funds	1,011,041	-
1290	Other receivables	90,989	-
1300	Inventories	264,287	-
1410	Prepaid items	1,067,111	-
1810	Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	649,475
1890	Restricted investments	-	3,617,227
1000	Total assets	<u>67,331,746</u>	<u>28,891,262</u>
1000a	<b>TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<u>\$ 67,331,746</u>	<u>\$ 28,891,262</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
2110	Accounts payable	\$ 356,561	\$ -
2150	Payroll deductions and withholdings	272,620	-
2160	Accrued wages payable	6,870,393	-
2170	Due to other funds	31,265	-
2180	Due to other governments	21,506,164	40,193
2190	Due to student groups	4,500	-
2200	Accrued liabilities	45,513	2,385
2300	Unearned revenue	1,951	-
2000	Total liabilities	29,088,967	42,578
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
2600	Unavailable revenue - property taxes	1,030,457	306,193
	Total deferred inflows of resources	1,030,457	306,193
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
3410	Nonspendable - inventories	264,287	-
3430	Nonspendable - prepaid items	1,067,111	-
3450	Restricted - grants	-	-
3470	Restricted - capital acquisitions and contractual obligations	-	-
3480	Restricted - debt service	-	28,542,491
3520	Committed - claims and judgements	4,000,000	-
3545	Committed - other	8,000,000	-
3600	Unassigned	23,880,924	-
3000	Total fund balances	<u>37,212,322</u>	<u>28,542,491</u>
4000	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u>\$ 67,331,746</u>	<u>\$ 28,891,262</u>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

<b>699</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>Nonmajor</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Projects Fund</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Governmental</b>
<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
\$ 6,768,624	\$ 2,996,079	\$ 18,000,070
122,327,251	-	199,161,392
-	-	1,422,032
-	-	(85,382)
-	721,418	3,652,356
-	448,647	448,647
33,199	-	218,981
552,854	42,548	1,606,443
-	12,979	103,968
-	-	264,287
-	-	1,067,111
-	-	649,475
-	-	3,617,227
<u>129,681,928</u>	<u>4,221,671</u>	<u>230,126,607</u>
<u>\$ 129,681,928</u>	<u>\$ 4,221,671</u>	<u>\$ 230,126,607</u>
\$ 496,500	\$ 155,195	\$ 1,008,256
2	10,449	283,071
200	312,753	7,183,346
-	1,575,178	1,606,443
-	-	21,546,357
-	-	4,500
1,089,951	-	1,137,849
-	115,827	117,778
<u>1,586,653</u>	<u>2,169,402</u>	<u>32,887,600</u>
-	-	1,336,650
-	-	1,336,650
-	-	264,287
-	-	1,067,111
-	2,027,269	2,027,269
128,095,275	-	128,095,275
-	-	28,542,491
-	-	4,000,000
-	25,000	8,025,000
-	-	23,880,924
<u>128,095,275</u>	<u>2,052,269</u>	<u>195,902,357</u>
<u>\$ 129,681,928</u>	<u>\$ 4,221,671</u>	<u>\$ 230,126,607</u>

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**Barbers Hill Independent School District****Exhibit C-1R**

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to the Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2023

**TOTAL FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (EXHIBIT C-1)** \$ 195,902,357

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The governmental capital assets at year-end consist of:

Governmental capital assets costs	\$ 526,254,858	
Accumulated depreciation/amortization of governmental capital assets	(109,392,057)	416,862,801

Property taxes receivable, which will be collected subsequent to year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. 1,336,650

Long-term liabilities and the respective accrued interest payable, including bonds payable, subscription liabilities, workers compensation, and net pension and OPEB liability, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the funds.

Liabilities at year-end related to such items consist of:

Bonds payable, at original par	\$ (434,325,000)	
Premium on bonds payable	(48,655,546)	
Discount on bonds payable	17,612	
Accrued interest on the bonds	(6,957,720)	
Subscription liabilities	(237,513)	
Workers' compensation	(258,490)	
Net pension liability	(29,429,093)	
Net OPEB liability	(14,747,293)	(534,593,043)

Deferred charge on refunding is reported as a deferred outflow of resources in the statement of net position and it is not reported in the governmental funds as it is not a current financial resource available to pay for current expenditures. 1,093,995

Deferred gain on refunding is reported as a deferred inflow of resources in the statement of net position and it is not reported in the governmental funds as it is not a current financial resource available to recognize as revenue. (1,218,164)

Deferred outflows of resources for pension represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. 14,054,747

Deferred inflows of resources for pension represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. (2,505,818)

Deferred outflows of resources for OPEB represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditures) until then. 9,747,560

Deferred inflows of resources for OPEB represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. (22,531,361)

**TOTAL NET POSITION - GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (EXHIBIT A-1)** \$ 78,149,724

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

<b>Data Control Codes</b>		<b>199</b>	<b>599</b>
		<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Debt Service Fund</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$ 107,379,324	\$ 47,311,742
5800	State program revenues	18,002,797	287,348
5900	Federal program revenues	729,174	-
5020	Total revenues	126,111,295	47,599,090
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
Current:			
0011	Instruction	57,991,060	-
0012	Instructional resources and media services	807,633	-
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,119,544	-
0021	Instructional leadership	571,412	-
0023	School leadership	4,976,853	-
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	3,931,294	-
0032	Social work services	577,466	-
0033	Health services	1,198,583	-
0034	Student transportation	3,776,093	-
0035	Food services	430	-
0036	Extracurricular activities	3,061,677	-
0041	General administration	4,128,698	125
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	10,416,696	-
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,358,692	-
0053	Data processing services	1,835,913	-
0061	Community services	10,164,804	-
Debt service:			
0071	Principal on long-term debt	107,930	22,055,000
0072	Interest on long-term debt	494	17,566,064
0073	Issuance costs and fees	-	8,750
Capital outlay:			
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	23,532	-
Intergovernmental:			
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	21,584,132	-
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	943,452	-
6030	Total expenditures	129,576,388	39,629,939
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(3,465,093)	7,969,151
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
7911	Capital-related debt issued (general obligation bonds)	-	-
7913	Proceeds from leased subscription assets	180,913	-
7915	Transfers in	36,627	-
7916	Premium or (discount) on issuance of bonds	-	-
8911	Transfers out	(65,225)	-
8948	Tax refund pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313	(2,466,877)	-
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,314,562)	-
1200	Net change in fund balances	(5,779,655)	7,969,151
0100	Fund balances - beginning	42,991,977	20,573,340
3000	<b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 37,212,322</b>	<b>\$ 28,542,491</b>

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



<b>699</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>Nonmajor</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Projects Fund</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Governmental</b>
<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
\$ 3,611,340	\$ 5,201,527	\$ 163,503,933
23,053	539,804	18,853,002
-	3,697,709	4,426,883
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3,634,393	9,439,040	186,783,818
1,009,425	3,142,637	62,143,122
53,264	62,526	923,423
-	279,691	2,399,235
-	-	571,412
-	-	4,976,853
38,668	316,126	4,286,088
-	4,753	582,219
9,861	-	1,208,444
1,475,844	-	5,251,937
-	4,325,087	4,325,517
422,763	757,528	4,241,968
2,282	-	4,131,105
1,130,895	18,152	11,565,743
215,032	319,602	1,893,326
96,992	19,355	1,952,260
-	4,508	10,169,312
-	-	22,162,930
-	-	17,566,558
966,325	-	975,075
18,743,523	-	18,767,055
-	-	21,584,132
-	-	943,452
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24,164,874	9,249,965	202,621,166
(20,530,481)	189,075	(15,837,348)
104,605,000	-	104,605,000
-	-	180,913
-	65,225	101,852
8,861,325	-	8,861,325
(36,627)	-	(101,852)
-	-	(2,466,877)
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113,429,698	65,225	111,180,361
92,899,217	254,300	95,343,013
35,196,058	1,797,969	100,559,344
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\$ 128,095,275	\$ 2,052,269	\$ 195,902,357

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues,  
 Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Exhibit C-3**

**TOTAL NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (EXHIBIT C-2)** \$ 95,343,013

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is capitalized and allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation/amortization expense.

Capital assets <i>increased</i>	\$ 21,199,744	
Depreciation/amortization expense	<u>(8,980,757)</u>	12,218,987

The net effect of miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (transfers, adjustments and dispositions) is an increase (decrease) to net position. (9,801)

Because some revenues will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year end, they are not considered "available" revenues and are deferred in the governmental funds. Deferred inflows increased (decreased) by this amount this year.

Unavailable revenues - property taxes		104,810
Unavailable revenues - county equalization		<u>(475,000)</u>

Issuance of bonds provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Par value	\$ (104,605,000)	
(Premium) discount	<u>(8,861,325)</u>	(113,466,325)

Financed subscriptions provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but increase long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. (180,913)

Repayment of bond and subscription principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. 22,162,930

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due, and includes amortization of related long-term debt accounts. The (increase) decrease in interest expense reported in the statement of activities consist of the following:

Accrued interest on current interest bonds payable ( <i>increased</i> ) <i>decreased</i>	\$ (1,469,081)	
Amortization of bond premium and discount	2,732,970	
Amortization of deferred charge and gain on refunding	<u>224,559</u>	1,488,448

The (increase) decrease in workers' compensation is reported in the statement of activities but does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. 128,685

The net change in net pension liability, deferred outflows, and deferred inflows is reported in the statement of activities but does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. The net change consists of the following:

Deferred outflows increased (decreased)	\$ 4,621,705	
Deferred inflows (increased) decreased	11,174,689	
Net pension liability (increased) decreased	<u>(17,169,087)</u>	(1,372,693)

The net change in net OPEB liability, deferred outflows, and deferred inflows is reported in the statement of activities but does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. The net change consists of the following:

Deferred outflows increased (decreased)	\$ 568,631	
Deferred inflows (increased) decreased	(6,854,009)	
Net OPEB liability (increased) decreased	<u>7,792,164</u>	<u>1,506,786</u>

**CHANGE IN NET POSITION FOR GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES (EXHIBIT B-1)** \$ 17,448,927

The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

Fiduciary Fund

June 30, 2023

**Exhibit E-1**

	<b>Custodial Fund</b>
	<b>Student Activity</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97,082
Investments	1,176
Other receivables	456
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Total assets	98,714
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Other payables	348
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Total liabilities	348
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted for:	
Student activities	98,366
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<b>TOTAL NET POSITION</b>	<b>\$ 98,366</b>
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The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
Fiduciary Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Exhibit E-2**

	<b>Custodial Fund</b>
	<b>Student Activity</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>	
Fundraising and dues	\$ 93,132
Other	5,073
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Total additions	98,205
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>	
Beneficiary payments	1,019
Operating expenses	86,396
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Total deductions	87,415
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Net change in fiduciary net position	10,790
Net position - beginning	87,576
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<b>NET POSITION - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 98,366</b>
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The Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

## Barbers Hill Independent School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

##### A. Description of Government-wide 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 (the District) and its component unit. All fiduciary activities are reported only in the fund financial statements. *Governmental activities* normally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Likewise, the *primary government* is reported separately from the legally separate *component unit* for which the primary government is financially accountable.

##### B. Reporting Entity

The Barbers Hill Independent School District (the District) is governed by a seven-member board of trustees (the Board), which has governance responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary education within the District. Members of the Board are elected by the public; have authority to make decisions; appoint management and significantly influence operations; and have primary accountability for fiscal matters. The District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present the District and its component unit, an entity for which the District is considered to be financially accountable. The discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the District.

**Discretely Presented Component Unit.** The Barbers Hill Independent School District Education Foundation (the Foundation) was created to provide grants to Barbers Hill Independent School District teachers for the purpose of enhancing education of the Barbers Hill Independent School District students. The Foundation is governed by at least 3 but not to exceed 15 members who are elected by the Foundation's directors. The District maintains the Foundation's accounting records. The District is reimbursed for the aforementioned functions. Due to the significant benefits provided by the Foundation to the District, the component unit is reported as a discretely presented component unit.

##### C. Basis of Presentation – Government-wide Financial Statements

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements.

As discussed earlier, the District has one discretely presented component unit which is shown in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements.

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

##### D. Basis of Presentation – Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category—governmental and fiduciary—are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

## Barbers Hill Independent School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

The *general fund* is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the District, except those accounted for in another fund.

The *debt service fund* is used to account for the accumulation of resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned for the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations of governmental funds.

The *capital projects fund* accounts for the acquisition and construction of the District's major capital facilities.

Additionally, the District reports the following fund types:

The *custodial fund* accounts for assets held by the District for student organizations. Custodial funds report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust.

During the course of operations, the District has activity between funds for various purposes. Any residual balances outstanding at year end are reported as due from/to other funds and advances to/from other funds. While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities (i.e., the governmental funds) are eliminated.

Further, certain activity occurs during the year involving transfers of resources between funds. In fund financial statements, these amounts are reported at gross amounts as transfers in/out. While reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Transfers between the funds are eliminated in governmental activities.

#### **E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The government-wide 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.

The 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 District considers property tax revenues to be available when collected and all other revenues within 120 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as required under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to pension liability, OPEB, subscription liability, compensated absences, and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Issuance of long-term debt and acquisitions under leases are reported as other financing sources.

## **Barbers Hill Independent School District**

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual and has been recognized as revenues in the current fiscal period. Entitlements are recorded as revenues when all eligibility requirements are met, including any time requirements, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 120 days of year end). Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other eligibility requirements have been met, and the amount is received during the period or within the availability period for this revenue source (within 120 days of year end). All other revenue items, including property taxes, are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the District.

#### **F. Assets, Liabilities, Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources, and Net Position/Fund Balance**

##### **1. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand and bank demand or time deposits with original maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition.

##### **2. Investments**

Investments for the District, except for certain investment pools, are reported at fair value. The investment pools operate in accordance with appropriate state laws and regulations and are reported at amortized costs or fair value.

##### **3. Inventories and Prepaid Items**

Inventories are valued at cost using the first-in/first-out (FIFO) method and consist of expendable supplies. The cost of such inventories is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Food service commodities and food service supplies are recorded as expenditures when received or purchased at their estimated market value or costs, respectively.

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

##### **4. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include land and improvements, construction in progress, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and right-to-use subscriptions are reported in the applicable governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. The District's infrastructure includes parking lots and sidewalks associated with various buildings. The cost of the infrastructure was initially capitalized with the building cost and is being depreciated over the same useful life as the building. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

In the case of the initial capitalization of general infrastructure assets (i.e., those reported by governmental activities), the District chose to include all such items regardless of their acquisition date or amount. The District was able to estimate the historical cost for the initial reporting of these assets through back trending (i.e., estimating the current replacement cost of the infrastructure to be capitalized and using an appropriate price-level index to deflate the cost to the acquisition year or estimated acquisition year). As the District constructs or acquires additional capital assets each period, including infrastructure assets, they are capitalized and reported at historical cost. The reported value excludes normal maintenance and repairs which are essentially amounts spent in relation to capital assets that do not increase the capacity or efficiency of the item or increase its estimated useful life. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation.

## Barbers Hill Independent School District

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Land and improvements and construction in progress are not depreciated. The buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and right-to-use subscriptions of the District are depreciated/amortized using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Capital Asset Classes	Lives
Buildings and improvements	5-50
Furniture and equipment	3-50
Subscriptions	1.5-5

#### 5. Restricted Assets

The debt service fund has restricted certain cash, cash equivalents and investments for Qualified School Construction Bonds debt service. Because of certain bond covenants, the debt service fund is required to maintain prescribed amounts of resources that can be used only to service outstanding debt.

#### 6. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs)

The District has noncancellable contracts with SBITA vendors for the right to use information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets). The District recognizes a subscription liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use subscription asset (an intangible asset), reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$10,000 or more.

At the commencement of an SBITA, the District initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of SBITA payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the SBITA commencement date, plus certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the subscription term or the useful life of the underlying IT assets.

Key estimates and judgments related to SBITAs include how the District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected subscription payments to present value, (2) subscription term, and (3) subscription payments.

- The District uses the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the SBITA vendor is not provided, the District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITAs.
- The subscription term includes the noncancellable period of the SBITA.
- Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, termination penalties if the District is reasonably certain to exercise such options, subscription contract incentives receivable from the SBITA vendor, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITAs and will remeasure the subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the subscription liability.

#### 7. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.



## **Barbers Hill Independent School District**

### Notes to the Financial Statements

Deferred outflows/inflows of resources are amortized as follows:

- Deferred outflows/inflows from pension and OPEB activities are amortized over the weighted average remaining service life of all participants in the respective qualified pension plan and OPEB plan, except for projected and actual earnings differences on investments which are amortized on a closed basis over a 5-year period.
- District contributions to the pension and OPEB plans after the measurement date of each plan are recognized in the subsequent fiscal year.
- Deferred charge/gain on refunding is amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt.
- Property taxes are recognized in the period the amount becomes available.

#### **8. Pension**

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

#### **9. Other Postemployment Benefits (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 related to other postemployment 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.

#### **10. Net Position Flow Assumption**

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

It is the District's policy to consider restricted – net position to have been depleted before unrestricted – net position is applied.

#### **11. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions**

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

## **Barbers Hill Independent School District**

### Notes to the Financial Statements

#### **12. Fund Balance Policies**

Fund balance of governmental funds is reported in various categories based on the nature of any limitations requiring the use of resources for specific purposes. The District itself can establish limitations on the use of resources through either a commitment (committed fund balance) or an assignment (assigned fund balance).

The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the District's highest level of decision-making authority. The board of trustees (the Board) is the highest level of decision-making authority for the District that can, by board action or adoption of a resolution prior to the end of the fiscal year, commit fund balance. Once adopted, the limitation imposed by board action or the resolution remains in place until performance of commitment or a similar action is taken (the board action or adoption of another resolution) to remove or revise the limitation.

Amounts in the assigned fund balance classification are intended to be used by the District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as committed. The Board has, by policy, authorized the superintendent or his designee to assign fund balance. The Board may also assign fund balance as it does when appropriating fund balance to cover a gap between estimated revenue and appropriations in the subsequent year's appropriated budget. Unlike commitments, assignments generally exist temporarily. In other words, an additional action does not normally have to be taken for the removal of an assignment. Conversely, as discussed above, an additional action is essential to either remove or revise a commitment.

In the general fund, the District shall maintain at a minimum unassigned fund balance equal to or greater than 20% of the combined budgeted expenditures of the District's general fund.

#### **G. Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses**

##### **1. Program Revenues**

Amounts reported as *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. All taxes, including those dedicated for specific purposes, and other internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

##### **2. Property Taxes**

Property values are determined by the County Central Appraisal District as of January 1 of each year. Prior to July 1 of each year, the District adopts its annual budget and as soon thereafter as practicable, shall adopt a tax rate thus creating the tax levy. Property taxes for the current calendar year are levied on approximately October 1 of each year and are payable by January 31 of the following year. Property tax receivables are recorded as of the date levied. Unpaid taxes become delinquent on February 1 and a tax lien on real property is created as of July 1 of each year.

#### **H. Use of Estimates**

The presentation 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, 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.

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#### **I. Data Control Codes**

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

#### **J. Implementation of New Accounting Standards**

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (GASB 96)*, provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for SBITAs for government end users. This statement 1) defines a SBITA; 2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset – an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; 3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments; and 4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. The requirements of this statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2022, with earlier application encouraged. GASB 96 was implemented in the District's 2023 financial statements, resulting in recognition of \$176,146 in subscription assets and \$164,530 in subscription liabilities as of July 1, 2022, a cumulative effect adjustment of \$11,616 to net position as of July 1, 2022 in the government-wide financial statements.

### **Note 2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

#### **A. Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund, National School Breakfast/Lunch Program special revenue fund, and Debt Service Fund. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements.

1. Prior to June 19 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 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 July 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board.

The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function, and campus/department. The District's campus/department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a campus/department. Transfers of appropriations between campus/departments require the approval of the District's management. Transfers of appropriations between functions 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. The District made two supplemental budgetary amendments during the year.

#### **B. Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting is employed in governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders, contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported as restricted, committed, or assigned fund balances as appropriate. The encumbrances do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because the commitments will be reappropriated and honored during the subsequent year.

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Significant encumbrances included in governmental fund balances are as follows:

	Encumbrances Included in: <hr/> Restricted Fund Balance <hr/>
Capital projects fund	<hr/> \$ 4,379,644 <hr/>
<b>Total encumbrances</b>	<hr/> <b>\$ 4,379,644</b> <hr/>

### Note 3. Detailed Notes on All Funds

#### A. Deposits and Investments

##### Cash Deposits

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested under the terms of a depository contract pursuant to the Texas School Depository Act. The depository bank pledges securities which comply with state law and these securities are held for safekeeping and trust with the District's and the depository banks' agent bank. The pledged securities shall be in an amount sufficient to protect District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance.

##### Investments - District

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

The District is authorized to invest in the following instruments provided that they meet the guidelines of the investment policy:

1. Obligations of, or guaranteed by governmental entities as permitted by Government Code 2256.009
2. Certificates of deposit and share certificates as permitted by Government Code 2256.010
3. Fully collateralized repurchase agreements permitted by Government Code 2256.011
4. A securities lending program as permitted by Government Code 2256.0115
5. Banker's acceptances as permitted by Government Code 2256.012
6. Commercial paper as permitted by Government Code 2256.013
7. No-load money market mutual funds and no-load mutual funds as permitted by Government Code 2256.014
8. A guaranteed investment contract as an investment vehicle for bond proceeds, provided it meet the criteria and eligibility requirements established by Government Code 2256.015
9. Public funds investment pools as permitted by Government Code 2256.016.

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The District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. GASB Statement No. 72, *Fair Value Measurement and Application* provides a framework for measuring fair value which establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that describes the inputs that are used to measure assets and liabilities.

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that a government can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs are inputs—other than quoted prices included within Level 1—that are observable for an asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for an asset or liability.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. If a price for an identical asset or liability is not observable, a government should measure fair value using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. If the fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using inputs from more than one level of the fair value hierarchy, the measurement is considered to be based on the lowest priority level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The District's governmental and fiduciary funds investment balances, recurring fair value measurements weighted average maturity of such investments, and investment ratings are presented in the following tables:

Governmental Funds' Investment Type	S&P Rating	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		Percentage of Total Investments	Weighted Average Maturity (Days)
			Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		
Investments measured at amortized cost, not subject to level reporting						
Investment pools:						
TexPool	AAAm	\$ 19,955,029	\$ -	\$ -	10%	26
Lone Star - Corporate Overnight	AAAm	4,758	-	-	0%	26
TexStar	AAAm	2,850	-	-	0%	22
Investments measured at fair value, subject to level reporting:						
U.S. treasury bills	Not Rated	49,898,243	49,898,243	-	25%	131
U.S. treasury notes	Not Rated	116,384,890	116,384,890	-	57%	158
U.S. government agency securities	AA+	5,704,470	-	5,704,470	3%	404
Municipal government securities	AAA-BBB+	10,207,818	-	10,207,818	5%	706
Corporate government securities	AAA	620,561	-	620,561	0%	1,097
<b>Total value</b>		<b>\$ 202,778,619</b>	<b>\$ 166,283,133</b>	<b>\$ 16,532,849</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Portfolio weighted average maturity</b>						<b>176</b>

Fiduciary Funds' Investment Type	S&P Rating	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		Percentage of Total Investments	Weighted Average Maturity (Days)
			Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		
Investments measured at amortized cost, not subject to level reporting						
Investment pools:						
Lone Star - Corporate Overnight	AAAm	\$ 1,176	\$ -	\$ -	100%	26
<b>Total value</b>		<b>\$ 1,176</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Portfolio weighted average maturity</b>						<b>26</b>

Investment pools are measured at amortized cost. Such investments are not required to be reported in the fair value hierarchy.

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U.S. Treasury Bills and U.S. Treasury Notes are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy and are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. U.S. Government Agency Securities, Municipal Government Securities, and Corporate Government Securities are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy and are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

TexPool is duly chartered and overseen by the State Comptroller's Office, administered and managed by Federated Hermes, Inc. State Street Bank serves as the custodial bank. The portfolio consists of U.S. Government securities; collateralized repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements; and AAA rated money market mutual funds.

Lone Star is duly chartered by the State of Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, is administered by First Public, LLC, a subsidiary of the Texas Association of School Boards, and managed by Mellon Investments Corporation and American Beacon Advisors. State Street Bank and Trust Company is the custodial bank.

The TexPool and Lone Star investment pools are external investment pools measured at amortized cost. In order to meet the criteria to be recorded at amortized cost, investment pools must transact at a stable net asset value per share and maintain certain maturity, quality, liquidity and diversification requirements within the investment pool. The investment pools transact at a net asset value of \$1.00 per share, have weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and weighted average life of 120 days or less, investments held are highly rated by nationally recognized statistical rating organization, have no more than 5% of portfolio with one issuer (excluding US government securities), and can meet reasonably foreseeable redemptions. TexPool and Lone Star have a redemption notice period of one day and no maximum transaction amounts. The investment pools' authorities may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities market, general banking moratorium or national or state emergency that affects the pools' liquidity.

TexSTAR is duly chartered by the State of Texas Interlocal Cooperation Act, is administered by Hilltop Securities, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc. (JPMIM), and managed by JPMIM, who provides custody and investment management.

The primary objectives of TexSTAR are, in order of priority, preservation and protection of principal, maintenance of sufficient liquidity to meet Participants' needs, and yield. The portfolio will maintain a dollar-weighted average maturity that does not exceed 60 days and seeks to maintain a net asset value of \$1.00 per share. TexSTAR may invest in securities including: obligations of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; other obligations which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the U.S.; fully collateralized repurchase agreements with a defined termination date and unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the U.S. or its agencies and instrumentalities; and SEC-registered no-load money-market fund which meet the requirements of the Public Funds Investment Act. The investment pool has a redemption notice period of one day and no maximum transaction amounts. The investment pools' authorities may only impose restrictions on redemptions in the event of a general suspension of trading on major securities market, general banking moratorium or national or state emergency that affects the pools' liquidity.

#### **Credit Risk**

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The minimum rating required by the Public Funds Investment Act for local government investment pools is AAA or AAAM. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District was not significantly exposed to credit risk, and its investment pool met the minimum required rating as noted in the preceding table.

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### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the investments. The District monitors interest rate risk utilizing weighted average maturity analysis and specific identification. Investments with maturities longer than one year shall be authorized by the Superintendent and shall not exceed legal limits prescribed by the state and federal laws.

### Concentration of Credit Risk

The District's investment policy does not limit an investment in any one issuer. The investment portfolio shall be diversified in terms of investment instruments, maturity scheduling, and financial institutions to reduce risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific class of investments, specific maturity, or specific issuer.

### Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. On June 30, 2023, the District's banks' balances, including fiduciary funds, were not exposed to custodial credit risk because it was insured and collateralized with securities held by the District's agent in the District's name.

### Custodial Credit Risk – Investments

For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District's investments are held by the District's agent in the District's name for the benefit of the District.

### Investments - Foundation

As of June 30, 2023, the Barbers Hill Independent School District Education Foundation had investments as follows:

Barbers Hill ISD Education Foundation	S&P Rating	June 30, 2023	Fair Value Measurements Using		Percentage of Total Investments	Weighted Average Maturity (Days)
			Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		
Investments measured at fair value (NAV), not subject to level reporting:						
Alternative investments		\$ 4,056,359	\$ -	\$ -	4%	
Investments measured at fair value, subject to level reporting:						
U.S. treasury notes	Not Rated	7,553,232	7,553,232	-	8%	212
Fixed income funds - corporate bonds	BBB- to AAA	7,128,918	-	7,128,918	8%	606
Equity securities - stocks	Not Rated	50,709,590	50,709,590	-	54%	N/A
Equity funds- mutual funds	Not Rated	24,350,625	24,350,625	-	26%	N/A
<b>Total value</b>		<b>\$ 93,798,724</b>	<b>\$ 82,613,447</b>	<b>\$ 7,128,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	
<b>Portfolio weighted average maturity</b>						<b>46</b>

The Foundation follows the investment policy approved by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

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The Foundation's alternative investments represent an investment in units of Partners Group Private Equity (Master Fund), LLC (the Fund), which is a registered non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. The fund is managed by Partners Group Inc. (the Advisor), an investment advisor, and governed by a board of managers that provides oversight responsibility for the management and supervision of the business operations of the Fund. The Fund's investment objective is to seek long-term capital appreciation by investing in a wholly owned diversified portfolio of private equity and debt investments including infrastructure. The Fund offers two classes of units and each class represents a pro rata interest in the Fund. Realized and unrealized gains and losses and net investment income and losses, other than class-specific expenses, are allocated daily to each class of units based on the relative net assets of each class to the total net assets of the Fund. Units of the Fund are offered for purchase as of the first day of each calendar month and units can be redeemed each January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Foundation has no unfunded commitments to the Fund. The Fund's accounting and reporting policies conform with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Advisor has valued the investment in alternative investments at \$4,056,359 using the underlying fund net asset value as a practical expedient to measure fair value as of June 30, 2023. These investments are exempt from categorization within the fair value hierarchy.

Fixed income funds classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using a matrix pricing technique. Matrix pricing is used to value securities based on the securities' relationship to benchmark quoted prices.

U.S. treasury, equity securities – stocks and equity funds – mutual funds are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities.

#### Restricted Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

The debt service fund reports restricted cash, cash equivalents and investments for the following purpose:

Restricted Purpose	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Investments
Qualified School Construction Bonds	\$ 649,475	\$ 3,617,227
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 649,475</b>	<b>\$ 3,617,227</b>

#### B. Receivables

Tax revenues of the general and debt service funds are reported net of estimated uncollectible amounts. Total change in uncollectible amounts related to revenues of the current period increased (decreased) revenues as follows:

Change in uncollectibles related to general fund property taxes	\$ (4,209)
Change in uncollectibles related to debt service property taxes	<u>(2,545)</u>
<b>Total change in uncollectibles of the current fiscal year</b>	<b><u>\$ (6,754)</u></b>

Approximately 51% of the outstanding balance of property taxes is not anticipated to be collected within the next year.

A concentration of risk exists for local revenue sources since approximately 52% of the District's taxable property value is attributed to two taxpayers. Similarly, the District's ten largest taxpayers approximate 75% of the total taxable value of the District.



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### C. Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers

#### 1. Receivables/Payables

The composition of interfund receivable/payable balances as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Due From/To Other Funds	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables
General fund	\$ 1,011,041	\$ 31,265
Capital projects fund	552,854	-
Nonmajor governmental funds	42,548	1,575,178
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,606,443</b>	<b>\$ 1,606,443</b>

As of June 30, 2023, a balance of \$552,854 was due from nonmajor funds to the capital projects fund for capital expenditures paid by the capital projects fund. The remainder of the balances consist of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements that generally result from payroll and other regularly occurring charges that are primarily paid by the general fund and then charged back to the appropriate other fund.

#### 2. Transfers

The composition of interfund transfers between the various funds at June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Transfer Out	Transfers In	Amount
Capital projects fund	General fund	\$ 36,627
General fund	Nonmajor governmental funds	65,225
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 101,852</b>

The transfers were made to supplement construction projects and for tuition for Pre-K student meals at year end.

### D. Equity Investment

In April 2023, the Foundation, Americus Brickyard GP, LLC and Americus Brickyard Investors, LLC formed a joint venture called Americus Brickyard Partners, LTD (JV). The purpose of the joint venture was to acquire, develop and construct, own, hold, operate, lease, manage, finance, and refinance, position and market for sale, lease, exchange or otherwise dispose of certain property. The Foundation has a 50% interest, Americus Brickyard GP, LLC has a 0.01% interest and Americus Brickyard Investors, LLC has a 49.99% interest. Profits and losses, are allocated proportionate to their equity interests. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Foundation provided capital contributions of \$5,000,000. The Foundation equity interest in the joint venture totaled \$5,000,000 as of June 30, 2023 and is recorded as an asset in the statement of net position. The JV does not issue separately available financial statements.

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### E. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the primary government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:					
Land and improvements	\$ 5,971,230	\$ 188,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,160,156
Construction in progress	142,395,540	7,170,556	-	(142,162,337)	7,403,759
Total capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized	148,366,770	7,359,482	-	(142,162,337)	13,563,915
Capital assets, being depreciated/amortized:					
Buildings and improvements	330,024,144	11,281,097	-	142,162,337	483,467,578
Furniture and equipment	26,571,792	2,264,526	(83,738)	-	28,752,580
Right-to-use subscriptions*	176,146	294,639	-	-	470,785
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized	356,772,082	13,840,262	(83,738)	142,162,337	512,690,943
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:					
Buildings and improvements	(79,398,167)	(7,262,505)	-	-	(86,660,672)
Furniture and equipment	(21,087,070)	(1,583,485)	73,937	-	(22,596,618)
Right-to-use subscriptions	-	(134,767)	-	-	(134,767)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(100,485,237)	(8,980,757)	73,937	-	(109,392,057)
Total capital assets, being depreciated/amortized, net	256,286,845	4,859,505	(9,801)	142,162,337	403,298,886
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 404,653,615</b>	<b>\$ 12,218,987</b>	<b>\$ (9,801)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 416,862,801</b>

\* Right-to-use subscriptions have been adjusted to reflect a beginning balance upon adoption of GASB 96.

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions/programs of the District as follows:

Governmental activities:	
11 Instruction	\$ 6,038,671
12 Instructional resources and media services	7,089
13 Curriculum and instructional staff development	723
33 Health services	1,499
34 Student transportation	624,857
35 Food services	7,824
36 Extracurricular activities	787,796
41 General administration	115,838
51 Plant maintenance and operations	1,176,525
52 Security and monitoring services	153,298
53 Data processing services	60,139
61 Community services	6,498
<b>Total depreciation/amortization expense-governmental activities</b>	<b>\$ 8,980,757</b>

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### Construction Commitments

The District has active construction projects as of June 30, 2023. The projects include the construction and equipment of school facilities. At year-end, the District's commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Remaining Commitment
Intermediate South North Campus	\$ 1,151,042
Intermediate School South Campus	1,232,918
Transportation Center	185,070
High School Addition	1,312,500
Track Resurface	176,347
Locker Room Renovations	321,767
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 4,379,644</b>

The commitment for construction and equipment of school facilities is being financed by general obligation bonds secured by tax revenues and local funds.

Capital asset activity for the component unit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Transfers & Adjustments	Ending Balance
Component unit activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated:					
Land and improvements	\$ 10,898,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,898,754
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	10,898,754	-	-	-	10,898,754
Capital assets, being depreciated:					
Furniture and equipment	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Total capital assets, being depreciated	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Furniture and equipment	(833)	(833)	-	-	(1,666)
Total accumulated depreciation	(833)	(833)	-	-	(1,666)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	24,167	(833)	-	-	23,334
<b>Component unit activities capital assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 10,922,921</b>	<b>\$ (833)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 10,922,088</b>

### F. Long-term Liabilities

The District's long-term liabilities consist of bond indebtedness, subscription liabilities, workers' compensation claims, and net pension and OPEB liability. The current requirements for general obligation bonds principal and interest expenditures are accounted for in the debt service fund. The general fund has been used to liquidate any other long-term liability not accounted for in the debt service fund.

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### Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
Bonds payable:					
General obligation bonds, par	\$ 351,775,000	\$ 104,605,000	\$ (22,055,000)	\$ 434,325,000	\$ 22,705,000
Issuance premiums (CIB's)	42,530,263	8,861,325	(2,736,042)	48,655,546	-
Issuance discounts (CIB's)	(20,684)	-	3,072	(17,612)	-
Total bonds payable	394,284,579	113,466,325	(24,787,970)	482,962,934	22,705,000
Subscription liabilities*	164,530	180,913	(107,930)	237,513	118,718
Workers' compensation	387,175	47,816	(176,501)	258,490	258,490
Net pension liability	12,260,006	19,482,222	(2,313,135)	29,429,093	-
Net OPEB liability	22,539,457	1,821,217	(9,613,381)	14,747,293	-
<b>Governmental activities long-term liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 429,635,747</b>	<b>\$ 134,998,493</b>	<b>\$ (36,998,917)</b>	<b>\$ 527,635,323</b>	<b>\$ 23,082,208</b>

\* Subscription liabilities have been adjusted to reflect a beginning balance upon adoption of GASB 96.

### General Obligation Bonds

The District issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the construction and equipment of school buildings (BLDG and QSCB) and to refund general obligation bonds (REF).

General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and credit of the District.

The following is a summary of changes in the general obligation bonds for the fiscal year:

Series	Interest Rate	Original Issue	Maturity Date	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
2012 QSCB	3.880%	7,085,000	2029	\$ 7,085,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,085,000
2013 REF	2.0-3.0%	9,375,000	2029	7,370,000	-	(870,000)	6,500,000
2014 REF	2.0-5.0%	21,195,000	2030	11,355,000	-	(1,640,000)	9,715,000
2014A REF	2.0-5.0%	28,885,000	2027	13,775,000	-	(2,500,000)	11,275,000
2015 REF	2.0-4.0%	8,845,000	2032	8,740,000	-	-	8,740,000
2016	2.0-4.0%	13,860,000	2037	8,700,000	-	(390,000)	8,310,000
2017	2.0-5.0%	45,620,000	2042	43,680,000	-	(300,000)	43,380,000
2018	3.0-5.0%	50,665,000	2037	44,910,000	-	(2,390,000)	42,520,000
2018 REF	3.0-5.0%	26,075,000	2025	11,965,000	-	(4,250,000)	7,715,000
2019	5.000%	11,970,000	2028	11,095,000	-	(1,270,000)	9,825,000
2019 REF	4.00%	60,395,000	2028	44,015,000	-	(6,720,000)	37,295,000
2020	3.0-5.0%	139,515,000	2042	139,085,000	-	(1,725,000)	137,360,000
2022	4.0-5.0%	104,605,000	2042	-	104,605,000	-	104,605,000
<b>Totals</b>				<b>\$ 351,775,000</b>	<b>\$ 104,605,000</b>	<b>\$ (22,055,000)</b>	<b>\$ 434,325,000</b>

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Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation bonds are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2024	\$ 22,705,000	\$ 18,417,498	\$ 41,122,498
2025	24,545,000	17,419,098	41,964,098
2026	23,085,000	16,356,173	39,441,173
2027	23,775,000	15,336,548	39,111,548
2028	24,830,000	14,326,198	39,156,198
2029	27,580,000	13,226,948	40,806,948
2030	21,295,000	11,988,850	33,283,850
2031	21,480,000	10,984,700	32,464,700
2032	21,625,000	10,027,700	31,652,700
2033	21,765,000	9,101,600	30,866,600
2034	21,900,000	8,166,800	30,066,800
2035	22,065,000	7,223,300	29,288,300
2036	22,245,000	6,269,750	28,514,750
2037	22,430,000	5,281,450	27,711,450
2038	22,525,000	4,328,100	26,853,100
2039	22,550,000	3,519,800	26,069,800
2040	22,560,000	2,704,800	25,264,800
2041	22,560,000	1,911,350	24,471,350
2042	22,805,000	1,008,950	23,813,950
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 434,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 177,599,613</u>	<u>\$ 611,924,613</u>

As of June 30, 2023, the District has no authorized but unissued bonds from the May 2020 bond election or any other election.

Beginning February 2015, the 2012 Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) payments are deposited annually into an escrow account in the Debt Service Fund until maturity of the bonds on February 15, 2029. At which time, the accumulation of deposits will total \$7,085,000 and will pay off the outstanding QSCB debt.

In previous fiscal years, the District defeased certain previously issued and outstanding bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. As of June 30, 2023, the District had no outstanding defeased bonds.

#### **Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)**

The District has entered into multiple SBITAs that allow the right-to-use the SBITA vendor's information technology software over the subscription term. The District is required to make monthly or annual payments at its incremental borrowing rate.

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The SBITA rate, term and ending subscription liabilities are as follows:

<b>Governmental activities</b>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Liability at Commencement</u>	<u>SBITA Term in Years</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Software subscriptions	2.02% - 2.56%	\$ 345,443	1.5 - 5	\$ 237,513
<b>Total governmental activities</b>				<u>\$ 237,513</u>

The future principal and interest SBITA payments as of fiscal year end are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 118,718	\$ 4,502	\$ 123,220
2025	38,392	2,762	41,154
2026	41,554	1,875	43,429
2027	38,849	915	39,764
<b>Total governmental activities</b>	<u>\$ 237,513</u>	<u>\$ 10,054</u>	<u>\$ 247,567</u>

The value of the right-to-use subscription assets as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$470,785 and had accumulated amortization of \$134,767.

### G. Fund Balance

Other committed fund balance includes the following commitments of funds:

General fund:	
Potential property value decline	\$ 4,000,000
Future expansion	<u>4,000,000</u>
<b>Total other committed fund balance</b>	<u>\$ 8,000,000</u>

### H. Revenues from Local and Intermediate Sources

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

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Nonmajor Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Property taxes	\$ 78,797,170	\$ 46,400,411	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,197,581
Payments in lieu of taxes	17,715,139	-	-	-	17,715,139
Charges for services	1,148,506	-	-	4,411,601	5,560,107
County equalization	4,205,564	-	-	-	4,205,564
County available	486,244	-	-	-	486,244
Investment earnings(losses)	1,301,982	911,331	3,611,340	91	5,824,744
Other	3,724,719.00	-	-	789,835	4,514,554
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$ 107,379,324</u>	<u>\$ 47,311,742</u>	<u>\$ 3,611,340</u>	<u>\$ 5,201,527</u>	<u>\$ 163,503,933</u>

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### Note 4. Other Information

#### A. Risk Management

##### General

Like all public school districts, 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 the fiscal year 2023, the District purchased commercial insurance or participated in risk pools in which the District transfers the risk for claims related to property and liability risks.

##### Health Care Coverage

During the year ended June 30, 2023, employees of the District were covered by TRS-Active Care (the Plan) a statewide health coverage program for Texas public education employees, implemented by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The District paid premiums of \$250 per month, per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to the TRS. The legislature created the Plan for public school employee group health coverage in 2002-03, requiring all Districts with fewer than 500 employees to participate in the Plan.

##### Workers' Compensation

During the year ended June 30, 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 Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's Workers' Compensation Program is authorized by Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code. All members participating in the Fund execute Interlocal Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The Fund provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members and their injured employees.

The District participates in the Fund's reimbursable aggregate deductible program. As such, the member is responsible for a certain amount of claims liability as outlined on the member's Contribution and Coverage Summary document. After the member's deductible has been met, the Fund is responsible for additional claims liability.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher than expected claims costs through the purchase of stop loss coverage for any claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retention of \$2 million. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine reserve adequacy and fully funds those reserves. As of August 31, 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 fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the Fund anticipates no additional liability to members beyond their contractual obligations for payment of contributions and reimbursable aggregate deductibles.

The liability estimation requires the estimate of loss development over an extended period of time. During the self-insurance period of time, numerous internal and external factors will affect the ultimate settlement value of claims. Due to the inherent uncertainty with regard to the impact of these factors, there can be no guarantee that actual losses will not vary, perhaps significantly, from the estimates. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year or settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

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The following is a summary of the changes in the balances of claims liabilities for workers' compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30:

	Year Ended 6/30/2023	Year Ended 6/30/2022
Unpaid claims, beginning of fiscal year	\$ 387,175	\$ 143,948
Incurred claims (including IBNR's and changes in provisions)	47,816	506,613
Claim payments	(176,501)	(263,386)
<b>Unpaid claims, end of fiscal year</b>	<b>\$ 258,490</b>	<b>\$ 387,175</b>

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

#### B. Litigation and Contingencies

The District is a defendant in a legal claim arising principally in the normal course of operations. In the opinion of the District's management, the District does not expect a loss and such matter will not have a material effect on the District's financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

The District participates in a number of federal and state financial assistance programs. Although the District's grant programs have been audited in accordance with the provisions of the Single Audit Act through June 30, 2023, these programs are subject to financial and compliance audits by the grantor agencies. The District is also subject to audit by the TEA of the attendance data upon which payments from the agency are based. These audits could result in questioned costs or refunds to be paid back to the granting agencies.

#### C. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

##### Plan Description

The District participates in a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension that has a special funding situation. The plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) and 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 work load and who are not exempted from membership under Texas Government Code, Title 8, Section 822.002 are covered by the system.

##### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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



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### Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3% (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity, except for members who are grandfathered where 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 postemployment benefit changes, including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Ad hoc postemployment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as previously noted in the Plan Description above.

### Contributions

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

Employee contribution rates are set in state statute, Texas Government Code 825.402. The 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 thru 2025.

Rates for such plan fiscal years are as follows:

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

The contribution amounts for the District's fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

District contributions	\$	2,778,981
Member contributions		5,792,211
NECE on-behalf contributions (State)		3,935,488

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.

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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 the fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State of Texas as the employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

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

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

- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment-after-retirement surcharge.
- Public education employer contribution - all public schools, charter schools and regional education service centers must contribute 1.7% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2022, gradually increasing to 2.0% in fiscal year 2025.

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

On June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$29,429,093 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 are as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 29,429,093
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>44,466,350</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 73,895,443</u></b>

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

At the measurement date of August 31, 2022, the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0495711% which was an increase of 0.0014293% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$8,402,153 and revenue of \$4,250,479 for support provided by the State.

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On June 30, 2023, the District reported 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 experience	\$ 426,719	\$ 641,610
Changes of assumptions	5,483,598	1,366,666
Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,907,500	-
Changes in proportion and difference between District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	2,864,459	497,542
District contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date	2,372,471	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 14,054,747</b>	<b>\$ 2,505,818</b>

\$2,372,471 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	Year Ending June 30,
2024	\$ 2,561,803
2025	1,577,116
2026	637,464
2027	3,766,003
2028	634,072
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 9,176,458</b>

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### Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The actuarial valuation of the total pension liability was performed as of August 31, 2021. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to August 31, 2022 and was determined using the following actuarial methods and assumptions:

Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age normal
Asset valuation method	Fair value
Single discount rate	7.00%
Long-term expected rate of return	7.00%
Municipal bond rate as of August 2022	3.91%. Source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index"
Last year ending August 31 in projection period (100 years)	2121
Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	2.95% to 8.95% including inflation
Ad hoc postemployment benefit changes	None
Active mortality rates	The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2021 TRS of Texas Healthy Pensioner Mortality Tables with full generational projection using the ultimate improvement rates from the most recently published projection scale ("U-MP"). The active mortality rates were based on the published PUB(2010) Mortality Tables for Teachers, below median, also with full generational mortality.

The actuarial methods and assumptions are primarily based on a study of actual experience for the three year period ending August 31, 2021 and adopted in July 2022.

### Discount Rate and Long-term Expected Rate of Return

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 pension plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature in the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 8.50 percent of payroll in fiscal year 2020 gradually increasing to 9.55 percent of payroll over the next several years. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected 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.

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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 TRS's target asset allocation as of August 31, 2022 are summarized below:

Asset Class	Target Allocation**	Long-term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return***	Expected Contribution to Long-term Portfolio Returns
Global equity:			
U.S.	18.00%	4.60%	1.12%
Non-U.S. developed	13.00%	4.90%	0.90%
Emerging markets	9.00%	5.40%	0.75%
Private equity*	14.00%	7.70%	1.55%
Stable value:			
Government bonds	16.00%	1.00%	0.22%
Absolute return*	-	3.70%	-
Stable value hedge funds	5.00%	3.40%	0.18%
Real return:			
Real estate	15.00%	4.10%	0.94%
Energy, natural resources and infrastructure	6.00%	5.10%	0.37%
Commodities	-	3.60%	-
Risk parity:			
Risk parity	8.00%	4.60%	0.43%
Asset allocation leverage:			
Cash	2.00%	3.00%	0.01%
Asset allocation leverage cash	-6.00%	3.60%	-0.05%
Inflation expectation			2.70%
Volatility drag****			-0.91%
<b>Total</b>	100.00%		8.21%

\* Absolute return includes credit sensitive investments.

\*\* Target allocations are based on the FY 2022 policy model.

\*\*\* Capital market assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 8/31/2022).

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

### Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it was calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 45,780,511	\$ 29,429,093	\$ 16,175,502

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### Change of Assumptions Since the Prior Measurement Date

New assumptions were adopted in conjunction with an actuarial experience study since the prior measurement date that affected measurement of the total pension liability during the measurement period. The primary assumption change was the lowering of the single discount rate from 7.25 percent to 7.00 percent.

### Change of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date

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

## D. Defined Other Postemployment Benefit Plan

### 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. TRS-Care was established in 1986 by the Texas Legislature and is administered through a trust by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) Board of Trustees in accordance with the Texas Insurance Code, Chapter 1575. 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 at [http://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about\\_archive\\_cafra.aspx](http://www.trs.texas.gov/Pages/about_archive_cafra.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-employment benefit changes; including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). The Board of Trustees of TRS is granted the authority to establish basic and optional group insurance coverage for participants as well as to amend benefit terms as needed under Chapter 1575.052.

The 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

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### 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 0.65% of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the employer. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act.

Rates for such plan fiscal years are as follows:

	Contribution Rates	
	2023	2022
Active employee	0.65%	0.65%
Non-employer contribution entity (State)	1.25%	1.25%
Employers (District)	0.75%	0.75%
Federal/private funding*	1.25%	1.25%

\*Contributions paid from federal funds and private grants are remitted by the employer (District) and paid at the State rate.

The contribution amounts for the District's fiscal year 2023 are as follows:

District contributions	\$	560,804
Member contributions		470,619
NECE on-behalf contributions (State)		892,502

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 hiring a TRS retiree, employers are required to pay TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

The State of Texas also contributed \$375,485, \$200,688, and \$290,065 in 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively, for on-behalf payments for Medicare Part D.

TRS-Care received a supplemental appropriation 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.

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

On June 30, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$14,747,293 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net OPEB liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided by 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 are as follows:

District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 14,747,293
State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the District	<u>17,989,381</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 32,736,674</u></b>

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

At the measurement date of August 31, 2022, the employer's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.0615908% which was an increase of 0.0031598% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized net OPEB revenue of \$(3,498,820) due to recognition of deferred inflows in excess of deferred outflows and current year expense. OPEB revenue of \$(2,552,838) was recognized for support provided by the State.

On June 30, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS' deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 819,897	\$ 12,285,819
Changes of assumptions	2,246,305	10,245,542
Difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	43,928	-
Changes in proportion and difference between District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	6,162,410	-
District contributions paid subsequent to the measurement date	<u>475,020</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,747,560</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 22,531,361</u></b>



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\$475,020 reported as deferred outflows of resources resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,		
2024	\$	(2,620,603)
2025		(2,620,444)
2026		(1,995,063)
2027		(1,148,401)
2028		(1,585,709)
Thereafter		<u>(3,288,601)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>(13,258,821)</u></b>

#### Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The actuarial valuation of the total OPEB liability 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 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 following assumptions used for the valuation of the TRS-Care OPEB liability are identical to the assumptions employed in the August 31, 2021 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2022:

<u>Demographic Assumptions</u>	<u>Economic Assumptions</u>
Rates of mortality	General inflation
Rates of retirement	Wage inflation
Rates of termination	
Rates of disability	

See Note 4.C for detail on these assumptions. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017.

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

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.

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The following methods and additional assumptions were used in the TRS-Care OPEB valuation:

Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age normal
Single discount rate	3.91%
Aging factors	Based on plan specific experience
Election rates	Normal retirement: 62% participation prior to age 65 and 25% after age 65. Pre-65 retirees: 30% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65.
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.
Ad hoc postemployment benefit changes	None

### Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.91% was used to measure the total OPEB liability at August 31, 2022. This was an increase of 1.96% in the discount rate since the August 31, 2021 measurement date. The plan is essentially a "pay-as-you-go" plan, and based on the assumption that contributions are made at the statutorily required rates, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments to current plan members and therefore, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. The source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data / Yield Curve / Data Municipal Bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2022.

### Sensitivity Analysis of Rates

#### Discount Rate

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of the TRS-Care net OPEB liability, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that was 1% less than and 1% greater than the discount rate that was used (3.91%) in measuring the net OPEB liability.

	1% Decrease (2.91%)	Current Discount Rate (3.91%)	1% Increase (4.91%)
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 17,388,228	\$ 14,747,293	\$ 12,607,797

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#### Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following table presents the District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability using the assumed healthcare cost trend rate, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the assumed health-care cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 12,151,836	\$ 14,747,293	\$ 18,111,969

#### **Change of Assumptions Since the Prior Measurement Date**

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.
- Lower participation rates and updates to the health care trend rate assumptions were also factors that decreased the total OPEB liability.

#### **Change of Benefit Terms Since the Prior Measurement Date**

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

#### **Note 5. Tax Abatements**

The District entered into property tax abatement agreements with local businesses under Texas Tax Code, Title 3, Subtitle B, Chapter 313, Texas Economic Development Act (the Act) beginning December 14, 2009 through June 25, 2018. Under the Act, Texas school districts may grant property tax abatements according to the category of taxable value of property in the District for the preceding tax year. Barbers Hill Independent School District is a Category II district, which limits the minimum amount per qualified investment to \$80 million. The qualified property is limited only from maintenance and operation (M&O) property tax. The tax abatements, which are approved by the Texas Comptroller's office and the District's Board, are granted for the purpose of enhancing the local community; improving the public education system; creating high-paying jobs; and advancing economic development goals.

The agreements were for local businesses to invest a minimum capital investment totaling \$1,220,000,000 within the District's boundaries during a qualifying period and to create jobs. Such investments would be limited to taxable value of the lesser of qualified appraised value or the agreements that range individually from \$30,000,000 to \$80,000,000. The District's tax abatements expire in increments beginning in December 31, 2023 through December 31, 2031.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the District foregoes collecting property taxes totaling \$59,882,298 resulting from the M&O tax rate of \$0.8646 per \$100 of taxable value. The qualified property per the agreements had a taxable value of \$8,146,011,844 and was limited to a taxable value of \$1,220,000,000. However, in foregoing the property tax revenue, the District receives state funding through the Foundation School Program funding formula to offset the loss of property tax revenues. In addition, the local businesses receiving such property tax abatements have committed to compensate the District for the loss of M&O revenue, reimburse the District for all non-reimbursed costs for extraordinary education related expenses not funded by state aid, and compensate the District for the greater of \$100 per student per average daily attendance (ADA) or \$50,000 during the term of the agreement.

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#### **Note 6. Nonmonetary Transactions**

During fiscal year 2023, the District received goods purchased by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) through the Food Distribution Program (commodities). These commodities have been recorded in the amount of \$151,441 in a special revenue fund as federal revenues, which represents the amount of consideration given by TDA.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Exhibit G-1**

Data Control Codes		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$ 88,635,863	\$ 108,619,123	\$ 107,379,324	\$ (1,239,799)
5800	State program revenues	20,195,067	20,116,085	18,002,797	(2,113,288)
5900	Federal program revenues	605,000	890,000	729,174	(160,826)
5020	Total revenues	109,435,930	129,625,208	126,111,295	(3,513,913)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
0011	Instruction	59,217,587	59,217,588	57,991,060	1,226,528
0012	Instructional resources and media services	812,542	812,542	807,633	4,909
0013	Curriculum and instructional staff development	2,156,582	2,156,582	2,119,544	37,038
0021	Instructional leadership	660,357	660,357	571,412	88,945
0023	School leadership	4,992,884	4,992,884	4,976,853	16,031
0031	Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	4,050,195	4,050,195	3,931,294	118,901
0032	Social work services	577,332	577,532	577,466	66
0033	Health services	1,179,377	1,203,377	1,198,583	4,794
0034	Student transportation	4,050,007	4,050,007	3,776,093	273,914
0035	Food services	838	838	430	408
0036	Extracurricular activities	2,334,570	3,089,571	3,061,677	27,894
0041	General administration	3,694,538	4,256,538	4,128,698	127,840
0051	Plant maintenance and operations	10,972,213	10,972,213	10,416,696	555,517
0052	Security and monitoring services	1,359,192	1,387,192	1,358,692	28,500
0053	Data processing services	1,721,087	1,900,087	1,835,913	64,174
0061	Community services	93,300	10,187,300	10,164,804	22,496
Debt service:					
0071	Principal on long-term debt	-	349,506	107,930	241,576
0072	Interest on long-term debt	-	494	494	-
Capital outlay:					
0081	Facilities acquisition and construction	28	34,028	23,532	10,496
Intergovernmental:					
0091	Contracted instructional services between schools	7,800,000	21,800,000	21,584,132	215,868
0099	Other intergovernmental charges	861,000	944,000	943,452	548
6030	Total expenditures	106,533,629	132,642,831	129,576,388	3,066,443
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,902,301	(3,017,623)	(3,465,093)	(447,470)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
7913	Proceeds from leased subscription assets	-	350,000	180,913	(169,087)
7915	Transfers in	-	37,000	36,627	(373)
8911	Transfers out	-	(66,000)	(65,225)	775
8948	Tax refund pursuant to Texas Tax Code 313	(2,324,010)	(2,467,010)	(2,466,877)	133
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	(2,324,010)	(2,146,010)	(2,314,562)	(168,552)
1200	Net change in fund balance	578,291	(5,163,633)	(5,779,655)	(616,022)
0100	Fund balance - beginning	42,991,977	42,991,977	42,991,977	-
3000	<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	\$ 43,570,268	\$ 37,828,344	\$ 37,212,322	\$ (616,022)

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District****Exhibit G-2**

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
of a Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer Pension Plan  
Teacher Retirement System of Texas  
For the Last Nine Fiscal Years\*

<b>Year</b>	<b>District's Proportion of Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the District</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</b>
2023	0.0495711%	\$ 29,429,093	\$ 44,466,350	\$ 73,895,443	\$ 65,167,369	45.16%	75.62%
2022	0.0481418%	12,260,006	18,428,556	30,688,562	59,123,645	20.74%	88.79%
2021	0.0433476%	23,216,093	36,152,796	59,368,889	53,181,037	43.65%	75.54%
2020	0.0455293%	23,667,533	32,406,900	56,074,433	48,637,212	48.66%	75.24%
2019	0.0422176%	23,237,589	33,097,397	56,334,986	44,041,414	52.76%	73.74%
2018	0.0384908%	12,307,296	20,767,188	33,074,484	42,876,104	28.70%	82.17%
2017	0.0377107%	14,250,308	23,482,791	37,733,099	39,867,733	35.74%	78.00%
2016	0.0379358%	13,409,800	21,228,484	34,638,284	36,566,914	36.67%	78.43%
2015	0.0289778%	7,740,371	17,284,882	25,025,253	34,374,026	22.52%	83.25%

\* The amounts presented for the fiscal years were determined as of the Plan's fiscal year end, August 31 of the prior year. Ten years of data is not available.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District****Exhibit G-3**

Schedule of the District's Contributions to the  
Teacher Retirement System of Texas Pension Plan  
For the Last Nine Fiscal Years\*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2023	\$ 2,778,981	\$ (2,778,981)	\$ -	\$ 72,403,471	3.84%
2022	2,246,153	(2,246,153)	-	63,957,498	3.51%
2021	2,008,700	(2,008,700)	-	58,022,986	3.46%
2020	1,769,857	(1,769,857)	-	52,414,801	3.38%
2019	1,562,159	(1,562,159)	-	47,867,176	3.26%
2018	1,427,277	(1,427,277)	-	44,684,592	3.19%
2017	1,011,809	(1,011,809)	-	41,232,770	2.45%
2016	1,185,438	(1,185,438)	-	39,298,947	3.02%
2015	1,062,115	(1,062,115)	-	36,325,507	2.92%

\* The amounts presented for the fiscal years were determined as of the District's fiscal year end.  
Ten years of data is not available.



## Barbers Hill Independent School District

Exhibit G-4

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability of a Cost-Sharing Multiple-Employer OPEB Plan Teacher Retirement System of Texas For the Last Six Fiscal Years\*

Year	District's Proportion of Net OPEB Liability	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability Associated with the District	Total	District's Covered Payroll	District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2023	0.0615908%	\$ 14,747,293	\$ 17,989,381	\$ 32,736,674	\$ 65,167,369	22.63%	11.52%
2022	0.0584310%	22,539,457	30,179,849	52,737,306	59,123,645	38.12%	6.18%
2021	0.0539220%	20,498,193	27,544,658	48,042,851	53,181,037	38.54%	4.99%
2020	0.0528847%	25,009,822	33,232,462	58,242,284	48,637,212	51.42%	2.66%
2019	0.0495648%	24,748,138	39,080,884	63,829,022	44,041,414	56.19%	1.57%
2018	0.0469035%	20,396,588	34,999,204	55,395,792	42,876,104	47.57%	0.91%

\* The amounts presented for the fiscal years were determined as of the Plan's fiscal year end, August 31 of the prior year. Ten years of data is not available.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District****Exhibit G-5**

Schedule of the District's Contributions to the  
Teacher Retirement System of Texas OPEB Plan  
For the Last Six Fiscal Years\*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>District's Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2023	\$ 560,804	\$ (560,804)	\$ -	\$ 72,403,471	0.77%
2022	491,392	(491,392)	-	63,957,498	0.77%
2021	448,100	(448,100)	-	58,022,986	0.77%
2020	406,125	(406,125)	-	52,414,801	0.77%
2019	369,030	(369,030)	-	47,867,176	0.77%
2018	329,178	(329,178)	-	44,684,592	0.74%

\* The amounts presented for the fiscal years were determined as of the District's fiscal year end.  
Ten years of data is not available.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

**Note 1. Budget**

**A. 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 no later than June 19 and adopted by June 30 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 June 19 of the preceding fiscal year, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July 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 July 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. Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability**

The following factors significantly affect trends in the amounts reported for the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and net OPEB liability:

**Changes in Actuarial Assumptions and Inputs**

Measurement Date August 31,	Net Pension Liability		Net OPEB Liability
	Discount Rate	Long-term Expected Rate of Return	Discount Rate
2022	7.000%	7.000%	3.910%
2021	7.250%	7.250%	1.950%
2020	7.250%	7.250%	2.330%
2019	7.250%	7.250%	2.630%
2018	6.907%	7.250%	3.690%
2017	8.000%	8.000%	3.420%
2016	8.000%	8.000%	
2015	8.000%	8.000%	
2014	8.000%	8.000%	

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#### **Changes in Demographic and Economic Assumptions**

For measurement date August 31, 2018 – Net Pension Liability and Net OPEB Liability:

- Demographic assumptions including post-retirement mortality, termination rates, and rates of retirement and economic assumptions, including rates of salary increase for individual participants were updated based on the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017.

#### **Changes in Benefit Terms**

For measurement date August 31, 2018 – Net OPEB Liability:

- Changes of benefit terms were made effective September 1, 2017 by the 85<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature.

#### **Other Changes**

For measurement date August 31, 2022 – Net OPEB Liability:

- The participation rate for pre-65 retirees was lowered from 65% to 62%. The participation rate for post-65 retirees was lowered from 40% to 25%.

For measurement date August 31, 2020 – Net OPEB Liability:

- The participation rate for post-65 retirees was lowered from 50% to 40%.
- The ultimate health care trend rate assumption decreased to reflect the repeal of the excise (Cadillac) tax on high-cost employer health plans.

For measurement date August 31, 2019 – Net Pension Liability:

- With the enactment of SB3 by the 2019 Texas Legislature, an assumption was made about how this would impact future salaries. It is assumed that eligible active members will each receive a \$2,700 increase in fiscal year 2020. This is in addition to the salary increase expected based on the actuarial assumptions.

For measurement date August 31, 2019 – Net OPEB Liability:

- The participation rate for pre-65 retirees was lowered from 70% to 65%. The participation rate for post-65 retirees was lowered from 75% to 50%. 25% of pre-65 retirees are assumed to discontinue their coverage at age 65.
- The trend rates were reset to better reflect the plan's anticipated experience.
- The percentage of retirees who are assumed to have two-person coverage was lowered from 20% to 15%. In addition, the participation assumption for the surviving spouses of employees that die while actively employed was lowered from 20% to 10%.

For measurement date August 31, 2018 – Net OPEB Liability:

- Adjustments were made for retirees that were known to have discontinued their health care coverage in fiscal year 2018.
- The health care trend rate assumption was updated to reflect the anticipated return of the Health Insurer Fee (HIF) in 2020.

## **Supplementary Information**

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Combining Balance Sheet  
 Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
 Special Revenue Funds  
 June 30, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	211	224	225
	<b>ESSA Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs</b>	<b>IDEA-Part B Formula</b>	<b>IDEA-Part B Preschool</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
1110 Cash and cash equivalents	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1240 Due from other governments	107,466	173,858	3,689
1241 Due from component unit	-	-	-
1260 Due from other funds	11,286	10	-
1290 Other receivables	-	-	-
1000 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 118,752</b>	<b>\$ 173,868</b>	<b>\$ 3,689</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
2110 Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 788	\$ -
2150 Payroll deductions and withholdings	1,547	1,761	41
2160 Accrued wages payable	80,850	55,917	1,895
2170 Due to other funds	36,355	115,402	1,753
2300 Unearned revenue	-	-	-
2000 Total liabilities	118,752	173,868	3,689
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
3450 Restricted - grants	-	-	-
3545 Committed - other	-	-	-
3000 Total fund balances	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 118,752</b>	<b>\$ 173,868</b>	<b>\$ 3,689</b>

226	240	244	255	263	280	283	284
<u>IDEA - Part B, Discretionary</u>	<u>National School Breakfast/Lunch Program</u>	<u>Career and Technical Basic Grant</u>	<u>ESSA Title II, Part A,: Teacher &amp; Principal Training &amp; Recruiting</u>	<u>Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition and Enhancement</u>	<u>ARP Homeless II—Education for Homeless Children and Youth</u>	<u>ESSER Supplemental</u>	<u>IDEA - Part B, Formula - ARP</u>
\$ -	\$ 1,694,470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 518,095	\$ -
111,114	-	7,558	65,617	203	184	69,694	23,248
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	866	36	-	-	-	-	-
-	12,979	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 111,114</u>	<u>\$ 1,708,315</u>	<u>\$ 7,594</u>	<u>\$ 65,617</u>	<u>\$ 203</u>	<u>\$ 184</u>	<u>\$ 587,789</u>	<u>\$ 23,248</u>
\$ -	\$ 886	\$ 3,204	\$ 15,314	\$ -	\$ 124	\$ 12,000	\$ 872
-	7,100	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	169,784	-	-	-	-	1,485	2,822
111,114	-	4,390	49,772	203	60	574,304	19,554
-	115,014	-	531	-	-	-	-
111,114	292,784	7,594	65,617	203	184	587,789	23,248
-	1,415,531	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1,415,531	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ 111,114</u>	<u>\$ 1,708,315</u>	<u>\$ 7,594</u>	<u>\$ 65,617</u>	<u>\$ 203</u>	<u>\$ 184</u>	<u>\$ 587,789</u>	<u>\$ 23,248</u>

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Combining Balance Sheet

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

Special Revenue Funds – Continued

June 30, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	<b>288</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>397</b>
	<b>Summer School LEP</b>	<b>Federally Funded Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>Advanced Placement Incentives</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
1110 Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,918	\$ -	\$ 19,341
1240 Due from other governments	-	4,490	-
1241 Due from component unit	-	-	-
1260 Due from other funds	-	-	-
1290 Other receiv ables	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
1000 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,918</b>	<b>\$ 4,490</b>	<b>\$ 19,341</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
2110 Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 3,120	\$ 13,775
2150 Payroll deductions and withholdings	-	-	-
2160 Accrued wages payable	-	-	-
2170 Due to other funds	2,918	1,088	-
2300 Unearned revenue	-	282	-
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2000 Total liabilities	2,918	4,490	13,775
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
3450 Restricted - grants	-	-	5,566
3545 Committed - other	-	-	-
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
3000 Total fund balances	-	-	5,566
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,918</b>	<b>\$ 4,490</b>	<b>\$ 19,341</b>



404	410	425	426	429	461	480	Total
Student Success Initiatives	State Textbook Fund	School Safety Standards Grant Fund	Silent Panic Alert Grant Fund	State Funded Special Revenue Funds	Campus Activity Funds	BHISD Education Foundation Grant	Nonmajor Funds (See Exhibit C-1)
\$ 81	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 690,277	\$ 70,897	\$ 2,996,079
-	48,527	102,410	-	3,360	-	-	721,418
-	-	-	-	-	-	448,647	448,647
-	-	-	17,142	-	13,208	-	42,548
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,979
<u>\$ 81</u>	<u>\$ 48,527</u>	<u>\$ 102,410</u>	<u>\$ 17,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,360</u>	<u>\$ 703,485</u>	<u>\$ 519,544</u>	<u>\$ 4,221,671</u>
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,394	\$ 7,718	\$ 155,195
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,449
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	312,753
-	48,527	102,410	17,142	3,360	-	486,826	1,575,178
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	115,827
-	48,527	102,410	17,142	3,360	97,394	494,544	2,169,402
81	-	-	-	-	606,091	-	2,027,269
-	-	-	-	-	-	25,000	25,000
<u>81</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>606,091</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>2,052,269</u>
<u>\$ 81</u>	<u>\$ 48,527</u>	<u>\$ 102,410</u>	<u>\$ 17,142</u>	<u>\$ 3,360</u>	<u>\$ 703,485</u>	<u>\$ 519,544</u>	<u>\$ 4,221,671</u>

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Special Revenue Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	211	224	225
	<b>ESSA Title I, Part A - Improving Basic Programs</b>	<b>IDEA-Part B Formula</b>	<b>IDEA-Part B Preschool</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700 Local and intermediate revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5800 State program revenues	-	-	-
5900 Federal program revenues	457,793	844,699	14,636
5020 Total revenues	457,793	844,699	14,636
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	454,193	573,156	14,636
0012 Instructional resources and media services	-	-	-
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	3,600	-	-
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	-	271,543	-
0032 Social work services	-	-	-
0035 Food services	-	-	-
0036 Extracurricular activities	-	-	-
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	-	-	-
0052 Security and monitoring services	-	-	-
0053 Data processing services	-	-	-
0061 Community services	-	-	-
6030 Total expenditures	457,793	844,699	14,636
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	-
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
7915 Transfers in	-	-	-
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
1200 Net change in fund balances	-	-	-
0100 Fund balances - beginning	-	-	-
3000 <b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

226	240	244	255	263	280	283	284
<b>IDEA - Part B, Discretionary</b>	<b>National School Breakfast/Lunch Program</b>	<b>Career and Technical Basic Grant</b>	<b>ESSA Title II, Part A,; Teacher &amp; Principal Training &amp; Recruiting</b>	<b>Title III, Part A English Language Acquisition and Enhancement</b>	<b>ARP Homeless II—Education for Homeless Children and Youth</b>	<b>ESSER Supplemental</b>	<b>IDEA - Part B, Formula - ARP</b>
\$ -	\$ 3,326,070	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	102,411	-	-	-	-	-	-
111,114	1,089,352	48,240	121,821	18,723	4,508	866,061	80,208
111,114	4,517,833	48,240	121,821	18,723	4,508	866,061	80,208
111,114	-	48,240	27,746	15,813	-	732,940	60,479
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	94,075	2,910	-	133,121	19,729
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	4,325,087	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	4,508	-	-
111,114	4,325,087	48,240	121,821	18,723	4,508	866,061	80,208
-	192,746	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	38,445	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	38,445	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	231,191	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	1,184,340	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,531</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Special Revenue Funds – Continued  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>	<b>288</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>397</b>
	<b>Summer School LEP</b>	<b>Federally Funded Special Revenue Funds</b>	<b>Advanced Placement Incentives</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
5700 Local and intermediate revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
5800 State program revenues	-	-	4,510
5900 Federal program revenues	2,918	37,636	-
5020 Total revenues	2,918	37,636	4,510
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	2,918	26,843	-
0012 Instructional resources and media services	-	-	-
0013 Curriculum and instructional staff development	-	3,520	15,511
0031 Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	-	-	-
0032 Social work services	-	-	-
0035 Food services	-	-	-
0036 Extracurricular activities	-	3,710	-
0051 Plant maintenance and operations	-	3,563	-
0052 Security and monitoring services	-	-	-
0053 Data processing services	-	-	-
0061 Community services	-	-	-
6030 Total expenditures	2,918	37,636	15,511
1100 Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	-	(11,001)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
7915 Transfers in	-	-	-
7080 Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-
1200 Net change in fund balances	-	-	(11,001)
0100 Fund balances - beginning	-	-	16,567
3000 <b>FUND BALANCES - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,566</b>

404	410	425	426	429	461	480	
Student Success Initiatives	State Textbook Fund	School Safety Standards Grant Fund	Silent Panic Alert Grant Fund	State Funded Special Revenue Funds	Campus Activity Funds	BHISD Education Foundation Grant	Total Nonmajor Funds (See Exhibit C-2)
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,112,952	\$ 762,505	\$ 5,201,527
-	100,571	307,945	17,142	7,225	-	-	539,804
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,697,709
-	100,571	307,945	17,142	7,225	1,112,952	762,505	9,439,040
-	100,571	-	17,142	-	276,967	679,879	3,142,637
-	-	-	-	-	62,526	-	62,526
-	-	-	-	7,225	-	-	279,691
-	-	-	-	-	-	44,583	316,126
-	-	-	-	-	4,753	-	4,753
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,325,087
-	-	-	-	-	741,798	12,020	757,528
-	-	-	-	-	-	14,589	18,152
-	-	307,945	-	-	8,784	2,873	319,602
-	-	-	-	-	19,355	-	19,355
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,508
-	100,571	307,945	17,142	7,225	1,114,183	753,944	9,249,965
-	-	-	-	-	(1,231)	8,561	189,075
-	-	-	-	-	26,780	-	65,225
-	-	-	-	-	26,780	-	65,225
-	-	-	-	-	25,549	8,561	254,300
81	-	-	-	-	580,542	16,439	1,797,969
<u>\$ 81</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 606,091</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,052,269</u>

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Schedule of Delinquent Taxes Receivable

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Year Ended June 30,	1		2		3	
	Tax Rates				Assessed/Appraised Value For School Tax Purposes	
	Maintenance		Debt Service			
2014 and prior years	\$	Various	\$	Various	\$	Various
2015		1.0600		0.2698		4,805,775,079
2016		1.0600		0.2698		5,586,723,191
2017		1.0600		0.2698		4,874,789,592
2018		1.0600		0.2698		5,336,109,490
2019		1.0600		0.2698		5,774,458,189
2020		0.9900		0.2698		11,588,056,182
2021		0.8847		0.2698		13,786,154,278
2022		0.8847		0.2698		14,028,968,519
2023		0.8646		0.2899		16,110,367,317

**1000 TOTALS**

8000 - Taxes refunded under section 26.1115, tax code, for owners who received an exemption as provided by section 11.42(f), tax code

9000 - Portion of Row 1000 for Taxes Paid into Tax Increment Zone Under Chapter 311, Tax Code

Exhibit J-1

<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Entire</b>	<b>Ending</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>Year's</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Collections</b>	<b>Year's</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>7/1/22</b>	<b>Total Levy</b>			<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>6/30/23</b>
\$ 312,591	\$ -	\$ 14,742	\$ 2,903	\$ (16,173)	\$ 278,773
21,693	-	2,737	697	-	18,259
24,876	-	2,911	741	(92)	21,132
22,639	-	3,529	898	(94)	18,118
30,798	-	4,048	1,031	(152)	25,567
34,190	-	7,010	1,784	788	26,184
48,207	-	45,432	12,384	36,518	26,909
107,923	-	77,828	23,734	62,186	68,547
707,551	-	355,785	108,504	(56,395)	186,867
-	125,658,598	77,957,044	46,217,471	(732,407)	751,676
<b>\$ 1,310,468</b>	<b>\$ 125,658,598</b>	<b>\$ 78,471,066</b>	<b>\$ 46,370,147</b>	<b>\$ (705,821)</b>	<b>\$ 1,422,032</b>
		\$ 22,623	\$ -		
		\$ -	\$ -		

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

**Exhibit J-2**

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual  
National School Breakfast and Lunch Program  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Data Control Codes		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$ 2,991,000	\$ 3,490,000	\$ 3,326,070	\$ (163,930)
5800	State program revenues	6,000	103,000	102,411	(589)
5900	Federal program revenues	596,000	852,000	1,089,352	237,352
5020	Total revenues	3,593,000	4,445,000	4,517,833	72,833
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
0035	Food services	4,241,782	4,325,781	4,325,087	694
6030	Total expenditures	4,241,782	4,325,781	4,325,087	694
1100	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(648,782)	119,219	192,746	73,527
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
7915	Transfers in	-	-	38,445	38,445
7080	Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	38,445	38,445
1200	Net change in fund balance	(648,782)	119,219	231,191	111,972
0100	Fund balance - beginning	1,184,340	1,184,340	1,184,340	-
3000	<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 535,558</u>	<u>\$ 1,303,559</u>	<u>\$ 1,415,531</u>	<u>\$ 111,972</u>



**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

**Exhibit J-3**

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes  
in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual  
Debt Service Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Data Control Codes		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>					
5700	Local and intermediate revenues	\$ 41,552,390	\$ 47,725,390	\$ 47,311,742	\$ (413,648)
5800	State program revenues	-	336,000	287,348	(48,652)
5020	Total revenues	41,552,390	48,061,390	47,599,090	(462,300)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
0041	General administration	-	150	125	25
Debt service:					
0071	Principal on long-term debt	24,257,551	24,257,551	22,055,000	2,202,551
0072	Interest on long-term debt	15,642,781	15,642,781	17,566,064	(1,923,283)
0073	Issuance costs and fees	20,000	20,000	8,750	11,250
6030	Total expenditures	39,920,332	39,920,482	39,629,939	290,543
1200	Net change in fund balance	1,632,058	8,140,908	7,969,151	(171,757)
0100	Fund balance - beginning	20,573,340	20,573,340	20,573,340	-
3000	<b>FUND BALANCE - ENDING</b>	<b>\$ 22,205,398</b>	<b>\$ 28,714,248</b>	<b>\$ 28,542,491</b>	<b>\$ (171,757)</b>

<u>Data Codes</u>		<u>Responses</u>
<b><u>Section A: Compensatory Education Programs</u></b>		
AP1	Did your LEA expend any state compensatory education program state allotment funds during the District's fiscal year?	Yes
AP2	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its state compensatory education program?	Yes
AP3	List the total state allotment funds received for state compensatory education programs during the District's fiscal year.	\$ 3,018,709
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 34)	\$ 1,598,739
<b><u>Section B: Bilingual Education Programs</u></b>		
AP5	Did your LEA expend any bilingual education program state allotment funds during the LEA's fiscal year?	Yes
AP6	Does the LEA have written policies and procedures for its bilingual education program?	Yes
AP7	List the total state allotment funds received for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year.	\$ 201,474
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25, 35)	\$ 305,184

## **Overall Compliance, Internal Control Section and Federal Awards**

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Barbers Hill Independent School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2023.

**Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

The Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District

**Purpose of this Report**

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

*Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.*

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Conroe, Texas  
October 13, 2023

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District

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

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Barbers Hill Independent School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

**Responsibilities of Management for Compliance**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the District's federal programs.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

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

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.



The Board of Trustees of  
Barbers Hill Independent School District

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

*Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.*

WEAVER AND TIDWELL, L.L.P.

Conroe, Texas  
October 13, 2023

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Section 1. Summary of Auditor's Results**

**Financial Statements**

- 1. Type of auditor's report issued Unmodified
- 2. Internal Control over financial reporting:
  - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No
  - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None reported
- 3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

**Federal Awards**

- 4. Internal control over major programs:
  - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No
  - b. Significant deficiency(ies) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None reported
- 5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance with major programs Unmodified
- 6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) of the Uniform Guidance? No
- 7. Identification of major programs
 

COVID 19 – ARP Homeless	84.425W
COVID 19 – ESSER Supplemental	84.425U
Child Nutrition Cluster	10.555/10.553
- 8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B federal programs \$750,000
- 9. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? Yes

**Section 2. Financial Statement Findings**

None reported

**Section 3. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

None reported

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Prior Year Findings**

None reported

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Exhibit K-1**

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	22610101036902	\$ 30,557
ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	23610101036902	427,236
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.010A			457,793
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
IDEA - Part B Formula	84.027A	226600010369026000	57,243
IDEA - Part B Formula	84.027A	236600010369026000	787,456
High Cost Fund	84.027A	66002306	111,114
COVID 19 - IDEA-Part B Formula ARP Carryover	84.027X	225350020369025000	59,541
COVID 19 - IDEA- Part B Formula ARP	84.027X	225350010369025000	20,667
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.027A			1,036,021
IDEA - Part B Preschool	84.173A	226610010369026000	566
IDEA - Part B Preschool	84.173A	236610010369026000	14,070
COVID 19 - IDEA - Part B Preschool ARP	84.173X	225360020369025000	456
COVID 19 - IDEA - Part B Preschool ARP	84.173X	225360010369025000	2,722
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.173A			17,814
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			
			1,053,835
Title III Part A English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	84.365A	22671001036902	3,500
Title III Part A English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	84.365A	23671001036902	15,223
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.365A			18,723
Carl Perkins	84.048A	22420006036902	7,185
22-23 PERKINS V: Strengthening CTE for 21st Century	84.048A	23420006036902	41,055
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.048A			48,240
ESEA Title II Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	84.367A	22694501036902	7,561
ESEA Title II Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	84.367A	23694501036902	114,260
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.367A			121,821
Title VI, Part A, Summer School LEP	84.369A	69552102	2,918
Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1	84.424A	22680101036902	376
Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1	84.424A	23680101036902	30,519
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.424A			30,895
COVID 19 - ARP Homeless	84.425W	21533002036902	4,508
COVID 19 - ESSER Supplemental	84.425U	21528043036902	866,061
Total Assistance Listing Number 84.425			870,569

The Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

**Barbers Hill Independent School District**

**Exhibit K-1**

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards - Continued  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
EIA Hurricane Recovery	84.938C	S938C180013	(104,613)
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			2,500,181
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			
Passed Through State Department of Education: School Health Grant	93.323	HHS001114100001	3,563
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES</b>			3,563
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
Passed Through State Department of Agriculture - Non Cash Assistance: National School Lunch Program	10.555	00174	151,441
Passed Through State Department of Agriculture: Supply Chain Grant	10.555	00174	151,355
National School Lunch Program	10.555	71302301	6,432
Passed Through State Department of Education: National School Lunch Program	10.555	71302301	580,523
Total Assistance Listing Number 10.555			889,751
Passed Through State Department of Education: School Breakfast Program	10.553	71402001	198,973
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			1,088,724
Passed Through State Department of Agriculture: COVID-19 - Pandemic EBT Food Benefits	10.542	00174	628
Total Assistance Listing Number 10.542			628
<b>TOTAL U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			1,089,352
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS</b>			<u>\$ 3,593,096</u>

The Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

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## Barbers Hill Independent School District

### Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

#### Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the District and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the basic financial statements.

National School Lunch Program non-cash commodities are recorded at their estimated market value at the time of donation.

#### Note 2. De Minimis Cost Rate

The District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance.

#### Note 3. Reconciliation to Basic Financial Statements

Presented below is a reconciliation of federal revenues:

Total expenditures of federal awards per Exhibit K-1	\$	3,593,096
General fund - federal revenue:		
Interest subsidy on QSCB		259,229
SHARS		574,558
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<b>Total federal revenues per Exhibit C-2</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>4,426,883</b>
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**Barbers Hill Independent School District**  
 Schedule of Required Responses to Selected  
 School FIRST Indicators (Unaudited)  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

**Exhibit L-1**

<u>Data Codes</u>		<u>Responses</u>
SF1	Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report on the financial statements as a whole?	Yes
SF2	Were there any disclosures in the Annual Financial Report and/or other sources of information concerning nonpayment of any terms of any debt agreement at fiscal year-end?	No
SF3	Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies? (If the school district was issued a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered to not have made timely payments.)	Yes
	Payments to the TRS and TWC are considered timely if a warrant hold that was issued in connection to the untimely payment was cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued.	
	Payments to the IRS are considered timely if a penalty or delinquent payment notice was cleared within 30 days from the date the notice was issued.	
SF4	Was the school district issued a warrant hold? Even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days, the school district is considered to have been issued a warrant hold.	No
SF5	Did the Annual Financial Report disclose any instances of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds?	No
SF6	Was there any disclosure in the Annual Financial Report of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?	No
SF7	Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year end?	Yes
SF8	Did the school board members discuss the school district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the school district adopted its budget?	Yes
SF9	Total accumulated accretion on CABs included in government-wide financial statements at fiscal year-end.	\$ -



**APPENDIX E**

**THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

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## THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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 "87<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 through 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.

**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<sup>1</sup>**

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023<sup>2</sup></u>
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 <sup>3</sup>	415	115
Per Student Distribution	175	173	215	212	247	306	347	341	432	440

<sup>1</sup> In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Reflects the first fiscal year in which distributions were made by the PSF Corporation.

<sup>3</sup> 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>
SBOE Distribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	3.5%	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32% <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 Allocation

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

	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>ASSET CLASS</b>				
<b>EQUITY</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>18,817.1</b>	<b>16,458.4</b>	<b>2,358.7</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>				
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>
<b>TOTAL FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>8,602.5</b>	<b>9,341.1</b>	<b>(738.6)</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>
<b>ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS</b>				
Absolute Return	3,175.8	2,932.3	243.5	8.3%
Real Estate	6,525.2	6,286.9	238.3	3.8%
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>
<b>TOT ALT INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>24,612.0</b>	<b>23,143.8</b>	<b>1,468.2</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
UNALLOCATED CASH	<u>348.2</u>	<u>231.7</u>	<u>116.5</u>	<u>50.3%</u>
<b>TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 52,379.8</b>	<b>\$ 49,175.0</b>	<b>\$ 3,204.8</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2023.

The table below sets forth the investments of the PSF(SLB) for the year ended August 31, 2023.

### Investment Schedule - PSF(SLB)<sup>1</sup>

Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2023

	As of <u>8-31-23</u>
Investment Type Investments in Real Assets	
Sovereign Lands	\$ 276.14
Discretionary Internal Investments	264.32
Other Lands	167.97
Minerals <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	<u>5,435.62</u> <sup>(6)</sup>
Total Investments <sup>(4)</sup>	6,144.05
Cash in State Treasury <sup>(5)</sup>	508.38
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$ 6,652.44

<sup>1</sup>Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2023 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> Includes an estimated 1,000,000.00 acres in freshwater rivers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes an estimated 1,747,600.00 in excess acreage.

<sup>5</sup> Cash in State Treasury is managed by the Treasury Operations Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

Changes in SBOE-determined multiplier for State Capacity Limit

<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 Ended 8/31	Book Value <sup>(1)</sup>	Market Value <sup>(1)</sup>
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	43,915,792,841	59,020,536,667

<sup>(1)</sup> SLB managed assets are included in the market value and book value of the Fund. In determining the market value of the PSF from time to time during a fiscal year, the 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.

<b>Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds</b>	
<u>At 8/31</u>	<u>Principal Amount<sup>(1)</sup></u>
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 <sup>(2)</sup>

(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.

<b>Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category<sup>(1)</sup></b>						
<u>School District Bonds</u>		<u>Charter District Bonds</u>			<u>Totals</u>	
Fiscal Year	No. of	Principal	No. of	Principal	No. of	Principal
Ended <u>8/31</u>	<u>Issues</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Issues</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>	<u>Issues</u>	<u>Amount (\$)</u>
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 <sup>(2)</sup>	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<sup>1</sup>**

<u>Portfolio</u>	Benchmark	<u>Return</u>	<u>Return<sup>2</sup></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)
U.S. 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

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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](http://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 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](http://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](http://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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