

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**Dated: July 21, 2025**

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

**\$83,000,000**

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Parker and Wise Counties, Texas)**

**UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**Dated Date: August 1, 2025**

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

The Springtown Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025 (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, and Chapter 1371, as amended, Texas Government Code ("Chapter 1371"), an election held in the District on May 3, 2025 and the order (the "Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted on July 8, 2025 by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Springtown Independent School District (the "District"). As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Order, delegated to certain District officials (the "Pricing Officer") the authority to establish final terms and effectuate the sale of the Bonds, which final sales terms shall be evidenced in a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") relating to the Bonds. The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on July 21, 2025, 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 specified above and will be payable initially on August 27, 2025 and semiannually February 15 and August 15 of each year 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 close of business as of the last business day of the month next preceding each interest payment date.

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

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, modernizing, acquiring and equipping school facilities and buses (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) with priority given to District-wide security upgrades, (ii) construction of a new elementary school, (iii) improvements to Springtown Elementary School, Springtown Middle School and Intermediate School, (iv) updating equipment for career and technology training, and (v) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS - Authorization and Purpose").

The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2036 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2035 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").

**MATURITY SCHEDULE**

(On Inside Cover)

*The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued, and received by the initial purchaser at a competitive sale (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the approval of certain legal matters by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. The Bonds are expected to be available for initial delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about August 19, 2025.*

**\$83,000,000**  
**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Parker and Wise Counties, Texas)**  
**UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**MATURITY SCHEDULE**  
Base CUSIP No.: 851834<sup>(1)</sup>

**\$33,710,000 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>
2026	\$1,210,000	5.00%	2.66%	NG2
2027	775,000	5.00	2.66	NH0
2028	1,220,000	5.00	2.67	NJ6
2029	170,000	5.00	2.70	NK3
2030	265,000	5.00	2.85	NL1
2031	200,000	5.00	2.98	NM9
2032	215,000	5.00	3.11	NN7
2033	155,000	5.00	3.27	NP2
2034	170,000	5.00	3.37	NQ0
2035	180,000	5.00	3.58	NR8
2036	215,000	5.00	3.76 <sup>(2)</sup>	NS6
2037	230,000	5.00	3.94 <sup>(2)</sup>	NT4
2038	110,000	5.00	4.07 <sup>(2)</sup>	NU1
2039	2,980,000	5.00	4.20 <sup>(2)</sup>	NV9
2040	3,135,000	5.00	4.31 <sup>(2)</sup>	NW7
2041	3,295,000	5.00	4.42 <sup>(2)</sup>	NX5
2042	3,465,000	5.00	4.54 <sup>(2)</sup>	NY3
2043	3,640,000	5.00	4.65 <sup>(2)</sup>	NZ0
2044	3,825,000	5.00	4.73 <sup>(2)</sup>	PA3
2045	4,025,000	5.00	4.80 <sup>(2)</sup>	PB1
2046	4,230,000	5.00	4.86 <sup>(2)</sup>	PC9

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

**\$49,290,000 Term Bonds**

\$9,120,000	5.00%	Term Bond due February 15, 2048 – (Yield 4.95%) CUSIP Suffix No. PE5 <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
\$10,080,000	5.00%	Term Bond due February 15, 2050 – (Yield 5.00%) CUSIP Suffix No. PG0 <sup>(1)</sup>
\$30,090,000	5.00%	Term Bond due February 15, 2055 – (Yield 5.05%) CUSIP Suffix No. PM7 <sup>(1)</sup>

(Interest to accrue from the Dated Date)

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(2) Yield calculated based on the assumption that the Bonds denoted and sold at a premium will be redeemed on August 15, 2035, the first optional call date for such Bonds, at a redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

## SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Initially Elected</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Chris Gilley, President	2020	2026	Finance
Cody Bryant, Vice President	2024	2027	Real Estate
Mark Bryant, Secretary	2021	2027	Estimator
Teresa Kelley, Trustee	2025	2028	Retired Educator
Damon Liles, Trustee	2016	2028	Insurance Agent
Derek Miles, Trustee	2025	2028	Self-Employed
Gary Veazey, Trustee	2020	2026	Pastor

### APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Education Service</u>	<u>Length of Service with District</u>
Shane Strickland	Superintendent	27 Years	22 Years
Wesley Thomas	Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance	22 Years	18 Years

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

The information and expressions of opinion contained herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District or other matters described herein. See "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 and the District, respectively, to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

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

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

NONE OF THE DISTRICT, ITS FINANCIAL ADVISOR, OR THE PURCHASER MAKES ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY ("DTC") OR ITS BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM, OR THE AFFAIRS OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY ("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 WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS.

The agreements of the District and others related to the Bonds are contained solely in the contracts described herein. Neither this Official Statement nor any other statement made in connection with the offer or sale of the Bonds is to be construed as constituting an agreement with the 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 Springtown Independent School District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Parker and Wise Counties, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the "Board"). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors.
<b>The Bonds</b>	The Bonds are being issued in the principal amount of \$83,000,000 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, and Chapter 1371, as amended, Texas Education Code ("Chapter 1371"), an election held in the District on May 3, 2025, and an order (the "Bond Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board on July 8, 2025. As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Order, delegated to certain District officials (the "Pricing Officer") the authority to establish final terms and effectuate the sale of the Bonds, which final sales terms shall be evidenced in an pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") relating to the Bonds. The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on July 21, 2025, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for purposes of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, modernizing, acquiring and equipping school facilities and buses (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) with priority given to District-wide security upgrades, (ii) construction of a new elementary school, (iii) improvements to Springtown Elementary School, Springtown Middle School and Intermediate School, (iv) updating equipment for career and technology training, and (v) 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. (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 be further secured by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas. (See "THE BONDS – Security", "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS", "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" and "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").
<b>Redemption</b>	The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2036 are subject to redemption at the option of the District in whole or in part on August 15, 2035 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 ("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 Texas Education Agency. The District's underlying, unenhanced rating, including the Bonds, are "Aa3" by Moody's and "A+" by S&P. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – Ratings of Bonds Guaranteed Under the Guarantee Program" and "RATINGS" herein.)
<b>Tax Matters</b>	In the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions on the date thereof, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein, including the alternative minimum tax on certain corporations. (See "TAX MATTERS" and "Appendix C – Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.")
<b>Payment Record</b>	The District has never defaulted on the payment of its bonded indebtedness.
<b>Legal Opinion</b>	Delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the rendering of an opinion as to legality by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel.
<b>Delivery</b>	When issued, anticipated to be on or about August 19, 2025.

## INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page and the Appendices attached hereto, has been prepared by the Springtown Independent School District (the "District"), a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the "State") located in Parker and Wise Counties, Texas, in connection with the offering by the District of its Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") identified on the inside cover page hereof.

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

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and the Order (as defined below) adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on July 8, 2025 authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the "Bond Order") and certain other information about the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained by writing the Springtown Independent School District, 301 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springtown, TX 76082 and, during the offering period, from the Financial Advisor, SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc., 5800 Granite Parkway, Suite 210, Plano, Texas 75024, by electronic mail or upon payment of reasonable copying, mailing, and handling charges.

This Official Statement speaks only as of its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of this Official Statement relating to the Bonds will be submitted by the initial purchaser of the Bonds (the "Purchaser" or "Initial Purchaser") to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and will be available through its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" 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 \$83,000,000 pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held in the District on May 3, 2025, and an order (the "Bond Order") authorizing the issuance of the Bonds adopted by the Board on July 8, 2025. As permitted by Chapter 1371, the Board, in the Order, delegated to certain District officials (the "Pricing Officer") the authority to establish final terms and effectuate the sale of the Bonds, which final sales terms shall be evidenced in a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") relating to the Bonds. The Pricing Certificate was executed by the Pricing Officer of the District on July 21, 2025, which completed the sale of the Bonds. Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for purposes of (i) designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, modernizing, acquiring and equipping school facilities and buses (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities) with priority given to District-wide security upgrades, (ii) construction of a new elementary school, (iii) improvements to Springtown Elementary School, Springtown Middle School and Intermediate School, (iv) updating equipment for career and technology training, and (v) paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

### General Description

The Bonds are dated August 1, 2025 (the "Dated Date") and will bear interest from the Dated Date. The Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months and is payable initially on August 27, 2025 and semiannually on February 15 and August 15 of each year thereafter, until stated maturity or prior redemption.

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

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

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

### Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or after February 15, 2036 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, 2035 or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District shall determine the amounts and maturities thereof to be redeemed and shall direct the Paying Agent/Registrar to select by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, to be redeemed. Not less than 30 days prior to a redemption date for the Bonds, the District shall cause a notice of redemption to be sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to each registered owner of a Bond to be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the address of the registered owner appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the business day next preceding the date of mailing such notice.

### Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption

In addition to the optional redemption provision described above, the Bonds maturing on February 15 in each of the years 2048, 2050 and 2055 (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 schedule:

Term Bonds February 15, 2048		Term Bonds February 15, 2050		Term Bonds February 15, 2055	
Date (2/15)	Amount	Date (2/15)	Amount	Date (2/15)	Amount
2047	\$4,445,000	2049	\$4,915,000	2051	\$5,430,000
2048*	4,675,000	2050*	5,165,000	2052	5,710,000
				2053	6,005,000
				2054	6,310,000
				2055*	6,635,000

**\*Stated Maturity**

Approximately 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 Interest and Sinking 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 and DTC Notices**

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

The Paying Agent/Registrar and the District, so long as a Book-Entry-Only System is used for the Bonds, will send any notice of redemption, notice of proposed amendment to the 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 State for the guarantee of the Bonds under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (Chapter 45, Subchapter C, of the Texas Education Code, as amended). Subject to meeting certain conditions discussed under the heading "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 McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C - Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel").

**Payment Record**

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

**Amendments**

In the Order, the District has reserved the right to amend the Order without the consent of any holder for the purpose of amending or supplementing the Order to (i) cure any ambiguity, defect or omission therein that does not materially adversely affect the

interests of the holders, (ii) grant additional rights or security for the benefit of the holders, (iii) add events of default as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Order that do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders, (iv) qualify the Order under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, or corresponding provisions of federal laws from time to time in effect or (v) make such other provisions in regard to matters or questions arising under the Order that are not inconsistent with the provisions thereof and which, in the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, do not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders.

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

## **Defeasance**

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities, that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Order provides that "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Order does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

Upon such deposit as described above, such Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid. After firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Bonds have been made as described above, all rights of the District to initiate proceedings to call the Bonds for redemption or take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished, provided, however, the District has reserved the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings 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.

## **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	\$ 83,000,000.00
Accrued Interest	207,500.00
Net Reoffering Premium	1,041,584.25
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 84,249,084.25</b>
<b>Uses</b>	
Deposit to Construction Fund	\$ 83,000,000.00
Costs of Issuance	397,995.49
Purchaser's Discount	573,588.76
Deposit to Interest and Sinking Fund	277,500.00
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>	<b>\$ 84,249,084.25</b>

## **REGISTERED OWNERS' REMEDIES**

The Order establishes specific events of default with respect to the Bonds and provides that if the District defaults in the payment of principal or interest on the Bonds when due, or defaults in the observation or performance of any other covenants, conditions, or obligations set forth in the Order, and the continuation thereof for a period of 60 days after notice of default is given by the District by any registered owner, the registered owners may seek a writ of mandamus to compel District officials to carry out their legally imposed duties with respect to the Bonds, if there is no other available remedy at law to compel performance of the Bonds or the Order covenants and the District's obligations are not uncertain or disputed. The issuance of a writ of mandamus is controlled by equitable principles and rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the bondholders upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to



enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. The Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 197 S.W.3d 325 (Tex. 2006), that a waiver of sovereign immunity in a contractual dispute must be provided for by statute in "clear and unambiguous" language. 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. Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the District's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants. Even if a judgment against the District could be obtained, it could not be enforced by direct levy and execution against the District's property. Further, the registered owners cannot themselves foreclose on property within the District or sell property within the District to enforce the tax lien on taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds. Furthermore, the District is eligible to seek relief from its creditors under Chapter 9 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. 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 opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, nor the Purchaser take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

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

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

#### **Effect of Termination of Book-Entry-Only System**

In the event that the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by DTC or the use of the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued by the District, printed bond certificates will be issued to the holders and the Bonds will be subject to transfer, exchange and registration provisions as set forth in the Order and summarized under "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Future Registration" below.

### **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; provided, however, that the Record Date

for the initial interest payment date on August 27, 2025 is the close of business on the preceding business day. 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. 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. Certain of the

information provided below is contingent on voter approval of a constitutional amendment that will be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 4, 2025. See “- 2025 Legislative Session,” below. 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 at a rate intended to create 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.

## **2025 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions**

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) commenced on January 14, 2025 and concluded on June 2, 2025 (the “89th Regular Session”). The Legislature meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor of Texas (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 (any such special sessions, together with the 89th Regular Session, are collectively referred to herein as the “2025 Legislative Sessions”).

During the 89th 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. Subject to a Statewide election to be held on November 4, 2025, legislation passed by both houses of the Legislature would increase: (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000, and (3) the exemption for tangible personal property used in the “production of income” from \$2,499 to \$125,000. Additionally, both houses of the Legislature passed and the Governor signed legislation that would authorize roughly \$8.5 billion in funding for public schools and would provide districts with a \$55 per-student increase to their base funding, as well as provide districts with additional funding for teacher and staff salaries, educator preparation, special education, safety requirements and early childhood learning. Finally, legislation passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor will create an education savings account program (commonly referred to as vouchers) for students that attend private schools or home school. Such program could impact attendance in the District by incentivizing students to homeschool or attend private schools, which could negatively affect the District’s attendance based funding.

The Governor called for a special session on June 23, 2025, which began on July 21, 2025, and may last no longer than 30 days (the “First Special Session”). The Governor identified eighteen (18) agenda items that will be considered in the First Special Session. Among the items being considered is “legislation to eliminate the STAAR test and replace it with effective tools to assess student progress and ensure school district accountability” and “legislation reducing the property tax burden on Texans and legislation imposing spending limits on entities authorized to impose property taxes.” The District is unable to predict the ultimate scope or the substance of such legislation or the effect, if any, it will have on the District’s finances or operations. Additional special sessions may be called by the Governor. During such time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to funding public schools, including the District and its finances.

The District is still in the process of reviewing legislation passed during the 89th Regular Session. At this time, the District cannot make any representations as to the full impact of such legislation. Further, the District can make no representations or predictions regarding the scope of legislation that may be considered in any special session or the potential impact of such legislation at this time, but it intends to monitor applicable legislation related thereto.

## **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 Legislature meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. During the 88th Regular Session, the Legislature considered a general appropriations act and legislation affecting the Finance System and ad valorem taxation procedures and exemptions, and investments, among other legislation affecting school districts and the administrative agencies that oversee school districts. Legislation enacted by the Legislature fully-funded the Foundation School Program for the 2023-2024 State fiscal biennium and increased the state guaranteed yield on the first \$0.08 cents of tax effort beyond a school district’s Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (as defined herein) to \$126.21 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA (as defined herein) in 2024 (from \$98.56 in 2023) and \$129.52 per penny of tax effort per student in WADA in 2025. See “- State Funding for School Districts – Tier Two.” The Legislature also provided for an increase in funding for the school safety allotment to \$10.00 (from \$9.72 in the prior year) per ADA (as defined herein) and \$15,000 per campus.

During the second called special session, legislation was passed, and at an election held in the State on November 7, 2023, voters approved a State constitutional amendment that (i) reduced the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for school districts by approximately \$0.107 for the 2023-2024 school year; (ii) increased the amount of the mandatory school district general residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and to hold districts harmless from certain M&O and I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption; (iii) adjusted the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in exemption amounts; (iv) prohibited school districts, cities and counties from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 (the prohibition expires on December 31, 2027); (v) established a three-year pilot program limiting growth in the taxable assessed value of non-residence homestead property valued at \$5,000,000 or less to 20 percent (school districts are not held harmless for any negative revenue impacts associated with such limits); (vi) excepted certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and (vii) expanded the size of the governing body of an 15 appraisal district in a county with a population of more than 75,000 by adding elected directors and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts. This legislation reduces the amount of property taxes paid by homeowners and businesses and increases the State’s share of the cost of funding public education.

## **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 2026, the State Compression Percentage is set at 63.22%.

### **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 current year SCP multiplied by \$1.00; 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 the 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. For the 2025-2026 school year, the Legislature reduced the maximum MCR, establishing \$0.6322 as the maximum rate and \$0.5689 as the floor.

In calculating and making available school districts’ MCRs for the 2025-2026 school year, the TEA shall calculate and make available the rates as if the increase in the residence homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution, as proposed by the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025, took effect. Such calculation for the 2025-2026 school year expires September 1, 2026. Subject to voter approval at a Statewide election to be held on November 4, 2025, the residential homestead exemption under Section 1-b(c), Article VIII, Texas Constitution would increase (1) the State mandated general homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, and (2) the additional exemption on the residence homesteads of those at least sixty-five (65) years of age or disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000. If adopted, the proposed constitutional amendment takes effect for the tax year beginning January 1, 2025.

If the increase in the residence homestead as proposed by the constitutional amendment does not take effect, beginning on September 1, 2025, and up until September 1, 2029, the Commissioner may adjust school districts’ MCRs for the 2025-2026 school year accordingly. Before making an adjustment, the Commissioner shall notify and must receive approval from the Legislative Budget Board and the office of the Governor.

### **Tier One Tax Rate**

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

### **Enrichment Tax Rate**

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

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

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

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

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

The current public school finance system also provides an Existing Debt Allotment (“EDA”) to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment (“IFA”) to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment (“NIFA”) to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 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 plus the guaranteed yield increment adjustment (the "GYIA") 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 GYIA is established by October 1 of each even-numbered year for the subsequent biennium. For the 2026-27 biennium, the GYIA is set at \$55. 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 the district's Basic Allotment, is a school district's measure of students in "Weighted Average Daily Attendance" ("WADA"), which serves to calculate Tier Two funding.

The fast growth allotment weights are 0.48 for districts in the top 40% of school districts for growth, 0.33 for districts in the middle 30% of school districts for growth and 0.18 for districts in the bottom 30% of school districts for growth. The fast growth allotment was limited to \$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 Basic Allotment multiplied by 0.02084. For the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield on each Golden Penny levied of \$129.52 per student in WADA. Copper Pennies generate a guaranteed yield per student in WADA equal to the school district's Basic Allotment multiplied by 0.008. For the 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$49.72 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, Instructional 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 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2026-2027 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 (see "- Tax Rate and Funding Equity" below).

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 2025 Legislative Sessions, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$150,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2026-2027 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.

For the 2026-2027 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 January 1, 2025, 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 2025-2026 school year, the District was not designated as an "excess local revenue" Chapter 49 school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District has not been required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law. As a district with local revenue less than the maximum permitted level, the District may benefit in the future by agreeing to accept taxable property or funding assistance from or agreeing to consolidate with, a property-rich district to enable such district to reduce its wealth per student to the permitted level.

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

For a detailed discussion of State funding for school 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 Parker County Appraisal District and Wise County Appraisal District (together the "Appraisal District"). Except as generally described below, the



Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal, and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three (3) years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense, and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board.

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

Effective January 1, 2024, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property (collectively, the "Appraisal Cap"). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026, 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. For the 2025 tax year, the maximum property value was increased to \$5,160,000.

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 school district taxes imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes, (1) a \$100,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the residence 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. See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Sessions" herein for a discussion of a potential increase in the general State mandated homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and a potential increase in the State mandated homestead exemption of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

### **Local Option Homestead Exemptions**

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

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

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

### **Personal Property**

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the "production of income" is taxed based on the property's market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property. Subject to voter approval at a Statewide election to be held on November 4, 2025, legislation passed by the State legislature and signed by the Governor during the Legislature (as defined herein) would provide a person with an exemption from taxation by a taxing unit of \$125,000 of the appraised value of tangible personal property the person owns that is held or used for the production of income and has taxable situs at the same location in the taxing unit (or, if the person leases such property, regardless of where the property is located in the taxing unit).

### **Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions**

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

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing



unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

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

### **Other Exempt Property**

Other major categories of exempt property include property owned by the State or its political subdivisions if used for public purposes, property exempt by federal law, property used for pollution control, farm products owned by producers, property of nonprofit corporations used for scientific research or educational activities benefitting a college or university, designated historic sites, solar and wind-powered energy devices, and certain classes of intangible personal property. Beginning with the 2026 tax year, all intangible personal property is exempt from State taxation.

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

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

### **Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones**

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

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

### **Tax Limitation Agreements**

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

During the regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 (codified as Chapter 403, Texas Government Code, Subchapter T. Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology and Innovation Act ("Chapter 403")) was enacted into law. Chapter 403 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. The effective date of Chapter 403 was January 1, 2024. Under Chapter 403, 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 403 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 service taxes securing the Bonds cannot be abated under Chapter 403. Eligible projects are limited and include manufacturing, dispatchable power generation facilities, technology research/development facilities, or critical infrastructure projects. Projects must create and maintain jobs, as well as meet certain minimum investment requirements. The District does not expect that Chapter 403 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 1.2 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 \$61,349,201 for the 2025 tax year and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

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

### **Levy and Collection of Taxes**

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **TAX RATE LIMITATIONS**

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

The District is authorized to levy an M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on February 18, 1967 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, 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. In connection with prior bond issues, the District has not used State financial assistance and has not used projected 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".

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 Parker and Wise Counties. The Appraisal District is governed by a board of directors appointed by members of the governing bodies of various political subdivisions within Parker and Wise Counties.

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

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

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

The District's taxes are collected by the Parker County Tax Assessor/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 has not granted any tax abatements.

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

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

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

The District's employees participate in a retirement plan (the "Plan") with the State of Texas. The Plan is administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ("TRS"). State contributions are made to cover costs of the TRS retirement plan up to certain statutory limits. The District is obligated for a portion of TRS costs relating to employee salaries that exceed the statutory limit. Aside from the District's contribution to TRS, the District has no pension fund expenditures or liabilities. For fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, 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 "J. 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 "K. 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.

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 Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein). The District's underlying, unenhanced rating, including the Bonds, are "Aa3" by Moody's and "A+" by S&P. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

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

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

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Texas, who will deliver its opinion, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel to the District ("Bond Counsel"), to like effect and to the effect that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under section 103(a) of the Code, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein. The form of Bond Counsel's opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C.

Bond Counsel represents the Financial Advisor and purchasers of school district bonds from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, but Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District in the issuance of the Bonds. McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. also advises the TEA in connection with its disclosure obligations under the federal securities laws, but such firm has not passed upon any TEA disclosures contained in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein, except that, in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information describing the Bonds in the Official Statement to verify that such description conforms to the provisions of the Order. The District intends to pay the legal fee of Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds from the proceeds of the Bonds.

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

## **TAX MATTERS**

### **Opinion**

On the date of initial delivery of the Bonds, McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel to the District, will render its opinion that, in accordance with statutes, regulations, published rulings and court decisions existing on the date thereof ("Existing Law"), (1) interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes will be excludable from the "gross income" of the holders thereof and (2) the Bonds will not be treated as "specified private activity bonds" the interest on which would be included as an alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Except

as stated above, Bond Counsel will express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds. See Appendix C – Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon (a) the District's federal tax certificate, (b) covenants of the District with respect to arbitrage, the application of proceeds to be received from the issuance and sale of the Bonds and certain other matters, and (c) the certificate with respect to arbitrage by the Commissioner of Education regarding the allocation and investment of certain investments in the Permanent School Fund. Failure by the District to observe the aforementioned representations or covenants could cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance.

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

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

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") by the District with respect to the Bonds or the property financed with proceeds of the Bonds. No assurances can be given as to whether the IRS will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the IRS would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an IRS audit is commenced, under current procedures the IRS is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

### **Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount**

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

Under Existing Law, any owner who has purchased such Original Issue Discount Bond in the initial public offering is entitled to exclude from gross income (as defined in section 61 of the Code) an amount of income with respect to such Original Issue Discount Bond equal to that portion of the amount of such original issue discount allocable to the accrual period. For a discussion of certain collateral federal tax consequences, see the discussion set forth below.

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

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

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

### **Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **State, Local and Foreign Taxes**

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

### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

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

### **Future and Proposed Legislation**

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

## **INVESTMENT POLICIES**

### **Investments**

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

### **Legal Investments**

Under State law, the District is authorized to invest in: (1) obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including the Federal Home Loan Banks; (2) direct obligations of the State or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than A or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund (the "NCUSIF") or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits, other than those described in clause (7), that (i) are invested through a broker or institution with a main office or branch office in this state and selected by the District in compliance with the PFIA, (ii) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the District's account, (iii) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (iv) the District appoints as its custodian of the banking deposits, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (8)(i) above, a bank, or a broker-dealer; (9) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the PFIA (i) that are issued by an institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State and are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the NCUSIF, or their respective successors, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8), above, or secured in accordance with Chapter 2257, Texas Government Code, or in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits, or (ii) where (a) the funds are invested by the District through a broker or institution that has a main office or branch office in the State and selected by the District in compliance with the PFIA, (b) the broker or institution arranges for the deposit of the funds in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (d) the District appoints, in compliance with the PFIA, the institution in clause (9)(ii)(a) above, a bank, or broker-dealer as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are secured by a combination of cash and obligations described by clauses (1) or (12), which are pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) certain bankers' acceptances with a stated maturity of 270 days or 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; (16) aggregate repurchase agreement transactions entered into by an investing entity in conformity with the provisions of subsections (a-1), (f), and (g) of Section 2256.011 of the PFI Act; and (17) securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, including accrued income, (ii) a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time, (iii) a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than A or its equivalent, or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (12) through (14) above, or an authorized investment pool, (iv) the terms of a loan made under the program require that the securities being held as collateral be pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party designated by the District, (v) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State, and (vi) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less.

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

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

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

### **Investment Policies**

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

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

### **Additional Provisions**

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

### **Current Investments**

As of April 30, 2025, the District had approximately \$20,503,559 (unaudited) in Lone Star, \$10,000 (unaudited) invested in certificates of deposit and \$1,452,522 (unaudited) invested in money market accounts at a local bank. The market value of such investments (as determined by the District by reference to published quotations, dealer bids, and comparable information) is approximately 100% of the book value. No funds of the District are invested in derivative securities, i.e., securities whose rate of return is determined by reference to some other instrument, index, or commodity.

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

No registration statement relating to the Bonds has been filed with the SEC under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2). The Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the SEC, nor has the SEC passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the Official Statement. The Bonds have not been registered or qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor

have the Bonds been registered or qualified under the securities acts of any other jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for registration or qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for registration or qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

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

### **CYBERSECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District's operations are increasingly dependent on information technologies and services, which are exposed to cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents or attacks. While the District continually assesses and monitors its cybersecurity risks, the District 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.

### **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 Electronic Municipal Markets Access ("EMMA") 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 2025. 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 the Rule.

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

### **Notice of Certain Events**

The District will also provide timely notices of certain events to the MSRB. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds to the MSRB in a timely manner (but not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of 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 IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District, which shall occur as described below; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of its assets, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional paying agent/registrar or the change of name of a paying agent/registrar, if material; and (15) incurrence of a financial obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or others similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. In addition, the District will provide timely notice of any failure by the District to provide annual financial information in accordance with their agreement described above under "Annual Reports". The District will provide each notice described in this paragraph to the MSRB. Neither the Bonds nor the 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, (a) an event described in clause (12) of in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District. For the purposes of the above describe event notices (15) and (16), the term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation, (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) a guarantee of (i) or (ii); provided however, that a "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

### **Availability of Information**

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

### **Limitations and Amendments**

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of events only as described above. The District has not agreed to provide other information that may be relevant or material to a complete presentation of its financial results of operations, condition, or prospects or agreed to update any information that has been provided except as described above. The District makes no representation or warranty concerning such information or concerning its usefulness to a decision to invest in or sell Bonds at any future date. The District disclaims any contractual or tort liability for damages resulting in whole or in part from any breach of its continuing disclosure agreement or from any statement made pursuant to its agreement, although holders of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement. Nothing in this paragraph is intended or shall act to disclaim, waive or limit the District's duties under federal or state securities laws.

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

### **Compliance with Prior Undertakings**

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

### **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

The statements contained in this Official Statement, and in any other information provided by the District, that are not purely historical, are forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the District's expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements

included in this Official Statement are based on information available to the District on the date hereof, and the District assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. It is important to note that the District's actual results could differ materially from those in such forward-looking statements.

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

#### **WINNING BIDDER**

After requesting competitive bids for the Bonds, the District accepted the bid of Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (the "Purchaser" or the "Initial Purchaser") to purchase the Bonds at the interest rates shown on the page ii of this Official Statement at a price of par, plus a net reoffering premium of \$1,041,584.25, plus accrued interest on the Bonds from their Dated Date to their date of initial delivery. The initial reoffering yields shown on page ii hereof will produce compensation to the Purchaser in the amount of \$573,588.76. The District can give no assurance that any trading market will be developed for the District after their sale by the District to the Purchaser. The District has no control over the price at which the Bonds are subsequently sold and the initial yield at which the Bonds will be priced and reoffered will be established by and will be the responsibility of the Purchaser.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND NO LITIGATION**

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Initial Bond, the Purchaser will be furnished a certificate, executed by proper officials of the District, acting in their official capacities, to the effect that to the best of their knowledge and belief: (a) the descriptions and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in its Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, for the Bonds, on the date of such Official Statement, on the date of sale of said Bonds and the acceptance of the best bid therefor, and on the date of the delivery, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs, are concerned, such Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) insofar as the descriptions and statements including financial data, of or pertaining to entities, other than the District, and their activities contained in such Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; (d) except as may be otherwise described in the Official Statement, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District, since August 31, 2024, the date of the last financial statements of the District appearing in the Official Statement; and (e) no litigation of any nature has been filed or is pending, as of the date hereof, to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds or which would affect the provisions made for their payment or security or in any manner question the validity of the Bonds.

#### **CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

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

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

The Order authorized the 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 Purchaser. This Official Statement has been approved by the Pricing Officer of the District for distribution in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

/s/ Wesley Thomas

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Pricing Officer

**APPENDIX A**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE DISTRICT**

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# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Financial Information

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

2024/25 Total Valuation.....		\$	4,899,982,000
Less Exemptions & Deductions <sup>(2)</sup> :			
State Homestead Exemption	\$	686,750,904	
State Over-65 Exemption		23,258,483	
Disabled Exemption		101,437,820	
Veterans Exemption		4,875,593	
Pollution Control		2,413,593	
Productivity Loss		880,178,433	
Homestead Cap Loss		358,194,017	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Loss		1,571,085	
	\$	2,058,679,928	
2024/25 Net Taxable Valuation .....		\$	2,841,302,072
2025/26 Preliminary Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(3)</sup> .....		\$	3,060,491,034

(1) Source: Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division. 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 -- Residential Homestead Exemptions" in this Official Statement.

(2) Excludes the values on which property taxes are frozen for persons 65 years of age or older and disabled taxpayers which totaled \$227,668,445 in 2024/25.

(3) Source: Preliminary values from the Parker and Wise County Appraisal Districts as of April 2025.

### VOTED GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT

Unlimited Tax Bonds Outstanding	\$	39,170,000
Plus: The Bonds		83,000,000
Total Unlimited Tax Bonds		122,170,000
Less: Interest & Sinking Fund Balance (As of August 31, 2025) <sup>(1)</sup>		(5,089,780)
Net General Obligation Debt	\$	117,080,220
Ratio of Net G.O. Debt to Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(2)</sup>		3.83%
2025 Population Estimate <sup>(3)</sup>		27,145
Per Capita Net Taxable Valuation		\$112,746
Per Capita Net G.O. Debt		\$4,313

(1) Source: Springtown ISD Estimate.

(2) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" in this Official Statement and "DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS" in this appendix and see the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024" in Appendix D for more information relative to the District's outstanding obligations.

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

### PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year	Net Taxable Valuation		Tax Rate	% Collections <sup>(6)</sup>	
				Current <sup>(7)</sup>	Total <sup>(7)</sup>
2006/07	\$	637,123,250 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1.5518 <sup>(8)</sup>	94.99%	101.44%
2007/08		771,872,020 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.2712 <sup>(8)</sup>	96.01%	101.20%
2008/09		852,795,527 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.3677	96.80%	100.68%
2009/10		876,755,112 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.3937	96.39%	99.17%
2010/11		926,914,727 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4026	96.73%	100.87%
2011/12		853,855,087 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4603	96.94%	100.18%
2012/13		860,535,312 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4592	97.36%	100.61%
2013/14		858,489,221 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4591	97.52%	100.33%
2014/15		940,993,988 <sup>(1)</sup>	1.4290	97.38%	99.69%
2015/16		957,139,400 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.4290	97.77%	100.89%
2016/17		930,870,454 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.4290	97.70%	100.04%
2017/18		1,067,084,280 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.3590	97.94%	99.65%
2018/19		1,172,662,472 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.3590	98.24%	100.13%
2019/20		1,457,608,737 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.2484 <sup>(9)</sup>	97.05%	99.90%
2020/21		1,605,246,408 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.2442	98.14%	100.74%
2021/22		1,963,028,570 <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	1.1432	98.19%	99.51%
2022/23		2,200,798,402 <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	1.1432	98.12%	99.72%
2023/24		2,634,437,487 <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	0.9578	97.73%	99.74%
2024/25		2,841,302,072 <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	0.9555	97.00% <sup>(10)</sup>	97.00% <sup>(10)</sup>
2025/26		3,060,491,034 <sup>(4)(5)</sup>			

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

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

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

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

(5) Source: Preliminary values from the Parker and Wise County Appraisal Districts as of April 2025.

(6) Source: Springtown ISD Audited Financial Statements.

(7) Excludes penalties and interest.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(10) Source: Springtown ISD Estimate.

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

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Maintenance & Operations <sup>(2)</sup>	\$1.0372	\$0.9603	\$0.9429	\$0.7575	\$0.7552
Debt Service	\$0.2070	\$0.1829	\$0.2003	\$0.2003	\$0.2003
Total Tax Rate	\$1.2442	\$1.1432	\$1.1432	\$0.9578	\$0.9555

(1) On August 26, 2017, the District successfully held a tax ratification election.

(2) The decline in the District's Maintenance & Operations Tax from the 2018/19 fiscal year to the 2024/25 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	\$ 637,123,250	\$ 33,562,304	5.27%
2007/08	771,872,020	67,969,644	8.81%
2008/09	852,795,527	67,366,630	7.90%
2009/10	876,755,112	66,656,630	7.60%
2010/11	926,914,727	65,961,630	7.12%
2011/12	853,855,087	65,070,000	7.62%
2012/13	860,535,312	64,260,000	7.47%
2013/14	858,489,221	63,035,000	7.34%
2014/15	940,993,988	60,415,000	6.42%
2015/16	957,139,400	57,835,000	6.04%
2016/17	930,870,454	55,600,000	5.97%
2017/18	1,067,084,280	53,805,000	5.04%
2018/19	1,172,662,472	51,905,000	4.43%
2019/20	1,457,608,737	49,915,000	3.42%
2020/21	1,605,246,408	47,875,000	2.98%
2021/22	1,963,028,570	45,770,000	2.33%
2022/23	2,200,798,402	43,605,000	1.98%
2023/24	2,634,437,487	41,420,000	1.57%
2024/25	2,841,302,072	122,170,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	4.30%
2025/26	3,060,491,034 <sup>(3)</sup>	118,630,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	3.88%

(1) At fiscal year end.

(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 August 31, 2024" in Appendix D for more information.

(3) Source: Preliminary values from the Parker and Wise County Appraisal Districts as of April 2025.

(4) Includes the Bonds.

**ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT**

Taxing Body	Amount	Percent Overlapping	Amount Overlapping
Parker County	\$ 197,600,000	10.77%	\$ 21,281,520
Parker County JCD	1,225,000	10.77%	131,933
Reno, City of	776,000	81.00%	628,560
Springtown, City of	10,815,527	100.00%	10,815,527
Wise County	-	3.08%	-
Wise County MUD #4	3,230,000	98.04%	3,166,692
Total Overlapping Debt <sup>(1)</sup>			\$ 36,024,231
Springtown Independent School District <sup>(2)</sup>			117,080,220
Total Direct & Overlapping Debt <sup>(1) (2)</sup>			\$ 153,104,451
Ratio of Net Direct & Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation		5.00%	
Per Capita Direct & Overlapping Debt		\$5,640	

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

(2) Includes the Bonds.

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

**PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS <sup>(1)</sup>****2024/25 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Oil & Gas Pipeline	\$ 26,820,837	0.94%
ETC Texas Pipeline Ltd.	Oil & Gas Pipeline	12,788,530	0.45%
Hagood Ranch Partners LLC	Vacant Lots	10,426,900	0.37%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	9,784,670	0.34%
Tri-County Electric Co-Op	Electric Utility/Power Plant	9,011,840	0.32%
Two Covenant LLC	Real Estate	7,560,010	0.27%
PKG 10-Springtown 70 LLC	Real Estate	7,382,095	0.26%
SWG Pipeline LLC	Oil & Gas Pipeline	6,852,500	0.24%
MBP North Park LLC	Vacant Lots	6,498,720	0.23%
DVA Brook LLC	Strip Mall/Plaza	6,300,000	0.22%
		<u>\$ 103,426,102</u>	<u>3.64%</u>

**2023/24 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
BKV Barnett LLC	Natural Gas	\$ 18,693,760	0.71%
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Oil & Gas Pipeline	11,633,510	0.44%
ETC Texas Pipeline Ltd.	Oil & Gas Pipeline	11,625,780	0.44%
Hagood Ranch Partners LLC	Vacant Lots	10,426,900	0.40%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	10,101,680	0.38%
DVA Brook LLC	Strip Mall/Plaza	8,496,370	0.32%
Tri-County Electric Co-Op	Electric Utility/Power Plant	7,418,800	0.28%
McDonald & Carroll Investments LLC	Mobile Homes/RV Park	6,690,030	0.25%
Springtown Storage LLC	Storage Units	6,500,000	0.25%
MBP North Park LLC	Vacant Lots	6,498,720	0.25%
		<u>\$ 98,085,550</u>	<u>3.72%</u>

**2022/23 Top Ten Taxpayers**

Name of Taxpayer	Type of Business	Taxable Value	% of Net Valuation
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Oil & Gas Pipeline	\$ 12,537,829	0.57%
ETC Texas Pipeline Ltd.	Oil & Gas Pipeline	10,676,960	0.49%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co.	Electric Utility/Power Plant	9,140,408	0.42%
BKV Barnett LLC	Natural Gas	8,158,131	0.37%
Targa NGL Pipeline Company	Oil & Gas Pipeline	7,868,997	0.36%
Tri-County Electric Co-Op	Electric Utility/Power Plant	7,220,460	0.33%
Hagood Ranch Partners LLC	Vacant Lots	6,446,900	0.29%
MBP North Park LLC	Vacant Lots	5,421,360	0.25%
Texas Shafts Inc.	Oil & Gas	5,405,160	0.25%
SWG Pipeline LLC	Oil & Gas Pipeline	5,286,990	0.24%
		<u>\$ 78,163,195</u>	<u>3.55%</u>

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

**CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY <sup>(1)</sup>**

<u>Category</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 2,811,081,694	57.37%	\$ 2,677,414,469	56.34%	\$ 1,769,866,628	57.25%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	35,496,580	0.72%	33,565,460	0.71%	23,250,770	0.75%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	93,080,515	1.90%	94,126,377	1.98%	74,307,462	2.40%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	897,929,227	18.33%	895,905,080	18.85%	466,114,959	15.08%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	552,201,382	11.27%	540,901,208	11.38%	417,741,725	13.51%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	204,628,532	4.18%	201,780,603	4.25%	127,448,343	4.12%
Oil & Gas	6,726,140	0.14%	36,375,148	0.77%	21,538,664	0.70%
Utilities	114,782,032	2.34%	94,274,697	1.98%	88,613,879	2.87%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	31,178,049	0.64%	32,744,552	0.69%	28,703,904	0.93%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	13,931,002	0.28%	16,194,850	0.34%	16,564,073	0.54%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	47,930,163	0.98%	44,353,796	0.93%	30,850,852	1.00%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	90,125,809	1.84%	83,491,758	1.76%	25,810,997	0.83%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	<u>890,875</u>	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>826,843</u>	<u>0.02%</u>	<u>726,560</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
<b>Total Appraised Value</b>	<b>\$ 4,899,982,000</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 4,751,954,841</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 3,091,538,816</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Less:</b>						
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 358,194,017		\$ 518,019,470		\$ 114,159,291	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Adjustment	1,571,085		-		-	
Productivity Loss	880,178,433		882,068,757		459,924,801	
Exemptions	<u>818,736,393 <sup>(2)</sup></u>		<u>717,429,127 <sup>(2)</sup></u>		<u>316,656,322 <sup>(3)</sup></u>	
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(5)</sup>	<u>\$ 2,058,679,928</u>		<u>\$ 2,117,517,354</u>		<u>\$ 890,740,414</u>	
<b>Net Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 2,841,302,072</b>		<b>\$ 2,634,437,487</b>		<b>\$ 2,200,798,402</b>	

<u>Category</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>% of Total</u>
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 1,583,010,365	54.42%	\$ 1,210,266,332	52.58%	\$ 1,112,657,795	50.81%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	22,675,960	0.78%	17,515,539	0.76%	12,596,979	0.58%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts	67,680,300	2.33%	49,231,579	2.14%	43,255,640	1.98%
Real, Qualified Land & Improvements	581,401,166	19.99%	451,229,954	19.60%	450,100,658	20.56%
Real, Non-Qualified Land & Improvements	364,442,085	12.53%	297,353,755	12.92%	284,305,525	12.98%
Real, Commercial & Industrial	120,487,310	4.14%	93,562,439	4.06%	93,592,363	4.27%
Oil & Gas	6,888,346	0.24%	8,632,043	0.38%	18,134,521	0.83%
Utilities	84,893,070	2.92%	87,411,583	3.80%	82,650,360	3.77%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	24,981,410	0.86%	24,717,200	1.07%	27,714,670	1.27%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	16,237,397	0.56%	27,372,412	1.19%	36,580,087	1.67%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes & Other	28,631,667	0.98%	20,931,383	0.91%	19,192,426	0.88%
Tangible Personal, Residential Inventory	6,868,080	0.24%	13,241,330	0.58%	8,524,760	0.39%
Tangible Personal, Special Inventory	<u>432,510</u>	<u>0.01%</u>	<u>324,500</u>	<u>0.01%</u>	<u>359,160</u>	<u>0.02%</u>
<b>Total Appraised Value</b>	<b>\$ 2,908,629,666</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 2,301,790,049</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 2,189,664,944</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Less:</b>						
Homestead Cap Adjustment	\$ 157,556,907		\$ 60,543,992		\$ 110,501,227	
Non-Homestead (23.231) Cap Adjustment	-		-		-	
Productivity Loss	574,595,074		444,179,455		443,519,360	
Exemptions	<u>213,449,115 <sup>(4)</sup></u>		<u>191,820,194 <sup>(4)</sup></u>		<u>178,035,620 <sup>(4)</sup></u>	
Total Exemptions/Deductions <sup>(5)</sup>	<u>\$ 945,601,096</u>		<u>\$ 696,543,641</u>		<u>\$ 732,056,207</u>	
<b>Net Taxable Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 1,963,028,570</b>		<b>\$ 1,605,246,408</b>		<b>\$ 1,457,608,737</b>	

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

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

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

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

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



**PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE**

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Bonds	Plus:	Total	Bonds	Percent of Principal Retired
		The Bonds		Unpaid At Year End	
2025	\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,250,000.00	\$ 122,170,000.00	1.81%
2026	2,330,000.00	\$1,210,000	3,540,000.00	118,630,000.00	4.65%
2027	2,415,000.00	775,000.00	3,190,000.00	115,440,000.00	7.22%
2028	2,495,000.00	1,220,000.00	3,715,000.00	111,725,000.00	10.20%
2029	2,610,000.00	170,000.00	2,780,000.00	108,945,000.00	12.44%
2030	2,625,000.00	265,000.00	2,890,000.00	106,055,000.00	14.76%
2031	2,805,000.00	200,000.00	3,005,000.00	103,050,000.00	17.18%
2032	2,915,000.00	215,000.00	3,130,000.00	99,920,000.00	19.69%
2033	3,100,000.00	155,000.00	3,255,000.00	96,665,000.00	22.31%
2034	3,235,000.00	170,000.00	3,405,000.00	93,260,000.00	25.04%
2035	3,390,000.00	180,000.00	3,570,000.00	89,690,000.00	27.91%
2036	3,530,000.00	215,000.00	3,745,000.00	85,945,000.00	30.92%
2037	3,710,000.00	230,000.00	3,940,000.00	82,005,000.00	34.09%
2038	4,010,000.00	110,000.00	4,120,000.00	77,885,000.00	37.40%
2039	-	2,980,000.00	2,980,000.00	74,905,000.00	39.80%
2040	-	3,135,000.00	3,135,000.00	71,770,000.00	42.32%
2041	-	3,295,000.00	3,295,000.00	68,475,000.00	44.96%
2042	-	3,465,000.00	3,465,000.00	65,010,000.00	47.75%
2043	-	3,640,000.00	3,640,000.00	61,370,000.00	50.68%
2044	-	3,825,000.00	3,825,000.00	57,545,000.00	53.75%
2045	-	4,025,000.00	4,025,000.00	53,520,000.00	56.98%
2046	-	4,230,000.00	4,230,000.00	49,290,000.00	60.38%
2047	-	4,445,000.00	4,445,000.00	44,845,000.00	63.96%
2048	-	4,675,000.00	4,675,000.00	40,170,000.00	67.71%
2049	-	4,915,000.00	4,915,000.00	35,255,000.00	71.66%
2050	-	5,165,000.00	5,165,000.00	30,090,000.00	75.82%
2051	-	5,430,000.00	5,430,000.00	24,660,000.00	80.18%
2052	-	5,710,000.00	5,710,000.00	18,950,000.00	84.77%
2053	-	6,005,000.00	6,005,000.00	12,945,000.00	89.60%
2054	-	6,310,000.00	6,310,000.00	6,635,000.00	94.67%
2055	-	6,635,000.00	6,635,000.00	-	100.00%
Total	<u>\$ 41,420,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 83,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 124,420,000.00</u>		

**OTHER OBLIGATIONS <sup>(1)</sup>**

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Capital Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 322,465.00	\$ 15,373.00	\$ 337,838.00
2026	230,382.00	10,591.00	240,973.00
2027	205,824.00	6,672.00	212,496.00
2028	143,167.00	3,214.00	146,381.00
2029	92,524.00	1,035.00	93,559.00
2030-2034	<u>3,983.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>3,992.00</u>
	<u>\$ 998,345.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,894.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,035,239.00</u>

(1) General Fund Obligations are payable solely from the limited maintenance and operations tax or other lawfully available funds of the District. See "NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS" from the "Audited Financial Report Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024" in Appendix D for more information relative to the District's outstanding obligations.

**DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Outstanding Debt Service	Plus: The Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>			Combined Total <sup>(1) (2)</sup>
		Principal	Interest	Total	
2025	\$ 3,921,800.00	\$ -	\$ 299,722.22	\$ 299,722.22	\$ 4,221,522.22
2026	3,923,031.25	\$1,210,000	3,981,416.67	5,191,416.67	9,114,447.92
2027	3,926,637.50	775,000.00	4,070,125.00	4,845,125.00	8,771,762.50
2028	3,922,212.50	1,220,000.00	4,020,250.00	5,240,250.00	9,162,462.50
2029	3,943,225.00	170,000.00	3,985,500.00	4,155,500.00	8,098,725.00
2030	3,857,268.75	265,000.00	3,974,625.00	4,239,625.00	8,096,893.75
2031	3,931,925.00	200,000.00	3,963,000.00	4,163,000.00	8,094,925.00
2032	3,929,662.50	215,000.00	3,952,625.00	4,167,625.00	8,097,287.50
2033	3,995,450.00	155,000.00	3,943,375.00	4,098,375.00	8,093,825.00
2034	3,992,525.00	170,000.00	3,935,250.00	4,105,250.00	8,097,775.00
2035	3,992,000.00	180,000.00	3,926,500.00	4,106,500.00	8,098,500.00
2036	3,964,150.00	215,000.00	3,916,625.00	4,131,625.00	8,095,775.00
2037	3,963,150.00	230,000.00	3,905,500.00	4,135,500.00	8,098,650.00
2038	4,090,200.00	110,000.00	3,897,000.00	4,007,000.00	8,097,200.00
2039	-	2,980,000.00	3,819,750.00	6,799,750.00	6,799,750.00
2040	-	3,135,000.00	3,666,875.00	6,801,875.00	6,801,875.00
2041	-	3,295,000.00	3,506,125.00	6,801,125.00	6,801,125.00
2042	-	3,465,000.00	3,337,125.00	6,802,125.00	6,802,125.00
2043	-	3,640,000.00	3,159,500.00	6,799,500.00	6,799,500.00
2044	-	3,825,000.00	2,972,875.00	6,797,875.00	6,797,875.00
2045	-	4,025,000.00	2,776,625.00	6,801,625.00	6,801,625.00
2046	-	4,230,000.00	2,570,250.00	6,800,250.00	6,800,250.00
2047	-	4,445,000.00	2,353,375.00	6,798,375.00	6,798,375.00
2048	-	4,675,000.00	2,125,375.00	6,800,375.00	6,800,375.00
2049	-	4,915,000.00	1,885,625.00	6,800,625.00	6,800,625.00
2050	-	5,165,000.00	1,633,625.00	6,798,625.00	6,798,625.00
2051	-	5,430,000.00	1,368,750.00	6,798,750.00	6,798,750.00
2052	-	5,710,000.00	1,090,250.00	6,800,250.00	6,800,250.00
2053	-	6,005,000.00	797,375.00	6,802,375.00	6,802,375.00
2054	-	6,310,000.00	489,500.00	6,799,500.00	6,799,500.00
2055	-	6,635,000.00	165,875.00	6,800,875.00	6,800,875.00
	<u>\$ 55,353,237.50</u>	<u>\$ 83,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 89,490,388.89</u>	<u>\$ 172,490,388.89</u>	<u>\$ 227,843,626.39</u>

(1) Includes accrued interest in the amount of \$207,500.00.

(2) Based on it's wealth per student, the District does not expect to receive state financial assistance for the payment of debt service for the fiscal year 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>	\$ 9,162,462.50
Projected State Financial Assistance for Hold Harmless of Increased Homestead Exemption in 2024/25 <sup>(2)</sup>	745,000.00
Projected Net Debt Service Requirement	\$ 8,417,462.50
 \$0.28065 Tax Rate @ 98% Collections Produces	 \$ 8,417,462.50
 2025/26 Preliminary Net Taxable Valuation <sup>(3)</sup>	 \$ 3,060,491,034

(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. The District will not receive any Instructional Facilities Allotment nor Existing Debt Allotment state aid in 2023/24, but will receive additional state aid for the increase in the homestead exemption which took effect in 2015/16, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

(3) Source: Preliminary values from the Parker and Wise County Appraisal Districts as of April 2025.

**AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS**

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$15,000,000 authorized but unissued ad valorem tax bonds from the May 3, 2025 election. The District may incur other financial obligations payable from its collection of taxes and other sources of revenue, including public property finance contractual obligations, delinquent tax notes, and leases for various purposes payable from State appropriations and surplus maintenance taxes.

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

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 8,722,592</b>	<b>\$ 10,139,948</b>	<b>\$ 9,594,134</b>	<b>\$ 11,395,323</b>	<b>\$ 12,572,761</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 15,304,301	\$ 16,927,620	\$ 18,905,370	\$ 21,006,471	\$ 19,601,642
State Sources	21,443,889	21,408,475	21,783,727	22,059,853	24,751,495
Federal Sources & Other	199,727	418,933	304,834	203,320	139,865
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 36,947,917</b>	<b>\$ 38,755,028</b>	<b>\$ 40,993,931</b>	<b>\$ 43,269,644</b>	<b>\$ 44,493,002</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 20,528,681	\$ 22,629,699	\$ 23,755,943	\$ 24,933,633	\$ 27,739,831
Instructional Resources & Media Services	491,959	485,677	511,113	503,745	513,383
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	97,813	140,858	164,519	168,806	144,843
Instructional Leadership	549,037	500,606	518,732	379,816	360,615
School Leadership	1,978,313	1,976,677	2,175,806	2,325,360	2,337,056
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	700,503	727,120	845,292	904,016	1,082,493
Health Services	369,858	362,310	310,707	336,251	403,495
Student (Pupil) Transportation	1,900,694	1,963,662	2,251,417	2,269,755	2,957,708
Food Services	-	26,195	-	-	-
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,343,586	1,306,190	1,499,548	1,630,040	1,716,728
General Administration	1,435,741	1,507,955	1,600,283	1,881,445	1,845,682
Plant Maintenance and Operations	3,679,417	4,344,697	4,671,300	4,663,174	4,921,026
Security and Monitoring Services	143,170	116,357	140,491	193,493	428,993
Data Processing Services	441,133	492,926	540,273	647,439	504,236
Community Services	4,578	7,952	13,052	14,219	12,881
Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	-	-	157,624	383,877	377,060
Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	-	-	4,782	16,265	13,696
Capital Outlay	25,000	1,842,118	-	1,365,199	-
Payments to Fiscal Agent / Member Dist. SSA	91,200	76,200	78,800	83,400	53,800
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 33,780,683</b>	<b>\$ 38,507,199</b>	<b>\$ 39,239,682</b>	<b>\$ 42,699,933</b>	<b>\$ 45,413,526</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues					
over Expenditures	\$ 3,167,234	\$ 247,829	\$ 1,754,249	\$ 569,711	\$ (920,524)
<b>Other Resources and (Uses):</b>					
Issuance of Right-to-Use Leased Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,940	\$ 482,006	\$ 532,850
Issuance of Right-to-Use SBITAs	-	-	-	125,721	-
Sal of Real and Personal Property	-	-	-	-	61,613
Transfers Out	(1,749,878)	(793,643)	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Resources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ (1,749,878)</b>	<b>\$ (793,643)</b>	<b>\$ 46,940</b>	<b>\$ 607,727</b>	<b>\$ 594,463</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of					
Revenues and Other Sources					
over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 1,417,356	\$ (545,814)	\$ 1,801,189	\$ 1,177,438	\$ (326,061)
<b>Ending Fund Balance <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10,139,948</b>	<b>\$ 9,594,134</b>	<b>\$ 11,395,323</b>	<b>\$ 12,572,761</b>	<b>\$ 12,246,700</b>

(1) See "MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates" in Appendix D hereto for a discussion of the 2024/25 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 that the General Fund balance as of August 31, 2025 will equal approximately \$16,128,013.

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

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31				
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Revenues:</b>					
<b>Program Revenues:</b>					
Charges for Services	\$ 945,066	\$ 743,995	\$ 1,698,718	\$ 1,947,060	\$ 2,097,057
Operating Grants and Contributions	6,825,782	6,215,838	6,397,386	7,238,420	7,072,460
<b>General Revenues:</b>					
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes	14,867,575	16,062,672	18,372,202	19,952,002	18,228,368
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service	2,489,121	3,198,558	3,496,554	4,235,336	4,814,699
Investment Earnings	140,339	7,998	63,770	661,867	945,878
Grants and Contributions Not Restricted	19,656,240	19,584,248	19,813,199	19,933,780	22,407,899
Miscellaneous	168,393	533,452	307,299	181,662	299,698
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>\$ 45,092,516</u>	<u>\$ 46,346,761</u>	<u>\$ 50,149,128</u>	<u>\$ 54,150,127</u>	<u>\$ 55,866,059</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
Instruction	\$ 25,965,930	\$ 26,512,579	\$ 26,270,545	\$ 28,734,987	\$ 31,461,057
Instruction Resources & Media Services	585,833	536,401	505,799	513,742	544,863
Curriculum & Staff Development	249,934	295,664	320,075	301,522	389,513
Instructional Leadership	631,800	556,881	512,621	381,978	397,856
School Leadership	2,332,388	2,188,101	2,154,892	2,366,340	2,485,812
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	1,384,009	1,321,551	1,699,902	1,789,784	2,005,830
Health Services	436,632	401,092	301,609	345,172	435,939
Student Transportation	1,907,872	1,816,214	2,086,342	2,220,630	2,486,362
Food Service	1,813,477	1,805,846	2,014,448	2,180,225	2,195,075
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,822,653	1,686,693	2,539,662	2,618,872	2,737,714
General Administration	1,645,765	1,650,403	1,636,162	1,959,175	1,964,337
Plant Maintenance & Operations	3,963,437	4,679,424	4,557,288	4,575,081	5,169,355
Security and Monitoring Services	223,614	125,427	148,965	266,418	595,403
Data Processing Services	483,865	538,714	546,951	669,779	533,450
Community Services	100,624	87,349	13,563	10,908	10,054
Debt Service - Interest on Long-term Debt	1,612,710	1,557,700	1,502,197	1,453,015	1,388,432
Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	85,650	85,050	86,800	85,549	86,099
Capital Outlay	-	734,952	-	-	-
Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements	91,200	76,200	78,800	83,400	53,800
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 45,337,393</u>	<u>\$ 46,656,241</u>	<u>\$ 46,976,621</u>	<u>\$ 50,556,577</u>	<u>\$ 54,940,951</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>					
Early Learning Center	\$ (195,668)	\$ (205,493)	\$ (229,761)	\$ (325,892)	\$ (341,585)
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	\$ (440,545)	\$ (514,973)	\$ 2,942,746	\$ 3,267,658	\$ 583,523
<b>Beginning Net Assets</b>	\$ (20,146,516)	\$ (20,587,061)	\$ (21,008,656)	\$ (18,065,910)	\$ (14,798,252)
<b>Prior Period Adjustment</b>	\$ -	\$ 93,378 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (117,066) <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Ending Net Assets</b>	<u>\$ (20,587,061)</u>	<u>\$ (21,008,656)</u>	<u>\$ (18,065,910)</u>	<u>\$ (14,798,252)</u>	<u>\$ (14,331,795)</u>

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

(2) The prior period adjustment in 2021 was due to the implementation of GASB No. 84, Fiduciary Activities.

(3) The prior period adjustment in 2024 was due to an overstatement of funds in prior year other receivables.

## **APPENDIX B**

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

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# **SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **General and Economic Information**

Springtown Independent School District (the "District") is an agriculture and petroleum producing area that includes the City of Springtown, a retail center located 25 miles northwest of Fort Worth on State Highway 199. The District is located primarily in Parker County (the "County") with a portion extending into Wise County. The District's current estimated population is 27,145.

Parker County is a north central Texas county created and organized in 1855 from Bosque and Navarro Counties. Parker is traversed by Interstate Highway 20, U.S. Highway 180, and State Highways 171 and 199, as well as the Brazos River and the Clear Fork of the Trinity River. The county seat is Weatherford.

*Source: Texas Municipal Report for Springtown ISD and Parker County*

## **Enrollment Statistics**

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2015/16	3,350
2016/17	3,456
2017/18	3,487
2018/19	3,470
2019/20	3,548
2020/21	3,676
2021/22	3,920
2022/23	4,094
2023/24	4,136
2024/25	4,184

## **District Staff**

Teachers	278
Teachers' Aides & Secretaries	88
Auxiliary Personnel	105
Administrators	32
Other (Counselors/Technology/Other Specialists)	68
Total	<u>571</u>

## **Facilities**

<u>Campus</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Current Enrollment</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Year of Addition/ Renovation</u>
Springtown Elementary School	PK-4	687	750	1958	1992, 2000
Goshen Creek Elementary School	K-4	693	700	2009	N/A
Reno Elementary School	PK-4	383	584	1999	2006
Springtown Intermediate School	5-6	624	856	1979	1986, 1993
Springtown Middle School	7-8	637	992	1986	2008
Springtown High School	9-12	1,162	1,805	2000	2008

## **Principal Employers within the District**

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Springtown ISD	Education	571
Brookshires Grocery	Grocery Store	50
City of Springtown	General City Operations	30

## **Unemployment Rates**

	<u>June 2023</u>	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2025</u>
Parker County	3.3%	3.6%	3.3%
State of Texas	4.2%	4.5%	4.1%

*Source: Texas Workforce Commission*

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**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**

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**Proposed Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel**

*An opinion in substantially the following form will be delivered by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel, upon the delivery of the Bonds, assuming no material changes in facts or law.*

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$83,000,000**

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**AS BOND COUNSEL** for the Springtown Independent School District (the "*Issuer*"), the issuer of the Bonds described above (the "*Bonds*"), we have examined into the legality and validity of the Bonds, which bear interest from the dates specified in the text of the Bonds, at the rates and payable on the dates as stated in the text of the Bonds, maturing, unless redeemed prior to maturity in accordance with the terms of the Bonds, all in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the text of the Bonds.

**WE HAVE EXAMINED** the applicable and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and a transcript of certified proceedings of the Issuer, and other pertinent instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds, including executed Bond Numbered T-1.

**BASED ON SAID EXAMINATION, IT IS OUR OPINION** that the Bonds have been authorized and issued and the Bonds delivered concurrently with this opinion have been duly delivered and that, assuming due authentication, Bonds issued in exchange therefore will have been duly delivered, in accordance with law, and that the Bonds, except as may be limited by laws applicable to the Issuer relating to bankruptcy, reorganization and other similar matters affecting creditors' rights generally, and by general principles of equity and sovereign immunity of political subdivisions which permit the exercise of judicial discretion, constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Issuer, and ad valorem taxes sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest on and principal of the Bonds have been levied and pledged for such purpose, without limit as to rate or amount.

**IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION**, except as discussed below, that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes under the statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of this opinion. We are further of the opinion that the Bonds are not "specified private activity bonds" and that, accordingly, interest on the Bonds will not be included as an individual or corporate alternative minimum tax preference item under section 57(a)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"). Except as stated above, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning, or disposing of the Bonds.



**IN EXPRESSING THE AFOREMENTIONED OPINIONS**, we have relied on and assume continuing compliance with, certain representations contained in the federal tax certificate of the Issuer and covenants set forth in the order adopted by the Issuer to authorize the issuance of the Bonds, relating to, among other matters, the use of the project being financed and the investment and expenditure of the proceeds and certain other amounts used to pay or to secure the payment of debt service on the Bonds and the certificate with respect to arbitrage by the Commissioner of Education regarding the allocation and investment of certain investments in the Permanent School Fund, the accuracy of which we have not independently verified. We call your attention to the fact that if such representations are determined to be inaccurate or if the Issuer fails to comply with such covenants, interest on the Bonds may become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

**EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE**, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning or disposing of the Bonds. We express no opinion as to any insurance policies issued with respect to the payments due for the principal of and interest on the Bonds, nor as to any such insurance policies issued in the future.

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

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

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



the marketability of the Bonds and have relied solely on certificates executed by officials of the Issuer as to the current outstanding indebtedness of and assessed valuation of taxable property within the Issuer. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

Respectfully,

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**APPENDIX D**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

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SPRINGTOWN  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT*

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024*

**Springtown Independent School District**  
**Annual Financial Report**  
**For The Year Ended August 31, 2024**  
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## *Introductory Section*

CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Springtown Independent School District  
Name of School District

Parker  
County

184-902  
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and (check one) ☒ approved ☐ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2024, at a meeting of the board of trustees of such school district on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board Secretary

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Board President

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

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## *Financial Section*



**SNOW GARRETT WILLIAMS**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Trustees  
Springtown Independent School District  
301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springtown, Texas 76082

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

***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springtown Independent School District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Springtown Independent School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springtown Independent School District as of August 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinions***

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

***Emphasis of Matter***

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in Fiscal Year 2025, Springtown Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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



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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the District's pension contributions, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, and schedule of the District's OPEB contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Springtown Independent School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as other supplementary information in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Information**

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

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

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 19, 2025 on our consideration of Springtown Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Springtown Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Springtown Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Snow Garrett Williams  
January 19, 2025

## Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

As management of the District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended August 31, 2024. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

### Financial Highlights

- The liabilities and deferred inflows of the District exceeded its assets and deferred outflows at the close of the most recent period by \$14,331,795 (*net position*). Of this amount, a negative \$8,275,524 (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$15,516,002. Approximately 74% of this total amount, \$11,419,251, is *available for spending* at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$11,419,251, or 25% of the total general fund expenditures.

### Overview of the Financial Statements

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

**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 business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows and liabilities and deferred inflows, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information for all of the current year's revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the District's government-wide financial statements distinguish the functions of the District as being principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) as opposed to *business-type activities* that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The District has no component units for which it is financially accountable. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 12-14 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, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds-not the District as a whole.

- Some funds are required by State law and/or bond covenants.
- Other funds may be established by the Board to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes or grants.

All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary 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 spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds 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 impact of the government'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 adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, debt service fund and food service fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 15-18 of this report.
- **Proprietary funds.** *Proprietary funds* provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. There are two proprietary fund types. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The District has *business-type activities* or *enterprise funds* that operate similar to a private business. The District uses the enterprise fund to account for its early learning center. The second type of proprietary fund is the *internal service fund*. *Internal service funds* are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the various functions. The District has no *internal service funds*. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 19-21 of this report.
- **Fiduciary funds.** *Fiduciary funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. 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 District is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for these funds and is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position that can be found on page 22-23.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 24-47 of this report.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 48-54 of this report.



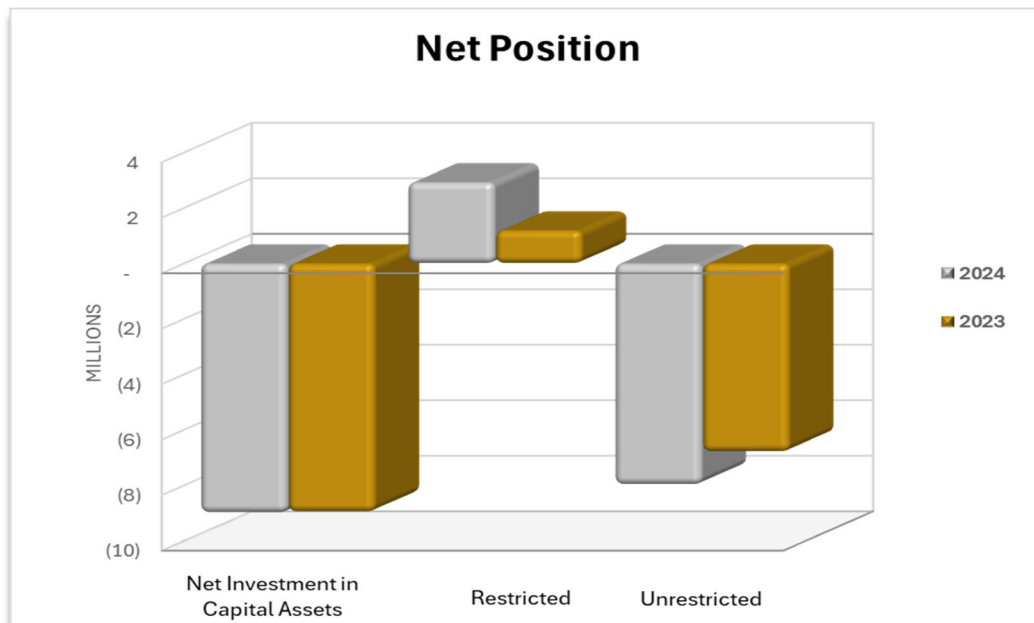
**Springtown ISD**  
Home of the Porcupines

## Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, governmental type liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by \$14,025,112 as of August 31, 2024.

### The District's Net Position - Governmental Activities

	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
Current assets	\$ 19,754,136	\$ 18,162,221
Capital assets	35,838,163	38,156,303
Total assets	<u>55,592,299</u>	<u>56,318,524</u>
Deferred outflows of resources		
Deferred loss on refunding	1,081,910	1,163,959
Deferred outflow related to pensions	7,359,690	5,963,106
Deferred outflow related to OPEB	4,562,491	3,667,143
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>13,004,091</u>	<u>10,794,208</u>
Current liabilities	3,599,307	3,432,745
Long-term liabilities outstanding	68,492,899	67,099,328
Total liabilities	<u>72,092,206</u>	<u>70,532,073</u>
Deferred inflows of resources		
Deferred inflow related to pensions	554,665	824,517
Deferred inflow related to OPEB	9,974,631	10,307,942
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>10,529,296</u>	<u>11,132,459</u>
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	(8,982,898)	(8,955,475)
Restricted	2,926,627	1,188,543
Unrestricted	(7,968,841)	(6,784,868)
Total net position	<u>\$ (14,025,112)</u>	<u>\$ (14,551,800)</u>



Investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, furniture and equipment, and right to use assets) is negative \$8,982,898. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional \$2,926,627 of the District's net position represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position*, negative \$7,968,84, may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations. This deficit is not an indication that the District has insignificant resources available to meet financial obligations next year, but rather the result of having long-term commitments that are in excess of currently available resources.

#### The District's Net Position - Business-Type Activities

	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
Current assets	\$ (300,311)	\$ (215,469)
Total assets	<u>(300,311)</u>	<u>(215,469)</u>
Current liabilities	6,372	30,983
Total liabilities	<u>6,372</u>	<u>30,983</u>
Net position		
Unrestricted	(306,683)	(246,452)
Total net position	<u>\$ (306,683)</u>	<u>\$ (246,452)</u>

The above deficit in net position is due to payroll costs related to the District's Early Learning Center program and state regulations for staffing.

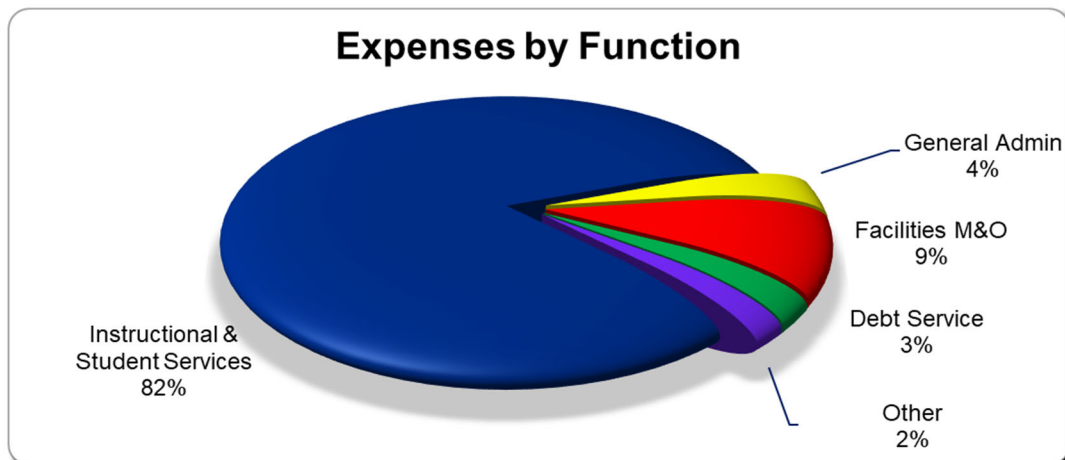




**Governmental activities.** The District's total net position increased \$643,754. The total cost of all *governmental activities* this year was \$54,940,951. The amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was \$23,043,067, or 42%.

#### Changes in the District's Net Position - Governmental Activities

	Fiscal Year August 31, 2024	Fiscal Year August 31, 2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,842,496	\$ 1,645,027
Operating grants and contributions	7,045,667	7,212,836
General revenues		
Property taxes	23,043,067	24,187,338
State grants	22,407,899	19,933,780
Other	1,245,576	843,529
Total revenues	55,584,705	53,822,510
Expenses:		
Instruction	31,461,057	28,734,987
Instruction resources and media services	544,863	513,742
Curriculum and staff development	389,513	301,522
Instructional leadership	397,856	381,978
School leadership	2,485,812	2,366,340
Guidance, counseling & evaluation services	2,005,830	1,789,784
Health services	435,939	345,172
Student transportation	2,486,362	2,220,630
Food service	2,195,075	2,180,225
Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	2,737,714	2,618,872
General administration	1,964,337	1,959,175
Facilities maintenance and operations	5,169,355	4,575,081
Security and monitoring services	595,403	266,418
Data processing services	533,450	669,779
Community services	10,054	10,908
Interest on long-term debt	1,388,432	1,453,015
Bond issuance costs and fees	86,099	85,549
Payments related to shared service arrangements	53,800	83,400
Total expenses	54,940,951	50,556,577
Increase (decrease) in net position	643,754	3,265,933
Beginning net position	(14,551,800)	(17,817,733)
Prior period adjustment	(117,066)	-
Ending net position	\$ (14,025,112)	\$ (14,551,800)



**Business-type activities.** The District's total net position decreased \$60,231. The total cost of all *business-type activities* this year was \$341,585.

#### Changes in the District's Net Position - Business-Type Activities

	Fiscal Year August 31, 2024	Fiscal Year August 31, 2023
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 254,561	\$ 302,033
Grants and contributions	26,793	25,584
Total revenues	<u>281,354</u>	<u>327,617</u>
Expenses:		
Early learning center program expenses	341,585	325,892
Total expenses	<u>341,585</u>	<u>325,892</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	(60,231)	1,725
Beginning net position	(246,452)	(248,177)
Ending net position	<u>\$ (306,683)</u>	<u>\$ (246,452)</u>

#### Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements, bond covenants, and segregation for particular purposes.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$15,516,002, an increase of \$1,479,464. Approximately 74% of this total amount, \$11,419,251, constitutes *unassigned fund balance*. The remainder of fund balance is *nonspendable, restricted, committed, or assigned* to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is nonspendable due to being (1) inventories (\$5,430), has already been *restricted* to pay (2) federal/state grant restrictions (\$409,360), (3) debt service (\$2,368,713), and (4) other restrictions (\$10,155), (5) *committed* for other (\$481,074), and (6) assigned for construction projects (\$522,019) and (7) capital equipment expenditures (\$300,000).

The general fund is the primary operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$11,419,251. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare unassigned fund balance to the total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 25% of the total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the District's general fund decreased \$326,061 during the current fiscal year. Key factors in this decrease are:

- The District approved pay raises for all staff to remain competitive with market trends.
- The District's property insurance increased significantly.
- The District maintains a day-care for staff children to assist in recruitment and retention of staff.

#### Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District recommended, and the Board approved several revisions that increased budgeted General Fund revenue and appropriations.

The District made the following amendment to budgeted revenue:

- \$650,000 for land purchase



The following are significant variations between the final budget and actual amounts for the general fund:

- Actual revenues were lower than budgeted by \$1,067,857; primarily related to decreases in property tax revenues; and
- Actual expenditures were lower than budgeted by \$797,333; primarily due to lower capital outlay, plant maintenance and operations and instruction expenditures offset by an increase in student transportation.

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets.** The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of August 31, 2024, amounts to \$ \$35,838,163 (net of accumulated depreciation/amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and right to use assets.

<b>District's Capital Assets</b>		
(Net of Depreciation/Amortization)		
	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023
Land	\$ 2,248,409	\$ 2,248,409
Buildings and improvements	30,203,731	32,991,715
Furniture and equipment	2,377,383	1,987,631
Right to use assets	1,008,640	928,548
Total	<u>\$ 35,838,163</u>	<u>\$ 38,156,303</u>

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in Note D on page 32 of this report.

**Long-term debt.** As of August 31, 2024, the District had total general obligation bonded debt outstanding of \$41,420,000, a decrease of \$2,185,000 from the prior year. The District’s premium paid on bonds is amortized over the life of the bonds. The unamortized premium balance at August 31, 2024 is \$3,465,513, a decrease of \$363,456 from the prior year.

The net pension liability for fiscal year 2024 had an ending balance of \$15,733,004, derived from GASB 68 & 71 and an increase of \$3,650,600 from the prior year. The net OPEB liability had an ending balance of \$6,856,924 which is an increase of \$115,737 from the prior year. The lease liability had an ending balance of \$998,345, an increase of \$241,362 from the prior year’s restated balance. The SBITA liability decreased \$65,672 resulting in an ending balance of \$19,113.

Additional information on the District’s long-term debt can be found in Note F on pages 33-34 of this report.

The District’s bonds are rated “Aaa/AAA” by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. The uninsured tax supported debt of the District is rated “Aa3” by Moody’s. The District’s bonds presently carry “Aaa/AAA” ratings with the underlying ratings as follows: Standard & Poor’s underlying rating on the District’s Bonds is “A+” and Moody’s Investor Services rating is “Aa3.”

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

- The district’s enrollment experienced an increase of 1.24 percent in 2023-2024.
- The district’s student attendance rate is expected to remain stable at approximately 94.3 percent.
- The District’s enrollment increased by 51 students in 23-24. Enrollment for 24-25 is expected to increase.
- The Board adopted an M&O tax rate from \$0.7552 per \$100 in assessed valuation

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District’s finances as well as demonstrate accountability for funds the District receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Springtown Independent School District, 301 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Springtown, Texas 76082.

## *Basic Financial Statements*

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		1	2	3
		Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,965,970	\$ --	\$ 1,965,970
1120	Current Investments	16,241,532	--	16,241,532
1225	Property Taxes Receivable (Net)	713,187	--	713,187
1240	Due from Other Governments	525,615	--	525,615
1260	Internal Balances	300,311	(300,311)	--
1290	Other Receivables (Net)	2,091	--	2,091
1300	Inventories	5,430	--	5,430
	Capital Assets:			
1510	Land	2,248,409	--	2,248,409
1520	Buildings and Improvements (Net)	30,203,731	--	30,203,731
1530	Furniture and Equipment (Net)	2,377,383	--	2,377,383
1550	Right to Use Assets (Net)	1,008,640	--	1,008,640
1000	Total Assets	<u>55,592,299</u>	<u>(300,311)</u>	<u>55,291,988</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>				
	Deferred Loss on Refunding	1,081,910	--	1,081,910
	Deferred Outflow Related to Pensions	7,359,690	--	7,359,690
	Deferred Outflow Related to OPEB	4,562,491	--	4,562,491
1700	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>13,004,091</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>13,004,091</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
2110	Accounts Payable	796,187	735	796,922
2140	Interest Payable	74,360	--	74,360
2165	Accrued Liabilities	2,695,469	5,637	2,701,106
2180	Due to Other Governments	1,063	--	1,063
2190	Due to Student Groups	2,946	--	2,946
2300	Unearned Revenue	29,282	--	29,282
	Noncurrent Liabilities:			
2501	Due Within One Year	2,591,578	--	2,591,578
2502	Due in More Than One Year	43,311,393	--	43,311,393
2540	Net Pension Liability	15,733,004	--	15,733,004
2545	Net OPEB Liability	6,856,924	--	6,856,924
2000	Total Liabilities	<u>72,092,206</u>	<u>6,372</u>	<u>72,098,578</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>				
	Deferred Inflow Related to Pensions	554,665	--	554,665
	Deferred Inflow Related to OPEB	9,974,631	--	9,974,631
2600	Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>10,529,296</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>10,529,296</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>				
3200	Net Investment in Capital Assets	(8,982,898)	--	(8,982,898)
	Restricted For:			
3820	Federal and State Programs	409,360	--	409,360
3850	Debt Service	2,507,112	--	2,507,112
3880	Scholarships	10,155	--	10,155
3900	Unrestricted	(7,968,841)	(306,683)	(8,275,524)
3000	Total Net Position	<u>\$ (14,025,112)</u>	<u>\$ (306,683)</u>	<u>\$ (14,331,795)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

		1	3	4
			Program Revenues	
Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
	Governmental Activities:			
11	Instruction	\$ 31,461,057	\$ 188,176	\$ 2,874,939
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services	544,863	3,479	30,946
13	Curriculum and Staff Development	389,513	976	230,651
21	Instructional Leadership	397,856	2,441	27,595
23	School Leadership	2,485,812	15,867	168,698
31	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	2,005,830	7,354	618,242
33	Health Services	435,939	2,746	31,144
34	Student Transportation	2,486,362	20,047	223,805
35	Food Service	2,195,075	555,005	1,391,452
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,737,714	993,740	77,902
41	General Administration	1,964,337	12,510	86,775
51	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,169,355	33,381	312,153
52	Security and Monitoring Services	595,403	2,899	162,844
53	Data Processing Services	533,450	3,417	38,076
61	Community Services	10,054	92	17,699
72	Interest on Long-term Debt	1,388,432	--	749,766
73	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	86,099	--	--
93	Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements	53,800	366	2,980
TG	Total Governmental Activities	<u>54,940,951</u>	<u>1,842,496</u>	<u>7,045,667</u>
	Business-type Activities:			
01	Early Learning Center	341,585	254,561	26,793
TB	Total Business-type Activities	<u>341,585</u>	<u>254,561</u>	<u>26,793</u>
TP	Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 55,282,536</u>	<u>\$ 2,097,057</u>	<u>\$ 7,072,460</u>
	General Revenues:			
MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes			
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service			
IE	Investment Earnings			
SF	State Aid-Formula Grants			
MI	Miscellaneous			
TR	Total General Revenues			
CN	Change in Net Position			
NB	Net Position - Beginning			
PA	Prior Period Adjustment			
	Net Position - Beginning, as Restated			
NE	Net Position - Ending			

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (28,397,942)		\$ (28,397,942)
(510,438)		(510,438)
(157,886)		(157,886)
(367,820)		(367,820)
(2,301,247)		(2,301,247)
(1,380,234)		(1,380,234)
(402,049)		(402,049)
(2,242,510)		(2,242,510)
(248,618)		(248,618)
(1,666,072)		(1,666,072)
(1,865,052)		(1,865,052)
(4,823,821)		(4,823,821)
(429,660)		(429,660)
(491,957)		(491,957)
7,737		7,737
(638,666)		(638,666)
(86,099)		(86,099)
(50,454)		(50,454)
<u>(46,052,788)</u>		<u>(46,052,788)</u>
--	\$ (60,231)	(60,231)
--	(60,231)	(60,231)
<u>(46,052,788)</u>	<u>(60,231)</u>	<u>(46,113,019)</u>
18,228,368	--	18,228,368
4,814,699	--	4,814,699
945,878	--	945,878
22,407,899	--	22,407,899
299,698	--	299,698
<u>46,696,542</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>46,696,542</u>
643,754	(60,231)	583,523
(14,551,800)	(246,452)	(14,798,252)
(117,066)	--	(117,066)
(14,668,866)	(246,452)	(14,915,318)
<u>\$ (14,025,112)</u>	<u>\$ (306,683)</u>	<u>\$ (14,331,795)</u>

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,129,385	\$ 7,499	\$ 829,086	\$ 1,965,970
1120 Current Investments	13,642,276	2,307,520	291,736	16,241,532
1225 Taxes Receivable	975,322	269,741	--	1,245,063
1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes (Credit)	(400,534)	(131,342)	--	(531,876)
1240 Due from Other Governments	36,008	12,844	476,763	525,615
1260 Due from Other Funds	739,238	52,516	353,484	1,145,238
1290 Other Receivables	2,091	--	--	2,091
1300 Inventories	5,430	--	--	5,430
1000 Total Assets	<u>\$ 16,129,216</u>	<u>\$ 2,518,778</u>	<u>\$ 1,951,069</u>	<u>\$ 20,599,063</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>				
Current Liabilities:				
2110 Accounts Payable	\$ 331,556	\$ 11,666	\$ 452,965	\$ 796,187
2150 Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	185,750	--	8,775	194,525
2160 Accrued Wages Payable	2,374,500	--	126,444	2,500,944
2170 Due to Other Funds	405,999	--	438,928	844,927
2180 Due to Other Governments	--	--	1,063	1,063
2190 Due to Student Groups	2,946	--	--	2,946
2300 Unearned Revenue	6,977	--	22,305	29,282
2000 Total Liabilities	<u>3,307,728</u>	<u>11,666</u>	<u>1,050,480</u>	<u>4,369,874</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>				
Property Taxes	574,788	138,399	--	713,187
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>574,788</u>	<u>138,399</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>713,187</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>				
Nonspendable Fund Balances:				
3410 Inventories	5,430	--	--	5,430
Restricted Fund Balances:				
3450 Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions	--	--	409,360	409,360
3480 Retirement of Long-Term Debt	--	2,368,713	--	2,368,713
3490 Other Restrictions of Fund Balance-Scholarships	--	--	10,155	10,155
Committed Fund Balances:				
3545 Other Committed Fund Balance-Campus Activity	--	--	481,074	481,074
Assigned Fund Balances:				
3550 Construction	522,019	--	--	522,019
3570 Capital Expenditures for Equipment	300,000	--	--	300,000
3600 Unassigned	11,419,251	--	--	11,419,251
3000 Total Fund Balances	<u>12,246,700</u>	<u>2,368,713</u>	<u>900,589</u>	<u>15,516,002</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 16,129,216</u>	<u>\$ 2,518,778</u>	<u>\$ 1,951,069</u>	<u>\$ 20,599,063</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
 TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
 AUGUST 31, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet	\$ 15,516,002
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.	713,187
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.	35,838,163
Deferred Resource Outflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	7,359,690
Deferred Resource Outflows related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	4,562,491
Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds.	(15,733,004)
Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability is not reported in the funds.	(6,856,924)
Deferred Resource Inflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	(554,665)
Deferred Resource Inflows related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	(9,974,631)
Deferred loss on refunding bonds is not reported in the funds.	1,081,910
Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(41,420,000)
Payables for right-to-use leases which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(998,345)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(74,360)
Premiums on bonds which are not due and payable in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(3,465,513)
Payables for right-to-use SBITAs which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(19,113)
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position	\$ <u>(14,025,112)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES  
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 19,601,642	\$ 4,905,789	\$ 1,501,029	\$ 26,008,460
5800 State Program Revenues	24,751,495	749,766	975,028	26,476,289
5900 Federal Program Revenues	139,865	--	3,550,148	3,690,013
5020 Total Revenues	<u>44,493,002</u>	<u>5,655,555</u>	<u>6,026,205</u>	<u>56,174,762</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	27,739,831	--	1,895,059	29,634,890
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	513,383	--	--	513,383
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	144,843	--	221,718	366,561
0021 Instructional Leadership	360,615	--	12,783	373,398
0023 School Leadership	2,337,056	--	8,988	2,346,044
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	1,082,493	--	762,660	1,845,153
0033 Health Services	403,495	--	7,156	410,651
0034 Student Transportation	2,957,708	--	--	2,957,708
0035 Food Service	--	--	2,050,444	2,050,444
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,716,728	--	856,077	2,572,805
0041 General Administration	1,845,682	--	--	1,845,682
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	4,921,026	--	--	4,921,026
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	428,993	--	131,345	560,338
0053 Data Processing Services	504,236	--	--	504,236
0061 Community Services	12,881	--	105	12,986
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	377,060	2,185,000	--	2,562,060
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	13,696	1,740,850	--	1,754,546
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	4,050	--	4,050
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	53,800	--	--	53,800
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>45,413,526</u>	<u>3,929,900</u>	<u>5,946,335</u>	<u>55,289,761</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
1100 Expenditures	<u>(920,524)</u>	<u>1,725,655</u>	<u>79,870</u>	<u>885,001</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7912 Sale of Real or Personal Property	61,613	--	--	61,613
7913 Issuance of Right to Use Leased Assets	532,850	--	--	532,850
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>594,463</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>594,463</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(326,061)</u>	<u>1,725,655</u>	<u>79,870</u>	<u>1,479,464</u>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	12,572,761	--	1,580,843	14,153,604
1300 Prior Period Adjustment	--	--	(117,066)	(117,066)
Change within reporting entity (nonmajor to major fund)	--	643,058	(643,058)	--
Fund Balances - Beginning, as Restated	<u>12,572,761</u>	<u>643,058</u>	<u>820,719</u>	<u>14,036,538</u>
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 12,246,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,713</u>	<u>\$ 900,589</u>	<u>\$ 15,516,002</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



**SPRINGTOWN 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 YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 1,479,464
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities ("SOA") are different because:	
Certain property tax revenues are deferred in the funds. This is the change in these amounts this year.	60,298
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	1,277,237
The depreciation / amortization of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(3,616,046)
The gain or loss on the sale of capital assets is not reported in the funds.	2,296
All proceeds from the sale of capital assets are reported in the funds but not in the SOA.	(61,613)
GASB 68 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows.	
These pension contributions made after the measurement date of the plan increased ending net position.	1,193,460
Pension contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were expended and recorded as a reduction to net pension liability.	(1,176,978)
Changes in the net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are recognized in the government wide financials but are not reported in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the change is a decrease in net position.	(2,000,646)
GASB 75 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows.	
These OPEB contributions made after the measurement date of the plan increased net position.	265,076
OPEB contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were expended and recorded as a reduction in the net OPEB liability.	(281,713)
Changes in the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are recognized in the government wide financials but are not reported in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the change is an increase in net position.	1,129,559
Issuance of right-to-use leases do not provide revenue in the SOA, but are reported as other financing sources in the funds.	(532,850)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	2,185,000
Repayment of right-to-use lease principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	358,387
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest on bonds from beginning of period to end of period.	2,658
Deferred loss on refunding bonds is amortized in the SOA but not in the funds.	(82,049)
Premiums on bonds are amortized in the SOA but not in the funds.	363,456
Repayment of SBITA principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	18,673
The gain or loss on the early termination of right-to-use leases and SBITAs is not reported in the funds	60,085
Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities	\$ <u>643,754</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

## PROPRIETARY FUND

AUGUST 31, 2024

Data  
Control  
CodesMajor  
Enterprise  
Fund  
Early  
Learning  
Center**ASSETS:**

1000 Total Assets

\$ --

**LIABILITIES:**

## Current Liabilities:

2110 Accounts Payable  
 2150 Payroll Deduction and Withholdings  
 2160 Accrued Wages Payable  
 2170 Due to Other Funds  
       Total Current Liabilities  
 2000 Total Liabilities

736  
 362  
 5,274  
 300,311  
 306,683  
 306,683

**NET POSITION:**

3900 Unrestricted  
 3000 Total Net Position

(306,683)  
 \$ (306,683)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES  
 IN FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		Major Enterprise Fund
		Early Learning Center
	<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 254,561
5800	State Program Revenues	26,793
5020	Total Revenues	<u>281,354</u>
	<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
6100	Payroll Costs	337,236
6200	Professional and Contracted Services	50
6300	Supplies and Materials	848
6400	Other Operating Costs	3,451
6030	Total Expenses	<u>341,585</u>
1300	Change in Net Position	(60,231)
0100	Total Net Position - Beginning	(246,452)
3300	Total Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ (306,683)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## PROPRIETARY FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	Major Enterprise Fund Early Learning Center
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</b>	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 281,353
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(362,371)
Cash Payments to Other Suppliers for Goods and Services	(50)
Cash Payments for Professional and Contracted Services	(323)
Other Operating Cash Payments	(529,536)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(610,927)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(610,927)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	610,927
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ --
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Loss	\$ (60,231)
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase in Accounts Payable	524
Decrease in Accrued Wages Payable	(25,135)
Decrease in Interfund Payables	(526,085)
Total Adjustments	(550,696)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (610,927)

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**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

## FIDUCIARY FUND

AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		Custodial Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 50,486
1000	Total Assets	<u>50,486</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
2110	Accounts Payable	<u>1,500</u>
2000	Total Liabilities	<u>1,500</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>		
3800	Restricted for Student Activities	48,986
3000	Total Net Position	<u>\$ 48,986</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

## FIDUCIARY FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	Custodial Funds
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>	
Revenue from Student Activities	\$ 46,754
Investment Earnings	551
Total Additions	<u>47,305</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>	
Payments for Student Activities	44,330
Total Deductions	<u>44,330</u>
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	2,975
Net Position-Beginning of the Year	46,011
Net Position-End of the Year	<u>\$ 48,986</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

#### 1. Reporting Entity

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

#### 2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

##### a. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

**Debt Service Fund:** This fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

The District reports the following major enterprise funds:

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Early Learning Center Fund: This fund accounts for all resources and expenditures of the Early Learning Center.

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

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

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

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

3. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

b. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 1 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available (1) when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period and (2) when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period after the close of the fiscal year.



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

c. Inventories

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

d. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets or donated works of art and similar items are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of the donation. The cost of maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used. Significant accounting policies for right to use assets are located at Note G for leases and Note H for Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs).

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings & Improvements	7-30 years
Equipment	5-15 years
Right-to-Use Assets Leases	2-5 years
Right-to-Use Assets SBITA	3 years

e. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

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

f. Receivable and Payable Balances

The District believes that sufficient detail of receivable and payable balances is provided in the financial statements to avoid the obscuring of significant components by aggregation. Therefore, no disclosure is provided which disaggregates those balances.

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

g. Interfund Activity

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

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

h. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the use of management's estimates.

i. Data Control Codes

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

j. Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

k. Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

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

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

Committed Fund Balance - represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action by the District's Board of Trustees, which is a Board resolution. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

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

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

The District will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance of at least 10% of the budgeted operational expenditures in the District's General Fund. The District was in compliance with this policy at August 31, 2024.

l. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

m. 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

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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.

### 4. Pensions

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

### 5. Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

### 6. Implementation of New Standards

In the current fiscal year, the district implemented the following new standard. The applicable provisions of the new standards are summarized below. Implementation is reflected in the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements. There was no effect on beginning net position or fund balances due to the implementation of this standard.

#### *GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections*

The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assuming accountability.

This Statement requires disclosure in notes to financial statements of descriptive information about accounting changes and error corrections, such as their nature. In addition, information about the quantitative effects on beginning balances of each accounting change and error correction should be disclosed by reporting unit in a tabular format to reconcile beginning balances as previously reported to beginning balances as restated. Furthermore, this Statement addresses how information that is effected by a change in accounting principle or error correction should be presented in required supplementary information (RSI) and supplementary information (SI). For periods that are earlier than those included in the basic financial statements, information presented in RSI or SI should be restated for error corrections, if practicable, but not for changes in accounting principles.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for accounting changes and error corrections made in fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023, and all reporting periods thereafter. See Note O for further details about the impacts of implementation.

## B. Compliance and Accountability

### 1. Deficit Net Position of Individual Funds

Following are funds having deficit net position at year end along with remarks which address such deficits:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
Early Learning Center	\$306,683	Deficit is due to compliance with state regulations for staffing. The District will continue to meet with staff utilizing the program to discuss raising tuition or terminating the program.

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### C. Deposits and Investments

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

#### 1. Cash Deposits:

At August 31, 2024, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$2,016,456 and the bank balance was \$2,386,177. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2024 were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the District's name.

#### 2. Investments:

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

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

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

The District's investments at August 31, 2024 are shown below.

<u>Investment or Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Lone Star - LGIP	Wtd Avg Maturity 92 days	\$ 16,241,532
Total Investments		\$ <u>16,241,532</u>

### 3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

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

#### a. Credit Risk

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

At August 31, 2024, the District's investments, other than those which are obligations of or guaranteed by the U. S. Government, are rated as to credit quality as follows:

Lone Star LGIP

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b. Custodial Credit Risk

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

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

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

c. Concentration of Credit Risk

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

d. Interest Rate Risk

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

e. Foreign Currency Risk

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

#### Investment Accounting Policy

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

The District reports its local government investment pools (Pools) at amortized cost as permitted by GASB Statement No. 79, *Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*. In addition, the Pools do not have any limitations or restrictions on withdrawals such as notice periods or maximum transaction amounts. The Pools do not impose any liquidity fees or redemption gates.

#### Public Funds Investment Pools

Public funds investment pools in Texas ("Pools") are established under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 79 of the Texas Government Code, and are subject to the provisions of the Public Funds Investment Act (the "Act"), Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. In addition to other provisions of the Act designed to promote liquidity and safety of principal, the Act requires Pools to: (1) have an advisory board composed of participants in the pool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with the pool and are qualified to advise the pool; (2) maintain a continuous rating of no lower than AAA or AAA-m or an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service; and (3) maintain the market value of its underlying investment portfolio within one half of one percent of the value of its shares.

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#### **Lone Star – LGIP**

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

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### D. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2024, was as follows:

	Restated* Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Capital assets not being depreciated / amortized:				
Land	\$ 2,248,409	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,248,409
Total capital assets not being depreciated / amortized	<u>2,248,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,248,409</u>
Capital assets being depreciated / amortized:				
Buildings and improvements	87,524,694	-	-	87,524,694
Equipment	7,498,682	744,387	-	8,243,069
Right-to-use assets - leased equipment*	1,284,201	532,850	78,784	1,738,267
Right-to-use assets - SBITAs	125,721	-	69,691	56,030
Total capital assets being depreciated / amortized	<u>96,433,298</u>	<u>1,277,237</u>	<u>148,475</u>	<u>97,562,060</u>
Less accumulated depreciation / amortization for:				
Buildings and improvements	(54,532,979)	(2,787,984)	-	(57,320,963)
Equipment	(5,511,051)	(354,635)	-	(5,865,686)
Right-to-use assets - leased equipment	(359,481)	(454,750)	(65,928)	(748,303)
Right-to-use assets - SBITAs	(41,907)	(18,677)	(23,230)	(37,354)
Total accumulated depreciation / amortization	<u>(60,445,418)</u>	<u>(3,616,046)</u>	<u>(89,158)</u>	<u>(63,972,306)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated / amortized, net	<u>35,987,880</u>	<u>(2,338,809)</u>	<u>59,317</u>	<u>33,589,754</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 38,236,289</u>	<u>\$ (2,338,809)</u>	<u>\$ 59,317</u>	<u>\$ 35,838,163</u>

\*As Restated due to a modification of lease terms.

Depreciation / amortization was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 2,079,202
Instructional resources and media services	32,072
Curriculum and staff development	22,900
Instructional leadership	23,327
School leadership	146,562
Guidance, counseling, and evaluation services	115,270
Health services	25,654
Student transportation	393,523
Food services	126,906
Extracurricular activities	160,585
General administration	115,303
Plant maintenance and operations	307,425
Security and monitoring services	35,005
Data processing services	31,501
Community services	811
	<u>\$ 3,616,046</u>

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### E. Interfund Balances and Activities

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

Balances due to and due from other funds at August 31, 2024, consisted of the following:

Due To Fund	Due From Fund	Amount
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 438,928
General Fund	Enterprise Fund	300,311
Debt Service Fund	General Fund	52,516
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	353,483
	Total	\$ 1,145,238

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that reimbursable expenditures occur or deposits of revenue are received, the dates the transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and the date the interfund payments are actually settled. All interfund receivables will be liquidated within the next fiscal year. In the government-wide financial statements, all interfund transactions for receivables and payables have been eliminated.

### F. Long-Term Obligations

The District has entered into a continuing disclosure undertaking to provide Annual Reports and Material Event Notices to the State Information Depository of Texas, which is the Municipal Advisory Council. This information is required under SEC Rule 15c2-12 to enable investors to analyze the financial condition and operations of the District.

#### 1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include debt and other long-term liabilities. Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended August 31, 2024, are as follows:

	Restated* Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 43,605,000	\$ -	\$ 2,185,000	\$ 41,420,000	\$ 2,250,000
Premium on Bonds	3,828,969	-	363,456	3,465,513	-
Net Pension Liability*	12,082,404	3,650,600	-	15,733,004	-
Net OPEB Liability*	6,741,187	115,737	-	6,856,924	-
Lease Liability**	836,969	532,850	371,474	998,345	322,465
SBITA Liability	84,785	-	65,672	19,113	19,113
Total governmental activities	\$ 67,179,314	\$ 4,299,187	\$ 2,985,602	\$ 68,492,899	\$ 2,591,578

\* Other long-term liabilities

\*\* As restated due to a modification of lease terms

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

Liability	Activity Type	Fund
Net Pension Liability*	Governmental	General
Net OPEB Liability*	Governmental	General



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#### 2. Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at August 31, 2024, are as follows:

Year Ending August 31	Governmental Activities		
	Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	
2025	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 1,671,799	\$ 3,921,799
2026	2,330,000	1,593,031	3,923,031
2027	2,415,000	1,511,638	3,926,638
2028	2,495,000	1,427,213	3,922,213
2029	2,610,000	1,333,226	3,943,226
2030-2034	14,680,000	5,026,834	19,706,834
2035-2039	14,640,000	1,369,500	16,009,500
Totals	\$ 41,420,000	\$ 13,933,241	\$ 55,353,241

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2012 ranges from 2.50% to 3.50% and matures on February 15, 2032.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2014 ranges from 2.00% to 4.00% and matures on February 15, 2035.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2015 ranges from 2.50% to 4.00% matures on February 15, 2038.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016 ranges from 2.00% to 5.00% and matures on February 15, 2037.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2017 ranges from 2.00% to 4.00% and matures on February 15, 2028.

The District did not have any unused lines of credit, assets pledged as collateral for debt, or terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, termination events with finance-related consequences, or subjective acceleration clauses as of August 31, 2024.

#### G. Leases

The District is a lessee for noncancelable leases of equipment and vehicles. The District recognizes a lease liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use lease asset, reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$15,000 for equipment and \$5,000 for vehicles.

At the commencement of a lease, the District measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments. The lease asset is initially measured at the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the commencement of the lease term, plus initial direct costs that are ancillary charges necessary to place the lease in service. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or its useful life.

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

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the lease.
- The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease.

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- Lease payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, payments for penalties of terminating the lease, lease incentives receivable from the 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 lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

There were no variable payments or residual value guarantees or penalties not included in the measurement of the lease. The District did not have any commitments under lease not yet commenced at year-end, components of losses associated with asset impairments, or sublease transactions for fiscal year 2024.

The District's leases are as follows:

Lease	Total Lease Liability	Monthly Payment	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Suburban	\$ 53,379	\$ 603	5/4/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Nissan NV200 S Cargo Van	23,610	305	11/21/2024	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Nissan NV200 S Cargo Van	23,610	305	11/21/2024	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Nissan NV200 S Cargo Van	25,506	287	6/24/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Nissan NV200 S Cargo Van	25,221	262	7/24/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Suburban	50,676	581	5/4/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - RAM ProMaster 3500	39,018	513	4/12/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-250	39,205	503	12/20/2024	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-250	40,353	530	2/5/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-250	47,850	687	10/31/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Suburban	49,153	677	9/18/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Suburban	48,990	671	9/18/2025	1.25%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-250	35,122	606	11/5/2024	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-250	19,293	333	10/15/2025	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Traverse	24,588	424	9/4/2025	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - Ford F-150	16,530	285	10/28/2026	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - Chevrolet Traverse	30,410	524	4/14/2027	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	28,747	496	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	28,747	496	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	27,792	479	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	43,843	756	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	29,066	501	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	28,747	496	2/16/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2023 Chevrolet Traverse	41,064	708	8/11/2023	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Chevrolet-Silverado 1500	46,474	801	4/25/2029	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Chevrolet-Silverado 1500	46,501	802	4/25/2029	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Chevrolet-Silverado 1500	46,474	801	4/25/2029	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Chevrolet-Silverado 1500	46,501	802	4/25/2029	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Chevrolet-Silverado 1500	46,474	801	4/25/2029	1.35%
Enterprise Vehicle - 2024-Ford-F-250	65,712	1,133	8/20/2029	1.35%
Xerox - Copier Equipment	289,952	4,988	12/5/2025	1.25%
Xerox - Copier Equipment	354,327	6,095	9/12/2024	1.25%
Canon - Copier Equipment	254,001	4,290	12/2/2027	2.35%
Canon - Copier Equipment	234,713	3,991	9/20/2029	2.62%

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Future lease payment maturity schedule is as follows:

Year Ending August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 322,465	\$ 15,373	\$ 337,838
2026	230,382	10,591	240,973
2027	205,824	6,672	212,496
2028	143,167	3,214	146,381
2029	92,524	1,035	93,559
2030-2034	3,983	9	3,992
Totals	\$ 998,345	\$ 36,894	\$ 1,035,239

### H. Subscription Based IT Arrangements

The District is a contractee for noncancelable Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs). The District recognizes a SBITA liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use lease asset, reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes SBITA liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$15,000 or more.

At the commencement of a SBITA, the District measures the SBITA liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the SBITA term. Subsequently, the SBITA liability is reduced by the principal portion of SBITA payments. The SBITA asset is initially measured at the initial amount of the SBITA liability, adjusted for SBITA payments made at or before the commencement of the SBITA term, plus capitalizable initial implementation costs as described in GASB 96 paragraph 29(b). Subsequently, the SBITA asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the SBITA term or its useful life.

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

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for the SBITA.
- The SBITA term includes the noncancelable period of the SBITA.
- SBITA payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, payments for penalties of terminating the SBITA, SBITA incentives receivable from the 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 SBITA asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the SBITA liability.

There were no variable payments or residual value guarantees or penalties not included in the measurement of the SBITAs. The District did not have any commitments under SBITAs not yet commenced at year-end, components of losses associated with asset impairments, or sublease transactions for fiscal year 2024.

The District has a SBITA with Cisco with an initial value of \$56,030. The subscription is payable in annual installments of \$19,563 at an interest rate of 2.35% and matures on September 2, 2025

Future SBITA payment maturity schedule is as follows:

Year Ending August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 19,113	\$ 450	\$ 19,563
Totals	\$ 19,113	\$ 450	\$ 19,563

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### I. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2024, Springtown Independent School District carried insurance through various plans described below. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

#### Property Casualty Program

During the year ended August 31, 2024, the District participated in the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. All members participating in the Fund execute Interlocal Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher than expected claims costs through the purchase of stop loss coverage for any covered claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retentions. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine the reserve adequacy. As of August 31, 2023, the Fund carries a total of \$11,834,488 in current loss reserves, including \$4,051,691 for claims incurred but not yet reported. Losses and reserves are based on estimates and could be more or less than originally estimated.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial audit after the close of each plan year. The fund's audited financial statements are available for inspection at the Fund's administrative offices.

#### Workers Compensation

The District participates in the Public Workers' Compensation Program (PWCP), a fully funded guaranteed costs workers' compensation program serving school district and counties throughout Texas. The plan for workers' compensation benefits is authorized by Section 504.011 of the Labor Code. Claims are paid by a third-party administrator acting on behalf of the District under the terms of a contractual agreement. Administrative fees are included within the provisions of that agreement.

### J. Pension Plan

#### 1. Plan Description

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

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

#### 2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

#### 3. Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3% (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age

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65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (1) above.

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

#### 4. Contributions

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

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 2019 through 2025.

	<u>Contribution Rates</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Member	8.00%	8.25%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	8.00%	8.25%
Employers	8.00%	8.25%
District's 2024 Employer Contributions	\$	1,193,460
District's 2024 Member Contributions	\$	2,594,587
2023 NECE On-Behalf Contributions (State)	\$	1,646,280

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

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

- On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- When any 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.

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

- All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.8% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2023, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

### 5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2022 rolled forward to August 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value
Single Discount Rate	7.00%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2023	4.13% *
Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period	2122
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases including inflation	2.95% to 8.95%
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

\* 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".

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2022. For a full description of these assumptions, please see the actuarial valuation report dated November 22, 2022.

### 6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 7.00% was used to measure the total pension liability. The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on plan investments of 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that contributions from active members, employers and the non-employer contributing entity will be made at the rates set by the legislature during the 2019 session. It is assumed that future employer and state contributions will be 9.50% of payroll in fiscal year 2024 increasing to 9.56% in fiscal year 2025 and thereafter. This includes all employer and state contributions for active and rehired retirees.

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

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The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of August 31, 2023 are summarized below:

<b>Asset Class *</b>	<b>Target Allocation **</b>	<b>Long-Term Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return ***</b>	<b>Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns</b>
<b>Global Equity</b>			
USA	18.00%	4.00%	1.00%
Non-U.S. Developed	13.00%	4.50%	0.90%
Emerging Markets	9.00%	4.80%	0.70%
Private Equity	14.00%	7.00%	1.50%
<b>Stable Value</b>			
Government Bonds	16.00%	2.50%	0.50%
Absolute Return	0.00%	3.60%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.00%	4.10%	0.20%
<b>Real Return</b>			
Real Estate	15.00%	4.90%	1.10%
Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure	6.00%	4.80%	0.40%
Commodities	0.00%	4.40%	0.00%
<b>Risk Parity</b>	8.00%	4.50%	0.40%
<b>Asset Allocation Leverage</b>			
Cash	2.00%	3.70%	0.00%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6.00%	4.40%	-0.10%
<b>Inflation Expectation</b>			2.30%
<b>Volatility Drag ****</b>			-0.90%
<b>Expected Return</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>8.00%</b>
<p>* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.</p> <p>** Target allocations are based on the FY2023 policy model.</p> <p>*** Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 06/30/2023).</p> <p>**** The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.</p>			

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#### 7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability:	\$ 23,521,713	\$ 15,733,004	\$ 9,256,689

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

At August 31, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$15,733,004 for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 15,733,004
State's proportionate share that is associated with District	21,999,665
Total	\$ 37,732,669

The net pension liability was measured as of August 31, 2022, and rolled forward to August 31, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023 the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.022904%, which was an increase of 0.002552% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

#### 9. Changes in Assumption and Benefits Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The actuarial assumptions and methods are the same as used in the determination of the prior year's net pension liability.

The Texas 2023 Legislature passed legislation that provides a one-time stipend to certain retired teachers. The stipend was paid to retirees beginning in September of 2023. The Legislature appropriated funds to pay for this one-time stipend so there will be no impact on the net pension liability of TRS. In addition, the Legislature also provided for a cost of living adjustment (COLA) to retirees which was approved during the November 2023 election which will be paid in January 2024. Therefore, this contingent liability was not reflected as of August 31, 2023.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$6,499,383 and revenue of \$3,321,759 representing pension expense incurred by the State on behalf of the District.



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At August 31, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between Expected and Actual Actuarial Experience	\$ 560,572	\$ 190,509
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	1,488,034	364,156
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	2,289,534	-
Changes in Proportion and Difference between District's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,828,090	-
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date of the Net Pension Liability	1,193,460	-
Total	<u>\$ 7,359,690</u>	<u>\$ 554,665</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended August 31	Pension Expense Amount
2025	\$ 1,269,403
2026	921,473
2027	2,321,209
2028	903,554
2029	195,926
Thereafter	-

### K. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans

#### 1. Plan Description

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

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

#### 2. 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 <https://www.trs.texas.gov>; by writing to TRS at 1000 Red River Street, Austin, TX 78701-2698; or by calling (512) 542-6592.

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### 3. Benefits Provided

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

Eligible non-Medicare retirees and their dependents may enroll in TRS-Care Standard, a 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 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

### 4. 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 participating employers are based on active employee compensation. The TRS board does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

Section 1575.202 of the Texas Insurance Code 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 Salary. Section 1575.204 establishes a public school 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 public school contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act, which is 0.75% of each active employee's pay for fiscal year 2023. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

<u>Contribution Rates</u>		
	2023	2024
Member	0.65%	0.65%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	1.25%	1.25%
Employers	0.75%	0.75%
Federal/Private Funding remitted by Employers	1.25%	1.25%
District's 2024 Employer Contributions		\$ 265,076
District's 2024 Member Contributions		\$ 204,423
2023 NECE On-Behalf Contributions (State)		\$ 324,209

In addition to the employer contributions listed above, there is an additional surcharge all TRS employers are subject to (*regardless of whether they participate in the TRS-Care OPEB program*). When hiring a TRS retiree, employers are required to pay TRS-Care a monthly surcharge of \$535 per retiree.

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TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the Non-Employer Contributing Entity in the amount of \$21.3 million in fiscal year 2023 provided by Rider 14 of the Senate Bill GAA of the 87th Legislature. These amounts were re-appropriated from amounts received by the pension and TRS-Care funds in excess of the state's actual obligation and then transferred to TRS-Care.

### 5. Actuarial Assumptions

The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2022. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to August 31, 2023. The actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

The actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan offered through TRS-Care is similar to the actuarial valuation performed for the pension plan, except that the OPEB valuation is more complex. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2021. The following assumptions and other inputs used for members of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2022 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2023:

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

The active mortality rates were based on PUB(2010), Amount-Weighted, Below-Median Income, Teacher male and female tables (with a two-year set forward for males). The post-retirement mortality rates for healthy lives were based on the 2021 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-2021.

#### Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2022 rolled forward to August 31, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry-Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	4.13% as of August 31, 2023
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.
Projected Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95%, including inflation
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

### 6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 4.13% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was an increase of .22% in the discount rate since the previous year.

Because the investments are held in cash and there is no intentional objective to advance fund the benefits, the Single Discount Rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate.

The source of the municipal bond rate is the Fidelity "20-year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2023 using the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/ Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

### 7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the net OPEB liability if the discount rate used was 1% lower than and 1% higher than the discount rate that was used (4.13%) in measuring the net OPEB liability.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (3.13%)	Discount Rate (4.13%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (5.13%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability:	\$ <u>8,076,029</u>	\$ <u>6,856,924</u>	\$ <u>5,862,106</u>

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

At August 31, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$6,856,924 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net OPEB liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State OPEB support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net OPEB liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 6,856,924
State's proportionate share that is associated with District	<u>8,273,933</u>
Total	\$ <u>15,130,857</u>

The net OPEB liability was measured as of August 31, 2022 and rolled forward to August 31, 2023; and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's contributions to OPEB relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023 the District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.030973%, which was an increase of 0.002819% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

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

	1% Decrease in the Healthcare Trend Rate	Current Single Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase in the Healthcare Trend Rate
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability:	\$ <u>5,646,334</u>	\$ <u>6,856,924</u>	\$ <u>8,414,352</u>

### 9. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total OPEB liability (TOL) since the prior measurement period:

- The single discount rate changed from 3.91% as of August 31, 2022 to 4.13% as of August 31, 2023, accompanied by revised demographic and economic assumptions based on the TRS experience study.

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

The amount of OPEB expense recognized by the District in the reporting period was (\$2,616,638) and revenue of (\$1,768,792) representing OPEB expense incurred by the State on behalf of the District.

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

At August 31, 2024, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to other post-employment benefits from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between Expected and Actual Actuarial Experience	\$ 310,224	\$ 5,768,803
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	935,920	4,198,676
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	2,963	-
Changes in Proportion and Difference between District's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions	3,048,308	7,152
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date of the Net OPEB Liability	265,076	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,562,491</u>	<u>\$ 9,974,631</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. The net amount of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended August 31	OPEB Expense Amount
2025	\$ (1,431,606)
2026	(1,117,110)
2027	(691,334)
2028	(879,604)
2029	(779,545)
Thereafter	(778,017)

### 10. Medicare Part D Subsidies

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006, established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024, the subsidy payment received by TRS-Care on behalf of the District was \$167,528.

### L. Employee Health Care Coverage

During the year ended August 31, 2024, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District paid premiums of \$250 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to a third-party administrator, acting on behalf of the licensed insurer. The Plan was authorized by Section 21.922, Texas Education Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

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

Latest financial statements for the Plan are available and have been filed with the Texas State Board of Insurance, Austin, Texas, and are public records.

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

### M. Commitments and Contingencies

#### 1. Contingencies

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

#### 2. Litigation

No reportable litigation was pending against the District at August 31, 2024.

### N. Shared Services Arrangements

#### Shared Services Arrangement - Membership

The District participates in a shared services arrangement ("SSA") for audiology services with the following school districts:

#### Member Districts

Palo Pinto County Co-Op	Greater Erath County SSA
Parker County Co-Op	Granbury ISD
Springtown ISD	Hood-Sommervell County Co-Op
Stephenville ISD	Central Texas SSA
Weatherford ISD	

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

### O. Adjustments to Beginning Balances

In the nonmajor governmental funds, it was determined that certain prior year other receivables totaling \$117,066 were overstated. To correct this error, the beginning fund balance has been decreased. The adjustment decreased the change in fund balance for the governmental funds, as well as the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements, by \$117,066 for the prior year.

The District's debt service fund was non-major in the prior year and became a major fund in the current year. The following table summarizes the adjustments to beginning fund balance:

		Governmental		
		Debt Service	Nonmajor	Total
		Fund	Governmental	Impacted Governmental
			Funds	Funds
Beginning fund balance, as previously reported	\$	-	\$ 1,580,843	\$ 1,580,843
Restatement		-	(117,066)	(117,066)
Change from nonmajor to major fund		643,058	(643,058)	-
Beginning fund balance, as adjusted	\$	643,058	\$ 820,719	\$ 1,463,777

### P. Subsequent Events

The District evaluated subsequent events through January 19, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and no subsequent events were noted.

### *Required Supplementary Information*

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

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

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Data Control Codes		1	2	3	Variance with Final Budget
		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Positive (Negative)
		Original	Final		
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 21,704,015	\$ 21,704,015	\$ 19,601,642	\$ (2,102,373)
5800	State Program Revenues	23,681,844	23,681,844	24,751,495	1,069,651
5900	Federal Program Revenues	175,000	175,000	139,865	(35,135)
5020	Total Revenues	45,560,859	45,560,859	44,493,002	(1,067,857)
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
Instruction and Instructional Related Services:					
0011	Instruction	28,630,968	28,199,968	27,739,831	460,137
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	508,995	508,995	513,383	(4,388)
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	177,885	177,885	144,843	33,042
	Total Instruction and Instr. Related Services	29,317,848	28,886,848	28,398,057	488,791
Instructional and School Leadership:					
0021	Instructional Leadership	207,339	319,339	360,615	(41,276)
0023	School Leadership	2,306,372	2,194,372	2,337,056	(142,684)
	Total Instructional and School Leadership	2,513,711	2,513,711	2,697,671	(183,960)
Student Support Services:					
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	1,141,000	1,046,000	1,082,493	(36,493)
0033	Health Services	350,868	350,868	403,495	(52,627)
0034	Student Transportation	2,355,886	2,540,886	2,957,708	(416,822)
0036	Extracurricular Activities	1,617,681	1,617,681	1,716,728	(99,047)
	Total Student Support Services	5,465,435	5,555,436	6,160,424	(604,988)
Administrative Support Services:					
0041	General Administration	1,641,948	1,641,948	1,845,682	(203,734)
	Total Administrative Support Services	1,641,948	1,641,948	1,845,682	(203,734)
Support Services:					
0051	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	5,804,021	5,469,021	4,921,026	547,995
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	170,518	400,518	428,993	(28,475)
0053	Data Processing Services	517,378	517,378	504,236	13,142
	Total Support Services	6,491,917	6,386,917	5,854,255	532,662
Ancillary Services:					
0061	Community Services	--	15,000	12,881	2,119
	Total Ancillary Services	--	15,000	12,881	2,119
Debt Service:					
0071	Debt Service	--	431,000	377,060	53,940
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	--	--	13,696	(13,696)
	Total Debt Service	--	431,000	390,756	40,244
Capital Outlay:					
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	--	650,000	--	650,000
	Total Capital Outlay	--	650,000	--	650,000



# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

GENERAL FUND

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

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Data Control Codes		1	2	3	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
		Budgeted Amounts		Actual	
		Original	Final		
	Intergovernmental Charges:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Dist.-SSA	130,000	130,000	53,800	76,200
	Total Intergovernmental Charges	130,000	130,000	53,800	76,200
6030	Total Expenditures	45,560,859	46,210,860	45,413,526	797,334
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
1100	Expenditures	--	(650,001)	(920,524)	(270,523)
	Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
7912	Sale of Real and Personal Property	--	--	61,613	61,613
7913	Proceeds from Right to Use Leased Assets	--	--	532,850	532,850
7080	Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	--	--	594,463	594,463
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	--	(650,001)	(326,061)	323,940
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	12,572,761	12,572,761	12,572,761	--
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 12,572,761	\$ 11,922,760	\$ 12,246,700	\$ 323,940

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE**  
**SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS**  
**LAST TEN MEASUREMENT YEARS**

	Measurement Year									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.023%	0.020%	0.018%	0.018%	0.017%	0.017%	0.016%	0.016%	0.017%	0.009%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 15,733,004	\$ 12,082,404	\$ 4,580,675	\$ 9,435,705	\$ 9,003,925	\$ 9,141,945	\$ 5,273,258	\$ 6,029,707	\$ 5,877,989	\$ 2,530,823
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) associated with the District	21,999,665	19,444,962	8,864,300	17,855,517	17,054,505	18,049,568	10,138,261	12,470,053	12,061,059	10,374,673
Total	<u>\$ 37,732,669</u>	<u>\$ 31,527,366</u>	<u>\$ 13,444,975</u>	<u>\$ 27,291,222</u>	<u>\$ 26,058,430</u>	<u>\$ 27,191,513</u>	<u>\$ 15,411,519</u>	<u>\$ 18,499,760</u>	<u>\$ 17,939,048</u>	<u>\$ 12,905,496</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 30,394,593	\$ 27,554,548	\$ 25,565,789	\$ 24,177,165	\$ 22,164,074	\$ 20,885,934	\$ 19,326,018	\$ 19,067,998	\$ 18,589,888	\$ 17,818,248
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	51.76%	43.85%	17.92%	39.03%	40.62%	43.77%	27.29%	31.62%	31.62%	14.20%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	73.15%	75.62%	88.79%	75.54%	75.24%	73.74%	82.17%	78.00%	78.43%	83.25%

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS**

	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,193,460	\$ 1,176,978	\$ 949,622	\$ 767,595	\$ 726,855	\$ 612,576	\$ 559,512	\$ 540,512	\$ 506,977	\$ 492,381
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,193,460)	(1,176,978)	(949,622)	(767,595)	(726,855)	(612,576)	(559,512)	(540,512)	(506,977)	(492,381)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
District's covered payroll	\$ 31,448,659	\$ 30,394,593	\$ 27,554,548	\$ 25,565,789	\$ 24,177,165	\$ 22,164,074	\$ 20,885,934	\$ 19,326,018	\$ 19,067,998	\$ 18,589,888
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	3.79%	3.87%	3.45%	3.00%	3.01%	2.76%	2.68%	2.80%	2.66%	2.65%

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT****SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE****SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY****TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS****LAST TEN MEASUREMENT YEARS \***

	Measurement Year									
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%	--	--	--
District's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability	\$ 6,856,924	\$ 6,741,187	\$ 10,163,417	\$ 9,769,833	\$ 12,163,447	\$ 12,179,877	\$ 10,235,682	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
State proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability associated with the District	8,273,933	8,223,189	13,616,714	13,128,313	16,162,503	18,087,666	15,272,899	--	--	--
Total	<u>\$ 15,130,857</u>	<u>\$ 14,964,376</u>	<u>\$ 23,780,131</u>	<u>\$ 22,898,146</u>	<u>\$ 28,325,950</u>	<u>\$ 30,267,543</u>	<u>\$ 25,508,581</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ --</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 30,394,593	\$ 27,554,548	\$ 25,565,789	\$ 24,177,165	\$ 22,164,074	\$ 20,885,934	\$ 19,326,018	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	22.56%	24.46%	39.75%	40.41%	54.88%	58.32%	52.96%	--	--	--
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	14.94%	11.52%	6.18%	4.99%	2.66%	1.57%	0.91%	--	--	--

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

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS**  
**LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS \***

	Fiscal Year									
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily or contractually required District contribution	\$ 265,076	\$ 281,713	\$ 231,240	\$ 205,834	\$ 195,311	\$ 182,420	\$ 168,280	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Contributions recognized by OPEB in relation to statutorily or contractually required contribution	(265,076)	(281,713)	(231,240)	(205,834)	(195,311)	(182,420)	(168,280)	--	--	--
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
District's covered payroll	\$ 31,448,659	\$ 30,394,593	\$ 27,554,548	\$ 25,565,789	\$ 24,177,165	\$ 22,164,074	\$ 20,885,934	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	0.84%	0.93%	0.84%	0.81%	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%	--	--	--

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

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

Budget

The official budget was prepared for adoption for all Governmental Fund Types legally required to adopt a budget (General Funds, Food Service Funds, and Debt Service Funds). The budget was prepared in accordance with accounting practices generally accepted in the United States of America. The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data:

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

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

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

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

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

Defined Benefit Pension Plan and Defined Benefit OPEB Plan

Changes of benefit terms

Any changes of benefit terms that affected the measurement of the net pension liability during the measurement period are described in the notes to the financial statements (Note J).

Any change of benefit terms that affected the measurement of the net OPEB liability during the measurement period are described in the notes to the financial statements (Note K).

Changes of assumptions

Changes of assumptions that affected the measurement of the net pension liability during the measurement period are described in the notes to the financial statements (Note J).

Changes of assumptions that affected the measurement of the net OPEB liability during the measurement period are described in the notes to the financial statements (Note K).

### *Other Supplementary Information*

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

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Year Ended August 31	1 Tax Rates		2		3 Assessed/Appraised Value For School Tax Purposes		10 Beginning Balance 9/1/23	
	Maintenance		Debt Service					
2015 and Prior Years	\$	Various	\$	Various	\$	Various	\$	369,614
2016		1.0400		.3890		925,840,938		24,159
2017		1.0400		.3890		897,149,475		40,363
2018		1.1700		.1890		1,024,161,884		24,791
2019		1.1700		.1890		1,121,256,586		46,286
2020		1.0684		.1800		1,459,836,690		48,768
2021		1.0372		.2070		1,527,903,472		64,475
2022		.9603		.1829		1,874,398,705		117,208
2023		.9429		.2003		2,112,095,839		449,867
2024 (School Year Under Audit)		.7575		.2003		2,453,768,949		--
1000 Totals							\$	<u>1,185,531</u>

8000 - Total Taxes Refunded under Section 26.1115, Tax Code

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

Column 20, the current year's levy is the ending levy due provided by Parker County Tax Office.

Column 3, Assessed/Appraised Value for School Tax Purposes is calculated based on current year total levy divided by current year total tax rate. This amount includes adjustments for frozen values.



20 Current Year's Total Levy	31 Maintenance Collections	32 Debt Service Collections	40 Entire Year's Adjustments	50 Ending Balance 8/31/24	99 Total Taxes Refunded Under Sect. 26.1115(c)
\$ --	\$ 14,090	\$ 3,476	\$ (3,508)	\$ 348,540	
--	778	291	103	23,193	
--	907	339	(15,459)	23,658	
--	1,045	169	98	23,675	
--	2,772	448	(16,885)	26,181	
--	6,583	1,109	(10,780)	30,296	
--	31,544	6,295	12,800	39,436	
--	59,777	11,385	32,760	78,806	
--	219,319	46,583	(49,570)	134,395	
23,502,199	17,636,571	4,663,506	(685,239)	516,883	
<u>\$ 23,502,199</u>	<u>\$ 17,973,386</u>	<u>\$ 4,733,601</u>	<u>\$ (735,680)</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,063</u>	
					\$ --
	\$ --				

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT****EXHIBIT J-2**

NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PROGRAM  
 BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		1	2	3
		Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 652,750	\$ 556,330	\$ (96,420)
5800	State Program Revenues	123,798	66,735	(57,063)
5900	Federal Program Revenues	1,407,250	1,404,401	(2,849)
5020	Total Revenues	<u>2,183,798</u>	<u>2,027,466</u>	<u>(156,332)</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
	Current:			
	Student Support Services:			
0035	Food Services	2,183,798	2,050,444	133,354
0036	Extracurricular Activities	--	91	(91)
	Total Student Support Services	<u>2,183,798</u>	<u>2,050,535</u>	<u>133,263</u>
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>2,183,798</u>	<u>2,050,535</u>	<u>133,263</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)			
1100	Expenditures	--	(23,069)	(23,069)
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	--	(23,069)	(23,069)
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	418,763	418,763	--
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 418,763</u>	<u>\$ 395,694</u>	<u>\$ (23,069)</u>

# SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXHIBIT J-3

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		1	2	3
		Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	<b>REVENUES:</b>			
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,930,850	\$ 4,905,789	\$ 974,939
5800	State Program Revenues	--	749,766	749,766
5020	Total Revenues	<u>3,930,850</u>	<u>5,655,555</u>	<u>1,724,705</u>
	<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>			
	Debt Service:			
0071	Debt Service	2,185,000	2,185,000	--
0072	Interest on Long-Term Debt	1,740,850	1,740,850	--
0073	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	5,000	4,050	950
	Total Debt Service	<u>3,930,850</u>	<u>3,929,900</u>	<u>950</u>
6030	Total Expenditures	<u>3,930,850</u>	<u>3,929,900</u>	<u>950</u>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)			
1100	Expenditures	--	1,725,655	1,725,655
1200	Net Change in Fund Balance	--	1,725,655	1,725,655
0100	Fund Balance - Beginning	643,058	643,058	--
3000	Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ 643,058</u>	<u>\$ 2,368,713</u>	<u>\$ 1,725,655</u>

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**USE OF FUNDS REPORT - SELECT STATE ALLOTMENT PROGRAM**  
**AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024**

Data Control Codes		Responses
<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.	\$ 2,999,229
AP4	List the actual direct program expenditures for state compensatory education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 24, 26, 28 29, 30)	\$ 1,891,733
<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.	\$ 197,708
AP8	List the actual direct program expenditures for bilingual education programs during the LEA's fiscal year. (PICs 25)	\$ 121,823



## SNOW GARRETT WILLIAMS

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Board of Trustees  
Springtown Independent School District  
301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springtown, Texas 76082

Members of the Board of Trustees:

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 business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Springtown Independent School District, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Springtown Independent School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 19, 2025.

### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Springtown Independent School District's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

### Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of Springtown Independent School District in a separate letter dated January 19, 2025.

### **Springtown Independent School District's Response to Findings**

Springtown Independent School District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Springtown Independent School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **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.



Snow Garrett Williams  
January 19, 2025



**SNOW GARRETT WILLIAMS**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and  
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Board of Trustees  
Springtown Independent School District  
301 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Springtown, Texas 76082

Members of the Board of Trustees :

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

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

We have audited Springtown Independent School District's 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 Springtown Independent School District's major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024. Springtown Independent School 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, Springtown Independent School District complied, in all material respects, with types of the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended August 31, 2024.

***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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). 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 Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Springtown Independent School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School 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 Springtown Independent School 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.



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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Snow Garrett Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Snow Garrett Williams  
January 19, 2025

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

**A. Summary of Auditor's Results**

**1. Financial Statements**

Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

One or more material weaknesses identified?        Yes   X   No

One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?   X   Yes        None Reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?        Yes   X   No

**2. Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

One or more material weaknesses identified?        Yes   X   No

One or more significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?        Yes   X   None Reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Version of compliance supplement used in audit: May 2024

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, para. 200.516(a)??        Yes   X   No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
84.010A	ESEA Title I Part A
84.027/84.173	Special Education Cluster

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?   X   Yes        No

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

**B. Financial Statement Findings**

Finding 2024-001 - Significant Deficiency - Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Budgeting

Criteria: Timely and accurate financial reports are essential to perform analysis of financial conditions, review data for accuracy and completeness, monitor compliance with budget appropriations, prepare long-range financial plans, and to safeguard assets.

Condition: Audit entries were required to properly present the financial statements of the District. These entries stemmed from grant reconciliations, lease reclassifications and issuances, and SBITA issuances.

Cause: It appears the condition was the result of a deficiency in internal controls over grant reconciliations and standard implementation.

Effect: Due to audit adjustments, financial reports prepared throughout the fiscal year could have been relied upon in error.

Auditor's Recommendation:

The District should improve internal controls over grant reconciliations, accounting for leases and SBITAS.

View of Responsible Officials:

The District is in agreement with the finding reported and is in the process of enhancing controls.

**C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

NONE

# **SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

### Finding/Recommendation

2023-001 Significant Deficiency Internal Controls Over  
Financial Reporting and Budgeting

### Current Status

Unresolved - See Schedule of Findings and  
Questioned Costs 2024-001.



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## **Corrective Action Plan**

For Year End August 31, 2024

### **2024-001 - Significant Deficiency - Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting and Budgeting**

**Responsible Parties: Assistant Superintendent of Business, Finance, and HR**

#### **Corrective Action Plan:**

The District will improve internal controls over grant reconciliations, accounting for leases and SBITAS, and budgeting by implementing a monthly reconciliation process of all grants, leases, and SBITAS. The SISD Business Manager will be tasked with the monthly reconciliation process of all grants in order to improve monitoring of budgetary actions and expenditures. Grant reconciliation procedures will mirror the reconciliation process of all other district funds.

**Estimated Completion Date: February 2025**

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

EXHIBIT K-1

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(1)	(2)	(2A)	(3)
Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal ALN	Pass- Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER:			
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	714024001	\$ 241,269
National School Lunch Program	10.555	713024001	963,343
Total Passed Through State Department of Education			<u>1,204,612</u>
Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	NT4XL1YGLGC5	1,503
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (Non-Cash)	10.555	NT4XL1YGLGC5	19,035
Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	NT4XL1YGLGC5	175,697
Total ALN 10.555			<u>196,235</u>
Total Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture			<u>196,235</u>
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture			<u>1,400,847</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			<u>1,400,847</u>
SPECIAL EDUCATION (IDEA) CLUSTER:			
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
IDEA-Part B, Formula	84.027	246600011849026600	947,994
IDEA-Part B, Formula - High Cost	84.027	66002406	27,901
Total ALN 84.027			<u>975,895</u>
IDEA-Part B, Preschool	84.173	246610011849026610	14,678
Total Passed Through State Department of Education			<u>990,573</u>
Passed Through ESC Region 10			
IDEA-Part B, Formula - Capacity Grant	84.027	23660049	14,568
Total Passed Through ESC Region 10			<u>14,568</u>
Total U. S. Department of Education			<u>1,005,141</u>
Total Special Education (IDEA) Cluster			<u>1,005,141</u>
OTHER PROGRAMS:			
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>			
Passed Through State Department of Education:			
Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1	84.424A	24680101184902	52,197
ESEA Title I Part A - Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	24610101184902	656,053
ESEA Title I, School Improvement Programs (SIP)	84.010A	24610141184902	25,424
ESEA Title I, Part A - ESF - FOCUS	84.010A	256101397110024	4,328
Total ALN 84.010A			<u>685,805</u>
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grant	84.048A	24420006184902	46,532
Career and Technical Education - Basic Grant	84.048A	244200317110017	182,111
Total ALN 84.048A			<u>228,643</u>
ESEA Title II, Part A - Teacher & Principal Training & Recruiting	84.367A	24694501184902	\$ 127,486

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

EXHIBIT K-1

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(1)	(2)	(2A)	(3)
Federal Grantor/ Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Federal ALN	Pass- Through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Title III, Part A-English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement	84.365A	24671001184902	\$ 2,822
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II-COVID 19)	84.425D	21521001184902	95,787
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III - Homeless Children and Youth-COVID 19)	84.425W	21533002184902	8,264
Total ALN 84.425			104,051
Total Passed Through State Department of Education			1,201,004
Total U. S. Department of Education			1,201,004
<u>U.S. Department on Agriculture</u>			
Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture:			
Commodity Storage Reimbursement Grant	10.560	NT4XL1YGLGC5	3,554
Total Passed Through Texas Department of Agriculture:			3,554
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			3,554
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 3,610,546

**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024**

Basis of Presentation

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

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

Reconciliation

The following table reconciles expenditures per the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards to the federal program revenues per the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds.

Federal Program Revenues	\$	3,690,013
SHARs		(79,467)
Total Expenditure of Federal Awards	\$	<u>3,610,546</u>

Title I, Part A Transferability

As allowed by federal regulations, Springtown ISD elected to transfer program funds. The District expended \$45,297 from its Title IV, Part A, Subpart I (84.424A) on allowable activities of Title I, Part A (ALN 84.010A). This amount is reflected in the expenditures of Title IV, Part A, Subpart I (84.424A).



**SPRINGTOWN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED RESPONSES TO SELECTED SCHOOL FIRST INDICATORS  
AS OF AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes		Responses
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 <b>to not have made</b> timely payments.)  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.	Yes
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	\$ --

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## **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.

The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature (the "Legislature") convened on January 14, 2025, and is scheduled to conclude on June 2, 2025. As of the date of this disclosure, the regular session is underway. The Texas Governor may call one or more special sessions at the conclusion of the regular session. During this time, the Legislature may enact laws that materially change current law as it relates to the Guarantee Program, the TEA, the State Board of Education (the "SBOE"), the Permanent School Fund Corporation (the "PSF Corporation"), the Act, 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"). The Texas School Land Board's (the "SLB") 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 From 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, 2024, 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, 2024, 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, 2024, and for a description of the financial results of the PSF for the year ended August 31, 2024, the most recent year for which audited financial information regarding the Fund is available. The 2024 Annual Report speaks only as of its date and the PSF Corporation has

not obligated itself to update the 2024 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> 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 Board's roles and responsibilities in managing and administering the Fund, see the IPS and Board meeting materials (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 or a certified public accountant 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.

For each biennium, beginning with the 2024-2025 State biennium, 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 2026 and 2027. 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" approach 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>2015</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>	<u>2024</u>
PSF(CORP) Distribution	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,076	\$2,156
PSF(SBOE) Distribution	839	1,056	1,056	1,236	1,236	1,102	1,102	1,731	-	-
PSF(SLB) Distribution	-	-	-	-	300	600	600 <sup>3</sup>	415	115	-
Per Student Distribution	173	215	212	247	306	347	341	432	440	430

<sup>1</sup> In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

<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 2024, the SBOE approved a \$3.6 billion distribution to the ASF for State fiscal biennium 2026-2027. In making its determination of the 2026-2027 Distribution Rate, the SBOE took into account the planned distribution to the ASF by the PSF Corporation 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>2010-11</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
<u>SBOE Distribution Rate<sup>1</sup></u>	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32%	3.45%

<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 PSF Corp approved transfers of \$600 million per year directly to the ASF for fiscal biennium 2026-27.

#### 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. 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 strategic asset allocation of the Fund that was adopted September 2024 (which is subject to change from time to time):

Asset Class	Strategic Asset Allocation	Range	
		Min	Max
Cash	2.0%	0.0%	n/a
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, 2023 and 2024, as set forth in the Annual Report for the 2024 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, 2024 and 2023				
ASSET CLASS	August 31, 2024	August 31, 2023	Amount of Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
EQUITY				
Domestic Small Cap	\$3,651.3	\$ 2,975.1	\$ 676.2	22.7%
Domestic Large Cap	8,084.6	7,896.5	188.1	2.4%
Total Domestic Equity	11,735.9	10,871.6	864.3	8.0%
International Equity	4,131.1	7,945.5	(3,814.4)	-48.0%
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>15,867.0</b>	<b>18,817.1</b>	<b>(2,950.1)</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>
FIXED INCOME				
Domestic Fixed Income	-	5,563.7	-	-
US Treasuries	-	937.5	-	-
Core Bonds	8,151.6	-	-	-
Bank Loans	2,564.1	-	-	-
High Yield Bonds	2,699.5	1,231.6	1,467.9	119.2%
Emerging Market Debt	-	869.7	-	-
<b>TOTAL FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>13,415.2</b>	<b>8,602.5</b>	<b>4,812.7</b>	<b>55.9%</b>
ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS				
Absolute Return	3,106.0	3,175.8	(69.8)	-2.2%
Real Estate	6,101.0	6,525.2	(424.2)	-6.5%
Private Equity	8,958.8	8,400.7	558.1	6.6%
Emerging Manager Program	-	134.5	-	-
Real Return	-	1,663.7	-	-
Private Credit	2,257.9	-	-	-
Real Assets	4,648.1	4,712.1	(64.0)	-1.4%
<b>TOT ALT INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>25,071.8</b>	<b>24,612.0</b>	<b>459.8</b>	<b>1.9%</b>



UNALLOCATED CASH	<u>2,583.2</u>	<u>348.2</u>	<u>2,235</u>	<u>641.9%</u>
TOTAL PSF(CORP) INVESTMENTS	56,937.2	\$ 52,379.8	\$ 4,557.4	8.7%

Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

The table below sets forth the investments of the PSF(SLB) for the year ended August 31, 2024.

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

##### Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2024

	<u>As of</u> <u>8-31-24</u>
Investment Type	
Investments in Real Assets	
Sovereign Lands	\$ 277.47
Discretionary Internal Investments	457.01
Other Lands	153.15
Minerals <sup>(2), (3)</sup>	<u>4,540.61</u> <sup>(6)</sup>
Total Investments <sup>(4)</sup>	5,428.23
Cash in State Treasury <sup>(5)</sup>	0
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$ 5,428.23

<sup>1</sup> Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2024 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.

<sup>2</sup> Historical Cost of investments at August 31, 2024 was: Sovereign Lands \$838,730.24; Discretionary Internal Investments \$318,902,420.97; Other Lands \$37,290,818.76; 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 as and when may become 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, as applicable. 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. The SDBGP Rules are 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"). The CDBGP Rules are 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 2025 fiscal year, the ratio is 7.86%. At February 27, 2025, there were 188 active open-enrollment charter schools in the State and there were 1,222 charter school campuses authorized under such charters, though as of such date, 264 of such campuses are not currently serving students for various reasons; therefore, there are 958 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 as and when they become 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, as applicable. 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, as applicable. 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 CDBG 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 CDBG 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 CDBG 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 "CDBG 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 CDBG Capacity include Fund investment performance, future increases in the Guarantee Program multiplier, changes in State law that govern the calculation of the CDBG 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 SDBG 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 SDBG Rules provide that the Education Commissioner will estimate the available capacity of the PSF each month and may increase or reduce the State Capacity Limit multiplier to prudently manage fund capacity and maintain the AAA credit rating of the Guarantee Program but also provide that any changes to the multiplier made by the Education Commissioner are to be ratified or rejected by the SBOE at the next meeting following the change. See "Valuation of the PSF and Guaranteed Bonds" below.

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

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

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

The IRS Notice changed the IRS Limit from a static limit to a dynamic limit for the Guarantee Program based upon the cost value of Fund assets, multiplied by five. As of January 31, 2025 the cost value of the Guarantee Program was \$48,560,433,760 (unaudited), thereby producing an IRS Limit of \$242,802,168,800 in principal amount of guaranteed bonds outstanding.

As of January 31, 2025, the estimated State Capacity Limit is \$169,961,518,160, 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 7.86% in February 2025. 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, 2025, the Charter District Reserve Fund contained \$120,355,020, which represented approximately 2.44% 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.

#### **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**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended 8/31</b>	<b>Book Value<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Market Value<sup>(1)</sup></b>
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	43,915,792,841	59,020,536,667
2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	46,276,260,013	56,937,188,265

<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.

<sup>(2)</sup> At August 31, 2024, mineral assets, sovereign lands, other lands, and discretionary internal investments, had book values of approximately \$13.4 million, \$0.8 million, \$37.2 million, and \$318.9 million, respectively, and market values of approximately \$4,540.6 million, \$277.4 million, \$153.1 million, and \$457.0 million, respectively.

### Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds

At 8/31	Principal Amount <sup>(1)</sup>
2020	\$90,336,680,245
2021	95,259,161,922
2022	103,239,495,929
2023	115,730,826,682
2024	125,815,981,603 <sup>(2)</sup>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> At August 31, 2024 (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 \$196,294,405,488, of which \$70,478,423,885 represents interest to be paid. As shown in the table above, at August 31, 2024, there were \$125,815,981,603 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program. Using the State Capacity Limit of \$169,961,518,160 (the State Capacity Limit is currently the Capacity Limit), net of the Capacity Reserve, as of January 31, 2025, 7.69% of the Guarantee Program's capacity was available to the Charter District Bond Guarantee Program. As of January 31, 2025, the amount of outstanding bond guarantees represented 76.33% of the Capacity Limit (which is currently the State Capacity Limit). January 31, 2025 values are based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment.

### Permanent School Fund Guaranteed Bonds by Category<sup>(1)</sup>

Formal School Fund - Guaranteed Bonds - by Category						
	<u>School District Bonds</u>		<u>Charter District Bonds</u>		<u>Totals</u>	
Fiscal Year Ended <u>8/31</u>	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>	No. of <u>Issues</u>	Principal <u>Amount (\$)</u>
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	3,339	111,647,914,682	102	4,082,912,000	3,441	115,730,826,682
2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	3,330	121,046,871,603	103	4,769,110,000	3,433	125,815,981,603

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

<sup>(2)</sup> At January 31, 2025 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment), there were \$129,723,799,121 in principal amount of bonds guaranteed under the Guarantee Program, representing 3,437 school district issues, aggregating \$124,794,149,121 in principal amount and 109 charter district issues, aggregating \$4,929,650,000 in principal amount. At January 31, 2025 the projected guarantee capacity available was \$39,780,221,830 (based on unaudited data, which is subject to adjustment).

### Discussion and Analysis Pertaining to Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024

The following discussion is derived from the Annual Report for the year ended August 31, 2024, 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 PSF Corporation 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 2024, the PSF(CORP) net position was \$57.3 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 and illiquid 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, 2024, net of fees, were 10.12%, 7.31%, and 6.32%, 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, 2024.

Effective February 1, 2024, Texas PSF transitioned into a new strategic asset allocation. The new allocation of the PSF Corporation updated the strategic asset allocation among public equities, fixed income, and alternative assets, as discussed herein. Alternative assets now include private credit, absolute return, private equity, real estate, natural resources, and infrastructure. For a description of the accrual basis of accounting and more information about performance, including comparisons to established benchmarks for certain periods, please see the 2024 Annual Report which is included by reference herein.

## PSF Returns Fiscal Year Ended 8-31-2024<sup>1</sup>

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Benchmark Return<sup>2</sup></u>
Total PSF(CORP) Portfolio	10.12	9.28
Domestic Large Cap Equities	27.30	27.14
Domestic Small/Mid Cap Equities	18.35	18.37
International Equities	18.82	18.08
Private Credit	1.41	0.93
Core Bonds	7.08	7.30
Absolute Return	11.50	8.87
Real Estate	(6.42)	(7.22)
Private Equity	4.62	4.23
High Yield	12.03	12.53
Natural Resources	12.36	6.42
Infrastructure	4.41	3.63
Bank Loans	3.02	3.23
Short Term Investment Portfolio	2.42	2.28

<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, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Benchmarks are as set forth in the Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

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, mineral and royalty interest, and real property holdings. For more information regarding the investments of the PSF(SLB), please see the 2024 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 2024, \$2.2 billion was distributed to the ASF, \$600 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](https://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, 2024, 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

As of March 1, 2023, the TEA's undertaking pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 (the "TEA Undertaking") pertaining to the PSF and the Guarantee Program, 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 under different bases of accounting.

The PSF Corporation reports as a special-purpose government engaged in business-type activities and reports to the State of Texas as a discretely presented component unit accounted for on an economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Measurement focus refers to the definition of the resource flows measured. Under the 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 and PSF Corporation 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. On March 31, 2025, the TEA and the PSF Corporation became aware that the 2022 operating data was not timely filed with EMMA due to an administrative oversight. TEA and PSF Corporation took corrective action and filed a notice of late filing with EMMA on April 4, 2025. The annual operating data was previously posted to EMMA on March 31, 2023.

### **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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