

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Dated June 27, 2025

NEW ISSUE – Book-Entry-Only

**Rating: Moody's: "Aaa"/ "Aa2" Enhanced/Unenhanced
PSF Guaranteed
(See "OTHER INFORMATION – Rating" and
"APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND
GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein)**

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



\$90,780,000*
EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A Political Subdivision of the State of Texas Located in Bexar County, Texas)
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025A

Dated: August 7, 2025

Due: August 15, as shown on page 2 herein

Interest Accrues from the Date of Initial Delivery (defined below)

PAYMENT TERMS . . . Interest on the \$90,780,000* East Central Independent School District Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2025A (the "Bonds") will accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery, will be initially payable on August 15, 2025, and each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption and will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") pursuant to the book-entry-only system described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the Beneficial Owners thereof.** Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distributions of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (see "THE BONDS – Paying Agent/Registrar").

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 D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE . . . The Bonds are being issued by the East Central Independent School District (the "Issuer" or the "District") pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including Section 45.001 and Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended ("Chapter 45"), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1371"), Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended ("Chapter 1207" and together with Chapter 1371, the "Act"), an election held in the District on May 3, 2025 (the "Election") (with respect to the new money portion of the Bonds), and an order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the District on June 19, 2025. As permitted by the Act, the Board, in the Bond Order, authorized certain District representatives to execute a pricing certificate (the "Pricing Certificate") establishing the terms of sale of the Bonds and finalizing certain characteristics thereof related to final pricing (the Bond Order and Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the "Order") (see "THE BONDS – Authority for Issuance"). **The District has received conditional approval for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, which will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds (see "APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").**

PURPOSE . . . Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) the purposes authorized at the Election, (ii) refunding a portion of the District's outstanding obligations (the "Refunded Bonds," see "SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS") for debt service savings, and (iii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (see "PLAN OF FINANCING – Purpose" and "SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS" herein).

CUSIP PREFIX: 271515

**SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR STATED MATURITIES, PRINCIPAL AMOUNTS,
INTEREST RATES, INITIAL YIELDS, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS, AND CUSIP NUMBERS**

LEGALITY . . . The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if issued and received by the underwriters thereof identified below (the "Underwriters") and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of Texas and the opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel (see "APPENDIX C – Form of Bond Counsel's Opinion"). Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel Kassahn & Ortiz, P.C., San Antonio, Texas.

DELIVERY . . . It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on August 7, 2025 (the "Date of Initial Delivery").

**FROST BANK
HILLTOP SECURITIES**

**BOK FINANCIAL SECURITIES, INC.
JEFFERIES**

**Preliminary, subject to change.*

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CUSIP PREFIX⁽¹⁾: 271515

MATURITY SCHEDULE*

Maturity (August 15)	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Yield	CUSIP Suffix ⁽¹⁾
2025	\$ 1,000,000			
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2027	2,545,000			
2028	2,805,000			
2029	1,570,000			
2030	3,010,000			
2031	3,225,000			
2032	1,600,000			
2033	1,810,000			
2034	1,900,000			
2035	1,995,000			
2036	2,095,000			
2037	2,205,000			
2038	2,315,000			
2039	2,430,000			
2040	2,545,000			
2041	2,675,000			
2042	2,810,000			
2043	2,950,000			
2044	3,095,000			
2045	3,255,000			
2046	3,415,000			
2047	3,585,000			
2048	3,765,000			
2049	3,955,000			
2050	4,150,000			
2051	4,355,000			
2052	4,575,000			
2053	4,805,000			
2054	5,045,000			
2055	5,295,000			

(Interest accrues from the Date of Initial Delivery)

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REDEMPTION PROVISIONS . . . The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2035, in whole or from time to time in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption (see “THE BONDS – Redemption”).

MANDATORY SINKING FUND REDEMPTION PROVISIONS . . . The Bonds may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in the event the Underwriters elect to aggregate two or more consecutive maturities of Bonds as “Term Bonds” (see “THE BONDS – Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption”).

DISTRICT OFFICIALS, STAFF AND CONSULTANTS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Name	Years Served	Term Expires (November)	Occupation
Ms. Monique Presas President	20	2026	Business Owner
Mr. Emilio Carrasco Vice-President	2	2028	CPS Maintenance Manager
Ms. Dell Braziel Secretary	13	2026	Retired
Mr. Randall Gearhart Member	1	2028	U.S. Civil Service Air Force
Ms. Ginger Friesenhahn Member	3	2026	Childcare Provider
Mr. David Santos, Jr. Member	0	2028	Sales Engineer
Mr. James Mulkey Member	14	2026	Retired

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Name	Position	Years of Service with the District	Years of Service in Present Position
Mr. Roland Toscano	Superintendent	28	11
Ms. Judy Burns	Chief Financial Officer	52	9

CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

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USE OF INFORMATION IN THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended (the "Rule"), this document constitutes an "official statement" of the District with respect to the Bonds that has been "deemed final" by the District as of its date except for the omission of the information permitted by the Rule.

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District, the Financial Advisor, or the Underwriters 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, the Underwriters, or the Financial Advisor. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer in such jurisdiction.

Certain information set forth herein has been obtained from the District and other sources which are believed to be reliable but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness and is not to be construed as a representation by the Financial Advisor or the Underwriters. Any information and expressions of opinion herein contained 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 since the date hereof.

See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the District's undertaking 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 JURISDICTION IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR EXEMPTED SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

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

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

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

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 THE SCHEDULE AND ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

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The cover page hereof, this page, and the schedule, appendices included herein and any addenda, supplement or amendment hereto, are part of the Official Statement.

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY

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

THE DISTRICT	<p>The East Central Independent School District (the “District”) is a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the “State”) located in Bexar County, Texas (the “County”). The District encompasses approximately 199 square miles in area (see “INTRODUCTION – Description of the District”).</p> <p>The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”) the members of which serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in November of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors (see “APPENDIX B – General Information Regarding the District”).</p>
THE BONDS	<p>The Bonds are being issued as \$90,780,000* Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2025A (the “Bonds”) and will be dated August 7, 2025 (“Dated Date”). The Bonds will be issued as serial Bonds maturing on August 15 in the years 2025 and 2027 through and including 2055, unless the Underwriters elect to aggregate two or more consecutive maturities of Bonds as “Term Bonds” (see “THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds”).</p>
PAYMENT OF INTEREST	<p>Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery and will be initially payable on August 15, 2025, and each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity (see “THE BONDS – Description of the Bonds”).</p>
AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE	<p>The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including Section 45.001 and Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended (“Chapter 45”), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1207” and together with Chapter 1371, the “Act”), an election held in the District on May 3, 2025 (the “Election”) (with respect to the new money portion of the Bonds), and an order (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board on June 19, 2025. As permitted by the Act, the Board, in the Bond Order, authorized certain District representatives to execute a pricing certificate (the “Pricing Certificate”) establishing the terms of sale of the Bonds and finalizing certain characteristics thereof related to final pricing (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the “Order”).</p>
PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR	<p>The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas.</p>
SECURITY FOR THE BONDS	<p>The Bonds constitute direct obligations of the District, payable from an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, against all taxable property within the District (see “THE BONDS – Security and Source of Payment”).</p>
PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE	<p>The District has received conditional approval from the Texas Education Agency (the “TEA”) for the Bonds to be guaranteed under the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program, which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds (see “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” herein).</p>

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REDEMPTION PROVISIONS	The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2035, in whole or from time to time in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Additionally, the Bonds may be subject to mandatory redemption in the event the Underwriters elect to aggregate two or more consecutive stated maturities of the Bonds as “Term Bonds” (see “THE BONDS – Redemption” herein.)
TAX EXEMPTION	In the opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, 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 corporation (see “TAX MATTERS” and “APPENDIX C – Form of Bond Counsel’s Opinion”).
USE OF PROCEEDS	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) the purposes authorized at the Election, (ii) refunding a portion of the District’s outstanding obligations (the “Refunded Bonds,” see “SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS”) for debt service savings, and (iii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (see “PLAN OF FINANCING – Purpose” and “SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS” herein).
RATING	The Bonds and the tax-supported debt of the District have been rated “Aaa” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) by virtue of the guarantee of the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program. The unenhanced, underlying rating on the Bonds, together with the District’s tax-supported indebtedness, is affirmed as “Aa2” by Moody’s (see “OTHER INFORMATION – Rating”).
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM	The definitive Bonds will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. Beneficial ownership of the Bonds may be acquired in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the beneficial owners thereof. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the beneficial owners of the Bonds (see “THE BONDS – Book-Entry-Only System”).
PAYMENT RECORD	The District has never defaulted in payment of its tax supported debt.
LEGALITY	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 and tax exemption by McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel.
DELIVERY DATE	When issued, anticipated on or about August 7, 2025.

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**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO
\$90,780,000*
EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025A**

INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement provides certain information in connection with the issuance by the East Central Independent School District (the “District” or “Issuer”) of its \$90,780,000* Unlimited Tax School Building and Refunding Bonds, Series 2025A (the “Bonds”). The Issuer is a body corporate and a political subdivision of the State of Texas (the “State”) duly organized and existing under the laws of the State. The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State, including Section 45.001 and Section 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended (“Chapter 45”), Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1371”), Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, as amended (“Chapter 1207”) and together with Chapter 1371, the “Act”), an election held in the District on May 3, 2025 (the “Election”) (with respect to the new money portion of the Bonds), and an order (the “Bond Order”) adopted by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the District on June 19, 2025. As permitted by the Act, the Board, in the Bond Order, authorized certain District representatives to execute a pricing certificate (the “Pricing Certificate”) establishing the terms of sale of the Bonds and finalizing certain characteristics thereof related to final pricing (the Bond Order and Pricing Certificate are collectively referred to as the “Order”).

There follows in this Official Statement descriptions of the Bonds and certain information regarding the District and its finances. All descriptions of documents contained herein are only summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to each such document. Copies of such documents may be obtained from the District’s Financial Advisor, Specialized Public Finance Inc., San Antonio, Texas.

This Official Statement speaks only as to its date, and the information contained herein is subject to change. A copy of the final Official Statement pertaining to the Bonds will be deposited with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board at www.emma.msrb.org. See “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION” herein for a description of the District’s undertaking to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT . . . The District is a political subdivision of the State located in Bexar County, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board, the members of which serve staggered three-year terms with elections being held in November of each year. Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors. The District covers approximately 199 square miles in Bexar County. See “APPENDIX A – General Information Regarding the District.”

PLAN OF FINANCING

PURPOSE . . . Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for the purposes of (i) the purposes authorized at the Election, (ii) refunding a portion of the District’s outstanding obligations (the “Refunded Bonds,” see “SCHEDULE I – SCHEDULE OF REFUNDED BONDS”) for debt service savings, and (iii) paying the costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

REFUNDED BONDS . . . The Refunded Bonds, and interest due thereon, are to be paid on their scheduled redemption date from cash and investments to be deposited with BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas (the “Escrow Agent”) pursuant to an Escrow Agreement dated as of June 19, 2025 (the “Escrow Agreement”) between the District and the Escrow Agent.

The Bond Order provides that the District will deposit certain proceeds of the sale of the Bonds, along with other lawfully available funds of the District (if any), with the Escrow Agent in the amount necessary and sufficient to accomplish the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Bonds. Such funds shall be held by the Escrow Agent in an escrow fund (the “Escrow Fund”) irrevocably pledged to the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. Amounts on deposit in the Escrow Fund will be held uninvested in cash and/or used to purchase a portfolio of securities authorized by Section 1207.062, as amended, Texas Government Code, which authorization includes certain direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America (including obligations unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America) that are, rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized rating firm of not less than “AAA” or its equivalent (the “Escrowed Securities”).

Prior to, or simultaneously with, the issuance of the Bonds, the District will give irrevocable instructions to provide notice to the owners of the Refunded Bonds that the Refunded Bonds will be paid on their redemption date on which date money will be made available to redeem the Refunded Bonds from money and investments held under the Escrow Agreement.

*Preliminary, subject to change.

Public Finance Partners LLC (the “Verification Agent”) will verify in its verification report (the “Report”) that as of August 7, 2025 (the “Date of Initial Delivery”), the mathematical accuracy of the schedules that demonstrate the Escrowed Securities, if any, will mature and pay interest in such amounts which, together with uninvested funds, if any, in the Escrow Fund, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds (see “OTHER INFORMATION – Verification of Arithmetical and Mathematical Computations”).

By the deposit of the Escrowed Securities and cash, if any, with the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement, the District will have effected the defeasance of all of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the terms of the District orders authorizing their issuance. It is the opinion of Bond Counsel, in reliance upon the Report, that as a result of such defeasance the Refunded Bonds will be outstanding only for the purpose of receiving payments from the Escrow Fund held for such purpose by the Escrow Agent and such Refunded Bonds will not be deemed as being outstanding obligations of the District payable from taxes nor for the purpose of applying any limitation on the issuance of debt. Therefore, the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available in the Escrow Fund for the payment of the Refunded Bonds from time to time, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure to receive payment when due on the Escrowed Securities.

Upon defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, the Permanent School Fund guarantee with respect thereto will terminate.

THE BONDS

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS . . . The Bonds are dated August 7, 2025 and mature on August 15 in each of the years and in the amounts shown on page 2 hereof. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Date of Initial Delivery and will be initially payable on August 15, 2025, and each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The definitive Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity and will be initially registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., the nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) pursuant to the Book-Entry-Only System described herein. **No physical delivery of the Bonds will be made to the Beneficial Owners thereof.** Principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to Cede & Co., which will make distribution of the amounts so paid to the participating members of DTC for subsequent payment to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See “THE BONDS – Book-Entry-Only System.”

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE . . . The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, including Chapter 45, the Act, the Election (with respect to the new money portion of the Bonds), and the Order. As permitted by the Act, the Board, in the Bond Order, authorized certain District representatives to execute a Pricing Certificate establishing the terms of sale of the Bonds and finalizing certain characteristics thereof related to final pricing.

SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT . . . The Bonds are payable from the proceeds of an annual ad valorem tax levied, without legal limit as to rate or amount, sufficient to provide for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. Additionally, the District has received conditional approval for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of Texas which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of the State of Texas approves the issuance of the Bonds.

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE . . . In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has received conditional approval from the Commissioner of Education for guarantee of the Bonds under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program (Chapter 45, Subchapter C of the Texas Education Code). Subject to satisfying certain conditions discussed under “APPENDIX D – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM” the payment of 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 default by the District in the scheduled payments of the Bonds, registered owners will receive all payments due from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund.

TAX RATE LIMITATION . . . There is not a tax rate limitation on unlimited tax debt; however, the District must demonstrate to the Attorney General of Texas at the time of issuance that it has the ability to pay all debt service on its outstanding unlimited tax debt with a debt service tax not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 assessed valuation. After the Bonds are issued, the District is required to establish a tax rate, without limitation, sufficient to pay debt service on all of its outstanding unlimited tax debt (see “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS” herein).

REDEMPTION . . . The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2035, in whole or from time to time in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2034, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. Additionally, the Bonds may be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in the event the Underwriters elect to aggregate two or more consecutive maturities as term bonds (such aggregated Bonds, the “Term Bonds”). Such Term Bonds will additionally be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds are to be redeemed, the District may select the maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. If less than all the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the Paying Agent/Registrar (defined below) (or DTC while the Bonds are in Book-Entry-Only form) shall determine by lot the Bonds, or portions thereof, within such maturity to be redeemed. If a Bond (or any portion of the principal amount thereof) shall have been called for redemption and notice of such redemption shall have been given, such Bond (or the principal amount thereof to be redeemed) shall become due and payable on such redemption date and interest thereon shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date, provided funds for the payment of the redemption price and accrued interest thereon are held by the Paying Agent/Registrar on the redemption date.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION . . . 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 the registered owners of the Bonds 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 SO MAILED SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN DULY GIVEN, WHETHER OR NOT THE REGISTERED OWNER RECEIVES SUCH NOTICE. NOTICE HAVING BEEN SO GIVEN, THE BONDS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION SHALL BECOME DUE AND PAYABLE ON THE SPECIFIED REDEMPTION DATE, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THAT ANY BOND OR PORTION THEREOF HAS NOT BEEN SURRENDERED FOR PAYMENT, INTEREST ON SUCH BOND OR PORTION THEREOF SHALL CEASE TO ACCRUE.

DTC REDEMPTION PROVISIONS . . . 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 Direct Participant (defined below) or Indirect Participant (defined below) 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 Direct Participants and Indirect Participants may implement a redemption of such Bonds and such redemption 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 Direct Participants, Indirect Participants, or beneficial owners of the selection of portions of the Bonds for redemption. See “THE BONDS – Book-Entry-Only System” herein.

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 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 OF OUTSTANDING BONDS . . . The Bond Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption, or otherwise) is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities (defined below), that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Bond Order provides that “Defeasance Securities” means

any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent, (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that on the date the governing body of the District adopts or approves the proceedings authorizing the financial arrangements have been refunded and are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than “AAA” or its equivalent, and (d) any additional securities and obligations hereafter authorized by Texas law as eligible for use to accomplish the discharge of obligations such as the Bonds. Each Authorized Official may limit the foregoing securities in connection with the sale of the Bonds. There is no assurance that the current law will not be changed in a manner which would permit investments other than those described above to be made with amounts deposited to defease the Bonds. Because the Bond Order does not contractually limit such investments, registered owners will be deemed to have consented to defeasance with such other investments, notwithstanding the fact that such investments may not be of the same investment quality as those currently permitted under State law. There is no assurance that the ratings for U.S. Treasury securities used for defeasance purposes or that for any other Defeasance Security will be maintained at any particular rating category.

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

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

The District, the Financial Advisor, and the Underwriters cannot and do not give any assurance that (1) DTC will distribute payments of debt service on the Bonds, 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), 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 Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee), or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered Bond certificate will be issued for each stated maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount, of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing

agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has an S&P Global Ratings rating of "AA+." The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers. Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all the Bonds within a maturity are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of 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 Bonds 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 to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement . . . In reading this Official Statement it should be understood that while the Bonds are in the Book-Entry-Only System, references in other sections of this Official Statement to registered owners should be read to include the person for which the 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 “THE BONDS – Transfer, Exchange and Registration” below.

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

TRANSFER, EXCHANGE AND REGISTRATION . . . In the event the Book-Entry-Only System should be discontinued, the Bonds will be printed and delivered to the Beneficial Owners thereof, and thereafter may be transferred and exchanged on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar only upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent/Registrar and such transfer or exchange shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such registration, exchange and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bond 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 being transferred or exchanged, at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar (as defined in the Order), or sent by United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, to the new registered owner or its designee. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the registered owner in not more than three business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled, and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity and for a like aggregate principal amount, as the Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. See “THE BONDS – Book-Entry-Only System” herein for a description to be utilized initially in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bonds.

LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF BONDS . . . The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any transfer or exchange with respect to Bonds 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 with respect to any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 30 days prior to its redemption date; provided, however, such limitation of transfer shall not be applicable to an exchange by the registered owner of the uncalled balance of a Bond.

REPLACEMENT BONDS . . . If any Bond is mutilated, destroyed, stolen or lost, a new Bond in the same principal amount, maturity and interest rate 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 in substitution for a Bond which has been destroyed, stolen or lost, such new Bond will be delivered only (a) upon filing with the Paying Agent/Registrar of satisfactory evidence 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.

RECORD DATE FOR INTEREST PAYMENT . . . The record date (“Record Date”) for determining the party to whom the interest on a Bond is payable on any interest payment date means the close of business on the last business day of the preceding month; provided, however, that the Record Date for the initial principal and interest payment is the Date of Initial Delivery.

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 (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 holder of a Bond appearing on the registration books of the Paying Agent/Registrar at the close of business on the last business day next preceding the date of mailing of such notice.

BONDHOLDERS' REMEDIES . . . The Order specifies events of default as the failure of the District to make payment of the principal of or interest on any of the Bonds when the same becomes due and payable or default in the performance or observance of any other covenant, agreement or obligation of the District, which failure materially, adversely affects the rights of the registered owners, including, but not limited to, their prospect or ability to be repaid in accordance with the Order, and the continuation thereof for a period of 60 days after notice of such default is given by any registered owner to the District. Upon an event of default, 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, permits the District to waive sovereign immunity in proceedings authorizing its bonds. Notwithstanding its reliance upon the provisions of Chapter 1371, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District has but has not waived the defense of sovereign immunity with respect thereto. Because it is unclear whether the Texas Legislature has effectively waived the District's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages outside of Chapter 1371 bondholders may not be able to bring such a suit against the District for breach of the Bonds or Order covenants in the absence of District action. 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 United States Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state court); and the Bankruptcy Code provides for broad discretionary powers of a Bankruptcy Court in administering any proceeding brought before it. The opinion of Bond Counsel will note that all opinions relative to the enforceability of the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, and by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion.

SOURCES AND USES OF PROCEEDS

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, together along with other lawfully available funds of the District, if any, will be applied approximately as follows:

SOURCES OF FUNDS:

Par Amount	\$
Transfers from Prior Issue Debt Service Funds	
[Net] Reoffering Premium	_____
Total Sources of Funds	\$

USES OF FUNDS:

Escrow Fund Deposit	\$
Project Fund Deposit	
Underwriters' Discount	
Debt Service Fund Deposit	
Cost of Issuance	_____
Total Uses of Funds	\$

TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

M&O TAX RATE LIMITATIONS . . . The District is authorized to levy a maximum maintenance and operation (“M&O”) tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation, as approved by the voters at an election held on May 1, 1999, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 20, Texas Education Code (now codified at Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, as amended).

The maximum M&O tax rate per \$100 of taxable value that may be adopted by a school district is the sum of \$0.17 and the school district’s MCR. A school district’s MCR is, generally, inversely proportional to the change in taxable property values both within the school district and the State and is subject to recalculation annually. For any year, the highest possible MCR for a school district is \$0.93 (see “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate” and “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Funding for School Districts” herein).

Furthermore, a school district cannot annually increase its tax rate in excess of the school district’s Voter-Approval Tax Rate without submitting such tax rate to an election and 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 & Source of Payment.”)

Section 45.0031, Texas Education Code, as amended (“Section 45.0031”), requires a 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 district voters 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. In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the district, which effectively reduces the district’s local share of debt service and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the district. The District is required to deposit any State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service into the District’s interest and sinking fund upon receipt of such amounts. In addition, the District must, prior to levying an interest and sinking fund tax rate that exceeds \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation, credit to the interest and sinking fund other State assistance, including Tier One funds that may be used for either operating purposes or for payment of debt service, in an amount equal to the amount needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. Taxes levied to pay refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, are not subject to the \$0.50 tax rate test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds issued to refund exempt bonds) are included in maximum annual debt service for calculation of the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test when applied to subsequent bond issues. A portion of the Bonds are issued for school building purposes pursuant to Chapter 45, Texas Education Code, as new debt and are subject to the \$0.50 cent test. The other portion of the Bonds are issued as refunding bonds under Chapter 1207 and are therefore not subject to the \$0.50 threshold tax test; however, taxes levied to pay new debt service on the Bonds are included in the calculation of the \$0.50 tax rate test as applied to subsequent issues of “new debt.” Under current law, a district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a district uses projected future taxable values to meet the \$0.50 threshold tax rate 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 district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the \$0.50 threshold tax rate test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. The District has not used State assistance or 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,” as described below.

A school district is required to adopt its annual tax rate before the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, except that a tax rate that exceeds the Voter-Approval Tax Rate must be adopted not later than the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date. A school district’s failure to adopt a tax rate equal to or less than the Voter-Approval Tax Rate by September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, will result in the tax rate for such school district for the tax year to be the lower of the “no-new-revenue tax rate” calculated for that tax year or the tax rate adopted by the school district for the preceding tax year. A school district’s failure to adopt a tax rate in excess of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate on or prior to the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date, will result in the school district adopting

a tax rate equal to or less than its Voter-Approval Tax Rate by the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll. “No-new-revenue tax rate” means the rate that will produce the prior year’s total tax levy from the current year’s total taxable values, adjusted such that lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year’s taxable values and new values are not included in the current year’s taxable values.

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

The governing body of a school district generally cannot adopt a tax rate exceeding the school district’s Voter-Approval Tax Rate without approval by a majority of the voters approving the higher rate at an election to be held on the next uniform election date. Further, subject to certain exceptions for areas declared disaster areas, State law requires the board of trustees of a school district to conduct an efficiency audit before seeking voter approval to adopt a tax rate exceeding the Voter-Approval Tax Rate and sets certain parameters for conducting and disclosing the results of such efficiency audit. An election is not required for a tax increase to address increased expenditures resulting from certain natural disasters in the year following the year in which such disaster occurs; however, the amount by which the increased tax rate exceeds the school district’s Voter-Approval Tax Rate for such year may not be considered by the school district in the calculation of its subsequent Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

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

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

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

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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 1 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended (the "Property Tax Code"), for identification of property subject to ad valorem taxation, property exempt or which may be exempted from ad valorem taxation if claimed, the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes, and the procedures and limitations applicable to the levy and collection of ad valorem taxes.

VALUATION OF TAXABLE PROPERTY . . . The Property Tax Code provides for countywide appraisal and equalization of taxable property values and establishes in each county of the State an appraisal district and an appraisal review board (the "Appraisal Review Board") responsible for appraising property for all taxing units within the county. The appraisal of property within the District is the responsibility of the Bexar County Appraisal District (the "Appraisal District"). Except as described below, the Appraisal District is required to appraise all property within the Appraisal District on the basis of 100% of its market value and is prohibited from applying any assessment ratios. In determining market value of property, the Appraisal District is required to consider the cost method of appraisal, the income method of appraisal and the market data comparison method of appraisal and use the method the chief appraiser of the Appraisal District considers most appropriate. The Property Tax Code requires appraisal districts to reappraise all property in its jurisdiction at least once every three (3) years. A taxing unit may require annual review at its own expense and is entitled to challenge the determination of appraised value of property within the taxing unit by petition filed with the Appraisal Review Board.

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property. Effective January 1, 2024, an appraisal district is prohibited from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on certain non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the "maximum property value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the Subjected Property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the Subjected Property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the Subjected Property (collectively, the "Appraisal Cap"). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026, unless extended by the State legislature, the 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 owner 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 ("Productivity Value"). The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land. See "APPENDIX A – Table 1 Assessed Valuation" for the reduction in taxable valuation attributable to valuation by Productivity Value.

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 Session" 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 that was granted in tax year 2022 through December 31, 2027.

STATE-MANDATED FREEZE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES . . . Except for increases attributable to certain improvements, a school district is prohibited from increasing the total ad valorem tax on the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older or of disabled persons above the amount of tax imposed in the year such residence qualified for such exemption. For persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older, but not the disabled, this freeze is also transferable to a different homestead or, under certain circumstances, to the surviving spouse of a qualifying taxpayer. See “APPENDIX A – Table 1 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 prior to January 1, 2022, except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the Governor declares the area to be a disaster area. For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Tax Code, as amended.

TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONES . . . A city or county, by petition of the landowners or by action of its governing body, may create one or more tax increment reinvestment zones (“TIRZ”) within its boundaries. At the time of the creation of the TIRZ, a “base value” for the real property in the TIRZ is established and the difference between any increase in the assessed valuation of taxable real property in the TIRZ in excess of the base value is known as the “tax increment.” During the existence

of the TIRZ, all or a portion of the taxes levied against the tax increment by a city or county, and all other overlapping taxing units that elected to participate, are restricted to paying only planned project and financing costs within the TIRZ and are not available for the payment of other obligations of such taxing units.

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

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 purpose of calculating its Tier One and Tier Two entitlements, the portion of a school district's property that is not fully taxable is excluded from the school district's taxable property values. Therefore, a school district will not be subject to a reduction in Tier One or Tier Two State funds as a result of lost M&O tax revenues due to entering into a tax limitation agreement (see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts"). The 87th Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which expired by its terms, effective December 31, 2022.

In the 88th Legislative Session, House Bill 5 ("HB 5" or "The Texas Jobs, Energy, Technology, and Innovation Act") was adopted to create an economic development program, subject to state oversight, which would attract jobs and investment to Texas through school district property tax abatement agreements with businesses. The effective date of HB 5 was January 1, 2024.

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 "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – District Application of Tax Code" herein.

DISTRICT AND TAXPAYER REMEDIES. . . Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the District, may appeal to 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 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, 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. The District has no lien for unpaid taxes on personal property but does have a lien for unpaid taxes upon real property, which lien is discharged upon payment. On January 1 of each year, such tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed for the year on the property. The District’s tax lien is on a parity with the tax liens of other such taxing units. A tax lien on real property taxes takes priority over the claims 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. 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, by the effects of market conditions on the foreclosure sale price, by taxpayer redemption rights, or by bankruptcy proceedings which restrict the collection of taxpayer debts.

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

DISTRICT APPLICATION OF TAX CODE⁽¹⁾ . . . The District grants a State mandated \$100,000 general residence homestead exemption. The District grants a State mandated \$10,000 residence homestead exemption for taxpayers who are at least 65 years of age or disabled. A taxpayer who qualifies for both the age 65 or older exemption and the disabled exemption must choose one of the options to claim.

The District grants a State mandated residence homestead exemption for disabled veterans.

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

The District’s taxes are collected by the Bexar County Tax Collector (the “Tax Assessor/Collector”).

The Tax Assessor/Collector does collect an additional 20% of delinquent tax, penalty, and interest collected as a penalty to defray attorney costs in the collection of delinquent taxes over and above the penalty automatically assessed under the Tax Code after July 1.

The Tax Assessor/Collector does not allow for early payment discounts.

The Tax Assessor/Collector does allow split payments of taxes.

The District does not grant tax abatements.

The District does not grant a Goods-in-Transit exemption.

The District does not grant a Freeport Property exemption.

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

(1) See “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – 2025 Legislative Session” 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.

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 D – 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 D is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS

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

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

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

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

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

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM

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

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

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION . . . The regular session of the 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025 and concluded on June 2, 2025. The Texas Legislature (the “Legislature”) meets in regular session in odd numbered years for 140 days. When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor’s discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. The first special session is scheduled to begin on July 21, 2025, with the agenda to include 6 bills vetoed by the Governor (including the ban of THC products).

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. Contingent on voter approval at 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, 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. Additionally, subject to the Governor’s signing of the relevant legislation, both houses of the Legislature passed 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 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 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. The Legislature set aside approximately \$4,000,000,000 in additional funding for public education contingent on certain legislation passing in future special sessions. However, the Legislature did not take action on such funding during any previous special sessions of the 88th Texas Legislature.

When the Legislature is not in session, the Governor may call one or more special sessions, at the Governor's discretion, each lasting no more than 30 days, and for which the Governor sets the agenda. The Governor called, and the Legislature concluded four special sessions during the 88th Texas Legislature, (such special sessions, together with the 88th Regular Session, the "2023 Legislative Sessions"). During the second called special session, legislation was passed, and at an election held in the State on November 7, 2023, voters approved a State constitutional amendment that (i) reduced the Maximum Compressed Tax Rate for school districts by approximately \$0.107 for the 2023-2024 school year; (ii) increased the amount of the mandatory school district general residential homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from \$40,000 to \$100,000 and to hold districts harmless from certain M&O and I&S tax revenue losses associated with the increase in the mandatory homestead exemption; (iii) adjusted the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in exemption amounts; (iv) prohibited school districts, cities and counties from repealing or reducing an optional homestead exemption that was granted in tax year 2022 (the prohibition expires on December 31, 2027); (v) established a three- year pilot program limiting growth in the taxable assessed value of non-residence homestead property valued at \$5,000,000 or less to 20 percent (school districts are not held harmless for any negative revenue impacts associated with such limits); (vi) excepted certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and (vii) expanded the size of the governing body of an appraisal district in a county with a population of more than 75,000 by adding elected directors and authorizing the Legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts. This legislation reduces the amount of property taxes paid by homeowners and businesses and increases the State's share of the cost of funding public education.

As described above, the Governor called a fourth special session. The proclamation for the fourth called special session included the consideration of (i) "legislation relating to primary and secondary education, including the establishment of an education savings account program, the certification, compensation, and health coverage of certain public school employees, the public school finance system, special education in public schools, measures to support the education of public school students that include certain educational grant programs, reading instruction, and early childhood education, the provision of virtual education, and public school accountability;" and (ii) "legislation related to school safety measures and related state funding mechanisms." The session adjourned on December 5, 2023, without any action on these items.

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

STATE COMPRESSION PERCENTAGE . . . The "State Compression Percentage" or "SCP" is the lesser of three alternative calculations: (i) 93% or a lower percentage set by appropriation for a school year; (ii) a percentage determined by formula if the estimated total taxable property value of the State (as submitted annually to the Legislature by the State Comptroller) has increased by at least 2.5% over the prior year; and (iii) the prior year SCP. For any year, the maximum SCP is 93%. For the State fiscal year ending in 2025, the SCP is set at 68.55%.

MAXIMUM COMPRESSED TAX RATE . . . The "Maximum Compressed Tax Rate" or the "MCR" is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate (described below) to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of two alternative calculations: (1) the "State Compression Percentage" (as discussed above) multiplied by 100; or (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5% (if the increase in property value is less than 2.5%, then MCR is equal to the prior year MCR). However, each year the TEA shall evaluate the MCR for each school district in the State, and for any given year, if a school district's MCR is calculated to be less than 90% of any other school district's MCR for the current year, then the school district's MCR is instead equal to the school district's prior year MCR, until TEA determines that the difference between the school district's MCR and any other school district's MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. The MCR for the 2024-2025 school year is established at \$0.6885 as the maximum rate and \$0.6169 as the floor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tier One and Tier Two allotments represent the State’s share of the cost of M&O expenses of school districts, with local M&O taxes representing the school district’s local share. EDA and IFA allotments supplement a school district’s local I&S taxes levied for debt service on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire and improve facilities, provided that a school district qualifies for such funding and that the Legislature makes sufficient appropriations to fund the allotments for a State fiscal biennium. Tier One and Tier Two allotments and existing EDA and IFA allotments are generally required to be funded each year by the Legislature.

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

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

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

TIER TWO . . . Tier Two supplements Tier One funding and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., Golden Pennies and Copper Pennies) depending on the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate. Golden Pennies generate a guaranteed yield equal to the greater of (i) the local revenue per student in WADA per cent of tax effort available to a school district at the ninety-sixth (96th) percentile of wealth per student in WADA, or (ii) the Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.016. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$126.21 per student in WADA in 2024 and \$129.52 per student in WADA in 2025 for each Golden Penny levied. Copper Pennies generate a guaranteed yield per student in WADA equal to the school district's Basic Allotment (or a greater amount as may be provided by appropriation) multiplied by 0.008. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$49.28 per student in WADA for each Copper Penny levied. For any school year in which the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA exceeds the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA for the preceding school year, a school district is required to reduce its Copper Pennies levied so as to generate no more revenue per student in WADA than was available to the school district for the preceding year.

EXISTING DEBT ALLOTMENT, INSTRUCTION FACILITIES ALLOTMENT, AND NEW INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES ALLOTMENT . . . The Foundation School Program also includes facilities funding components consisting of the IFA and the EDA, subject to legislative appropriation each State fiscal biennium. To the extent funded for a biennium, these programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a school district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of I&S tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The IFA Yield has been \$35 since the program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Education Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Education Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student per cent of local tax effort applicable to the bonds may not be reduced below the level provided for the year in which the bonds were issued. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

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

A school district may also qualify for a NIFA allotment, which provides assistance to school districts for operational expenses associated with opening new instructional facilities. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$100,000,000 for each fiscal year of the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium for NIFA allotments.

TAX RATE AND FUNDING EQUITY . . . The Education 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 Education Commissioner may also adjust a school district's ADA as it relates to State funding where disaster, flood, extreme weather or other calamity has a significant effect on a school district's attendance.

Furthermore, "property-wealthy" school districts that received additional State funds under the Finance System prior to the enactment of certain legislation passed during the 86th Texas Legislature are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis, which will be phased out in the 2023-2024 school year, in an amount equal to the amount of additional revenue such school district would have received under former Texas Education Code Sections 41.002(e) through (g), as those sections existed on January 1, 2019. Additionally, school districts and open-enrollment charter schools may be entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant, but they will not be entitled to an allotment beginning with the 2024-2025 school year. This grant is meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature. Furthermore, if the total amount of allotments to which school districts and open enrollment charter schools are entitled for a school year exceeds \$400 million, the Education Commissioner shall proportionately reduce each district's or school's allotment. The reduction in the amount to which a district or school is entitled may not result in an amount that is less than zero. For the 2023-2024 school year, school districts will be held harmless and entitled to additional state aid to the extent that state and local revenue used to service eligible debt is less than the state and local revenue that would have been available to the district under state law providing for state aid to districts to account for increases in the general residence homestead exemption and the elderly or disabled tax ceiling as such state law existed on September 1, 2022, if any increase in a residence homestead exemption under the Texas Constitution, and any additional limitation on tax increases under the elderly or disabled tax ceiling had not occurred. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Local Option Homestead Exemptions" and "– State Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes."

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

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

Furthermore, a school district may not adopt a tax rate until its effective local revenue level is at or below the level that would produce its guaranteed entitlement under the Foundation School Program. If a school district fails to exercise a permitted option, the Education 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 Education Commissioner do not provide for assumption of any of the transferring school district's existing debt.

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2024-25 school year, the District was designated as an "excess local revenue" Chapter 49 school district by TEA. Accordingly, the District is required to exercise one of the permitted wealth equalization options. As a district with wealth per student in excess of the equalized wealth value, the District has entered into a wealth equalization agreement with the Commissioner for the purchase of attendance credits for the 2024-25 school year, for the purpose of implementing permitted wealth equalization options.

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."

INVESTMENTS

INVESTMENTS . . . The District invests its funds in investments authorized by State 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 of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, including letters of credit; (2) direct obligations of the State of Texas or its agencies and instrumentalities; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations directly issued by a federal agency or instrumentality of the United States, the underlying security for which is guaranteed by an agency or instrumentality of the United States; (4) other obligations, the principal and interest of which are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by, or backed by the full faith and credit of, the State of Texas or the United States or their respective agencies and instrumentalities; (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 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or their respective successors, or otherwise meeting the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act; (8) certificates of deposit and share certificates that (i) are issued by or through an institution that has its main office or a branch in Texas and (a) are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund or their respective successors, (b) are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (7) above, or (c) secured in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits, or (ii) certificates of deposit where (a) the funds are invested by the District through a broker that has its main office or a branch office in the State of Texas and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by law, or a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State of Texas that is selected by the District; (b) the broker or the depository institution selected by the District arranges for the deposit of the funds in certificates of deposit in one or more federally insured depository institutions, wherever located, for the account of the District, (c) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of each of the certificates of deposit is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States, and (d) the District appoints the depository institution selected under (a) above, an entity as described by Section 2257.041(d) of the Texas Government Code, or a clearing broker-dealer registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and operating pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3 as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit issued for the account of the District; (9) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that (i) have a defined termination date, (ii) are fully secured by a combination of cash and obligations described in clause (1), (iii) require the securities being purchased by the District or cash held by the District to be pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District, and (iv) are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (10) securities lending programs if (i) the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time, and a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (7) 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 (7) above and clauses (12) through (15) below, (ii) securities held as collateral under a loan are pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or a third party designated by the District, (iii) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government

securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas, and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less; (11) certain bankers' acceptances if the bankers' acceptance (i) has a stated maturity of 270 days or fewer from the date of issuance, (ii) will be, in accordance with its terms, liquidated in full at maturity, (iii) is eligible for collateral for borrowing from a Federal Reserve Bank, and (iv) is accepted by a State or Federal bank, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its holding company (if the accepting bank is the largest subsidiary) are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (12) commercial paper with (i) a stated maturity of 270 days or less from the date of issuance, and (ii) a rating of at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (13) no-load money market mutual funds that are (i) registered with and regulated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, (ii) provide the District with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934; and (iii) comply with Federal Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7; (14) no-load mutual funds that are (i) registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, (ii) have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and (iii) either (a) have a duration of one year or more and are invested exclusively in obligations described in this paragraph, or (b) have a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities; (15) investment pools if the District has authorized investment in the particular pool and the pool invests solely in investments permitted by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act, and is continuously rated no lower than "AAA" or "AAA-m" or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service; (16) guaranteed investment contracts that (i) have a defined termination date, (ii) are secured by obligations which meet the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract, and (iii) are pledged to the District and deposited with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District; and (17) aggregate repurchase agreement transactions entered into by an investing entity in conformity with the provisions of subsections (a-1), (f), and (g) of Section 2256.011 of the Public Funds Investment Act.

The District may also contract with an investment management firm registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80b-1 et seq.) or with the State Securities Board to provide for the investment and management of its public funds or other funds under its control for a term up to two years, but the District retains ultimate responsibility as fiduciary of its assets. In order to renew or extend such a contract, the District must do so by order, ordinance, or resolution. The District is specifically prohibited from investing in: (1) obligations whose payment represents the coupon payments on the outstanding principal balance of the underlying mortgage-backed security collateral and pays no principal; (2) obligations whose payment represents the principal stream of cash flow from the underlying mortgage-backed security and bears no interest; (3) collateralized mortgage obligations that have a stated final maturity date 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.

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, the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups, methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the Public Funds Investment Act. As an integral part of its investment policy, the District is required to adopt a separate written investment strategy for each of the funds under its control. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under State law, 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, the ending market value and the fully accrued interest during the reporting period of each pooled fund group, (4) the book value and market value of each separately listed asset at the 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 District to disclose the relationship and file a statement with the TEC 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, requires an interpretation of subjective investment standards, or relates to investment transactions of the entity that are not made through accounts or other contractual arrangements over which the business organization has accepted discretionary investment authority), and (c) deliver a written statement 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.

As a school district that qualifies as an "issuer" under Chapter 1371, the District is also authorized to purchase, sell, and invest its funds in corporate bonds. State law defines "corporate bonds" as senior secured debt obligations issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment rating firm. The term does not include a bond that is convertible into stocks or shares in the entity issuing the bond (or an affiliate or subsidiary thereof) or any unsecured debt. Corporate bonds must finally mature not later than 3 years from their date of purchase by the school district. A school district may not (1) invest more than 15% of its monthly average fund balance (excluding bond proceeds, reserves, and other funds held for the payment of debt service) in corporate bonds; or (2) invest more than 25% of the funds invested in corporate bonds in any one domestic business entity (including subsidiaries and affiliates thereof). Corporate bonds held by a school district must be sold if they are at any time downgraded below "AA-" (or the equivalent thereof) or, with respect to a corporate bond rated "AA-" (or the equivalent thereof), such corporate bond is placed on negative credit watch. Corporate bonds are not an eligible investment for a public funds investment pool. To invest in corporate bonds, an eligible school district must first (i) amend its investment policy to authorize corporate bonds as an eligible investment, (ii) adopt procedures for monitoring rating changes in corporate bonds and liquidating an investment in corporate bonds, and (iii) identify funds eligible to be invested in corporate bonds. As of the date of this Official Statement, the District has not taken the steps necessary to allow for investing in corporate bonds or made investments in that type of instrument.

CURRENT INVESTMENTS*

TABLE 1

As of December 31, 2024, the District's investable funds in the amount of \$161,528,182 were invested in the following:

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
First Public Investment Pool	\$ 49,355,661
Texas Fit Investment Pool	104,936,885
Wells Fargo Money Market	1,986,123
Texas Range Investment Pool	3,877,886
TexPool Investment Pool	<u>1,371,627</u>
Total	\$161,528,182

*Unaudited.

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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 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 the 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. For a discussion of the Plan, see "Note – L" in the audited financial statements of the District that are attached hereto as APPENDIX E (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 TRS. Contribution requirements are not actuarially determined but are legally established each biennium by the Texas Legislature. For more detailed information concerning the District's funding policy and contributions in connection with the TRS-Care Retired Plan, see "Note K" in the Financial Statements.

During the year ended August 31, 2024, employees of the District were covered by a fully-insured health insurance plan (the "Health Care Plan"). The District contributed \$335 per month per employee to the Health Care Plan. Employees, at their option, authorize payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. See "Note O" of the Financial Statements.

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

TAX MATTERS

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

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon the Report and (a) 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 taxable retroactively to the date of issuance.

The Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder contain a number of requirements that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order for interest on the Bonds to be, and to remain, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel is conditioned on compliance by the 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 Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that such Existing Law or the interpretation thereof will not be changed in a manner which would adversely affect the tax treatment of the purchase, ownership or disposition of the Bonds.

A ruling was not sought from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") by the District with respect to the Bonds or the property financed or refinanced with proceeds of the Bonds. Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based

upon its review of Existing Law and the representations of the District that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result.

No assurances can be given as to whether the 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 an event, the difference between (i) the “stated redemption price at maturity” of each Original Issue Discount Bond, and (ii) the initial offering price to the public of such Original Issue Discount Bond would constitute original issue discount. The “stated redemption price at maturity” means the sum of all payments to be made on the Bonds less the amount of all periodic interest payments. Periodic interest payments are payments which are made during equal accrual periods (or during any unequal period if it is the initial or final period) and which are made during accrual periods which do not exceed one year.

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

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

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

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

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

The following discussion is applicable to investors, other than those who are subject to special provisions of the Code, such as financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, individuals allowed an earned income credit, certain S corporations with accumulated earnings and profits, and excess passive interest incurred, 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.

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 while it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of specified material events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB"). This information will be available to securities brokers and others who subscribe to receive the information from the MSRB.

ANNUAL REPORTS . . . The District will file certain updated financial information and operating data with the MSRB. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement as Table 1, in APPENDIX A (Tables 1 – 8) and in APPENDIX E. The District will update and provide this information within twelve months after the end of each Fiscal Year ending in and after 2025.

The financial information and operating data to be provided may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document available to the public on the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") Internet Website or filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"); as permitted by Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"). The updated information will include audited financial statements, if the District commissions an audit and it is completed by the required time. If audited financial statements are not available by the required time, the District will provide unaudited financial information by the required time and audited financial statements when and if such audited financial statements become available. Any such financial statements will be prepared in accordance with the accounting principles described in APPENDIX D or such other accounting principles as the District may be required to employ from time to time pursuant to State law or regulation.

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

EVENT NOTICES . . . The District will also provide to the MSRB notices of certain events on a timely basis no later than 10 business days after the event. The District will provide notice of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds: (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (2) non-payment related defaults, if material; (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the IRS of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB), or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material; (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (9) defeasances; (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (11) rating changes; (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, or similar event of the District; (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into of a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (15) incurrence of a debt obligation of the District or a derivative instrument entered into by the District in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or a guarantee by the District of any such debt obligation or derivative instrument, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of any such debt obligation, derivative instrument, or guarantee of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of any such debt obligation, derivative instrument, or guarantee of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. Neither the Bonds nor the Order makes any provision for a debt service reserve fund, credit enhancement (except with respect to the Permanent School Guarantee Fund) or a trustee. In the Order, the District adopted policies and procedures to ensure timely compliance with continuing disclosure undertakings.

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

NOTICE OF FAILURE TO TIMELY FILE . . . The District also will notify the MSRB through EMMA, in a timely manner, of any failure by the District to provide financial information or operating data in accordance with the provisions described above.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION . . . The District has agreed to provide the foregoing information only to the MSRB. The information will be available to holders of the Bonds free of charge through the MSRB's EMMA system.

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

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

disclosure agreement if the SEC amends or repeals the applicable provisions of the Rule or a court of final jurisdiction enters judgment that such provisions of the Rule are invalid, 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 so amends the agreement, it has agreed to include with the next financial information and operating data provided in accordance with its agreement described above under “Annual Reports” an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information and operating data so provided.

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.

OTHER INFORMATION

RATING . . . The Bonds and the tax-supported debt of the District have been rated “Aaa” by Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) by virtue of the guarantee of the State of Texas Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program. The unenhanced, underlying rating on the Bonds, together with the District’s tax-supported indebtedness, is affirmed as “Aa2” by Moody’s. The rating reflects only the respective views of such organization at the time the ratings are given, and the District makes no representation as to the appropriateness of the rating. There is no assurance that such rating will continue for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating company, if in the judgment of such company, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. A securities rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time.

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

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

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

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE . . . The sale of the Bonds has not been registered under the Federal Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in reliance upon the exemption provided thereunder by Section 3(a)(2); and the Bonds have not been qualified under the Securities Act of Texas in reliance upon various exemptions contained therein; nor have the Bonds been qualified under the securities acts of any jurisdiction. The District assumes no responsibility for qualification of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction in which the Bonds may be sold, assigned, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise transferred. This disclaimer of responsibility for qualification for sale or other disposition of the Bonds shall not be construed as an interpretation of any kind with regard to the availability of any exemption from securities registration or qualification provisions.

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

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS . . . Section 1201.041 of the Public Security Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, as amended) provides that the Bonds are negotiable instruments, investment securities governed by Chapter 8, Texas Business and Commerce Code, as amended, 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, as amended, requires that the Bonds be assigned a rating of at least “A” or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency. See “OTHER INFORMATION – Rating” herein. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with capital of one million dollars or more, and savings and loan associations. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies, and its political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits

to the extent of their market value. No review by the District has been made of the laws in other states to determine whether the Bonds are legal investments for various institutions in those states.

LEGAL MATTERS . . . The delivery of the Bonds is subject to the approval of the Attorney General of Texas 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 limitation as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property in the District and the approving legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., San Antonio, Texas, Bond Counsel, in substantially the form attached hereto as APPENDIX C. Though it represents the Financial Advisor from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel was engaged by, and only represents, the District. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel was not requested to participate, and did not take part, in the preparation of this Official Statement and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein, except in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information appearing under captions “THE BONDS” (except for “Book-Entry-Only System,” “Payment Record,” and “Bondholders’ Remedies” as to which no opinion is expressed) and “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION” (except for the information under the subheading “Compliance with Prior Undertakings” as to which no opinion is expressed) and Bond Counsel is of the opinion that the statements and information contained therein fairly and accurately reflect the provisions of the Bond Order; further, Bond Counsel has reviewed the statements and information contained in the Official Statement under the captions and sub-captions, “TAX MATTERS,” “OTHER INFORMATION – Registration and Qualification of Bonds for Sale,” “OTHER INFORMATION – Legal Investments and Eligibility to Secure Public Funds in Texas” and “OTHER INFORMATION – Legal Matters” (except the last sentence of the first paragraph) and Bond Counsel is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and legal matters contained under such captions and subcaptions is an accurate and fair description of the laws and legal issues addressed therein and, with respect to the Bonds, such information conforms to the Order. The legal fee to be paid Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds. The legal opinion of Bond Counsel will accompany the Bonds deposited with DTC or will be printed on the definitive Bonds in the event of the discontinuance of the Book-Entry-Only System. McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P. also advises the TEA in connection with its disclosure obligations under federal securities laws, but such firm has not passed upon any TEA disclosures contained in the Official Statement. Certain matters will be passed on for the Underwriters by their counsel, Kassahn & Ortiz, P.C., San Antonio, Texas.

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 that 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.

VERIFICATION OF ARITHMETICAL AND MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS . . . The Verification Agent will deliver to the District, on or before the Date of Initial Delivery of the Bonds, the Report indicating that it has verified the mathematical accuracy of (i) the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities, if any, to pay, when due, the maturing principal of, interest on and related call premium requirements, if any, of the Refunded Bonds, and (ii) the mathematical computations of yields used by Bond Counsel to support its opinion that the interest on the Bonds will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

The Verification Agent will rely upon the accuracy, completeness and reliability of all information provided to it by, and on all decisions and approvals of, the District. In addition, the Verification Agent will rely on any information provided to it by the District’s retained advisors, consultants or legal counsel.

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

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

UNDERWRITING . . . The Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain conditions, to purchase the Bonds from the District, at a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on page 2 of this Official Statement, less an underwriting discount of \$_____, and no accrued interest. The Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds

if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds to be offered to the public may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including the Underwriters and other dealers depositing Bonds into investment trusts) at prices lower than the public offering prices of such Bonds, and such public offering prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

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

One of the Underwriters is BOK Financial Securities, Inc., which is not a bank, and the Bonds are not deposits of any bank and are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Jefferies LLC (“Jefferies”), as an Underwriter of the Bonds, and its affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. Under certain circumstances, Jefferies and its affiliates may have certain creditors and/or other rights against the District and its affiliates in connection with such activities. In the course of their various business activities, Jefferies and its affiliates, officers, directors and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the District. Jefferies and its affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to the clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT . . . At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the initial purchasers will be furnished a certificate, executed by the Pricing Officer acting in his or her official capacity, to the effect that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief: (a) the description and statements of or pertaining to the District contained in the Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, on the date of the Official Statement, on the date of the sale of the Bonds, and on the date of the initial delivery of the Bonds, were and are true and correct in all material respects; (b) insofar as the District and its affairs, including its financial affairs are concerned, the Official Statement did not and does not contain any 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 light of circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; (c) to the best of his or her knowledge, insofar as the description and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to entities other than the District, and their activities contained in the Official Statement are concerned, such statements and data have been obtained from sources which the District believes to be reliable and that the District has no reason to believe that they are untrue in any material respect; and (d) there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District since August 31, 2024, the date of the last audited financial statements of the District.

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

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

INFORMATION FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES . . . References to web site addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and may be in the form of a hyperlink solely for the reader’s convenience. Unless specified otherwise, such web sites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this preliminary official statement for purposes of, and as that term is defined in, the Rule.

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

In the Bond Order, the Board authorized (i) the District representative in the Pricing Certificate to approve, for and on behalf of the District, the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and (ii) its further use in the public offering and sale of the Bonds by the Underwriters.

Pricing Officer
East Central Independent School District

SCHEDULE I

TABLE OF REFUNDED BONDS*

Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
\$ 2,560,000	4.000%	8/15/2028
195,000	4.000%	8/15/2029
<u>\$ 2,755,000</u>		

Redemption Date: 10/31/2025

Redemption Price: 100%

Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
\$ 1,100,000	4.000%	8/15/2029
***	***	***
905,000	4.000%	8/15/2031
1,230,000	4.000%	8/15/2032
<u>\$ 3,235,000</u>		

Redemption Date: 10/31/2025

Redemption Price: 100%

Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016

Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Maturity Date
\$ 2,315,000	5.000%	8/15/2027
***	***	***
2,705,000	5.000%	8/15/2030
2,000,000	4.000%	8/15/2031
<u>\$ 7,020,000</u>		

Redemption Date: 10/31/2025

Redemption Price: 100%

*Preliminary, subject to change.

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

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ASSESSED VALUATION	TABLE 1
2024 Total Appraised Value	\$ 11,946,324,190
Less:	
Homestead Exemption Loss ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,516,994,788
Over-65/Homestead Exemption Loss ⁽¹⁾	44,285,857
Disability/Disabled Surviving Spouse Exemption	2,993,923
Disaster damage State Exemption	-
Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouse Homestead Exemption	12,748,854
Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouse Homestead	441,274,595
Pollution control Exemption Loss	68,079
Member Armed Services Surviving Spouse	526,180
First Responders Surviving Spouse	268,484
Miscellaneous Including 23.231 Cap Loss	23,568,971
Productivity Loss	1,254,151,823
10% Homestead Cap	193,226,198
2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 8,456,216,438

Note: The above figures were taken from the Bexar County Appraisal District which is compiled during the initial phase of the tax year and are subject to change.

(1) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - 2025 Legislative Session" herein for a discussion of a potential increase in the State mandated homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and a potential increase in the State mandated homestead exemption of persons 65 and older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDED DEBT

(As of March 1, 2025)

General Obligation Debt Outstanding:

Unlimited Tax Debt ⁽¹⁾ :	
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 ⁽²⁾	\$ 4,324,085
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 ⁽²⁾	24,394
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 ⁽²⁾	-
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016	31,665,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds Series 2017	33,915,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020	4,285,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2023 (Non-PSF)	77,330,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024	96,750,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2025	58,430,000
The Bonds ⁽³⁾	90,780,000
Total Unlimited Tax Debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 397,503,479
Unaudited General Obligation Interest and Sinking Fund Balance as of March 1, 2025	\$ 27,512,178
2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$ 8,456,216,438
Ratio of Total General Obligation Debt to 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾	4.70%

Area of District:	199 Square Miles
Estimated Population:	58,973 in Year 2025
Per Capita 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation:	\$ 143,391
Per Capita General Obligation Debt:	\$ 6,740

(1) See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES" in the body of this Official Statement for a description of the Issuer's taxation procedures.

(2) Excludes the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

(3) Preliminary, subject to change.

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Current Total Debt Service ⁽¹⁾	The Bonds ⁽²⁾			Combined Debt Service ⁽¹⁾
		Principal	Interest	Total	
2025	\$ 19,767,885	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 100,867	\$ 1,100,867	\$ 20,868,752
2026	23,354,017	-	4,489,000	4,489,000	27,843,017
2027	17,984,825	2,545,000	4,489,000	7,034,000	25,018,825
2028	17,857,425	2,805,000	4,361,750	7,166,750	25,024,175
2029	19,227,625	1,570,000	4,221,500	5,791,500	25,019,125
2030	17,865,875	3,010,000	4,143,000	7,153,000	25,018,875
2031	17,801,325	3,225,000	3,992,500	7,217,500	25,018,825
2032	19,593,525	1,600,000	3,831,250	5,431,250	25,024,775
2033	19,595,612	1,810,000	3,751,250	5,561,250	25,156,862
2034	19,589,812	1,900,000	3,660,750	5,560,750	25,150,562
2035	19,586,712	1,995,000	3,565,750	5,560,750	25,147,462
2036	19,580,412	2,095,000	3,466,000	5,561,000	25,141,412
2037	19,585,162	2,205,000	3,361,250	5,566,250	25,151,412
2038	19,589,562	2,315,000	3,251,000	5,566,000	25,155,562
2039	19,585,056	2,430,000	3,135,250	5,565,250	25,150,306
2040	19,587,531	2,545,000	3,013,750	5,558,750	25,146,281
2041	19,586,931	2,675,000	2,886,500	5,561,500	25,148,431
2042	17,193,019	2,810,000	2,752,750	5,562,750	22,755,769
2043	14,692,356	2,950,000	2,612,250	5,562,250	20,254,606
2044	14,692,044	3,095,000	2,464,750	5,559,750	20,251,794
2045	14,689,219	3,255,000	2,310,000	5,565,000	20,254,219
2046	14,691,669	3,415,000	2,147,250	5,562,250	20,253,919
2047	14,687,438	3,585,000	1,976,500	5,561,500	20,248,938
2048	14,691,813	3,765,000	1,797,250	5,562,250	20,254,063
2049	14,692,225	3,955,000	1,609,000	5,564,000	20,256,225
2050	14,688,050	4,150,000	1,411,250	5,561,250	20,249,300
2051	14,693,650	4,355,000	1,203,750	5,558,750	20,252,400
2052	14,692,750	4,575,000	986,000	5,561,000	20,253,750
2053	14,684,713	4,805,000	757,250	5,562,250	20,246,963
2054	9,748,925	5,045,000	517,000	5,562,000	15,310,925
2055	3,688,850	5,295,000	264,750	5,559,750	9,248,600
	\$ 521,966,014	\$ 90,780,000	\$ 82,530,117	\$ 173,310,117	\$ 695,276,131

(1) Excludes the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary, subject to change.

(2) Interest on the Bonds calculated at an assumed rate for purposes of illustration. Preliminary, subject to change.

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TAX ADEQUACY

2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	\$	8,456,216,438
Estimated Maximum Annual Debt Service Requirements for Fiscal Year Ending: 8/31/2026	\$	27,843,017
Less: Existing Debt Allotment		-
Less: Instructional Facilities Allotment		-
Net Debt Service Requirement	\$	27,843,017
Indicated Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Rate	\$	0.3360
Indicated Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Levy at the following Collections:	98%	\$ 27,844,629

Note: See "Tax Data" herein.

INTEREST AND SINKING FUND MANAGEMENT INDEX

Audited General Obligation Interest and Sinking Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$	12,400,140
2024 Interest and Sinking Fund Tax Levy at 98% Collections Produce		17,900,119
Plus: Existing Debt Allotment		-
Plus: Instructional Facilities Allotment		-
Plus: Additional State Aid for Homestead Exemption		2,146,930
Total Available for Debt Service	\$	32,447,189
Less: General Obligation Debt Service Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 2025		20,868,752
Estimated Balance at Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2025	\$	11,578,437

DEBT OBLIGATIONS -**CAPITAL LEASE AND NOTES PAYABLE****TABLE 2**

The District leases photocopy machines with an agreement having a 5-year term. Payments of \$5,540 are made monthly which consist of principal and imputed annual interest of 3.00%. No assets were pledged as collateral for the lease.

The District leases a warehouse under an agreement having a 3-year term. Payments of \$5,086 are made monthly which consist of principal and imputed annual interest of 3.00 %. No assets were pledged as collateral for this lease.

A summary of right-to-lease arrangements for the year ended August 31, 2024 is as follows:

Description	Discount Rate	Original Lease Liability	Current Year Interest	Principal Balance at 9/1/2023	Principal Paid This Year	Principal Balance at 8/31/2024	Principal Due Within One Year
Toshiba Lease, 2019	3.00%	\$185,894	\$ 904	\$ 60,033	\$ 60,033	\$ -	\$ -
Warehouse Lease, 2022	3.00%	175,318	2,753	118,325	58,277	60,048	60,048
Total			\$ 3,657	\$ 178,358	\$ 118,310	\$ 60,048	\$ 60,048

Future principal and interest payments due to maturity as of the end of the fiscal year are as follows:

Year Ending August 31:	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 60,048	\$ 980	\$ 61,028
2026	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 60,048	\$ 980	\$ 61,028

Note: The above information was taken from the Issuer's 2024 Annual Financial Report.

TAXABLE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR TAX YEARS 2020 – 2024

TABLE 3

Tax Year	Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	Change From Preceding Year	
		Amount (\$)	Percent
2020	\$ 4,471,625,532	\$ 174,835,751	4.07%
2021	5,138,814,000	667,188,468	14.92%
2022	6,135,617,288	996,803,288	19.40%
2023	7,073,740,277	938,122,989	15.29%
2024	8,456,216,438	1,382,476,161	19.54%

Note: The above figures were taken from the Issuer's 2024 Annual Financial Report and the Bexar Appraisal District.

PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS⁽¹⁾

TABLE 4

Name	Type of Property	2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	% of Total 2024 Assessed Valuation
Amazon Data Service Inc.	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	\$ 545,233,740	6.45%
USRE Star LLC	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	229,000,000	2.71%
Dollar General Corp.	Retail Store	154,040,330	1.82%
Holt Machinery	Retail Store	67,127,140	0.79%
ET Elmendorf LLC	Commercial Land	61,700,480	0.73%
Cuisine Solutions	Food Packaging/Processing	61,358,110	0.73%
Legacy Brooks Apartments LP	Apartments	60,500,000	0.72%
NP BGO Foster Commerce North LLC	Storage Units/Warehouses	55,874,220	0.66%
AH Beck Foundation CO Inc	Equipment	48,390,613	0.57%
Lancer Corporation	Wholesale Supplier/Distribution Center	47,568,155	0.56%
Total (15.74% of 2024 Net Taxable Assessed Valuation)		\$ 1,330,792,788	15.74%

Note: The above information was taken from the Bexar Appraisal District.

⁽¹⁾ As shown in the table above, the total combined top ten taxpayers in the District currently account for over 15% of the District's tax base and are concentrated in the wholesale supplier and distribution industries, thereby creating a concentration risk for the District. Any adverse development related to the taxpayers and their ability to continue to conduct business at their respective locations within the District's boundaries may result in significantly less local tax revenue, thereby severely affecting the District's finances and its ability to repay its outstanding indebtedness. Accordingly, the District makes no representation regarding the continued valuation of any of the property listed in the above table or the generation of future tax revenues therefrom.

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CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION
TABLE 5

	2024	% of Total	2023	% of Total	2022	% of Total
Real, Residential, Single-Family	\$ 5,015,522,038	41.98%	\$ 4,947,967,823	48.39%	\$ 4,192,781,092	50.39%
Real, Residential, Multi-Family	241,272,649	2.02%	202,234,677	1.98%	108,546,549	1.30%
Real, Vacant Lots/Tracts & Colonia Lots/Tracts	130,599,417	1.09%	145,397,276	1.42%	120,404,090	1.45%
Real, Qualified Open-Space Land	1,260,966,996	10.56%	1,109,229,030	10.85%	946,011,447	11.37%
Real, Farm and Ranch Improvements	15,758,536	0.13%	14,880,248	0.15%	15,568,293	0.19%
Real, Rural Land (Non Qualified)/Residential Improvements	1,594,381,323	13.35%	746,565,968	7.30%	626,081,053	7.52%
Real, Commercial	1,620,829,581	13.57%	1,369,289,040	13.39%	1,067,711,629	12.83%
Real, Industrial	198,878,329	1.66%	203,760,520	1.99%	182,619,313	2.19%
Real, Minerals Oil and Gas	213,779	0.00%	190,134	0.00%	196,624	0.00%
Real & Tangible, Personal Utilities	21,729,955	0.18%	19,396,652	0.19%	18,037,170	0.22%
Tangible Personal, Commercial	1,372,874,144	11.49%	979,787,265	9.58%	608,361,715	7.31%
Tangible Personal, Industrial	99,945,446	0.84%	99,495,387	0.97%	138,472,862	1.66%
Tangible Personal, Mobile Homes	120,614,854	1.01%	112,369,548	1.10%	103,294,892	1.24%
Residential Inventory	214,557,283	1.80%	240,334,155	2.35%	159,171,780	1.91%
Special Inventory	38,179,860	0.32%	35,125,830	0.34%	33,216,540	0.40%
Total Appraised Value	\$ 11,946,324,190	100.00%	\$ 10,226,023,553	100.00%	\$ 8,320,475,049	100.00%
Less:						
Homestead Exemption Loss	\$ 1,516,994,788		\$ 1,259,303,543		\$ 487,825,948	
Over-65/Homestead Exemption Loss	44,285,857		39,501,212		41,364,331	
Disability/Disabled Surviving Spouse Exemption	2,993,923		2,723,871		3,286,807	
Disaster Damage State Exemption	-		-		-	
Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouse Exemption	12,748,854		11,372,039		10,886,045	
Disabled Veterans/Surviving Spouse Homestead	441,274,595		352,067,109		333,309,382	
Pollution Control Exemption Loss	68,079		24,418		76,610	
Member Armed Services Surviving Spouse	526,180		221,910		221,910	
First Responders Surviving Spouse	268,484		234,076		-	
Miscellaneous Including 23.231 Cap Loss	23,568,971		-		-	
Productivity Loss	1,254,151,823		1,102,752,034		939,993,407	
Homestead Cap	193,226,198		384,083,064		367,893,321	
Net Taxable Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾	\$ 8,456,216,438		\$ 7,073,740,277		\$ 6,135,617,288	

Note: The above figures were taken from the Bexar Appraisal District which is compiled during the initial phase of the tax year and are subject to change.

(1) See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM - 2025 Legislative Session" herein for a discussion of a potential increase in the State mandated homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and a potential increase in the State mandated homestead exemption of persons 65 and older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.

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TAX DATA

TABLE 6

Taxes are due October 1 and become delinquent after January 31. Split payments are allowed. Discounts are not allowed. Penalties and Interest: (a) a delinquent tax incurs a penalty of six percent of the amount of the tax for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus one percent 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. However, a tax delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of twelve percent of the amount of the delinquent tax without regard to the number of months the tax has been delinquent; (b) a delinquent tax accrues interest at a rate of one percent for each month or portion of a month the tax remains unpaid; and an additional penalty up to a maximum of up to 20% of taxes, penalty and interest may be imposed to defray costs of collection for taxes delinquent after July 1. All percentage of collections set forth below exclude penalties and interest.

Tax Year	Net Taxable Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Tax Levy	Collections		Year Ended
				Current	Total	
2020	\$ 4,471,625,532	\$ 1.1420	\$ 52,627,513	97.86%	99.25%	8/31/2021
2021	5,138,814,000	1.0880	55,830,026	97.25%	97.92%	8/31/2022
2022	6,135,617,288	1.0706	69,687,774	97.75%	99.03%	8/31/2023
2023	7,073,740,277	0.8852	64,489,025	97.93%	98.94%	8/31/2024
2024	8,456,216,438	0.8850	74,837,515	In Process of Collection		8/31/2025

Note: The above figures were taken from the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas, Texas Municipal Reports, the Issuer's 2024 Annual Financial Report and the Bexar Appraisal District.

TAX RATE DISTRIBUTION

TABLE 7

Tax Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
General Fund	\$ 0.6690	\$0.6692	\$0.8546	\$0.8720	\$0.9260
I & S Fund	0.2160	0.2160	0.2160	0.2160	0.2160
Total Tax Rate	\$ 0.8850	\$0.8852	\$1.0706	\$1.0880	\$1.1420

Note: The above information was taken from the Issuer's 2024 Annual Financial Report and the Bexar Appraisal District.

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**GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
AND ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES**

TABLE 8

	Fiscal Year Ended August 31,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<u>Revenues:</u>					
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 52,125,051	\$ 58,813,837	\$ 45,424,870	\$ 43,440,441	\$ 43,553,292
State Program Revenues	56,204,458	35,966,811	44,890,520	43,188,511	45,628,669
Federal Program Revenues	15,290	2,263,119	2,572,578	2,139,291	1,417,617
Total Revenues	\$ 108,344,799	\$ 97,043,767	\$ 92,887,968	\$ 88,768,243	\$ 85,882,583
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Instruction	\$ 66,898,795	\$ 55,205,348	\$ 45,556,006	\$ 50,297,153	\$ 48,730,296
Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,133,599	1,075,634	1,029,653	1,015,768	959,127
Curriculum and Staff Development	2,404,641	2,601,439	2,199,532	1,947,009	1,950,899
Instructional Leadership	2,268,990	2,138,274	1,898,611	1,712,919	1,741,914
School Leadership	6,350,191	5,719,709	5,073,695	4,957,182	4,919,196
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	3,718,024	3,492,990	3,125,805	2,864,192	2,618,495
Social Work Services	838,177	707,337	635,136	251,704	149,626
Health Services	1,135,148	1,020,360	973,686	930,089	952,623
Student (Pupil) Transportation	5,732,195	4,858,422	4,460,353	4,761,080	4,753,166
Food Services	147,842	126,493	134,035	150,020	137,711
Extracurricular Activities	2,274,584	2,204,770	1,942,939	1,727,829	1,749,216
General Administration	4,052,414	3,942,374	3,514,469	3,157,473	3,005,750
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	11,427,034	10,393,840	8,945,079	8,264,811	1,562,182
Security and Monitoring Services	2,043,525	1,727,377	1,612,436	1,463,694	8,234,449
Data Processing Services	1,860,583	1,567,672	1,353,738	1,287,285	1,617,577
Community Services	13,725	18,506	1,860	9,335	15,200
Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	224,027	120,631	61,590	-	-
Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	3,657	6,876	4,211	-	-
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	3,337,692	9,694,741	5,728,539	972,483	2,468,561
Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prog.	3,260	9,917	8,560	10,000	11,512
Other Intergovernmental Charges	331,832	306,599	239,041	220,475	226,143
Total Expenditures	\$ 116,199,935	\$ 106,939,309	\$ 88,498,974	\$ 86,000,501	\$ 85,803,643
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (7,855,136)	\$ (9,895,542)	\$ 4,388,994	\$ 2,767,742	\$ 4,795,935
<u>Other Financing Sources & Uses:</u>					
Sale of Real or personal Property	\$ 40,150	\$ 35,198	\$ 23,854	\$ 15,319	\$ 193,187
Right-to-Use Leases	421,291	175,318	185,894	-	-
Other (Uses)	5,550,522	4,833,140	1,413,100	-	-
Transfers In (Out)	-	(250,000)	-	(250,000)	-
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses):	\$ 6,011,963	\$ 4,793,656	\$ 1,622,848	\$ (234,681)	\$ 193,187
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ (1,843,173)	\$ (5,101,886)	\$ 6,011,842	\$ 2,533,061	\$ 4,989,122
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	29,355,351	34,457,237	28,445,395	25,912,334	20,923,212
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	\$ 27,512,178	\$ 29,355,351	\$ 34,457,237	\$ 28,445,395	\$ 25,912,334

Note: The above information was taken from the Issuer's Annual Reports dated August 31, 2020-2024.

(1) Although the District adopted a deficit budget of \$8 million, District officials project the District currently has a deficit of approximately \$4 million for the Fiscal Year Ending 2025. The District is currently planning to adopt a deficit budget for the next fiscal year.

(2) The District anticipates a General Fund balance for the current Fiscal Year to be approximately \$24 million.

OVERLAPPING DEBT DATA AND INFORMATION*(As of March 31, 2025)*

The following table indicates the indebtedness, defined as outstanding bonds payable from ad valorem taxes, of governmental entities overlapping the District and the estimated percentages and amounts of such indebtedness attributable to property within the District. Expenditures of the various taxing bodies overlapping the territory of the Issuer are paid out of ad valorem taxes levied by these taxing bodies on properties overlapping the Issuer. These political taxing bodies are independent of the Issuer and may incur borrowings to finance their expenditures.

The following statements of direct and estimated overlapping ad valorem bonds were developed from information contained in the "Texas Municipal Reports" published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas. Except for the amounts relating to the Issuer, the Issuer has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information, and no person should rely upon such information as being accurate or complete.

Furthermore, certain of the entities below may have authorized or issued additional bonds since the date stated below, and such entities may have programs requiring the authorization and/or issuance of substantial amounts of additional bonds, the amount of which cannot be determined.

Taxing Body	Gross Debt	% Overlapping	Amount Overlapping
Alamo Community College District	\$ 674,050,000	3.73%	\$ 25,142,065
Bexar County	2,222,135,000	3.73%	82,885,636
Bexar County Hospital District	1,238,865,000	3.73%	46,209,665
Converse, City of	22,145,000	11.06%	2,449,237
Elmendorf, City of	11,901,000	96.83%	11,523,738
San Antonio, City of	2,598,005,000	2.70%	70,146,135
Schertz, City of	103,855,000	4.01%	4,164,586
Total Gross Overlapping Debt			\$ 242,521,061
East Central Independent School District	\$ 397,503,479	100.00%	397,503,479 ⁽¹⁾
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 640,024,540
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to the 2024 Assessed Valuation			7.57%
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt			\$ 10,853

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

(1) Excludes the Refunded Bonds, preliminary, subject to change.

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING GOVERNMENTAL SUBDIVISIONS

Purpose	Date of Authorization	Amount Authorized	Amount Previously Issued	Amount to be Issued⁽¹⁾	Amount Unissued
School Building, Land and School Buses	5/3/2025	\$ 309,150,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000,000	\$ 229,150,000

Source: Texas Municipal Reports published by the Municipal Advisory Council of Texas.

(1) Includes the Bonds and certain [net] premium allocations. Preliminary, subject to change.

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APPENDIX B

GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT

**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE DISTRICT, THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

The District:

The East Central Independent School District (the “District”) is located in a rural residential area located adjacent to and encompassing a small portion of the southeast section of the City of San Antonio. The District is developing into a light manufacturing, warehousing, and shipping area. Many of the District's residents are employed in San Antonio. Included in the District are the Cities of China Grove and Elmendorf and the unincorporated community of St. Hedwig. Two lakes, which consist of about 10,000 acres, provide recreation to residents. The District's 2025 estimated population is 58,973.

The Schools:

Historical Enrollment for the District

School Year	Enrollment
2019-20	10,146
2020-21	9,770
2021-22	10,006
2022-23	10,617
2023-24	11,176
2024-25	11,570

Enrollment and School Facilities

School	Grades	Number of Students
East Central High School	9-12	3,362
Cast Lead High School	8-12	214
Heritage Middle School	6-8	1,255
Legacy Middle School	6-8	1,140
Harmony Elementary School	EE-5	787
Pecan Valley Elementary School	EE-5	464
Sinclair Elementary School	EE-5	747
Highland Forest Elementary School	EE-5	700
Tradition Elementary School	EE-5	570
Oak Crest Elementary School	EE-5	699
Salado Elementary School	Pk-5	692
Honor Elementary School	EE-5	826
Pre/K for SA	PK	47
Bexar County Learning Center	8-12	40
Restorative Training Center	6-12	27

Educational status of the teachers is as follows:

Doctorate's degree	4
Master's degree	243
Bachelor's degree	478
Average years of classroom experience per teacher	9.93

Personnel distribution is as follows:

District Level Administrators	47
Building Level Administrators	46
Instructional Staff	725
Professional Support Staff (Counselors, Librarians, Nurses, Social Workers, Etc.)	78
General Personnel (Secretaries, Aides, Clerks, Bus Drivers, Food Service, Maintenance, Etc.)	<u>755</u>
TOTAL	1,651

Teacher salaries are competitive with surrounding districts. Teacher salaries range from \$58,500 for beginning teachers to a maximum of \$76,914.

THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

San Antonio, Texas

The City of San Antonio (“the “City”) is the county seat of Bexar County, located at the intersection of Interstate Highways 10 and 35. Population in the City has increased making it the second largest city in Texas and the seventh largest in the United States. Trade, government, and education and health services represent the largest employment sectors in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area. Finance (including insurance), healthcare and bioscience, tourism, and the military represent the largest industries in the City. The Alamo, the Riverwalk, the Tower of Americas, Fiesta Texas, SeaWorld of Texas, the San Antonio Zoo, La Villita, Brackenridge Park, the Alamodome, and the Institute of Texan Cultures make the City a very popular destination. The City’s 2025 estimated population was 1,526,656.

Bexar County, Texas

Bexar County, Texas (the “County”) was created in 1836 and organized in 1837 as one of the original counties of the Republic of Texas and is now the third most populous of the 254 counties in the State. The County is located in south central Texas and is a component of the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area, the nation's twenty-fourth largest Metropolitan Statistical Area and the third largest in the State in 2010. The county seat is San Antonio, Texas. The County’s 2023 estimated population was 2,087,679.

Economic Base: Mineral: Sand, limestone and gravel.

Industry: Tourism, military bases, medical/biomedical research & services, government and education center.

Agricultural: Nursery crops, hay, grain sorghum, corn and beef cattle.

Labor Force Statistics:

	Bexar County		Texas	
	May 2025	May 2024	May 2025	May 2024
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,060,149	1,028,811	15,826,370	15,501,676
Total Employment	1,020,079	992,496	15,194,230	14,913,510
Total Unemployment	40,070	36,315	632,140	588,166
Percent Unemployed	3.8%	3.5%	4.0%	3.8%

Source: Texas Labor Market Review.

APPENDIX C

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION

August 7, 2025

**EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025A
DATED AS OF AUGUST 7, 2025
IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$ _____**

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

WE HAVE EXAMINED the applicable and pertinent provisions of the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas and a transcript of certified proceedings of the District, and other pertinent instruments authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Bonds including (i) the Escrow and Trust Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2025, between the District and BOKF, NA, Dallas, Texas, as Escrow Agent (the *Escrow Agreement*), (ii) the Verification Report of Public Finance Partners LLC, with respect to the adequacy of certain escrowed funds and securities to accomplish the refunding purposes of the Bonds (the *Verification Report*), (iii) the executed Initial Bond numbered T-1, (v) the order authorizing the issuance of the Bonds (the *Order*), and (iv) the District's Federal Tax Certificate of even date herewith.

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

IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION that the Escrow Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the District and constitutes a binding and enforceable agreement in accordance with its terms and that the "Refunded Obligations" (as defined in the Order) being refunded by the Bonds are outstanding under the orders authorizing their issuance only for the purpose of receiving the funds provided by, and are secured solely by and payable solely from, the Escrow Agreement and the cash and investments, including the income therefrom, held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the Escrow Agreement. In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon the Verification Report concerning the



sufficiency of the cash and investments deposited pursuant to the Escrow Agreement for the purpose of paying the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Refunded Obligations.

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

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

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

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



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

Respectfully,

APPENDIX D

THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM

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. Such monthly updates regarding the Guarantee Program are also incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes. In addition to the Web Site Materials, the Fund is required to make quarterly filings with the SEC under Section 13(f) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such filings, which consist of a list of the Fund’s holdings of securities specified in Section 13(f), including exchange-traded (e.g., NYSE) or NASDAQ-quoted stocks, equity options and warrants, shares of closed-end investment companies and certain convertible debt securities, are available from the SEC at www.sec.gov/edgar. A list of the Fund’s equity and fixed income holdings as of August 31 of each year is posted to the PSF Corporation’s web site and filed with the MSRB. Such list excludes holdings in the Fund’s securities lending program. Such list, as filed, is incorporated herein and made a part hereof for all purposes.

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

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

The Texas Constitution provides that the Fund shall be managed 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 Boards’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⁽¹⁾

Fiscal Year Ending	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023⁽²⁾	2024
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 ⁽³⁾	415	115	-
Per Student Distribution	173	215	212	247	306	347	341	332	440	430

(1) In millions of dollars. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.

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

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

In November 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⁽¹⁾</u>	2.5%	4.2%	3.3%	3.5%	3.7%	2.974%	4.18%	3.32%	3.45%

(1) Includes only distributions made to the ASF by the SBOE; see the immediately preceding table for amounts of direct SLB distributions to the ASF. In addition, the PSF Corp approved transfers of \$600 million per year directly to the ASF for fiscal biennium 2026-27.

PSF CORPORATION STRATEGIC ASSET ALLOCATIONS . . . The PSFC Board sets the asset allocation policy for the Fund, including determining the available asset classes for investment and approving target percentages and ranges for allocation to each asset class, with the goal of delivering a long-term risk adjusted return through all economic and market environments. 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	<u>8,084.6</u>	<u>7,896.5</u>	<u>188.1</u>	<u>2.4%</u>
Total Domestic Equity	11,735.9	10,871.6	864.3	8.0%
International Equity	<u>4,131.1</u>	<u>7,945.5</u>	<u>(3,814.4)</u>	<u>-48.0%</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	15,867.0	18,817.1	(2,950.1)	-15.7%
FIXED INCOME				
Domestic Fixed Income	-	5,563.7	-	-
U.S. 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	<u>-</u>	<u>869.7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FIXED INCOME	13,415.2	8,602.5	4,812.7	55.9%
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	<u>4,648.1</u>	<u>4,712.1</u>	<u>(64.0)</u>	<u>-1.4%</u>
TOT ALT INVESTMENTS	25,071.8	24,612.0	459.8	1.9%
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)⁽¹⁾

	<u>Fair Value (in millions) August 31, 2024</u>
	<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 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	4,540.61 ⁽⁶⁾
Total Investments ⁽⁴⁾	5,428.23
Cash in State Treasury ⁽⁵⁾	0
Total Investments & Cash in State Treasury	\$5,428.23

- (1) Unaudited figures from Table 5 in the FY 2024 Unaudited Annual Financial Report of the Texas General Land Office and Veterans Land Board.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Includes an estimated 1,000,000.00 acres in freshwater rivers.
- (4) Includes an estimated 1,747,600.00 in excess acreage.
- (5) Cash in State Treasury is managed by the Treasury Operations Division of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.
- (6) Future Net Revenues discounted at 10% and then adjusted for risk factors. A mineral reserve report is prepared annually by external third-party petroleum engineers.

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

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

In the event of default, holders of guaranteed school district bonds will receive all payments 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		
<u>Fiscal Year Ending 8/31</u>	<u>Book Value⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Market Value⁽¹⁾</u>
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 ⁽²⁾	46,276,260,013	56,937,188,265

- (1) SLB managed assets are included in the market value and book value of the Fund. In determining the market value of the PSF from time to time during a fiscal year, the current, unaudited values for PSF investment portfolios and cash held by the SLB are used. With respect to SLB managed assets shown in the table above, market values of land and mineral interests, internally managed real estate, investments in externally managed real estate funds and cash are based upon information reported to the PSF Corporation by the SLB. The SLB reports that information to the PSF Corporation on a quarterly basis. The valuation of such assets at any point in time is dependent upon a variety of factors, including economic conditions in the State and nation in general, and the values of these assets, and, in particular, the valuation of mineral holdings administered by the SLB, can be volatile and subject to material changes from period to period.
- (2) At August 31, 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	
<u>At 8/31</u>	<u>Principal Amount⁽¹⁾</u>
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 ⁽²⁾

- (1) Represents original principal amount; does not reflect any subsequent accretions in value for compound interest bonds (zero coupon securities). The amount shown excludes bonds that have been refunded and released from the Guarantee Program. The TEA does not maintain records of the accreted value of capital appreciation bonds that are guaranteed under the Guarantee Program.
- (2) At August 31, 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⁽¹⁾

School District Bonds			Charter District Bonds			Totals
FYE 8/31	No. of Issues	Principal Amount	No. of Issues	Principal Amount	No. of Issues	Principal Amount
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 ⁽²⁾	3,330	121,046,871,603	103	4,769,110,000	3,433	125,815,981,603

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

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Return</u>	<u>Benchmark Return⁽²⁾</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

- (1) Time weighted rates of return adjusted for cash flows for the PSF(CORP) investment assets. Does not include SLB managed real estate or real assets. Returns are net of fees. Source: Annual Report for year ended August 31, 2024.
- (2) 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.

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, 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 and on 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.

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.

APPENDIX E

EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT For the Year Ended August 31, 2024

The information contained in this APPENDIX consists of excerpts from the East Central Independent School District Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2024, and is not intended to be a complete statement of the District's financial condition. Reference is made to the complete Report for further information.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees
East Central Independent School District
San Antonio, Texas

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the East Central 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 the East Central 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the East Central 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.

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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 (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- * Exercise professional judgement 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 East Central Independent School District's internal controls. 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the East Central Independent School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis and Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance-Budget and Actual-General Fund, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, Schedule of District Contributions for Pensions, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability and Schedule of the District Contributions for Other Post-Employment Benefits on pages 7-14 and 62-70 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 Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 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 an assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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Supplementary Information

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

The Texas Education Agency requires school districts to include certain information in the Annual Financial and Compliance Report in conformity with laws and regulations of the State of Texas. This information is in exhibits identified in the Table of Contents as Exhibits J-1, J-2, J-3 and J-4. These schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 10, 2025, on our consideration of the East Central 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 the East Central 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 the East Central Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Coleman, Horton and Company, LLP

Uvalde, Texas
January 10, 2025

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The annual financial report of the East Central Independent School District (the District) is presented in six sections, Management's Discussion and Analysis (this part), Basic Financial Statements, Required Supplementary Information, Combining and Other Statements, T.E.A. Required Schedules, and Federal Section. This section of the District's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the financial performance during the year ending August 31, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial section, which follows.

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

- * The first two statements are *government-wide financial statements* that provide both *long-term* and *short-term* information about the District's *overall* financial status.
- * The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the government, reporting the District's operations in *more detail* than the government-wide statements.
 - * The *governmental funds* statements tell how *general government* services were financed in the *short-term* as well as what remains for future spending.
 - * *Proprietary fund* statements provide information about services provided to parties inside the District. The proprietary funds include the Internal Service Fund (District's workers' compensation and unemployment fund activity).
 - * *Fiduciary fund* statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the District acts solely as a *trustee or agent* for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

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

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The Statement of Net Position includes *all* of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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The two government-wide statements report the District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position, the District's assets and deferred outflows less the District's liabilities and deferred inflows, is one way to measure the District's financial health or *position*.

- * Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- * To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes in the District's tax base.

The government-wide financial statements of the District include the *Governmental Activities*. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, extracurricular activities, curriculum and staff development, health services, and general administration. Property taxes and grants finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant *funds*, not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

- * Some funds are required by State law and by bond covenants.
- * The Board of Trustees (the Board) establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is properly using certain taxes and grants.

The District has three kinds of funds:

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

We use *internal service funds* to report activities that provide supplies and services for the District's other programs and activities, such as the District's Workers' Compensation Fund.

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- * *Fiduciary funds* - The District is the custodian, or *fiduciary*, for certain funds. The District 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 Fund Net Position. We exclude these activities from the District's government-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

Financial Highlights

- * The District's combined net position was \$104,082,271 at August 31, 2024, an increase of \$8,796,260.
- * For the year, the District's revenues were \$158,769,508 as reflected below:

Governmental Activities			
	Current Year	Prior Year	Change
a) Taxes	\$ 63,724,920	\$ 69,936,126	\$ (6,211,206)
b) State Aid, Grants, and Contributions	60,467,448	34,912,389	25,555,059
c) Federal Aid	16,929,142	23,343,209	(6,414,067)
d) Investment Earnings	8,077,078	4,578,234	3,498,844
e) Other	9,570,920	8,692,749	878,171
Total	<u>\$ 158,769,508</u>	<u>\$ 141,462,707</u>	<u>\$ 17,306,801</u>

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During the year, the District's expenses were \$149,973,248 as reflected below:

Governmental Activities			
	Current Year	Prior Year	Change
a) Instruction and instructional related	\$ 86,163,109	\$ 74,008,176	\$ 12,154,933
b) Instruction leadership/school leadership	9,134,511	8,170,876	963,635
c) Guidance, social work, health, transportation	11,946,353	10,785,802	1,160,551
d) Food services	9,958,340	7,633,051	2,325,289
e) Extracurricular activities	3,473,931	3,443,206	30,725
f) General administration	4,088,532	3,890,226	198,306
g) Plant maintenance and security	14,356,551	12,431,397	1,925,154
h) Data processing services	1,865,970	1,596,034	269,936
i) Community services	257,615	212,513	45,102
j) Debt service	8,238,217	3,994,258	4,243,959
k) Capital outlay	5,961	-	5,961
l) Payments to shared service arrangements	149,066	74,352	74,714
m) Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Programs	3,260	9,917	(6,657)
n) Other intergovernmental charges	331,832	306,599	25,233
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 149,973,248</u>	<u>\$ 126,556,407</u>	<u>\$ 23,416,841</u>

- * The General Fund reported a fund balance for the year of \$27,512,178, a decrease of \$1,843,173 from the prior year.
- * The Debt Service Fund reported a fund balance for the year of \$12,400,140, an increase of \$2,233,285 from the prior year.
- * The Capital Projects Fund reported a fund balance for the year of \$111,910,498, an increase of \$53,236,659 from the prior year.
- * There were no interfund transfers during the year.

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* The District's combined net position was \$104,082,271 at August 31, 2024, as reflected below:

	Governmental Activities		
	Current Year	Prior Year	Change
Current and other assets	\$ 179,341,150	\$ 130,573,364	\$ 48,767,786
Capital and non-current assets	279,498,406	230,516,645	48,981,761
Total Assets	\$ 458,839,556	\$ 361,090,009	\$ 97,749,547
Deferred charge for refunding	\$ 1,887,896	\$ 2,188,632	\$ (300,736)
Deferred resource outflow related to TRS	22,788,302	18,058,818	4,729,484
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 24,676,198	\$ 20,247,450	\$ 4,428,748
Current liabilities	\$ 21,642,161	\$ 24,719,655	\$ (3,077,494)
Long-term liabilities	328,226,460	228,212,572	100,013,888
Total Liabilities	\$ 349,868,621	\$ 252,932,227	\$ 96,936,394
Deferred resource inflow related to TRS	\$ 29,564,862	\$ 33,119,221	\$ (3,554,359)
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 120,715,919	\$ 108,565,931	\$ 12,149,988
Restricted	14,680,988	13,515,130	1,165,858
Unrestricted	(31,314,636)	(26,795,050)	(4,519,586)
Total Net Position	\$ 104,082,271	\$ 95,286,011	\$ 8,796,260

- * Property tax rates decreased 18.54 cents per \$100 valuation from the previous year. The taxable value increased during the past year by \$1,144,857,023. The tax levy decreased by \$1,541,042 over the prior year.
- * State aid increased for the year by \$25,555,059.
- * Federal aid decreased for the year by \$6,414,067.

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Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

Capital assets for the District at the end of fiscal year August 31, 2024 amounted to \$279,323,406. It is the District's policy to charge off as a current expenditure any purchases less than \$5,000. The total capital assets recorded were land and its improvements, buildings, equipment, vehicles, right-to-use lease assets, subscription assets, and construction in progress as reflected below.

District's Capital Assets

	Governmental Activities		
	Current Year	Prior Year	Change
Land	\$ 10,582,492	\$ 7,461,693	\$ 3,120,799
Buildings and improvements	301,162,639	282,672,243	18,490,396
Equipment	21,962,311	20,603,878	1,358,433
Right-to-use lease assets - buildings	175,318	175,318	-
Right-to-use lease assets - furniture and equipment	-	185,894	(185,894)
Subscription Based Information Tech. Arrangements	421,291	-	421,291
Construction in progress	64,410,874	29,539,547	34,871,327
Totals at historical cost	398,714,925	340,638,573	58,076,352
Total accumulated depreciation	(119,391,519)	(110,296,928)	(9,094,591)
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 279,323,406</u>	<u>\$ 230,341,645</u>	<u>\$ 48,981,761</u>

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities increased by \$92,562,437.

District's Long-Term Liabilities

	Governmental Activities		
	Current Year	Prior Year	Change
Bonds payable	\$ 261,442,177	\$ 172,525,425	\$ 88,916,752
Net issuance premiums/discounts	10,588,082	7,745,770	2,842,312
Total bonds payable	272,030,259	180,271,195	91,759,064
Right-to-use lease liabilities	60,048	178,358	(118,310)
Right-to-use subscription liabilities	315,574	-	315,574
Compensated absences	2,496,260	1,890,151	606,109
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 274,902,141</u>	<u>\$ 182,339,704</u>	<u>\$ 92,562,437</u>

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General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District revised its budget several times. Even with these adjustments, actual expenditures were significantly below final budget amounts. The most significant positive variance resulted from staffing, facilities cost, and budget efficiencies. Additionally, resources available were \$3,758,129 above the final budgeted amount.

- * Local revenue sources were \$124,791 less than expected.
- * State funding was \$4,582,982 more than budget.
- * Federal funding was \$700,062 less than expected.

In budgeting for the 2024-2025 year the following was considered:

- * Student enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year increased due to the additional growth in the District. The District continues to offer free Pre-K for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrollment has increased by 329 students from October 2023 to October 2024. The District enrollment as of October 2024 is 11,507 students.
- * The District continues to contract the services of an outside demography firm to do an annual demographic study. The demographic study included an analysis of current student locations, potential growth based on new housing, trends occurring in student relocation patterns throughout the District, and economic factors relevant to the District. Due to the additional housing developments that are occurring throughout the District the demographer has revised their student projections. The new projections are that by 2032 the District will increase to approximately 28,000 students.
- * The District held a bond election on November 8, 2022 in the amount of \$240,000,000. The Bond election passed with a 62% yes vote. This election was called with the information received from the Demographer on housing and student growth as well as input from the Community Bond Advisory Committee. \$80,000,000 of the Bonds were sold in March 2023, \$100,000,000 was sold in March 2024, and the final \$60,000,000 will be sold in February 2025. The Bonds sold are being used to pay for the building of the new elementary school on the north side of the District, purchase land for future building sites, safety and security improvements throughout the District, improvements at East Central High School, Highland Forest, and Oak Crest, new transportation facility, and renovations of the old transportation complex into the Police Department and warehouse facility. The new elementary school will be called Honor Elementary School, and it opened in August 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. The new middle school began construction in the summer of 2024 and the new elementary school will begin construction in the 2024-2025 school year. Both schools will be open in the 2026-2027 school year.
- * The District adopted a deficit general operating budget of \$2,431,793 for 2024/2025. This budget was based on the passage of VATRE in the November 2024 general election by the district voters. The VATRE did not pass which will result in a possible deficit budget of approximately \$9,000,000. Administrative staff are reviewing possible budget cuts as well as a hiring freeze in certain positions.

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- * Property values for ad valorem tax purposes increased approximately 13% for 2024-2025 compared to 2023-2024 due to new housing and commercial developments. The values also increased for both retail and commercial properties. Due to the VATRE not passing the District's tax rate will remain the same at \$.8852 for 2024-2025. The District's tax rate is the lowest school district tax rate in Bexar County. In November 2023 the voters in Texas approved the constitutional change of \$100,000 homestead exemption.
- * State revenue estimates are projected to increase due to an increase in student enrollment only. As well as the District's goal is to improve average daily attendance to 93%.
- * The district increased the 2024-2025 starting salary for teachers to \$58,000. This was necessary to stay competitive with surrounding districts. All employees received a raise in 2024-2025. No employee will make less than \$15.00 an hour. Auxiliary staff increased 2% of midpoint, administrative staff increased 2% of midpoint, and teachers received an average of a 2.8% raise.
- * The district received both ESSER II and ESSER III funds from the Federal Government. Both ESSER II and ESSER III funds have been fully expended by the grant deadlines.
- * A new Cast High School is now in its fifth year starting with 8th grade to 12th grade. The school was established at the former John Glenn Elementary School with a \$2,000,000 partnership from HEB. Cast Lead became the district's first 1882 Charter School. This allows for more funding and flexibility. Pecan Valley Elementary School has become a STEM school of choice throughout the District. The high school continues the new P-Tech program to allow students an opportunity to receive both a high school diploma and a credential and/or an associate degree in the health services industry.
- * Due to the District being a District of Innovation it allowed the District to offer an alternative health insurance plan for our employees besides the TRS health insurance plan. This new health plan, UBC Cigna, has lower premiums, better benefits as well as a clinic for participating employees and their dependents. The 2024-2025 school year is the District's fifth year of the alternative health plan and the plan has been a positive benefit for our employees. Due to a new law that allowed school districts to opt out of the TRS state health care plan it also stipulates that districts that choose to remain within TRS-Active Care cannot offer any alternative group health coverage beginning Sept 1, 2022. The Board voted to leave TRS-Active Care in favor of staying with our self-funded medical plan. The district contributes \$410 per month for each employee who is on the health plan for 2024-2025.
- * The District continues to participate in the Holdsworth Center cohort. This partnership is part of the HEB Foundation. This partnership is for five years to help grow individual leaders. The theory of action is that stronger leaders will build stronger systems that achieve stronger results for students.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed for customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Judith Burns, Chief Financial Officer.

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BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2024

EXHIBIT A-1

Data Control Codes	Primary Government Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 158,709,377
1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent	4,920,373
1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(492,038)
1240 Due from Other Governments	15,720,761
1290 Other Receivables, Net	86,223
1300 Inventories	395,629
1410 Prepayments	825
Capital Assets:	
1510 Land	10,582,492
1520 Buildings, Net	197,023,305
1530 Furniture and Equipment, Net	6,932,327
1550 Right-to-Use Leased Assets, Net	58,440
1553 SBITA Assets, Net	315,968
1580 Construction in Progress	64,410,874
1990 Other Assets	175,000
1000 Total Assets	458,839,556
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
1701 Deferred Charge for Refunding	1,887,896
1705 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS Pension	15,664,380
1706 Deferred Outflow Related to TRS OPEB	7,123,922
1700 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	24,676,198
LIABILITIES	
2110 Accounts Payable	8,927,490
2140 Interest Payable	512,018
2150 Payroll Deductions and Withholdings	476,563
2160 Accrued Wages Payable	9,863,825
2180 Due to Other Governments	269,794
2300 Unearned Revenue	1,592,471
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
2501 Due Within One Year: Loans, Note, Leases, etc. Due in More than One Year:	10,255,322
2502 Bonds, Notes, Loans, Leases, etc.	264,646,819
2540 Net Pension Liability (District's Share)	37,496,718
2545 Net OPEB Liability (District's Share)	15,827,601
2000 Total Liabilities	349,868,621
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
2605 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS Pension	3,268,722
2606 Deferred Inflow Related to TRS OPEB	26,296,140
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	29,564,862
NET POSITION	
3200 Net Investment in Capital Assets and Right-to-Use Lease Assets	120,715,919
Restricted:	
3820 Restricted for Federal and State Programs	1,885,219
3850 Restricted for Debt Service	12,400,140
3890 Restricted for Other Purposes	395,629
3900 Unrestricted	(31,314,636)
3000 Total Net Position	\$ 104,082,271

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

EXHIBIT B-1

Data Control Codes	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	1	3	4	6
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Gov. Governmental Activities
Primary Government:				
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES:				
11 Instruction	\$ 80,571,521	\$ 490,029	\$ 8,430,296	\$ (71,651,196)
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,281,523	-	-	(1,281,523)
13 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	4,310,065	200,525	1,630,372	(2,479,168)
21 Instructional Leadership	2,645,545	9,115	325,382	(2,311,048)
23 School Leadership	6,488,966	9,115	143,705	(6,336,146)
31 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	3,782,046	-	98,746	(3,683,300)
32 Social Work Services	1,103,285	-	276,352	(826,933)
33 Health Services	1,210,537	-	77,609	(1,132,928)
34 Student (Pupil) Transportation	5,850,485	24,120	-	(5,826,365)
35 Food Services	9,958,340	474,397	7,707,304	(1,776,639)
36 Extracurricular Activities	3,473,931	1,069,828	-	(2,404,103)
41 General Administration	4,088,532	653,180	35,550	(3,399,802)
51 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	12,248,248	131,658	-	(12,116,590)
52 Security and Monitoring Services	2,108,303	15,145	735,238	(1,357,920)
53 Data Processing Services	1,865,970	66,329	-	(1,799,641)
61 Community Services	257,615	-	240,446	(17,169)
72 Debt Service - Interest on Long-Term Debt	7,819,622	-	-	(7,819,622)
73 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	418,595	-	-	(418,595)
81 Capital Outlay	5,961	-	-	(5,961)
93 Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements	149,066	-	149,066	-
95 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	3,260	-	-	(3,260)
99 Other Intergovernmental Charges	331,832	-	-	(331,832)
[TP] TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:	<u>\$ 149,973,248</u>	<u>\$ 3,143,441</u>	<u>\$ 19,850,066</u>	<u>(126,979,741)</u>
Data Control Codes	General Revenues:			
	Taxes:			
MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes			49,747,530
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service			13,977,390
SF	State Aid - Formula Grants			50,985,617
GC	Grants and Contributions not Restricted			6,560,907
IE	Investment Earnings			8,077,078
MI	Miscellaneous Local and Intermediate Revenue			876,957
E1	Extraordinary Item - resource			5,550,522
TR	Total General Revenues & Extraordinary Items			135,776,001
CN	Change in Net Position			8,796,260
NB	Net Position - Beginning			95,286,011
NE	Net Position - Ending			<u>\$ 104,082,271</u>

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	60 Capital Projects
ASSETS			
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 28,912,291	\$ 12,236,114	\$ 118,236,312
1220 Property Taxes - Delinquent	3,901,516	1,018,857	-
1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes	(390,152)	(101,886)	-
1240 Due from Other Governments	9,015,656	155,078	-
1260 Due from Other Funds	87,880	-	5,960
1300 Inventories	395,629	-	-
1410 Prepayments	-	-	-
1900 Other Assets	175,000	-	-
1000 Total Assets	<u>\$ 42,097,820</u>	<u>\$ 13,308,163</u>	<u>\$ 118,242,272</u>
LIABILITIES			
2110 Accounts Payable	\$ 905,300	\$ -	\$ 6,331,774
2150 Payroll Deductions and Withholdings Payable	476,563	-	-
2160 Accrued Wages Payable	9,283,417	-	-
2170 Due to Other Funds	54,354	15,072	-
2180 Due to Other Governments	269,794	-	-
2300 Unearned Revenue	175,000	-	-
2000 Total Liabilities	<u>11,164,428</u>	<u>15,072</u>	<u>6,331,774</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
2601 Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	3,421,214	892,951	-
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,421,214</u>	<u>892,951</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable Fund Balance:			
3410 Inventories	395,629	-	-
Restricted Fund Balance:			
3450 Federal or State Funds Grant Restriction	-	-	-
3470 Capital Acquisition and Contractual Obligation	-	-	111,910,498
3480 Retirement of Long-Term Debt	-	12,400,140	-
Committed Fund Balance:			
3545 Other Committed Fund Balance	-	-	-
3600 Unassigned Fund Balance	27,116,549	-	-
3000 Total Fund Balances	<u>27,512,178</u>	<u>12,400,140</u>	<u>111,910,498</u>
4000 Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows & Fund Balances	<u>\$ 42,097,820</u>	<u>\$ 13,308,163</u>	<u>\$ 118,242,272</u>

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Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
\$ (1,715,428)	\$ 157,669,289
-	4,920,373
-	(492,038)
6,550,027	15,720,761
-	93,840
-	395,629
825	825
-	175,000
<u>\$ 4,835,424</u>	<u>\$ 178,483,679</u>
\$ 326,981	\$ 7,564,055
-	476,563
580,408	9,863,825
24,414	93,840
-	269,794
1,417,471	1,592,471
<u>2,349,274</u>	<u>19,860,548</u>
-	4,314,165
-	4,314,165
-	395,629
1,885,219	1,885,219
-	111,910,498
-	12,400,140
600,931	600,931
-	27,116,549
<u>2,486,150</u>	<u>154,308,966</u>
<u>\$ 4,835,424</u>	<u>\$ 178,483,679</u>

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

EXHIBIT C-2

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 154,308,966
1 The District uses internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self-insurance, to appropriate functions in other funds. The assets and liabilities of the internal service funds are included in governmental activities in the statement of net position. The net effect of this consolidation is to decrease net position.	(237,124)
2 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in governmental funds. At the beginning of the year, the cost of these assets was \$340,638,573 and the accumulated depreciation was (\$110,296,928). In addition, long-term liabilities, including bonds payable of (\$172,408,479) and right-to use lease liabilities of (\$178,358), are not due and payable in the current period, and, therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. The net effect of including the beginning balances for capital assets (net of depreciation) and long-term debt in the governmental activities is to increase net position.	57,754,808
3 Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of including the 2024 capital outlays of \$58,568,559 and debt principal payments of \$8,079,027 is to increase net position.	66,647,586
4 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability required by GASB 68 in the amount of (\$37,496,718), a deferred resource inflow related to TRS in the amount of (\$3,268,722), and a deferred resource outflow related to TRS in the amount of \$15,664,380. The net effect of including the GASB 68 recognition is to decrease net position.	(25,101,060)
5 Included in the items related to debt is the recognition of the District's proportionate share of the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability required by GASB 75 in the amount of (\$15,827,601), a deferred resource inflow related to OPEB in the amount of (\$26,296,140), and a deferred resource outflow related to OPEB in the amount of \$7,123,922. The net effect of including the GASB 75 recognition is to decrease net assets.	(34,999,819)
6 The 2024 depreciation expense increases accumulated depreciation. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.	(9,580,350)
7 Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unavailable revenue from property taxes of \$4,314,165 as revenue, recognizing compensated absences payable of (\$2,496,260), recognizing unamortized bond premium/discount of (\$10,588,082), recognizing unamortized accounting loss on bond refunding of \$1,887,896, recognizing accumulated accretion on capital appreciation bonds of (\$138,698), reclassifying the proceeds of subscription based information technology arrangements of (\$421,291), reclassifying the proceeds of new debt issued of (\$96,750,000), removing the remaining basis of assets disposed of during the year of (\$6,448) and recognizing the liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt interest of (\$512,018). The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to decrease net position.	(104,710,736)
29 Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 104,082,271

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EAST CENTRAL 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	60 Capital Projects
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 52,125,051	\$ 16,370,235	\$ 4,856,065
5800 State Program Revenues	56,204,458	1,859,263	-
5900 Federal Program Revenues	15,290	-	-
5020 Total Revenues	<u>108,344,799</u>	<u>18,229,498</u>	<u>4,856,065</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	66,898,795	-	-
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,133,599	-	-
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,404,641	-	-
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,268,990	-	-
0023 School Leadership	6,350,191	-	-
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	3,718,024	-	-
0032 Social Work Services	838,177	-	-
0033 Health Services	1,135,148	-	-
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	5,732,195	-	-
0035 Food Services	147,842	-	-
0036 Extracurricular Activities	2,274,584	-	-
0041 General Administration	4,052,414	-	-
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	11,427,034	-	-
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	2,043,525	-	-
0053 Data Processing Services	1,860,583	-	-
0061 Community Services	13,725	-	-
Debt Service:			
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	224,027	6,515,000	-
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	3,657	8,104,528	-
0073 Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	17,534	401,061
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	3,337,692	-	51,619,406
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	-	-	-
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	3,260	-	-
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	331,832	-	-
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>116,199,935</u>	<u>14,637,062</u>	<u>52,020,467</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)	<u>(7,855,136)</u>	<u>3,592,436</u>	<u>(47,164,402)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued	-	2,330	96,747,262
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	40,150	-	-
7913 Right-to-Use Lease and SBITA Proceeds	421,291	-	-
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	-	3,653,799
8940 Payment to Bond Refunding Escrow Agent (Use)	-	(1,361,481)	-
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>461,441</u>	<u>(1,359,151)</u>	<u>100,401,061</u>
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS:			
7919 Extraordinary Item - Resource	5,550,522	-	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(1,843,173)</u>	<u>2,233,285</u>	<u>53,236,659</u>
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	<u>29,355,351</u>	<u>10,166,855</u>	<u>58,673,839</u>
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	<u>\$ 27,512,178</u>	<u>\$ 12,400,140</u>	<u>\$ 111,910,498</u>

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		Total	
Other		Governmental	
Funds		Funds	
\$	2,475,969	\$	75,827,320
	3,218,315		61,282,036
	16,913,852		16,929,142
	22,608,136		154,038,498
	8,527,638		75,426,433
	16,508		1,150,107
	1,836,588		4,241,229
	335,382		2,604,372
	151,955		6,502,146
	98,746		3,816,770
	276,352		1,114,529
	77,609		1,212,757
	-		5,732,195
	9,523,840		9,671,682
	739,113		3,013,697
	35,550		4,087,964
	6,361		11,433,395
	735,238		2,778,763
	-		1,860,583
	240,446		254,171
	-		6,739,027
	-		8,108,185
	-		418,595
	932,101		55,889,199
	149,066		149,066
	-		3,260
	-		331,832
	23,682,493		206,539,957
	(1,074,357)		(52,501,459)
	-		96,749,592
	3,685		43,835
	-		421,291
	-		3,653,799
	-		(1,361,481)
	3,685		99,507,036
	-		5,550,522
	(1,070,672)		52,556,099
	3,556,822		101,752,867
\$	2,486,150	\$	154,308,966

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

EXHIBIT C-4

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 52,556,099
The District uses internal service funds to charge the costs of certain activities, such as self-insurance, to appropriate functions in other funds. The change in Net position of internal service funds are reported with governmental activities. The net effect of this consolidation is to decrease net position.	(451,276)
Current year capital outlays and long-term debt principal payments are expenditures in the fund financial statements, but they should be shown as increases in capital assets and reductions in long-term debt in the government-wide financial statements. The net effect of removing the 2024 capital outlays of \$58,568,559 and debt principal payments of \$8,079,027 is to increase net position.	66,647,586
Depreciation is not recognized as an expense in governmental funds since it does not require the use of current financial resources. The net effect of the current year's depreciation is to decrease net position.	(9,580,350)
Current year changes due to GASB 68 increased revenues in the amount of \$4,680,492, but also increased expenditures in the amount of (\$7,637,756). The impact of these items is to decrease net position.	(2,957,264)
Current year changes to to GASB 75 decreased revenues in the amount of (\$5,495,080), and decreased expenditures in the amount of \$9,284,736. The net effect was to increase net position.	3,789,656
Various other reclassifications and eliminations are necessary to convert from the modified accrual basis of accounting to accrual basis of accounting. These include recognizing unavailable revenue from property taxes as revenue, adjusting current year revenue to show the revenue earned from the current year's tax levy of (\$80,588), recording accretion on capital appreciation bonds of (\$21,752), recognizing current year amortization of accounting loss on bond refunding of (\$300,736), recognizing current year amortization of bond premium/discount of \$811,487, reclassifying the proceeds of subscription based information technology arrangements of (\$421,291), reclassifying the proceeds of new debt issued of (\$96,750,000) and associated premium on new issuance of (\$3,653,799), recognizing the change in compensated absences of (\$606,109), removing the remaining basis of assets disposed of during the year of (\$6,448), recognizing the changes in liabilities associated with maturing long-term debt interest of (\$178,955). The net effect of these reclassifications and recognitions is to decrease net position.	(101,208,191)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 8,796,260

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities -
	Total Internal Service Funds
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ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,040,088
Other Receivables	86,223
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Total Assets	1,126,311
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LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	1,363,435
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Total Liabilities	1,363,435
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NET POSITION	
Unrestricted Net Position	(237,124)
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Total Net Position	\$ (237,124)
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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	Governmental Activities -
	Total Internal Service Funds
OPERATING REVENUES:	
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 8,312,655
Total Operating Revenues	<u>8,312,655</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Payroll Costs	12,683
Professional and Contracted Services	8,251,620
Other Operating Costs	<u>538,313</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>8,802,616</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(489,961)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Earnings from Temporary Deposits & Investments	<u>38,685</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>38,685</u>
Change in Net Position	(451,276)
Total Net Position - September 1 (Beginning)	<u>214,152</u>
Total Net Position - August 31 (Ending)	<u><u>\$ (237,124)</u></u>

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

EXHIBIT D-3

	Governmental Activities
	-
	Total
	Internal
	Service Funds
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<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities:</u>	
Cash Received from Assessments - Other Funds	\$ 8,449,286
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(8,114,130)
Cash Payments for Insurance Claims	(548,388)
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	(213,232)
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities:</u>	
Interest and Dividends on Investments	38,685
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(174,547)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,214,635
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,040,088
<u>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash</u>	
<u>Used for Operating Activities:</u>	
Operating Income (Loss):	\$ (489,961)
Effect of Increases and Decreases in Current	
Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease (increase) in Receivables	136,631
Increase (decrease) in Accounts Payable	140,098
Net Cash Used for Operating Activities	\$ (213,232)

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
AUGUST 31, 2024

	Custodial Fund
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ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 99,646
Total Assets	<u>99,646</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for Campus Activities	<u>99,646</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 99,646</u></u>

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	Custodial Fund
ADDITIONS:	
Enterprising Services Revenue	\$ 313,031
Total Additions	<u>313,031</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Other Deductions	<u>321,493</u>
Total Deductions	<u>321,493</u>
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	(8,462)
Total Net Position - September 1 (Beginning)	<u>108,108</u>
Total Net Position - August 31 (Ending)	<u><u>\$ 99,646</u></u>

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The East Central Independent School District (the District) is a public educational agency operating under the applicable laws and regulations of the State of Texas. It is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the Board) elected by registered voters of the District. The District prepares its basic financial statements in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and other authoritative sources identified in *GASB Statement No. 76*, and it complies with the requirements of the appropriate version of Texas Education Agency's *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide* (the Resource Guide) and the requirements of contracts and grants of agencies from which it receives funds.

Pensions. The fiduciary net position of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS) has been determined using the flow of economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting. This includes, for purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, and information about assets, liabilities, and additions to/deductions from the 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.

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 resource 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.

Fair Value Measurement. The District applies *GASB Statement No. 72, Fair Value Measurement and Application*. GASB Statement No. 72 provides guidance for determining a fair value measurement for reporting purposes and applying fair value to certain investments and disclosures related to all fair value measurements.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Board is elected by the public and has the authority to make decisions, appoint administrators and managers, and significantly influence operations. It also has the primary accountability for fiscal matters. Therefore, the District is a financial reporting entity as defined by GASB in its Statement No. 14, "The Financial Reporting Entity." There are no component units included within the reporting entity.

B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are government-wide financial statements. They report information on all of the District's nonfiduciary activities with most of the interfund activities removed. *Governmental activities* include programs supported primarily by property taxes, State foundation funds, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates how other people or entities that participate in programs the District operates have shared in the payment of the direct costs. The "Charges for Services" column includes payments made by parties that purchase, use, or directly benefit from, goods or services provided by a given function or segment of the District. Examples include tuition paid by students not residing in the district, school lunch charges, etc. The "Operating Grants and Contributions" column indicates amounts paid by organizations outside the District to help meet the operational requirements of a given function. Examples include grants under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. If a revenue is not a program revenue, it is a general revenue used to support all of the District's functions. Property taxes are always general revenues.

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

The fund financial statements provide reports on the financial condition and results of operations for three fund categories - governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Since the resources in the fiduciary funds cannot be used for District operations, they are not included in government-wide statements. The District considers some governmental funds major and reports their financial condition and results of operations in a separate column.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All other revenues and expenses are nonoperating.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The government-wide financial statements use the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as do the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets, current liabilities, and fund balances are included on the Balance Sheet. Operating statements of these funds present net increases and decreases in current assets (i.e., revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses).

The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they become both measurable and available, and it recognizes expenditures in the accounting period in which the fund liability is incurred, if measurable, except for unmatured interest and principal on long-term debt, which is recognized when due. The expenditures related to certain compensated absences and claims and judgments are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The District considers all revenues available if they are collectible within 60 days after year-end.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property tax revenues and revenues received from the State are recognized under the “susceptible to accrual” concept, that is, when they are both measurable and available. The District considers them “available” if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year. 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.

Grant funds are considered to be earned to the extent of expenditures made under the provisions of the grant. Accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as unearned revenues until related and authorized expenditures have been made. If balances have not been expended by the end of the project period, grantors sometimes require the District to refund all or part of the unused amount.

The proprietary fund types and Fiduciary Funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and utilize the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable and expenses in the accounting period in which they are incurred and become measurable. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the fund Statement of Net Position. The fund equity is segregated into net investment in capital assets, restricted net position, and unrestricted net position.

D. FUND ACCOUNTING

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

Additionally, the District reports the following fund type(s):

Governmental Funds:

1. **Special Revenue Funds** - The District accounts for resources restricted to, or designated for, specific purposes by the District or a grantor in a special revenue fund. Most Federal and some State financial assistance is accounted for in a special revenue fund, and sometimes unused balances must be returned to the grantor at the close of specified project periods.

Proprietary Funds:

2. **Internal Service Funds** - Revenues and expenses related to services provided to organizations inside the District on a cost reimbursement basis are accounted for in an internal service fund. The district’s internal service funds are the State Unemployment Benefits Fund and Workers’ Compensation Fund.

Fiduciary Funds:

3. **Custodial Funds** - The District accounts for resources held for others in a custodial capacity in custodial funds. The District’s custodial fund is the Student Activity Fund.

E. FUND BALANCE POLICY

The District reports fund balances for governmental funds in classifications based primarily on the extent to which the district is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The **non-spendable** classification represents assets that will be consumed or "must be maintained intact" and therefore will never convert to cash, such as inventories of supplies and endowments. Provisions of laws, contracts, and grants specify how fund resources can be used in the **restricted** classification. The nature of these two classifications precludes a need for a policy from the Board. However, the Board has adopted fund balance policies for the three unrestricted classifications – committed, assigned, and unassigned.

From time to time, the Board may commit fund balances by a majority vote in a scheduled meeting. The action to commit funds must occur prior to fiscal year-end even though the amount may be determined subsequent to fiscal year-end. The Board's commitment may be modified or rescinded by a majority vote in a scheduled meeting. Board commitments cannot exceed the amount of the fund balance that is greater than the sum of non-spendable and restricted fund balances since that practice would commit funds that the district does not have. Commitments may be for facility expansion or renovation, program modifications, wage and salary adjustments, financial cushions, and other purposes determined by the Board.

When it is appropriate for fund balances to be assigned, the Board delegates authority to the superintendent or designee.

When the District incurs expenditures that can be made from either restricted or unrestricted balances, the expenditures should be charged to restricted balances. When the District incurs expenditures that can be made from either committed, assigned, or unassigned balances, the expenditures should be charged to committed, assigned then unassigned.

Nonspendable	
Inventories in the general fund	\$ 395,629
Total Nonspendable	<u>\$ 395,629</u>
Restricted	
Capital acquisition	\$ 111,910,498
Debt service	12,400,140
Federal or State fund grant restrictions	1,885,219
Other restricted	-
Total Restricted	<u>\$ 126,195,857</u>
Committed	
Campus activity funds	\$ 600,931
Total Committed	<u>\$ 600,931</u>
Unassigned	<u>\$ 27,116,549</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u><u>\$ 154,308,966</u></u>

The District had a negative net position in one of the three Internal Service Funds the District runs. The District will transfer money in the current fiscal year to eliminate the deficit and will closely monitor the net position in the future to avoid any future deficits.

F. OTHER ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The District reports inventories of supplies at weighted average cost including consumable custodial, maintenance, instructional, and office supplies. Inventories of supplies are recorded as expenditures when they are consumed rather than when they are purchased.
2. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows for proprietary funds, the District considers highly liquid investments such as investment pools, overnight sweep accounts, and treasury bills that have a maturity from time of purchase of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
3. In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District's deferred outflows of resources consist of differences between expected and actual actuarial experience (pension & OPEB), changes in actuarial assumptions (pension & OPEB), differences between projected and actual investment earnings (pension & OPEB), change in proportion and differences between employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions (pension & OPEB), and contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date (pension & OPEB).
4. In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting that qualifies for reporting in this category. Uncollected property taxes which are assumed collectible are reported in this category on the Balance Sheet for governmental funds. They are not reported in this category on the government-wide Statement of Net Position. In the government-wide financial statements, the District reports a deferred inflow of resources for differences between expected and actual actuarial experience (pension & OPEB), changes in actuarial assumptions (pension & OPEB), and changes in proportion and differences between employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions (pension & OPEB).
5. Unearned revenue accounted for on the balance sheet relates to excess funds received from the Texas Education Agency over earned amounts.
6. The District provides risk management obligations by carrying appropriate insurance. The District participates in TASB Risk Management Fund. Risk of loss is not retained by the District.
7. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
8. The Data Control Codes refer to the account code structure prescribed by TEA in the *Financial Accountability System Resource Guide*. Texas Education Agency requires school districts to display these codes in the financial statements filed with the Agency in order to ensure accuracy in building a Statewide database for policy development and funding plans.

9. In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. A right-to-use lease is defined as a contract that conveys control of another entity's nonfinancial asset(s) as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. To be accounted for as a lease, the lease must meet the definition of a "long-term" lease provided in GASB 87. The right-to-use lease liability is reported in the government-wide statements. The lease liability is calculated as the present value of the reasonably certain expected payments to be made over the term of the lease and the interest included in the lease payment is recorded as an expense.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing resources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures. With GASB 87, the initial measure of a new right-to-use lease arrangement is reported in government fund types as an other financial source during the current period. Monthly payments are reported as principal and interest payments during the reporting period of the fund level statements.

10. Compensated Absences – On retirement, a full-time employee shall be eligible for reimbursement for state and local leave under the following conditions: 1) The employee's retirement is voluntary, i.e., the employee is not being discharged or non-renewed; 2) the employee provides advance written notice of intent to retire. Contract employees must provide written notice at least 90 days before the last day of employment. Non-contract employees must provide written notice at least two weeks before the last day of employment; and 3) for reimbursement of state leave, the employee has at least ten years of consecutive service with the District.

The eligible employee shall be reimbursed for each day of unused state and local leave at a rate established by the Board, in accordance with the following: 1) The employee shall be reimbursed for each day of unused local leave, to a maximum of 100 days; 2) a contract employee shall be reimbursed for each day of unused state leave, to a maximum of \$3,000; and 3) a non-contract employee shall be reimbursed for each day of unused state leave, at a maximum of \$1,500.

The rate established by the Board shall be in effect until the Board adopts a new rate. Any changes to the rate shall apply beginning with the school year following the adoption of the rate change. If the employee is reemployed with the District, the days for which the employee received payment shall not be available to that employee.

11. Capital assets, which include land, buildings, furniture and equipment, right-to-use subscription assets, and right-to-use lease assets are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

Right-to-use lease assets and subscription assets are also reported in the applicable governmental column in the government-wide financial statements. Capitalization is determined by the significance of total future financial obligations for the lease when measured at inception term. The term consists of the noncancelable period during which the District has the right to use the tangible asset(s) of another entity plus any periods in which either the lessee or the lessor has the sole option to extend the lease if it is reasonably certain the option will be exercised, plus any periods in which either the District or the lessor/vendor has the sole option to terminate the contract if it is reasonably certain the option will not be exercised by that party and must not meet the definition of a short-term lease under GASB 87 or a short-term subscription under GASB 96.

If the lease is in a governmental fund, the full amount of the lease or subscription will be reported as an expenditure in the fund level statements the year the agreement is made. Note, with existing subscriptions that were evaluated as SBITAs for this year of implementation, the recording of the subscription asset and liability would not be reported in governmental fund statements but would be reported in the government-wide statements.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

Buildings, furniture and equipment, and lease assets of the District are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives or, for intangible right-to-use subscription and lease assets, for the term of the arrangements if the estimated useful life is longer than the agreement term, if there is an option to purchase, which is expected to be exercised:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	20-40
Building Improvements	10-20
Vehicles	5-10
Equipment	3-15

12. Since Internal Service Funds support the operations of governmental funds, they are consolidated with the governmental funds in the government-wide financial statements. The expenditures of governmental funds that create the revenues of Internal Service Funds are eliminated to avoid "grossing up" the revenue and expenses of the District as a whole.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. BUDGETARY DATA

The Board adopts an "appropriated budget" for the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, and the Food Service Fund which is included in the Special Revenue Funds. The District is required to present the adopted and final amended budgeted revenues and expenditures for each of these funds. The District compares the final amended budget to actual revenues and expenditures. The General Fund Budget Report appears in Exhibit G-1 and the other two reports are in Exhibits J-2 and J-3.

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the basic financial statements:

1. Prior to August 20, the District prepares a budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning September 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. A meeting of the Board is then called for the purpose of adopting the proposed budget. At least ten days' public notice of the meeting must be given.
3. Prior to September 1, the budget is legally enacted through passage of a resolution by the Board. Once a budget is approved, it can only be amended at the function and fund level by approval of a majority of the members of the Board. Amendments are presented to the Board at its regular meetings. Each amendment must have Board approval. As required by law, such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the Board, and are not made after the fiscal year-end. Because the District has a policy of careful budgetary control, several amendments were necessary during the year. However, none of these were significant.

4. Each budget is controlled by the Chief Financial Officer at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Board. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end. A reconciliation of fund balances for both appropriated budget and non-appropriated budget special revenue funds is as follows:

August 31, 2024 Fund Balance	
Appropriated Budget Funds - Food Service Special Revenue Funds	\$ 1,643,580
Nonappropriated Budget Funds	842,570
All Special Revenue Funds	<u>\$ 2,486,150</u>

B. EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

As noted in Exhibit G-1, the General Fund had a budget over-expenditure in Function 71 in the amount of \$22,684 and the Child Nutrition Program had an over-expenditure in Function 35 in the amount of \$364,062.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON ALL FUNDS AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

A. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

District Policies and Legal and Contractual Provisions Governing Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk for Deposits - State law requires governmental entities to contract with financial institutions in which funds will be deposited to secure those deposits with insurance or pledged securities with a fair value equaling or exceeding the amount on deposit at the end of each business day. The pledged securities must be in the name of the governmental entity and held by the entity or its agent. Since the District complies with this law, it has no custodial credit risks for deposits.

At fiscal year-end, the District had funds on deposit of \$2,767,410 in excess of FDIC coverage, secured by pledged securities of the depository bank. The District was adequately collateralized throughout the year.

Compliance with the Public Funds Investment Act

The Public Funds Investment Act, Government Code Chapter 2256, (the Act) contains specific provisions in the areas of investment practices, management reports, and establishment of appropriate policies. Among other things, it requires a governmental entity 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.

Statutes authorize the entity to invest in: (1) obligations of the U.S. Treasury, certain U.S. agencies, and the State of Texas and its agencies; (2) guaranteed or secured certificates of deposit issued by state and national banks domiciled in Texas; (3) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state having been rated as to investment quality not less than an "A"; (4) no load money market funds with a weighted average maturity of 90 days or less; (5) fully collateralized repurchase agreements; (6) commercial paper having a stated maturity of 270 days or less from the date of issuance and is not rated less than A-1 or P-1 by two nationally recognized credit rating agencies OR one nationally recognized credit agency and is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit; (7) secured corporate bonds rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent; (8) public funds investment pools; and (9) guaranteed investment contracts for bond proceeds investment only, with a defined termination date and secured by U.S. Government direct or agency obligations approved by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act in an amount equal to the bond proceeds. The Act also requires the entity to have independent auditors perform test procedures related to investment practices as provided by the Act. The District is in substantial compliance with the requirements of the Act and with local policies.

As of August 31, 2024, the District had the following cash and cash equivalents:

Investment Type	Credit Rating	Amount	Maturity		
			Less than 1 Year	1-5 Years	10+ Years
Money Market Accounts	AAA	\$ 1,953,701	\$ N/A	\$ -	\$ -
External Investment Pools	AAAm	37,437,840	N/A	-	-
Total		<u>\$ 39,391,541</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Additional policies and contractual provisions governing investments for the District are specified below:

Credit Risk. In accordance with the District's investment policy, investments in investment pools must rate at least AAA or AAA-m or at an equivalent rating by at least one nationally recognized rating service, and investments in obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies must be rated at least A or equivalent. As noted in the above table, the District's investments met minimum rating requirements.

Custodial Credit Risk for Investments. To limit the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party, the District requires counterparties to register the securities in the name of the District and hand them over to the District or its designated agent. All of the securities are in the District's name and held by the District or its agent.

Concentration of Credit Risk. To limit the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer, the District diversifies its investments among money market accounts and State sponsored investment pools.

Interest Rate Risk. To limit the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments, the District requires that internally created pool fund groups have maturities of less than 180 days on a weighted average maturity basis. The maximum allowable stated maturity of any other individual investments owned by the District shall not exceed 2 years from the date of the purchase.

Fair Value Measurement

The District categorizes its fair value measurements with the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs. Investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy. In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The District's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

Investments	Amount	Fair Value Measurement Using Input:		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Money Market Accounts	\$ 1,953,701	\$ N/A	\$ -	\$ -
External Investment Pools	37,437,840	-	37,437,840	-
Total	\$ 39,391,541	\$ -	\$ 37,437,840	\$ -

The investment pools used by the District are organized under the authority of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code. The investment pools are public funds investment pools created to provide a safe environment for the placement of local government funds in authorized short-term investment.

The District's investment in investment pools, which are exempt from regulation by the Securities and Exchange Commission, have as one of their objectives the maintenance of a stable net asset value of \$1. The book value of the position in the pools is the same as the number of the shares in each pool; the market value of a share should approximately equal the book value of a share.

Lone Star Investment Pool (the Pool): The Pool's liquidity fund operates in a manner consistent with the SEC Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, which allows the fund to use amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices. Accordingly, the fair value of the District's position in the Pool is the same as the value of the Pool's shares and does not include any unrealized gains and losses.

The Pool is governed by an eleven-member board of trustees (Board) made up of active participants in the Pool. The Board has the responsibility of adopting and monitoring compliance with the investment policy, appointing investment officers, overseeing the selection of an investment advisor, custodian, investment consultant, administrator, and other service providers. The Board is also responsible for monitoring performance of the Pool. Financial information for the Pool can be obtained by writing to Post Office Box 400, Austin, Texas, 78767-0400 or by calling 1-800-758-3927.

Texas Local Government Investment Pool (Texpool): Texpool operates in a manner consistent with the SEC Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Texpool uses amortized cost rather than market value to report net assets to compute share prices. Accordingly, the fair value of the position in the pool is the same as the value of the shares in each pool.

Texpool is organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is the sole officer, director, and shareholder of the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company, which is authorized to operate Texpool. In addition, the Texpool Advisory Board advises on Texpool's Investment Policy. This Board is composed equally of participants in Texpool and other persons who do not have a business relationship with Texpool who are qualified to advise Texpool. Financial information for Texpool can be accessed on the internet (<http://www.texpool.com>).

Texas Term Investment Pool: Texas Term operates in a manner consistent with the SEC Rule 297 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Texas Term is a money market portfolio with a daily liquidity value.

Texas Term is organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Governmental Code and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Governmental Code. The pool is governed by an advisory board consisting of seven members. The Board has the responsibility of adopting and monitoring compliance with the investment policy, appointing investment officers, overseeing the selection of an investment advisor, custodian, investment consultant, administrator, and other service providers. Financial information for the Pool can be obtained by writing to Post Office Box 1767, Austin, Texas 78767-1767 or by calling 1-866-839-8376.

Texas Fixed Income Trust (TX-FIT): TX-FIT operates in a manner consistent with the SEC Rule 297 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. TX-FIT offers a cash pool with a money market portfolio with a daily liquidity value. It also offers a government pool that is PFIA compliant with no corporate exposure.

The pool is governed by an advisory board consisting of five members. The advisory board has the responsibility of adopting and monitoring compliance with the investment policy, appointing investment officers, overseeing the selection of an investment advisor, custodian, investment consultant, administrator, and other service providers. Financial information for the Pool can be accessed on the internet (<http://www.tx-fit.com>).

B. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied by October 1 on the assessed value listed as of the prior January 1 for all real and business personal property located in the District in conformity with Subtitle E, Texas Property Tax Code. Taxes are due on receipt of the tax bill and are delinquent if not paid before February 1 of the year following the year in which imposed. On January 31 of each year, a tax lien attaches to property to secure the payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest ultimately imposed. Property tax revenues are considered available (1) when they become due or past due and receivable within the current period and (2) when they are expected to be collected during a 60-day period after the close of the school fiscal year.

C. DELINQUENT TAXES RECEIVABLE

Delinquent taxes are prorated between maintenance and debt service based on rates adopted for the year of the levy. Allowances for uncollectible tax receivables within the General Fund are based on historical experience in collecting property taxes. Uncollectible personal property taxes are periodically reviewed and written off, but the District is prohibited from writing off real property taxes without specific statutory authority from the Texas Legislature.

D. INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

Interfund balances, primarily for payroll clearing purposes, at August 31, 2024 consisted of the following amounts:

Due to General Fund From:	
Intrafund	\$ 48,394
Debt Service Fund	15,072
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>24,414</u>
Total Due to General Fund From Other Funds	<u>\$ 87,880</u>
Due to Capital Projects Fund From:	
General Fund	<u>\$ 5,960</u>
Total Due to Capital Projects Fund From Other Funds	<u>\$ 5,960</u>

E. DISAGGREGATION OF RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables at August 31, 2024 were as follows:

	Property Taxes	Other Governments	Due From Other Funds	Other Receivables	Total Receivables
Governmental Activities:					
General Fund	\$ 3,901,516	\$ 9,015,656	\$ 87,880	\$ -	\$ 13,005,052
Debt Service Fund	1,018,857	155,078	-	-	1,173,935
Capital Projects Fund	-	-	5,960	-	5,960
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>6,550,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,550,027</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 4,920,373</u>	<u>\$ 15,720,761</u>	<u>\$ 93,840</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,734,974</u>
Amount not scheduled for collection during subsequent year	<u>\$ 492,038</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 492,038</u>

Payables at August 31, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Accounts Payables</u>	<u>Salaries and Benefits</u>	<u>Due to Other Funds</u>	<u>Due to Other Governments</u>	<u>Total Payables</u>
Governmental Activities:					
General Fund	\$ 905,300	\$ 9,759,980	\$ 54,354	\$ 269,794	\$ 10,989,428
Debt Service Fund	-	-	15,072	-	15,072
Capital Projects Fund	6,331,774	-	-	-	6,331,774
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	<u>326,981</u>	<u>580,408</u>	<u>24,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>931,803</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 7,564,055</u>	<u>\$ 10,340,388</u>	<u>\$ 93,840</u>	<u>\$ 269,794</u>	<u>\$ 18,268,077</u>
Amount not scheduled for payment during subsequent year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

F. CAPITAL ASSET ACTIVITY

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

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

	Primary Government			
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Adjustments Retirements	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Land	\$ 7,461,693	\$ 3,120,799	\$ -	\$ 10,582,492
Buildings and improvements	282,672,243	1,760,467	16,729,929	301,162,639
Equipment and vehicles	20,603,878	1,664,746	(306,313)	21,962,311
Right-to-use lease assets - buildings	175,318	-	-	175,318
Right-to-use lease assets - furniture and equipment	185,894	-	(185,894)	-
Subscription Based Information Tech Arrangements	-	421,291	-	421,291
Construction in progress	29,539,547	51,601,256	(16,729,929)	64,410,874
Total at historical cost	<u>\$ 340,638,573</u>	<u>\$ 58,568,559</u>	<u>\$ (492,207)</u>	<u>\$ 398,714,925</u>
Less accumulated depreciation				
Buildings and improvements	\$ (96,138,855)	\$ (8,000,479)	\$ -	\$ (104,139,334)
Equipment and vehicles	(13,975,704)	(1,354,145)	299,865	(15,029,984)
Right-to-use lease assets - buildings	(58,439)	(58,439)	-	(116,878)
Right-to-use lease assets - furniture and equipment	(123,930)	(61,964)	185,894	-
Subscription Based Information Tech Arrangements	-	(105,323)	-	(105,323)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (110,296,928)</u>	<u>\$ (9,580,350)</u>	<u>\$ 485,759</u>	<u>\$ (119,391,519)</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 230,341,645</u>	<u>\$ 48,988,209</u>	<u>\$ (6,448)</u>	<u>\$ 279,323,406</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 5,827,424
Instructional resources and media services	141,989
Curriculum and instructional staff development	79,756
Instructional and school leadership	152,507
Guidance, counseling and evaluation services	7,544
Health services	8,745
Student transportation	940,599
Food services	438,827
Extracurricular activities	521,425
General administration	46,692
Plant maintenance and operations	1,119,760
Security services	74,593
Data processing services	<u>220,489</u>
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 9,580,350</u>

G. BONDS PAYABLE

Bonded indebtedness of the District is reflected in the Statement of Net Position, and current requirements for principal and interest expenditures are accounted for in the Debt Service Fund.

A summary of changes in bonds payable for the year ended August 31, 2024 is as follows:

Description	Final Maturity	Interest Rate Payable	Amounts Original Issue	Interest Current Year	Amounts Outstanding 9/1/2023	Issued	Retired/ Refunded	Amounts Outstanding 8/31/2024	Amounts Due Within One Year
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2014	2029	3.00% - 4.00%	8,589,085	\$ 283,600	\$ 7,099,085	\$ -	\$ 20,000	\$ 7,079,085	\$ 1,984,085
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2015	2033	0.00% - 4.00%	8,594,394	183,000	4,599,394	-	1,340,000	3,259,394	-
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2016	2041	4.00% - 3.00%	41,535,000	976,513	33,075,000	-	1,410,000	31,665,000	1,470,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2016	2031	5.00% - 4.00%	17,715,000	430,250	9,005,000	-	1,985,000	7,020,000	-
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2017	2042	4.00% - 3.50%	42,410,000	1,129,381	35,290,000	-	1,375,000	33,915,000	1,430,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2020	2027	3.00% - 4.00%	9,335,000	211,150	5,610,000	-	1,325,000	4,285,000	1,365,000
Unlimited Tax Building Bonds Series 2023	2053	0.00% - 4.00%	77,730,000	4,890,634	77,730,000	-	400,000	77,330,000	-
Unlimited Tax Building Bonds Series 2024	2054	4.00% - 5.00%	96,750,000	-	-	96,750,000	-	96,750,000	1,345,000
Totals				\$ 8,104,528	\$ 172,408,479	\$ 96,750,000	\$ 7,855,000	\$ 261,303,479	\$ 7,594,085
Capital Appreciation Bonds									
C.A.B. Accreted Interest, Series 2014				\$ -	\$ 54,460	\$ 7,200	\$ -	\$ 61,660	\$ -
C.A.B. Accreted Interest, Series 2017				-	62,486	14,552	-	77,038	-
Total C.A.B. Bonds				\$ -	\$ 116,946	\$ 21,752	\$ -	\$ 138,698	\$ -
Total All Bonds				\$ 8,104,528	\$ 172,525,425	\$ 96,771,752	\$ 7,855,000	\$ 261,442,177	\$ 7,594,085

Debt Service requirements for general obligation bonds and refunding bonds are as follows:

<u>Year Ended August 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Requirements</u>
2025	\$ 7,594,085	\$ 12,459,100	\$ 20,053,185
2026	7,680,000	10,187,706	17,867,706
2027	7,995,000	9,871,606	17,866,606
2028	8,285,000	9,580,956	17,865,956
2029	8,399,394	9,438,113	17,837,507
2030-2034	43,625,000	41,093,306	84,718,306
2035-2039	47,340,000	32,138,563	79,478,563
2040-2044	44,900,000	22,411,388	67,311,388
2045-2049	40,670,000	14,339,988	55,009,988
2050-2054	44,815,000	5,256,488	50,071,488
Total	<u>\$ 261,303,479</u>	<u>\$ 166,777,214</u>	<u>\$ 428,080,693</u>

On August 23, 2023, the District deposited \$3,996,335 of its existing resources with an escrow agent in trust for the defeasance of \$3,860,000 of bonds from its Unlimited Tax School Refunding Bonds, Series 2015, of which \$585,000 mature August 15, 2032, and \$3,275,000 mature on August 15, 2033. By placing the funds in trust with the escrow agent the District looks to exercise the call dates of August 15, 2025. Total debt service to maturity of the bonds amounts to \$5,380,600 and total debt service to the call date amounts to \$4,168,800, for a total cash flow savings to the District of \$1,384,265. As a result, those portions of the bonds refunded were considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the District's long-term debt account group.

On August 20, 2024, the District deposited \$1,361,481 of its existing resources with an escrow agent in trust for the defeasance of \$1,340,000 of bonds from its Unlimited Tax School Refunding Bonds, Series 2015 that mature August 15, 2032. By placing the funds in trust with the escrow agent the District looks to exercise the call date of August 15, 2025. Total debt service to maturity of the bonds amounts to \$1,768,800 and total debt service to the call date amounts to \$1,393,600, for a total cash flow savings to the District of \$375,200. As a result, those portions of the bonds refunded were considered defeased and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the District's long-term debt account group.

H. SUBSCRIPTION AND RIGHT-TO-USE LEASE LIABILITIES PAYABLE

Subscription Liabilities

The District utilizes a subscription based service with an agreement having a 3-year term. Payments of \$105,718 are made annually which consist of principal and imputed annual interest of 3.00%. No assets were pledged as collateral for this agreement.

A summary of subscription based asset liabilities payable for the year ended August 31, 2024 is as follows:

Description	Discount Rate	Original Term Liability	Current Year Interest	Principal Balance at 9/1/2023	New SBITA Agreement	Principal Paid This Year	Principal Balance at 8/31/2024	Principal Due Within One Year
Edmentum, 2024	3.00%	\$ 421,291	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,291	\$ 105,717	\$ 315,574	\$ 104,929
Totals			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,291	\$ 105,717	\$ 315,574	\$ 104,929

Future principal and interest payments due to maturity as of the end of the fiscal year are as follows:

Due fiscal year ended August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 104,929	\$ 789	\$ 105,718
2026	105,191	527	105,718
2027	105,454	264	105,718
Total	\$ 315,574	\$ 1,580	\$ 317,154

Right-to-Use Lease Liabilities

The District leases photocopy machines with an agreement having a 5-year term. Payments of \$5,540 are made monthly which consist of principal and imputed annual interest of 3.00%. No assets were pledged as collateral for this lease.

The District leases a warehouse under an agreement having a 3-year term. Payments of \$5,086 are made monthly which consist of principal and imputed annual interest of 3.00%. No assets were pledged as collateral for this lease.

A summary of right-to-use lease arrangements for the year ended August 31, 2024 is as follows:

Description	Discount Rate	Original Lease Liability	Current Year Interest	Principal Balance at 9/1/2023	New Lease Agreement	Principal Paid This Year	Principal Balance at 8/31/2024	Principal Due Within One Year
Toshiba Lease, 2019	3.00%	\$ 185,894	\$ 904	\$ 60,033	\$ -	\$ 60,033	\$ -	\$ -
Warehouse Lease, 2022	3.00%	175,318	2,753	118,325	-	58,277	60,048	60,048
Totals			\$ 3,657	\$ 178,358	\$ -	\$ 118,310	\$ 60,048	\$ 60,048

Future principal and interest payments due to maturity as of the end of the fiscal year are as follows:

Due fiscal year ended August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 60,048	\$ 980	\$ 61,028
2026	-	-	-
Total	\$ 60,048	\$ 980	\$ 61,028

I. CHANGES IN LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended August 31, 2024:

	Amount Outstanding 9/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Amount Outstanding 8/31/2024	Due Within One Year
Bonds Payable	\$ 172,525,425	\$ 96,771,752	\$ 7,855,000	\$ 261,442,177	\$ 7,594,085
Add/(Less)					
Deferred Amounts:					
Net Issuance					
Premiums/Discounts	7,745,770	3,653,799	811,487	10,588,082	-
Total Bonds Payable	\$ 180,271,195	\$ 100,425,551	\$ 8,666,487	\$ 272,030,259	\$ 7,594,085
Right to use lease liabilities	178,358	-	118,310	60,048	60,048
Right to use subscription liabilities	-	421,291	105,717	315,574	104,929
Compensated Absences	1,890,151	2,496,260	1,890,151	2,496,260	2,496,260
Totals	\$ 182,339,704	\$ 103,343,102	\$ 10,780,665	\$ 274,902,141	\$ 10,255,322

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the general obligation bond indentures. Management has indicated that the District is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions at August 31, 2024.

J. ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS

The State of Texas has created a minimum personal leave program consisting of five days per year leave with no limit on accumulation and transferability among districts for every teacher regularly employed in Texas public schools.

Each district's local Board of Education is required to establish a leave plan. Local school districts may provide additional leave beyond the state minimum. The District provides an additional five days per year leave above the state granted five days per year for all full-time contract employees on contracts for 187 days or more. Local leave is vested and is payable at \$104 per day up to a maximum of 100 days for contract employees and \$94 per day up to a maximum of 100 days for non-contract employees. State leave is paid only to employees who have been with the District for ten years. It is payable at \$52 per day up to a maximum of \$3,000 for contract employees and \$47 per day up to a maximum of \$1,500 for non-contract employees. The rate per day is approved by the Board based on the degreed sub rate for contract employees and the regular paraprofessional sub rate for non-contract employees.

K. DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN

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

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

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

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

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

Contributions. Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, Section 67 of the Texas Constitution which requires the Texas Legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6 percent of the member's annual compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6 percent and not more than 10 percent 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 thru 2025.

The following table shows contribution rates by type of contributor for the fiscal years 2023 and 2024 and the contributions by type of contributions reported by TRS which were received by TRS during the TRS measurement year (FY 2023). The reported contributions from the member and the employers are included in the calculation of the district's proportionate share of the net pension liability.

Contributions Rates		
	2023	2024
Member	8.00%	8.25%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	8.00%	8.25%
Employers	8.00%	8.25%
District's Measurement Year Employer Contributions		\$ 2,805,956
District's Measurement Year Member Contributions		\$ 2,453,378
District's Measurement Year NECE (State) Contributions		\$ 4,059,883

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, the State of Texas contributes to the retirement system an amount equal to the current employer contribution rate times the aggregate annual compensation of all participating members of the pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers, including public schools are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

- * On the portion of the member's salary that exceeds the statutory minimum for members entitled to the statutory minimum under Section 21.402 of the Texas Education Code.
- * During a new member's first 90 days of employment.
- * When any part, or all, of an employee's salary is paid by federal funding sources or a privately sponsored source, from non-educational and general, or local funds.

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 1.80 percent of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2023, gradually increasing to 2 percent in fiscal year 2025.
- * When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

Actuarial Assumptions.

Roll Forward. The actuarial valuation was performed as of August 31, 2022. Update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to August 31, 2023:

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 Rate	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2023	4.13%. 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."
Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period (100 years)	2122
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95% including inflation
Ad-Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability assumptions 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.

Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 7.00 percent 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 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the 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 percent of payroll in fiscal year 2024 increasing to 9.56 percent 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.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00 percent. The long-term expected rate of return on pension 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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation %**	Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return***	Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
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%
Stable Value			
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%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.00%	4.90%	1.10%
Energy, Natural Resources & Commodities	6.00%	4.80%	0.40%
	0.00%	4.40%	0.00%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	8.00%	4.50%	0.40%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2.00%	3.70%	0.00%
Asset Allocation Leverage	-6.00%	4.40%	-0.10%
Inflation Expectation			2.30%
Volatility Drag****			-0.90%
Expected Return	100%		8.00%

* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments.

** Target allocations are based on the FY2023 policy model.

*** Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 06/30/2023).

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

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis. The following table presents the Net Pension Liability of the plan using the discount rate of 7.00 percent, and what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.00 percent) 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:	\$56,059,671	\$37,496,718	\$22,061,614

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 \$37,496,718 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided 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	\$ 37,496,718
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	54,253,275
Total	<u>\$ 91,749,993</u>

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 employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer's contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023 the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.0545880432% which was an increase of 0.0041374792% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2022.

Changes In Actuarial Assumptions 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.

Changes in Benefits - 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 \$8,191,775 and revenue of \$8,191,775 for support provided by the State in the Government Wide Statement of Activities.

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: (The amounts shown below will be the cumulative layers from the current and prior years combined.)

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual actuarial experience	\$ 1,336,021	\$ 454,044
Changes in actuarial assumptions	3,546,455	867,898
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	5,456,683	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	2,200,712	1,946,780
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	3,124,509	-
Total	\$ 15,664,380	\$ 3,268,722

The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows (not including the deferred contribution paid subsequent to the measurement date) of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Measurement year ended August 31:	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ 1,540,873
2025	916,222
2026	4,716,823
2027	1,735,252
2028	361,979
Thereafter	-

L. DEFINED OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

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

The TRS Board of Trustees administers the TRS-Care program and the related fund in accordance with the 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, and procedures reasonably necessary to administer the program, including minimum benefits and financing standards.

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

Components of the net OPEB liability of the TRS-Care plan as of August 31, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Net OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 26,028,070,267
Less: Plan fiduciary net position	(3,889,765,203)
Net OPEB liability	<u>\$ 22,138,305,064</u>
Net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability	14.94%

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 COLAs.

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

TRS-Care Monthly Premium Rates

	<u>Medicare</u>	<u>Non-Medicare</u>
Retiree*	\$ 135	\$ 200
Retiree and Spouse	529	689
Retiree* and Children	468	408
Retiree and Family	1,020	999

*or surviving spouse

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

Texas Insurance Code, section 1575.202 establishes the state's contribution rate which is 1.25 percent of the employee's salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee's rate which is .75 percent of pay. Section 1575.204 establishes an employer contribution rate of not less than 0.25 percent or not more than 0.75 percent of the salary of each active employee of the public school. The actual employer contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

	<u>Contributions Rates</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Active Employee	0.65%	0.65%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	1.25%	1.25%
Employers	0.75%	0.75%
Federal/private Funding Remitted by Employers	1.25%	1.25%
District's Measurement Year Employer Contributions		\$ 620,194
District's Measurement Year Member Contributions		\$ 198,374
District's Measurement Year NECE (State) Contributions		\$ 748,359

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

TRS-Care received supplemental appropriations from the State of Texas as the non-employer contributing entity in the amount of \$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.

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 updated based on 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	Expected Payroll Growth
Rates of Disability Incidence	

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.
Salary Increases	2.95% to 8.95% including inflation
Ad-Hoc Post-Employment Benefit Changes	None

Discount Rate. A single discount rate of 4.13 percent was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This was an increase of 0.22 percent in the discount rate since the previous year. The Discount Rate can be found in the 2023 TRS ACFR on page 80. 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.

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability:

Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis. The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1 percentage point lower than and 1 percentage point 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:	\$18,641,618	\$15,827,601	\$13,531,296

Healthcare Cost Trend Rates Sensitivity Analysis. The following schedule shows the impact of the OPEB liability if healthcare trend rate that 1 percentage point less than and 1 percentage point greater than the health trend rates assumed.

	1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability:	\$13,033,237	\$15,827,601	\$19,422,559

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 \$15,827,601 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	\$ 15,827,601
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	19,098,433
Total	<u>\$ 34,926,034</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 employer's proportion of the Net OPEB Liability was based on the employer's contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the contributions of all employers to the plan for the period September 1, 2022 thru August 31, 2023.

At August 31, 2023 the employer's proportion of the collective Net OPEB Liability was 0.0714941851% compared to 0.0664954161% as of August 31, 2022.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions 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: These can be found in the 2023 TRS ACFR on page 80.

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

Changes in Benefit Terms: There were no changes in benefit terms since the prior measurement date.

For the year ended August 31, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$4,082,842 and revenue of \$4,082,842 support provided by the State.

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	\$ 716,079	\$ 13,315,928
Changes in actuarial assumptions	2,160,352	9,691,660
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	6,839	-
Changes in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	3,581,737	3,288,552
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date (To be calculated by employer)	658,915	-
Total	\$ 7,123,922	\$ 26,296,140

The net amounts of the employer's balances of deferred outflows and inflows (not including the deferred contribution paid subsequent to the measurement date) of resources related to OPEBs will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended August 31:	OPEB Expense Amount	Balance of Deferred Outflows (Deferred Inflows)
2025	\$ (4,445,381)	\$ (15,385,752)
2026	(3,719,448)	(11,666,304)
2027	(2,736,648)	(8,929,656)
2028	(3,311,459)	(5,618,197)
2029	(2,682,803)	(2,935,394)
Thereafter	(2,935,394)	-

M. MEDICARE PART D - ON BEHALF PAYMENTS

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 drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. Payments made on behalf of the District for fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024 were \$265,076, \$378,956, and \$450,646, respectively.

N. LITIGATION

The District is occasionally involved in litigation in the general course of business. Attorneys for the District indicate that there was none pending at year end.

O. HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

During the year ended August 31, 2024, employees of the District had the option of choosing between three health insurance plans. The employees were eligible to receive up to \$335 supplemental assistance per month from the District and \$75 from the State to purchase health insurance coverage. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents.

P. SIGNIFICANT COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District participates in numerous state and Federal 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, if any, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at August 31, 2024 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 combined financial statements for such contingencies.

As of August 31, 2024, the District has contractual commitments for construction in progress of \$86,257,116 which will be provided for during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

Q. UNAVAILABLE/UNEARNED REVENUE

Unearned revenue at year end consisted of the following:

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Funds	Total
State Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,202	\$ 35,202
Federal Revenue	-	-	1,272,979	1,272,979
Other	175,000	-	109,290	284,290
Total Unearned Revenue	<u>\$ 175,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,471</u>	<u>\$ 1,592,471</u>

R. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The District participates in a variety of federal and state programs from which it receives grants to finance certain activities partially or fully. In addition, the District receives entitlements from the State through the School Foundation and Per Capita Programs. Amounts due from federal and state governments as of August 31, 2024, are summarized below. All federal grants shown below are passed through the TEA and are reported on the combined financial statements as Due from State Agencies.

Fund	State Entitlements	Federal Grants	Other	Total
General Fund	\$ 8,968,678	\$ -	\$ 46,978	\$ 9,015,656
Debt Service Fund	155,078	-	-	155,078
Other Funds	1,088,908	5,342,297	118,822	6,550,027
Total	<u>\$ 10,212,664</u>	<u>\$ 5,342,297</u>	<u>\$ 165,800</u>	<u>\$ 15,720,761</u>

S. REVENUE FROM LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE SOURCES

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

	General Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Funds	Other Funds
Property Taxes	\$ 48,436,138	\$ 15,267,563	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties, Interest and Other Tax-related Income	592,281	148,672	-	-
Shared Services	-	-	-	18,244
Tuition and Fees	132,350	-	-	-
Investment Income	2,118,496	952,853	4,856,065	110,979
Rent	17,089	-	-	-
Gifts and Bequests	-	-	-	200,835
Food Sales	-	-	-	462,337
Extracurricular Student Activities	198,463	-	-	-
Enterprising Activities	4,623	-	-	795,860
Other	625,611	1,147	-	887,714
Total	<u>\$ 52,125,051</u>	<u>\$ 16,370,235</u>	<u>\$ 4,856,065</u>	<u>\$ 2,475,969</u>

T. GENERAL FUND FEDERAL SOURCES REVENUE

Program or Source	CFDA Number	Amount
School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Program	93.778	\$ 276,475
ROTC	12.000	88,877
Indirect Costs:		
206 ESSA Title IX, Part A Homeless Children Education	84.196A	163
211 ESEA, Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs	84.010A	78,341
255 ESEA, Title II, Part A, Supporting Effective Instruction	84.367A	10,032
263 ESEA, Title II, Part A - English Language Acquisition	84.365A	3,985
289 ESEA, Title IV, Part A, Subpart 1	84.424A	5,536
281 ESSER II	84.425D	(566,120)
282 ESSER III	84.425U	118,001
Total:		<u>\$ 15,290</u>

Indirect cost revenues were determined by applying approved indirect cost rates to actual applicable expenditures of federally funded grant programs.

U. SHARED SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS

Shared Services Arrangement - Membership

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

Member Districts

Alamo Heights ISD
Fort Sam Houston ISD
Floresville ISD
Randolph ISD
Lavernia ISD
Stockdale ISD
San Antonio ISD
Poth ISD
Judson ISD

Falls City ISD

Schertz Cibolo Universal 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, school name, 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.

V. WORKERS' COMPENSATION POOL

During the year ended August 31, 2024, The District met its statutory workers' compensation obligations through participation in the TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund). The Fund was created and is operated under the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code. The Fund's Workers' Compensation Program is authorized by Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code. All members participating in the Fund execute Interlocal Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The Fund provides statutory workers' compensation benefits to its members' injured employees.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher-than-expected claims costs through the purchase of stop-loss coverage for any claim in excess of the Fund's self-insured retention of \$2 million. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine reserve adequacy and fully funds those reserves. As of August 31, 2023, the Fund carries a discounted reserve of \$48,919,036 for future development on reported claims and claims that have been incurred but not yet reported. For the year-ended August 31, 2024, the Fund anticipates no additional liability to members beyond their contractual obligations for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial audit after the close of each year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2023, are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

W. AUTO, LIABILITY, AND/OR PROPERTY PROGRAMS

During the year ended August 31, 2024, The District participated in the following TASB Risk Management Fund (the Fund) programs:

Auto Liability

Auto Physical Damage

Privacy & Information Security

Property

School Liability

Cyber Security

The Fund was created and is operated under the provision 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 purchases stop-loss coverage for protection against catastrophic and larger than anticipated claims for its Auto, Liability, and Property programs. The terms and limits of the stop-loss program vary by line of coverage. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to determine the adequacy of reserves and fully funds those reserves. For the year ended August 31, 2024, the Fund anticipates that the District has no additional liability beyond the contractual obligations for payment of contributions.

The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial audit after the close of each year on August 31. The audit is accepted by the Fund's Board of Trustees in February of the following year. The Fund's audited financial statements as of August 31, 2023, are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

X. EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS

During the year, the District received insurance proceeds in the amount of \$5,550,522 from their insurance provider to cover hail damage sustained to the District's property. Since the hail damage is considered a natural event that is both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence, and thus an extraordinary item for financial statement reporting purposes, there is no impairment gain or loss to be reported per GASB No. 42, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries, because the impairment is considered insignificant and temporary in nature.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

Data Control Codes	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (GAAP BASIS)	Variance With Final Budget Positive or (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 53,641,673	\$ 52,249,842	\$ 52,125,051	\$ (124,791)
5800 State Program Revenues	51,465,255	51,621,476	56,204,458	4,582,982
5900 Federal Program Revenues	2,120,000	715,352	15,290	(700,062)
5020 Total Revenues	107,226,928	104,586,670	108,344,799	3,758,129
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	64,000,861	66,900,861	66,898,795	2,066
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	1,153,298	1,153,298	1,133,599	19,699
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	2,763,366	2,663,366	2,404,641	258,725
0021 Instructional Leadership	2,270,234	2,270,234	2,268,990	1,244
0023 School Leadership	6,329,159	6,379,159	6,350,191	28,968
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	3,718,723	3,718,723	3,718,024	699
0032 Social Work Services	831,110	841,110	838,177	2,933
0033 Health Services	1,171,021	1,171,021	1,135,148	35,873
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	6,249,555	6,249,555	5,732,195	517,360
0035 Food Services	171,525	171,525	147,842	23,683
0036 Extracurricular Activities	2,471,009	2,471,009	2,274,584	196,425
0041 General Administration	4,309,719	4,309,719	4,052,414	257,305
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	11,501,439	11,501,439	11,427,034	74,405
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,960,652	2,100,652	2,043,525	57,127
0053 Data Processing Services	1,991,932	1,991,932	1,860,583	131,349
0061 Community Services	31,670	31,670	13,725	17,945
Debt Service:				
0071 Principal on Long-Term Liabilities	205,000	205,000	224,027	(19,027)
0072 Interest on Long-Term Liabilities	-	-	3,657	(3,657)
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	500,000	4,777,451	3,337,692	1,439,759
Intergovernmental:				
0095 Payments to Juvenile Justice Alternative Ed. Prg.	25,000	25,000	3,260	21,740
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	487,100	487,100	331,832	155,268
6030 Total Expenditures	112,142,373	119,419,824	116,199,935	3,219,889
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(4,915,445)	(14,833,154)	(7,855,136)	6,978,018
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	35,000	35,000	40,150	5,150
7913 Right-to-Use Lease and SBITA Proceeds	-	-	421,291	421,291
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	35,000	35,000	461,441	426,441
EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS:				
7919 Extraordinary Item - Resource	-	5,564,000	5,550,522	(13,478)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	(4,880,445)	(9,234,154)	(1,843,173)	7,390,981
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	29,355,351	29,355,351	29,355,351	-
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 24,474,906	\$ 20,121,197	\$ 27,512,178	\$ 7,390,981

EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	FY 2024 Plan Year 2023	FY 2023 Plan Year 2022	FY 2022 Plan Year 2021
District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	0.054588043%	0.050450564%	0.048234561%
District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 37,496,718	\$ 29,951,202	\$ 12,283,636
State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	54,253,275	45,132,117	18,518,293
Total	<u>\$ 91,749,993</u>	<u>\$ 75,083,319</u>	<u>\$ 30,801,929</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 74,311,013	\$ 65,758,699	\$ 61,801,420
District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	50.46%	45.55%	19.88%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	73.15%	75.62%	88.79%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P20.183 requires that the information on this schedule be data from the period corresponding with the periods covered as of the measurement dates of August 31, 2023 for year 2024, August 31, 2022 for year 2023, August 31, 2021 for year 2022, August 31, 2020 for year 2021, August 31, 2019 for year 2020, August 31, 2018 for year 2019, August 31, 2017 for year 2018, August 31, 2016 for year 2017, August 31, 2015 for year 2016 and August 31, 2014 for year 2015.

<u>FY 2021</u> <u>Plan Year 2020</u>	<u>FY 2020</u> <u>Plan Year 2019</u>	<u>FY 2019</u> <u>Plan Year 2018</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Plan Year 2017</u>	<u>FY 2017</u> <u>Plan Year 2016</u>	<u>FY 2016</u> <u>Plan Year 2015</u>	<u>FY 2015</u> <u>Plan Year 2014</u>
0.050762437%	0.057130404%	0.061025449%	0.060513336%	0.0594524%	0.0615537%	0.043314%
\$ 27,187,325	\$ 29,698,170	\$ 33,589,888	\$ 19,348,905	\$ 22,466,163	\$ 21,758,414	\$ 11,569,768
43,472,915	40,978,677	45,620,424	27,221,661	57,010,448	30,376,516	25,882,493
<u>\$ 70,660,240</u>	<u>\$ 70,676,847</u>	<u>\$ 79,210,312</u>	<u>\$ 46,570,566</u>	<u>\$ 79,476,611</u>	<u>\$ 52,134,930</u>	<u>\$ 37,452,261</u>
\$ 62,854,368	\$ 61,270,179	\$ 61,732,337	\$ 59,887,665	\$ 57,010,448	\$ 54,540,242	\$ 51,814,739
43.25%	48.47%	54.41%	32.31%	39.41%	38.89%	22.33%
75.54%	75.24%	73.74%	82.17%	78.00%	78.43%	83.25%

EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PENSIONS
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024	2023	2022
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 3,124,509	\$ 2,802,844	\$ 2,355,598
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(3,124,509)	(2,802,844)	(2,355,598)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 80,249,532	\$ 74,311,013	\$ 65,758,699
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	3.89%	3.77%	3.58%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P20.183 requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's respective fiscal years as opposed to the time periods covered by the measurement dates ending August 31 of the preceding year.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$	2,068,756	\$ 2,090,882	\$ 1,993,178	\$ 2,046,093	\$ 1,983,273	\$ 1,888,952	\$ 1,822,631
	(2,068,756)	(2,090,882)	(1,993,178)	(2,046,093)	(1,983,273)	(1,888,952)	(1,822,631)
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	61,801,420	\$ 62,854,368	\$ 61,270,179	\$ 61,732,337	\$ 59,887,665	\$ 57,010,448	\$ 54,540,242
	3.35%	3.33%	3.25%	3.31%	3.31%	3.31%	3.34%

EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	FY 2024 Plan Year 2023	FY 2023 Plan Year 2022	FY 2022 Plan Year 2021
District's Proportion of the Net Liability (Asset) for Other Postemployment Benefits	0.071494185%	0.066495416%	0.065941644%
District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	\$ 15,827,601	\$ 15,921,666	\$ 25,436,639
State's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) Associated with the District	19,098,433	19,421,931	34,079,427
Total	<u>\$ 34,926,034</u>	<u>\$ 35,343,597</u>	<u>\$ 59,516,066</u>
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 74,311,013	\$ 65,758,699	\$ 61,801,420
District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	21.30%	24.21%	41.16%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability	14.94%	11.52%	6.18%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P50.238 states that the information on this schedule should be determined as of the measurement date. The amounts for FY 2024 are for the measurement date of August 31, 2023. The amounts for FY 2023 are for the measurement date of August 31, 2022. The amounts reported for FY 2022 are for measurement date August 31, 2021. The amounts reported for FY 2021 are for the measurement date of August 31, 2020. The amounts for FY 2020 are for the measurement date August 31, 2019. The amounts for FY 2019 are for the measurement date August 31, 2018. The amounts for FY 2018 are based on the August 31, 2017 measurement

This schedule shows only the years for which this information is available. Additional information will be added until 10 years of data are available and reported.

<u>FY 2021</u>	<u>FY 2020</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>	<u>FY 2018</u>
<u>Plan Year 2020</u>	<u>Plan Year 2019</u>	<u>Plan Year 2018</u>	<u>Plan Year 2017</u>
0.068267013%	0.072503056%	0.075504626%	0.071390499%
\$ 25,951,375	\$ 34,287,583	\$ 37,700,151	\$ 31,045,050
34,872,427	45,560,529	51,923,904	46,343,649
<u>\$ 60,823,802</u>	<u>\$ 79,848,112</u>	<u>\$ 89,624,055</u>	<u>\$ 77,388,699</u>
\$ 62,854,368	\$ 61,270,179	\$ 61,732,337	\$ 59,887,665
41.29%	55.96%	61.07%	51.84%
4.99%	2.66%	1.57%	0.91%

EAST CENTRAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)
TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF TEXAS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024	2023	2022
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 658,915	\$ 617,441	\$ 545,641
Contribution in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(658,915)	(617,441)	(545,641)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's Covered Payroll	\$ 80,249,532	\$ 74,311,013	\$ 65,758,699
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0.82%	0.83%	0.83%

Note: GASB Codification, Vol. 2, P50.238 requires that the data in this schedule be presented as of the District's respective fiscal years as opposed to the time periods covered by the measurement dates ending August 31 of the preceding year.

Information in this schedule should be provided only for the years where data is available. Eventually 10 years of data should be presented.

	2021	2020	2019	2018
\$	511,748	\$ 519,262	\$ 515,278	\$ 519,056
	(511,748)	(519,262)	(515,278)	(519,056)
\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
\$	61,801,420	\$ 62,854,368	\$ 61,270,179	\$ 61,732,337
	0.83%	0.83%	0.84%	0.84%

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

A. Notes to Schedules for the TRS Pension

Changes of Benefit terms.

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 January 2024. Therefore, this contingent liability was not reflected as of August 31, 2023.

Changes of Assumptions.

There were no changes in assumptions.

B. Notes to Schedules for the TRS OPEB Plan

Changes in Benefit.

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

Changes in Assumptions.

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 percent as of August 31, 2022 to 4.13 percent as of August 31, 2023. This change decreased the total OPEB liability