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RATINGS

Rating Action: Moody's Ratings assigns Aa1 UND / Aaa ENH to Nebo School District, UT's Ser. 2026 GO bonds; outlook stable

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New York, July 27, 2026 -- Moody's Ratings (Moody's) has assigned Aa1 underlying and Aaa enhanced ratings to Nebo School District, UT's proposed sale of \$9.6 million in General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2026 (Utah School District Bond Guaranty Program). We maintain the district's Aa1 issuer and general obligation unlimited tax (GOULT) ratings. Post-sale, the district will have around \$308 million in total debt outstanding (including GO and lease revenue bonds). The outlook on the issuer and underlying ratings is stable.

RATINGS RATIONALE

The Aa1 issuer rating reflects the district's very solid financial position with sizable surpluses reported the past five years, resulting in available operating reserves and cash of 27% and 34%, respectively. Based on fiscal 2026 estimated actuals, management anticipates outperforming its very conservative budget, likely reporting balanced operations. The district serves a growing area of the state, both reflected in ongoing residential and commercial construction, and a positive three-year enrollment CAGR of 4.8%. The long-term liabilities ratio is currently manageable at 152% of operating revenue (fiscal 2025) and will not shift materially with the current issuance. The district plans to issue lease revenue bonds in the next 12 months.

The Aa1 rating on the GOULT bonds is at the same level as the issuer rating based on the district's unlimited property tax pledge that is dedicated to pay debt service.

The Aaa enhanced rating is based on the additional security provided to bondholders by the Utah School District Bond Guaranty Program (Aaa). Under this program, the state's full faith and credit guarantees debt service payments by transfer of the state's general funds to the paying agent in the event of a shortfall for the district.

RATING OUTLOOK

The stable outlook on the issuer and underlying ratings reflects the likelihood that management will continue to budget conservatively, and closely monitor enrollment and staffing, resulting in reserves and liquidity in line with Aa medians.

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO AN UPGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Maintenance of available fund balance and liquidity above 25% of operating revenue
- Total long-term liabilities below 125% of operating revenue on a consistent basis

FACTORS THAT COULD LEAD TO A DOWNGRADE OF THE RATINGS

- Sustained decline in available reserves and liquidity below 17.5% of operating revenue
- Material increases in total long-term liabilities to greater than 250% of operating revenue

PROFILE

The district covers 1,300 square miles in Utah County south of the City of Provo. Nebo operates a total of 47 schools made up of five high schools, an alternative high school, five junior high schools, five middle schools, 30 elementary schools, and an advanced learning center. The district also operates two special purpose programs. Fiscal 2026 in-seat enrollment was just shy of 35,000 and online enrollment was approximately 7,000.

METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in the underlying rating was US K-12 Public School Districts published in June 2026 and available at <https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/466688>. The principal methodology used in the enhanced rating was Guarantees, Letters of Credit and Other Forms of Credit Substitution Methodology published in July 2022 and available at <https://ratings.moodys.com/rmc-documents/386295>. Alternatively, please see the Rating Methodologies page on <https://ratings.moodys.com> for a copy of these methodologies.

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