

(See "Continuing Disclosure of Information" herein)

NEW ISSUE BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

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(See "RATINGS" and "APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" herein)

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Dated: August 6, 2024

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

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

(A political subdivision of the State of Texas located in Johnson County, Texas)

\$101,060,000*

Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

Dated Date: September 1, 2024

Due: August 15, as shown on inside cover

Interest to accrue from Delivery Date (defined herein)

The Joshua Independent School District (the "District" or "Issuer") is issuing its \$101,060,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") under this Official Statement. The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended, Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held within the District on May 4, 2024, and an order adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on July 15, 2024 (the "Bond Order") in which the Board delegated pricing of the Bonds and certain other matters to a "Pricing Officer" who will approve and execute a "Pricing Certificate" which will contain the final terms of sale and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the "Order"). The Bonds are payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of an ad valorem tax levied annually, without legal limitation as to rate or amount, against all taxable property located within the District. The District has received conditional approval for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee Program of the State of Texas (hereinafter defined) which guarantee will automatically become effective when the Attorney General of Texas approves the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Permanent School Fund Guarantee for the Bonds" and APPENDIX E - "THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM").

Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the Delivery Date (defined herein) and will be payable semiannually on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2025, until stated maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. Interest accruing on the Bonds will be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. (See "THE BONDS- General Description").

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry form only and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository (the "Securities Depository"). Purchasers of the Bonds ("Beneficial Owners") will not receive physical delivery of certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. So long as DTC or its nominee is the registered owner of the Bonds, the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such payments to its participants, which will in turn remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein).

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar shall be U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Dallas, Texas (see "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE – Paying Agent/Registrar" herein).

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition and equipment of a new elementary school and the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of Nichols Middle School; (ii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua High School kitchen and cafeteria; (iii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua ISD Career and Technical Education facility; and (iv) making district-wide safety and security improvements and HVAC and paving improvements; and (v) payment of costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. (See "THE BONDS – Authorization and Purpose").

The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2034, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2033, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. (See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.) If two or more consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds are grouped into a single maturity (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriters, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with applicable provisions of the Order and will be described in the final Official Statement.

**STATED MATURITY SCHEDULE
(On Inside Cover)**

The Bonds are offered for delivery when, as and if received by the underwriters (the "Underwriters") listed below and subject to the approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas and the legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about September 12, 2024 (the "Delivery Date").

**BOK Financial Securities, Inc.
Frost Bank**

**Stephens Inc.
SAMCO Capital**

*Preliminary; subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

\$101,060,000
JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024

MATURITY SCHEDULE
CUSIP Base Number: 481052 ⁽⁴⁾

<u>Stated Maturity (August 15)</u>	<u>Principal Amount *</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Initial Yield (%)</u>	<u>CUSIP Suffix⁽¹⁾</u>
2025	\$ 2,270,000			
2026	2,240,000			
2027	2,355,000			
2028	2,470,000			
2029	2,595,000			
2030	2,725,000			
2031	2,860,000			
2032	3,000,000			
2033	3,155,000			
2034	3,310,000			
2035	3,475,000			
2036	3,650,000			
2037	3,830,000			
2038	4,025,000			
2039	4,225,000			
2040	4,435,000			
2041	4,660,000			
2042	4,890,000			
2043	5,135,000			
2044	5,390,000			
2045	5,605,000			
2046	5,830,000			
2047	6,065,000			
2048	6,305,000			
2049	6,560,000			

(Interest to accrue from the Delivery Date)

- ⁽¹⁾ CUSIP is a registered trademark of the American Bankers Association. CUSIP data is provided by CUSIP Global Services, managed by FactSet Research Systems Inc. on behalf of the American Bankers Association. This data is not intended to create a database and does not serve in any way as a substitute for the CUSIP services. None of the District, its Financial Advisor or the Purchaser are responsible for the selection or correctness of the CUSIP numbers set forth herein.
- ⁽²⁾ The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2034, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2033, or any date thereafter, at the par value thereof plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. (See "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.) If two or more consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds are grouped into a single maturity (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriters, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with applicable provisions of the Order and will be described in the final Official Statement.

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Joshua, Texas 76058-0040
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
Ronnie Galbreath, President	2026	Retired
Myra Pruitt, Vice President	2025	Homemaker
Kevin Lee, Secretary	2025	Bank President
Ryan Watson	2027	Retail
Cody Lee	2027	Realtor
Huntter Byrd	2025	Construction Sales
Nini Wilson	2026	Retired

CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Service With District</u>	<u>Total Years of Service</u>
Corey Hickerson	Superintendent	4 Years	15Years
Rebecca Metzger	Chief Financial Officer	11 Years	22 Years

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USE OF INFORMATION IN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12"), this document constitutes an Official Statement with respect to the Bonds that has been deemed "final" by the District as of the date hereof except for the omission of no more than the information permitted by Rule 15c2-12.

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

This Official Statement is not to be used in connection with an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy in any state in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

The 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.

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 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 "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM – PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the undertakings of the Texas Education Agency (the "TEA") and the District, respectively, to provide certain information on a continuing basis.

The cover page contains certain information for general reference only and is not intended as a summary of this offering. Investors should read the entire Official Statement, including all appendices attached hereto, to obtain information essential to making an informed investment decision. This Official Statement includes descriptions and summaries of certain events, matters and documents. Such descriptions and summaries do not purport to be complete and all such descriptions, summaries and references thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to this Official Statement in its entirety and to each such document, copies of which may be obtained from the Financial Advisor. Any statements made in this Official Statement or the appendices hereto involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of such opinions or estimates will be realized.

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 purchaser of the Bonds. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE ENTIRE OFFICIAL STATEMENT, INCLUDING ALL APPENDICES ATTACHED HERETO, TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO MAKING AN INFORMED INVESTMENT DECISION.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, IN RELIANCE UPON THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED THEREUNDER BY SECTION 3(a)(2) OF SUCH ACT. THE REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES LAW OF THE STATES IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED AND THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION IN OTHER STATES CANNOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF.

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

THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONTAINS "FORWARD-LOOKING" STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 21E OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED. SUCH STATEMENTS MAY INVOLVE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE THE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE DIFFERENT FROM THE FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE AND ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INVESTORS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE ACTUAL RESULTS COULD DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE SET FORTH IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. SEE "FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS" HEREIN.

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

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The cover page, subsequent pages hereof and the appendices attached hereto are part of this Official Statement.

SELECTED DATA FROM THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

The District	Joshua Independent School District (the “District”) is a political subdivision located in Johnson County, Texas. The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees (the “Board”). Policy-making and supervisory functions are the responsibility of, and are vested in, the Board. The Board delegates administrative responsibilities to the Superintendent of Schools who is the chief administrative officer of the District. Support services are supplied by consultants and advisors.
The Bonds	The \$101,060,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the “Bonds”) are being issued in accordance with the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas (the “State”), particularly Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended, Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, an election held within the District on May 4, 2024 and an order adopted by the Board on July 15, 2024 (the “Bond Order”) in which the Board delegated pricing of the Bonds and certain other matters to a “Pricing Officer” who will approve and execute a “Pricing Certificate” which will contain the final terms of sale and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the “Order”). (See “THE BONDS – Authorization and Purpose” herein.) –
Use of Bond Proceeds	Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition and equipment of a new elementary school and the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of Nichols Middle School; (ii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua High School kitchen and cafeteria; (iii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua ISD Career and Technical Education facility; (iv) making district-wide safety and security improvements and HVAC and paving improvements; and (v) payment of costs related to the issuance of the Bonds. (See “THE BONDS – Authorization and Purpose”).
Paying Agent/Registrar	The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Dallas, Texas. The District intends to use the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company. (See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.)
Security / Permanent School Fund Guarantee	The Bonds will constitute direct and voted obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from ad valorem taxes levied annually against all taxable property located within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. Additionally, the District has received conditional approval for the payment of the Bonds to be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State. (See “APPENDIX E – THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”). Also see “STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS” and “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM.”
Ratings	S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) has assigned their municipal rating of “____” to the Bonds based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. S&P generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas “AAA”. S&P has assigned an underlying, unenhanced rating of “____” to the Bonds. (See “RATINGS” and “APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM”).
Redemption Provisions	The Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2034, are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity at the option of the District on August 15, 2033, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest. If two or more consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds are grouped into a single maturity (the “Term Bonds”) by the Underwriters, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with applicable provisions of the Order and will be described in the final Official Statement. (See “THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions” herein.)
Tax Exemption	In the opinion of Bond Counsel for the District, interest on the Bonds is 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 (See “TAX MATTERS” and “APPENDIX C – Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel” herein).
Payment Record	The District has never defaulted with respect to the payment of its bonds.
Legal Opinion	McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel.
Delivery	When issued on or about September 12, 2024.

INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

This Official Statement, including Appendices A, B and D, have been prepared by the Joshua Independent School District, in Johnson County, Texas (the "District"), in connection with the offering by the District of its \$101,060,000* Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 (the "Bonds") identified on the cover page hereof.

All financial and other information presented in this Preliminary Official Statement has been provided by the District from its records, except for information attributed to other sources. The presentation of information, including tables of receipts from taxes and other sources, is intended to show recent historic information, and is not intended to indicate future or continuing trends in the financial position or other affairs of the District. No representation is made that past experience, as is shown by that financial and other information, will necessarily continue or be repeated in the future. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM - PSF Continuing Disclosure Undertaking" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" for a description of the undertakings of the TEA and the District, respectively, to provide certain information on a continuing basis).

THE BONDS

Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and general laws of the State of Texas, particularly Sections 45.001 and 45.003(b)(1), Texas Education Code, as amended, Chapter 1371, Texas Government Code, as amended, an election held in the District on May 4, 2024 (the "Election"), and an order (the "Bond Order") adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") on July 15, 2024 in which the Board delegated pricing of the Bonds and certain other matters to a "Pricing Officer" who will approve and execute a "Pricing Certificate" which will contain the final terms of sale and will complete the sale of the Bonds (the Bond Order and the Pricing Certificate are jointly referred to as the "Order").

Proceeds from the sale of the Bonds will be used for (i) the construction, acquisition and equipment of a new elementary school and the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of Nichols Middle School; (ii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua High School kitchen and cafeteria; (iii) the improvement, expansion, renovation and equipment of the Joshua ISD Career and Technical Education facility; and (iv) making district-wide safety and security improvements and HVAC and paving improvements; and (v) payment of costs related to the issuance of the Bonds.

General Description

The Bonds will be dated September 1, 2024. The Bonds are to mature on the dates and in the principal amounts shown on page ii hereof. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered obligations in principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a maturity. Interest on the Bonds will accrue from the date of initial delivery to the initial purchasers thereof (the "Delivery Date") and will be payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 of each year, commencing February 15, 2025, until stated maturity or prior redemption.

Interest on the Bonds is payable by check mailed on each February 15 and August 15 by the Paying Agent/Registrar, which initially is U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Dallas, Texas, to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books on the Record Date (as defined below) or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar and the registered owner to whom interest is to be paid, provided, however, that such person shall bear all risk and expense of such other arrangements. The record date (the "Record Date") for the interest payable on any interest payment date is the last business day of the month next preceding such interest payment date (see "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE - Record Date for Interest Payment" herein). Principal of the Bonds will be payable only upon presentation of such Bonds at the designated corporate trust office of the Paying Agent/Registrar at maturity or prior redemption, provided however, that so long as the Bonds are registered in the name of CEDE & CO. or other nominee for The Depository Trust Company, payments of principal and of interest on the Bonds will be made as described in "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

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

Redemption Provisions

The Bonds maturing on and after August 15, 2034 are subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity at the option of the District on August 15, 2033, or any date thereafter, in whole or in part, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof (and, if within a stated maturity, selected at random and by lot by the Paying Agent/Registrar), at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. If two or more consecutive serial maturities of the Bonds are grouped into a single maturity (the "Term Bonds") by the Underwriters, such Term Bonds will be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption in accordance with applicable provisions of the Order and will be described in the final Official Statement.

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

With respect to any optional redemption of the Bonds, unless certain prerequisites to such redemption required by the Order have been met and money sufficient to pay the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to be redeemed has been received by the Paying Agent/Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may state that said redemption is conditional upon the satisfaction of such prerequisites and receipt of such money by the Paying Agent/Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for such redemption or upon any prerequisite set forth in such notice of redemption. If a conditional notice of redemption is given and such prerequisites to the redemption are not fulfilled, such notice will be of no force and effect, the District will not redeem such Bonds, and the Paying Agent/Registrar will give notice in the manner in which the notice of redemption was given, to the effect that such Bonds have not been redeemed.

DTC Notices

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

Security

The Bonds are direct and voted obligations of the District and are payable as to both principal and interest from ad valorem taxes to be levied annually on all taxable property within the District, without legal limitation as to rate or amount. In addition, the District has received approval, subject to certain conditions, for the Bonds to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of Texas. (See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM," "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS" and "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM" herein).

Permanent School Fund Guarantee for the Bonds

In connection with the sale of the Bonds, the District has submitted an application to the Texas Education Agency and 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 meeting certain conditions discussed in "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto, the payment of the Bonds will be guaranteed by the corpus of the Permanent School Fund of the State in accordance with the terms of the Guarantee Program for School District Bonds (the "Permanent School Fund Guarantee"). In the event of default, registered owners will receive all payments due from the corpus of the Permanent School Fund. In the event the District defeases any of the Bonds, the payment of such defeased Bonds will cease to be guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund Guarantee.

Legality

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of legality by the Attorney General of the State of Texas and McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Dallas, Texas, Bond Counsel. (See "LEGAL MATTERS" and "Appendix C – Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel").

Payment Record

The District has never defaulted with respect to the payment of its bonds.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds are expected to be applied approximately as follows:

Sources of Funds

Principal Amount of Bonds	_____
Net Premium	_____
Total Sources of Funds	_____

Uses of Funds

Deposit to Construction Fund	_____
Deposit to Debt Service Fund	_____
Costs of Issuance	_____
Underwriters' Discount	_____
Total Uses of Funds	_____

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 holders of the Bonds aggregating in principal amount a majority of the outstanding 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 original principal amount of the then outstanding Bonds, no amendment may be made for the purpose of: (i) making any change in the maturity of any of the outstanding Bonds; (ii) reducing the rate of interest borne by any of the outstanding Bonds; (iii) reducing the amount of the principal of, or redemption premium, if any, payable on any outstanding Bonds; (iv) modifying the terms of payment of principal or of interest or redemption premium 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 Bonds

The Order provides for the defeasance of the Bonds when payment of the principal amount of the Bonds plus interest accrued on the Bonds to their due date (whether such due date be by reason of stated maturity, redemption or otherwise), is provided by irrevocably depositing with a paying agent, or other authorized escrow agent, in trust (1) money in an amount sufficient to make such payment and/or (2) Defeasance Securities that will mature as to principal and interest in such amounts and at such times to insure the availability, without reinvestment, of sufficient money to make such payment, and all necessary and proper fees, compensation and expenses of the paying agent for the Bonds, and thereafter the District will have no further responsibility with respect to amounts available to such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) for the payment of such defeased Bonds, including any insufficiency therein caused by the failure of such paying agent (or other financial institution permitted by applicable law) to receive payment when due on the Defeasance Securities. The District has additionally reserved the right, subject to satisfying the requirements of (1) and (2) above, to substitute other Defeasance Securities originally deposited, to reinvest the uninvested moneys on deposit for such defeasance and to withdraw for the benefit of the District moneys in excess of the amount required for such defeasance. The Order provides that "Defeasance Securities" means any securities and obligations now or hereafter authorized by State law that are eligible to discharge obligations such as the Bonds. Current State law permits defeasance with the following types of securities: (a) direct, noncallable obligations of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed by the United States of America, (b) noncallable obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America, including obligations that are unconditionally guaranteed or insured by the agency or instrumentality and that, on the date the governing body of the District authorizes the defeasance, are rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than AAA or its equivalent, and (c) noncallable obligations of a state or an agency or a county, municipality, or other political subdivision of a state that have been refunded 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.

The Pricing Officer may restrict the categories of eligible Defeasance Securities in connection with the pricing 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 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. Provided, however, the District has reserved the option, to be exercised at the time of the defeasance of the Bonds, to call for redemption at an earlier date those Bonds which have been defeased to their maturity date, if the District (i) in the proceedings providing for the firm banking and financial arrangements, expressly reserves the right to call the Bonds for redemption, (ii) gives notice of the reservation of that right to the owners of the Bonds immediately following the making of the firm banking and financial arrangements, and (iii) directs that notice of the reservation be included in any redemption notices that it authorizes. 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 take any other action amending the terms of the Bonds are extinguished.

Upon defeasance, such defeased Bonds shall no longer be regarded to be outstanding or unpaid and the Bonds will no longer be guaranteed by the Texas Permanent School Fund.

REGISTERED OWNERS' 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, as well as enforce rights of payment under the Permanent School Fund Guarantee, 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, so rests with the discretion of the court, but may not be arbitrarily refused. There is no acceleration of maturity of the Bonds in the event of default and, consequently, the remedy of mandamus may have to be relied upon from year to year. The Order does not provide for the appointment of a trustee to represent the interest of the registered owners upon any failure of the District to perform in accordance with the terms of the Order, or upon any other condition and accordingly all legal actions to enforce such remedies would have to be undertaken at the initiative of, and be financed by, the registered owners. On June 30, 2006, the Texas Supreme Court ruled in *Tooke v. City of Mexia*, 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 the proceedings authorizing its bonds, but in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the District has not waived sovereign immunity, and therefore, 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. Because it is unclear whether the Texas legislature has effectively waived the District's sovereign immunity from a suit for money damages, registered owners 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 U.S. Bankruptcy Code ("Chapter 9"). Although Chapter 9 provides for the recognition of a security interest represented by a specifically pledged source of revenues, the pledge of ad valorem taxes in support of a general obligation of a bankrupt entity is not specifically recognized as a security interest under Chapter 9. Chapter 9 also includes an automatic stay provision that would prohibit, without Bankruptcy Court approval, the prosecution of any other legal action by creditors or bondholders of an entity which has sought protection under Chapter 9. Therefore, should the District avail itself of Chapter 9 protection from creditors, the ability to enforce would be subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court (which could require that the action be heard in Bankruptcy Court instead of other federal or state courts); 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 Order and the Bonds are qualified with respect to the customary rights of debtors relative to their creditors, by general principles of equity which permit the exercise of judicial discretion and by governmental immunity.

See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" attached hereto for a description of the procedures to be followed for payment of the Bonds, by the Permanent School Fund in the event the District fails to make a payment on the Bonds, when due. Initially, the only registered owner of the Bonds will be Cede & Co., as DTC's nominee. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the duties of DTC with regard to ownership of 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, interest and redemption payments on the Bonds are to be paid to and credited by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") while the Bonds are registered in its nominee name. The information in this section concerning DTC and the Book-Entry-Only System has been provided by DTC for use in disclosure documents such as this Official Statement. The District, the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters believe the source of such information to be reliable, but take no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness thereof.

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

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

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

Purchases of Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in 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 redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

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.

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

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent/Registrar. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered. The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

Use of Certain Terms in Other Sections of this Official Statement

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

REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

Paying Agent/Registrar

The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Dallas, Texas. The Bonds are being issued in fully registered form in integral multiples of \$5,000 of principal amount. Interest on the Bonds will be payable semiannually by the Paying Agent/Registrar by check mailed on each interest payment date by the Paying Agent/Registrar to the registered owner at the last known address as it appears on the Paying Agent/Registrar's books on the Record Date or by such other customary banking arrangement acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar, requested by and at the risk and expense of the registered owner. Principal of the Bonds will be paid to the registered owner at maturity or upon prior redemption, upon presentation to the Paying Agent/Registrar; provided, however, that so long as Cede & Co. (or other DTC nominee) is the registered owner of the Bonds, all payments will be made as described under "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

Successor Paying Agent/Registrar

Provision is made in the Order for replacing the Paying Agent/Registrar. If the District replaces the Paying Agent/Registrar, such Paying Agent/Registrar shall, promptly upon the appointment of a successor, deliver the Paying Agent/Registrar's records to the successor Paying Agent/Registrar, and the successor Paying Agent/Registrar shall act in the same capacity as the previous Paying Agent/Registrar. Any successor Paying Agent/Registrar selected by the District shall be a commercial bank, a trust company organized under the laws of the State of Texas or other entity duly qualified and legally authorized to serve and perform the duties of the Paying Agent/Registrar for the Bonds.

Future Registration

In the event the Book-Entry-Only System is discontinued, printed Bond certificates will be delivered to the owners of the Bonds and thereafter, the Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned on the registration books only upon presentation and surrender of the Bonds to the Paying Agent/Registrar, and such registration and transfer shall be without expense or service charge to the registered owner, except for any tax or other governmental charges required to be paid with respect to such

registration and transfer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instrument of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent/Registrar. A new Bond or Bonds will be delivered by the Paying Agent/Registrar in lieu of the Bond being transferred or exchanged at the designated corporate office of the Paying Agent/Registrar, or sent by United States registered mail to the new registered owner at the registered owner's request, risk and expense. To the extent possible, new Bonds issued in an exchange or transfer of Bonds will be delivered to the registered owner or assignee of the Owner in not more than three (3) business days after the receipt of the Bonds to be canceled in the exchange or transfer and the written instrument of transfer or request for exchange duly executed by the registered owner or his duly authorized agent, in form satisfactory to the Paying Agent/Registrar. New Bonds registered and delivered in an exchange or transfer shall be in authorized denominations and for a like aggregate principal amount as the Bond or Bonds surrendered for exchange or transfer. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein for a description of the system to be utilized initially in regard to ownership and transferability of the Bonds.

Record Date for Interest Payment

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

Limitation on Transfer of Bonds

The Paying Agent/Registrar shall not be required to make any such transfer, conversion or exchange (i) during the period commencing with the close of business on any Record Date and ending with the opening of business on the next following principal or interest payment date or (ii) with respect to any Bond or any portion thereof called for redemption prior to maturity, within 30 days prior to its redemption date.

Replacement Bonds

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

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

Valuation of Taxable Property

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

State law requires the appraised value of an owner's principal residence ("homestead" or "homesteads") to be based solely on the property's value as a homestead, regardless of whether residential use is considered to be the highest and best use of the

property. State law further limits the appraised value of a homestead to the lesser of (1) the market value of the property or (2) 110% of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the market value of all new improvements to the property. State law provides that eligible owners of both agricultural land and open-space land, including open-space land devoted to farm or ranch purposes or open-space land devoted to timber production, may elect to have such property appraised for property taxation on the basis of its productive capacity. The same land may not be qualified as both agricultural and open-space land.

On July 13, 2023, during the Second Special Session, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 2, which, among other things, includes provisions that prohibit an appraisal district from increasing the appraised value of real property during the 2024 tax year on non-homestead properties (the "Subjected Property") whose appraised values are not more than \$5 million dollars (the "Maximum Property Value") to an amount not to exceed the lesser of: (1) the market value of the subjected property for the most recent tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office or (2) the sum of: (a) 20 percent of the appraised value of the subjected property for the preceding tax year; (b) the appraised value of the subjected property for the preceding tax year; and (c) the market value of all new improvements to the subjected property (collectively, the "Appraisal Cap"). After the 2024 tax year, through December 31, 2026, the Appraisal Cap may be increased or decreased by the product of the preceding state fiscal year's increase or decrease in the consumer price index, as applicable, to the Maximum Property Value. The Appraisal Cap took effect on January 1, 2024.

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

State Mandated Homestead Exemptions

State law grants, with respect to each school district in the State, (1) a \$100,000 exemption of the appraised value of all homesteads, (2) a \$10,000 exemption of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled, and (3) various exemptions for disabled veterans and their families, surviving spouses of members of the armed services killed in action and surviving spouses of first responders killed or fatally wounded in the line of duty.

Local Option Homestead Exemptions

The governing body of a taxing unit, including a city, county, school district, or special district, at its option may grant: (1) an exemption of up to 20% of the appraised value of all homesteads (but not less than \$5,000) and (2) an additional exemption of at least \$3,000 of the appraised value of the homesteads of persons sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the disabled. Each taxing unit decides if it will offer the local option homestead exemptions and at what percentage or dollar amount, as applicable. The exemption described in (2), above, may also be created, increased, decreased or repealed at an election called by the governing body of a taxing unit upon presentment of a petition for such creation, increase, decrease, or repeal of at least 20% of the number of qualified voters who voted in the preceding election of the taxing unit. State Mandated Freeze on School District Taxes. 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.

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

Personal Property

Tangible personal property (furniture, machinery, supplies, inventories, etc.) used in the "production of income" is taxed based on the property's market value. Taxable personal property includes income-producing equipment and inventory. Intangibles such as goodwill, accounts receivable, and proprietary processes are not taxable. Tangible personal property not held or used for production of income, such as household goods, automobiles or light trucks, and boats, is exempt from ad valorem taxation unless the governing body of a taxing unit elects to tax such property.

Freeport and Goods-In-Transit Exemptions

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

Certain goods, that are acquired in or imported into the State to be forwarded to another location within or without the State, stored in a location that is not owned by the owner of the goods and are transported to another location within or without the State within 175 days ("Goods-in-Transit"), are generally exempt from ad valorem taxation; however, the Property Tax Code permits a taxing unit, on a local option basis, to tax Goods-in-Transit if the taxing unit takes official action, after conducting a public hearing, before January 1 of the first tax year in which the taxing unit proposes to tax Goods-in-Transit. Goods-in-Transit and Freeport Property do not include oil, natural gas or petroleum products, and Goods-in-Transit does not include aircraft or special inventories such as manufactured housing inventory, or a dealer's motor vehicle, boat, or heavy equipment inventory.

A taxpayer may receive only one of the Goods-in-Transit or Freeport Property exemptions for items of personal property.

Other Exempt Property

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

Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damage by a Disaster

The Property Tax Code entitles the owner of certain (i) qualified 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. Except in situations where the territory is declared a disaster on or after the date the taxing unit adopts a tax rate for the year in which the disaster declaration is issued, the governing body of the taxing unit is not required to take any action in order for the taxpayer to be eligible for the exemption. If a taxpayer qualifies for the exemption after the beginning of the tax year, the amount of the exemption is prorated based on the number of days left in the tax year following the day on which the Governor declares the area to be a disaster area. The Texas Legislature amended Section 11.35, Property Tax Code, to clarify that "damage" for purposes of such statute is limited to "physical damage." For more information on the exemption, reference is made to Section 11.35 of the Tax Code.

Tax Increment Financing 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"). The 87th Texas Legislature did not vote to extend this program, which expired by its terms effective December 31, 2022.

Tax Limitation Agreements

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

During the regular session of the 88th Texas Legislature, House Bill 5 ("HB 5") was enacted into law. HB 5 is intended as a replacement of former Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code ("Chapter 313"), but it contains significantly different provisions than the prior program under Chapter 313. The effective date of HB 5 was January 1, 2024. Under HB 5, a school district may offer a 50% abatement on taxable value for maintenance and operations property taxes for certain eligible projects, except that projects in a federally designated economic opportunity zone receive a 75% abatement. HB 5 also provides a 100% abatement of maintenance and operations taxes for eligible property during a project's construction period. Taxable valuation for purposes of the debt services taxes securing the Bonds cannot be abated under HB 5. Eligible projects must relate to manufacturing, provision of utility services, dispatchable electric generation (such as non-renewable energy), development of natural resources, critical infrastructure, or research and development for high-tech equipment or technology, and projects must create and maintain jobs and meet certain minimum investment requirements.

District and Taxpayer Remedies

Under certain circumstances, taxpayers and taxing units, including the District, may appeal the determinations of the Appraisal District by timely initiating a protest with the Appraisal Review Board. Additionally, taxing units such as the District may bring suit against the Appraisal District to compel compliance with the Property Tax Code.

Owners of certain property with a taxable value in excess of the current year "minimum eligibility amount," as determined by the State Comptroller, and situated in a county with a population of one million or more, may protest the determinations of an appraisal district directly to a three-member special panel of the appraisal review board, appointed by the chairman of the appraisal review board, consisting of highly qualified professionals in the field of property tax appraisal. The minimum eligibility amount was set at \$59,562,331 for the 2024 tax year, and is adjusted annually by the State Comptroller to reflect the inflation rate.

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

Levy and Collection of Taxes

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

The Property Tax Code permits taxpayers owning homes or certain businesses located in a disaster area and damaged as a direct result of the declared disaster to pay taxes imposed in the year following the disaster in four equal installments without penalty or interest, commencing on February 1 and ending on August 1. See "AD VALOREM TAX PROCEDURES – Valuation of Taxable Property – Temporary Exemption for Qualified Property Damaged by a Disaster" for further information related to a discussion of the applicability of this section of the Property Tax Code.

District's Rights in the Event of Tax Delinquencies

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

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

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

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

THE PROPERTY TAX CODE AS APPLIED TO THE JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Appraisal District has the responsibility for appraising property in the District as well as other taxing units in Johnson County.

The Appraisal District is governed by a board of five directors appointed by voters of the governing bodies of various County political subdivisions.

The District does not collect its own taxes.

Split payments are not permitted. Discounts are not permitted.

The District has not granted any tax abatements.

The District does not participate in any tax increment financing zones.

The District grants a State mandated \$100,000 general residence homestead exemption.

The District grants a State mandated \$10,000 residence homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled persons.

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

The District does not grant a local option, additional exemption to disabled veterans above the State-mandated exemption.

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

The District does not grant a local option homestead exemption to the residence homesteads of persons 65 years of age or older.

The District does not tax non-business personal property.

The District has not granted the freeport property exemption. The District has not elected to tax goods-in-transit.

The following table gives penalty and interest rates for delinquent taxes.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cumulative Penalty</u>	<u>Cumulative Interest ^(b)</u>	<u>Total</u>
February	6%	1%	7%
March	7	2	9
April	8	3	11
May	9	4	13
June	10	5	15
July	12 ^(a)	6	18

^(a) In addition to the penalty assessed for delinquent taxes, a taxing unity may contract with an attorney for the collection of delinquent taxes and the amount of compensation as set forth in such contract may provide for a fee up to 20% of the amount of delinquent tax, penalty, and interest collected.

^(b) Interest continues to accrue after July 1 at the rate of 1% per month until paid.

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 "State Legislature") from time to time (i) met the requirements of article VII, section 1 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the State 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 State 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 and Student Fairness Coalition*, 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 State 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 State Legislature could enact future changes to the Finance System. Any such changes could benefit or be a detriment to the District. If the State 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 State 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 public school finance system as it is currently structured. 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.

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: a maintenance and operations ("M&O") tax to pay current expenses and an interest and sinking fund ("I&S") tax to pay debt service on bonds. School districts may not levy an M&O tax rate for the purpose of creating a surplus in M&O tax revenues for the purpose of paying the school district's debt service. Prior to 2006, school districts were authorized to levy their M&O tax at a voter-approved rate, generally up to \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value. Since 2006, the State Legislature has enacted various legislation that has compressed the voter-approved M&O tax rate, as described below. Current law also requires school districts to demonstrate their ability to pay

debt service on outstanding bonded indebtedness through the levy of an I&S tax at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per \$100 of taxable value at the time bonds are issued. Once bonds are issued, however, school districts generally may levy an I&S tax sufficient to pay debt service on such bonds unlimited as to rate or amount (see “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations” herein). Because property values vary widely among school districts, the amount of local funding generated by school districts with the same I&S tax rate and M&O tax rate is also subject to wide variation; however, the public school finance funding formulas are designed to generally equalize local funding generated by a school district’s M&O tax rate.

Prior to the 2019 Legislative Session, a school district’s maximum M&O tax rate for a given tax year was determined by multiplying that school district’s 2005 M&O tax rate levy by an amount equal to a compression percentage set by legislative appropriation or, in the absence of legislative appropriation, by the Commissioner of Education (the “Commissioner”). This compression percentage was historically set at 66.67%, effectively setting the maximum compressed M&O tax rate for most school districts at \$1.00 per \$100 of taxable value, since most school districts in the State had a voted maximum M&O tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 of taxable value (though certain school districts located in Harris County had special M&O tax rate authorizations allowing a higher M&O tax rate). School districts were permitted, however, to generate additional local funds by raising their M&O tax rate up to \$0.04 above the compressed tax rate or, with voter-approval at a valid election in the school district, up to \$0.17 above the compressed tax rate (for most school districts, this equated to an M&O tax rate between \$1.04 and \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable value). School districts received additional State funds in proportion to such taxing effort.

2023 REGULAR AND SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

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

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

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

LOCAL FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

A school district’s M&O tax rate is composed of two distinct parts: the “Tier One Tax Rate,” which is the local M&O tax rate required for a school district to receive any part of the basic level of State funding (referred to herein as “Tier One”) under the Foundation School Program, as further described below, and the “Enrichment Tax Rate,” which is any local M&O tax effort in

excess of its Tier One Tax Rate. The formulas for the State Compression Percentage and Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (each as described below) are designed to compress M&O tax rates in response to year-over-year increases in property values across the State and within a school district, respectively. The discussion in this subcaption “Local Funding for School Districts” is generally intended to describe funding provisions applicable to all school districts; however, there are distinctions in the funding formulas for school districts that generate local M&O tax revenues in excess of the school districts’ funding entitlements, as further discussed under the subcaption “CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – Local Revenue Level in Excess of Entitlement” herein.

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

Maximum Compressed Tax Rate. The Maximum Compressed Tax Rate (the “MCR”) is the tax rate per \$100 of valuation of taxable property at which a school district must levy its Tier One Tax Rate to receive the full amount of the Tier One funding to which the school district is entitled. The MCR is equal to the lesser of three alternative calculations: (1) the school district’s prior year MCR; (2) a percentage determined by formula if the school district experienced a year-over-year increase in property value of at least 2.5%; or (3) the product of the State Compression Percentage for the current year multiplied by \$1.00. 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 set to 90% of the maximum MCR until TEA determines that the difference between the school district’s MCR and any other school district’s MCR is not more than 10%. These compression formulas are intended to more closely equalize local generation of Tier One funding among districts with disparate tax bases and generally reduce the Tier One Tax Rates of school districts as property values increase. During the 2023 Legislative Sessions, the Legislature took action to reduce the maximum MCR. The MCR for the 2024-2025 school year is \$0.6855 and the floor is \$0.6169. The reduction in MCR was approved by voters at an election held on November 7, 2023. See “- 2023 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions.”

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 the given 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”).

STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

The first level of funding, Tier One, is the basic level of funding guaranteed to all school districts based on a school district’s Tier One Tax Rate. Tier One funding may then be “enriched” with Tier Two funding. Tier Two provides a guaranteed entitlement for each cent of a school district’s Enrichment Tax Rate, allowing a school district 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 discussed herein), and in some instances is required to be used for that purpose (see “TAX RATE LIMITATIONS – I&S Tax Rate Limitations”), Tier Two funding may not be used for the payment of debt service or capital outlay.

The current public school finance system also provides an Existing Debt Allotment (“EDA”) to subsidize debt service on eligible outstanding school district bonds, an Instructional Facilities Allotment (“IFA”) to subsidize debt service on newly issued bonds, and a New Instructional Facilities Allotment (“NIFA”) to subsidize operational expenses associated with the opening of a new

instructional facility. IFA primarily addresses the debt service needs of property-poor school districts. For the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium, the State Legislature appropriated funds in the amount of \$1,072,511,740 for the EDA, IFA, and NIFA.

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

Tier One. Tier One funding is the basic level of funding guaranteed to a school district, consisting of a State-appropriated baseline level of funding (the "Basic Allotment") for each student in "Average Daily Attendance" (being generally calculated as the sum of student attendance for each State-mandated day of instruction divided by the number of State-mandated days of instruction, defined herein as "ADA"). The Basic Allotment is revised downward if a school district's Tier One Tax Rate is less than the State-determined threshold. The Basic Allotment is supplemented by additional State funds, allotted based upon the unique school district characteristics, 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 Texas' goal of increasing the number of students who attain a post-secondary education or workforce credential, and (iv) a teacher incentive allotment to increase teacher compensation retention in disadvantaged or rural school districts. A school district's total Tier One funding less the allotments that are not derived by a weighted formula, 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.

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

Tier Two. Tier Two supplements Tier One funding and provides two levels of enrichment with different guaranteed yields (i.e., Golden Pennies and Copper Pennies) depending on the school district's Enrichment Tax Rate. Golden Pennies generate a guaranteed yield equal to the greater of (i) the local revenue per student in WADA 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 2024-25 State fiscal biennium, school districts are guaranteed a yield of \$49.28 per student in WADA for each Copper Penny levied. For any school year in which the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA exceeds the guaranteed yield of Copper Pennies per student in WADA for the preceding school year, a school district is required to reduce its Copper Pennies levied so as to generate no more revenue per student in WADA than was available to the school district for the preceding year.

Existing Debt Allotment, Instruction Facilities Allotment, and New Instructional Facilities Allotment. The Foundation School Program also includes facilities funding components consisting of the IFA and the EDA, subject to legislative appropriation each State fiscal biennium. To the extent funded for a biennium, these programs assist school districts in funding facilities by, generally, equalizing a school district's I&S tax effort. The IFA guarantees each awarded school district a specified amount per student (the "IFA Yield") in State and local funds for each cent of I&S tax levied to pay the principal of and interest on eligible bonds issued to construct, acquire, renovate or improve instructional facilities. The IFA Yield has been \$35 since this program first began in 1997. New awards of IFA are only available if appropriated funds are allocated for such purpose by the State Legislature. To receive an IFA award, in years where new IFA awards are available, a school district must apply to the Commissioner in accordance with rules adopted by the TEA before issuing the bonds to be paid with IFA State assistance. The total amount of debt service assistance over a biennium for which a school district may be awarded is limited to the lesser of (1) the actual debt service payments made by the school district in the biennium in which the bonds are issued; or (2) the greater of (a) \$100,000 or (b) \$250 multiplied by the number of students in ADA. The IFA is also available for lease-purchase agreements and refunding bonds meeting certain prescribed conditions. Once a school district receives an IFA award for bonds, it is entitled to continue receiving State assistance for such bonds without reapplying to the Commissioner. The guaranteed level of State and local funds per student 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 State

Legislature did not appropriate any funds for new IFA awards; however, awards previously granted in years the State Legislature did appropriate funds for new IFA awards will continue to be funded.

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

Since future-year IFA awards were not funded by the State Legislature for the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium and debt service assistance on school district bonds that are not yet eligible for EDA is not available, debt service payments during the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium on new bonds issued by school districts in the 2024-2025 State fiscal biennium to construct, acquire and improve facilities must be funded solely from local I&S taxes, except to the extent 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 Regular and Special Legislative Sessions.” Hold-harmless applies only to bonds authorized by voters prior to September 1, 2023.

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

Tax Rate and Funding Equity. The Commissioner may proportionally reduce the amount of funding a school district receives under the Foundation School Program and the ADA calculation if the school district operates on a calendar that provides less than the State-mandated minimum instruction time in a school year. The Commissioner may also adjust a school district’s ADA as it relates to State funding where disaster, flood, extreme weather or other calamity has a significant effect on a school district’s attendance.

Furthermore, “property-wealthy” school districts that received additional State funds under the public school finance system prior to the enactment of the 2019 Legislation are entitled to an equalized wealth transition grant on an annual basis through 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. This grant is phased out through the 2023-2024 school year as follows: (1) 20% reduction for the 2020-2021 school year, (2) 40% reduction for the 2021-2022 school year, (3) 60% reduction for the 2022-2023 school year, and (4) 80% reduction for the 2023-2024 school year. Additionally, school districts (through the fiscal year ending in 2025) and open-enrollment charter schools (through the fiscal year ending in 2024) are entitled to receive an allotment in the form of a formula transition grant meant to ensure a smooth transition into the funding formulas enacted by the 86th State Legislature. Furthermore, beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, if the total amount of allotments to which school districts and open enrollment charter schools are entitled for a year school under the formula transition grant exceeds \$400 million, the Commissioner shall proportionately reduce each district’s or school’s allotment. The reduction in the amount to which a district or school is entitled may not result in an amount that is less than zero.

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 the 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.” Chapter 49 school districts receive their allocable share of funds distributed from the constitutionally-prescribed Available School Fund, but are generally not eligible to receive State aid under the Foundation School Program, although they may continue to receive State funds for certain competitive grants and certain programs that remain outside the Foundation School Program.

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

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

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

CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM AS APPLIED TO THE DISTRICT

For the 2023-24 fiscal year, the District was not designated as an "excess local revenue" district by the TEA. Accordingly, the District has not been required to exercise one of the wealth equalization options permitted under applicable State law. As a district with wealth per student less than the equalized wealth value, the District may benefit in the future by agreeing to accept taxable property or funding assistance from, or agreeing to consolidate with, a designated excess local revenue district to enable such district to reduce its wealth per student to the permitted level.

A district's "excess local revenue" 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 may be required each year to exercise one or more of the wealth reduction 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 ratio 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 the annexing district.

For a detailed discussion of State funding for school districts, see "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM – State Funding for School Districts" herein.

TAX RATE LIMITATIONS

M&O Tax Rate Limitations

The District is authorized to levy an M&O tax rate pursuant to the approval of the voters of the District at an election held on February 6, 1960, pursuant to Article 2784e-1, Texas Revised Civil Statutes Annotated, as amended.

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

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

I&S Tax Rate Limitations

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

Section 45.0031 of the Texas Education Code, as amended, requires a school district to demonstrate to the Texas Attorney General that it has the prospective ability to pay its maximum annual debt service on a proposed issue of bonds and all previously issued bonds, other than bonds approved by voters of a school district at an election held on or before April 1, 1991 and issued before September 1, 1992 (or debt issued to refund such bonds, collectively, "exempt bonds"), from a tax levied at a rate of \$0.50 per \$100 of assessed valuation before bonds may be issued (the "50-cent Test"). In demonstrating the ability to pay debt service at a rate of \$0.50, a school district may take into account EDA and IFA allotments to the school district, which effectively reduces the school district's local share of debt service, and may also take into account Tier One funds allotted to the school district. If a school district exercises this option, it may not adopt an I&S tax until it has credited to the school district's I&S fund an amount equal to all State allotments provided solely for payment of debt service and any Tier One funds needed to demonstrate compliance with the threshold tax rate test and which is received or to be received in that year. Additionally, a school district may demonstrate its ability to comply with the 50-cent Test by applying the \$0.50 tax rate to an amount equal to 90% of projected future taxable value of property in the school district, as certified by a registered professional appraiser, anticipated for the earlier of the tax year five (5) years after the current tax year or the tax year in which the final payment for the bonds is due. However, if a school district uses projected future taxable values to meet the 50-cent Test and subsequently imposes a tax at a rate greater than \$0.50 per \$100 of valuation to pay for bonds subject to the test, then for subsequent bond issues, the Texas Attorney General must find that the school district has the projected ability to pay principal and interest on the proposed bonds and all previously issued bonds subject to the 50-cent Test from a tax rate of \$0.45 per \$100 of valuation. Once the prospective ability to pay such tax has been shown and the bonds are issued, a school district may levy an unlimited tax to pay debt service. Refunding bonds issued pursuant to Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code, are not subject to the 50-cent Test; however, taxes levied to pay debt service on such bonds (other than bonds issued to refund exempt bonds) are included in maximum annual debt service for calculation of the 50-cent Test when applied to subsequent bond issues that are subject to the 50-cent Test. The Bonds are issued as new debt for school building purposes pursuant to Chapter 45, Texas Education Code, and are, therefore, subject to the 50-cent Test. The District has not used, and in connection with the issuance of the Bonds the District will not use, State assistance, other than EDA and IFA allotment funding, to satisfy this threshold test.

Public Hearing and Voter-Approval Tax Rate

A school district's total tax rate is the combination of the M&O tax rate and the I&S tax rate. Generally, the highest rate at which a school district may levy taxes for any given year without holding an election to approve the tax rate is the "Voter-Approval Tax Rate," as described below.

A school district is required to adopt its annual tax rate before the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the taxing unit, except that a tax rate that exceeds the Voter-Approval Tax Rate must be adopted not later than the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date. A school district's failure to adopt a tax rate equal to or less than the Voter-Approval Tax Rate by September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll, will result in the tax rate for such school district for the tax year to be the lower of the "no-new-revenue tax rate" calculated for that tax year or the tax rate adopted by the school district for the preceding tax year. A school district's failure to adopt a tax rate in excess of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate on or prior to the seventy-first (71st) day before the next occurring November uniform election date, will result in the school district adopting a tax rate equal to or less than its Voter-Approval Tax Rate by the later of September 30 or the sixtieth (60th) day after receipt of the certified appraisal roll. "No-new-revenue tax rate" means the rate that will produce the prior year's total tax levy from the current year's total taxable values, adjusted such that lost values are not included in the calculation of the prior year's taxable values and new values are not included in the current year's taxable values.

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

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

Approval Tax Rate for such year may not be considered by the school district in the calculation of its subsequent Voter-Approval Tax Rate.

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

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

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

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description

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

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

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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 in (1.) above.

Contributions

Contribution requirements are established or amended pursuant to Article 16, section 67 of the Texas Constitution, which requires the Texas legislature to establish a member contribution rate of not less than 6% of the member's annual

compensation and a state contribution rate of not less than 6% and not more than 1.0% of the aggregate annual compensation paid to members of the system during the fiscal year. Texas Government Code section 821.006 prohibits benefit improvements, if as a result of the particular action, the time required to amortize TRS' unfunded actuarial liabilities would be increased to a period that exceeds 31 years, or if the amortization period already exceeds 31 years, the period would be increased by such action.

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

	<u>Contribution Rates</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Member	8.0%	8.0%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (NECE - State)	7.75%	8.0%
Employers	7.75%	8.0%
District's 2023 Employer Contributions	\$ 1,945,246	
District's 2023 Member Contributions	\$ 3,808,349	
NECE 2022 On-Behalf Contributions to District	\$ 2,282,573	

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 (GAA).

As the non-employer contributing entity for public education and junior colleges, the State 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 TRS pension trust fund during that fiscal year reduced by the amounts described below which are paid by the employers. Employers (public school, junior college, other entities or the State as the employer for senior universities and medical schools) are required to pay the employer contribution rate in the following instances:

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

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

All public schools, charter schools, and regional educational service centers must contribute 1.6% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2021, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025. When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2021 actuarial evaluation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Market Value
Single Discount Rate	7.00%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases including inflation	2.95% to 8.95%
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The actuarial methods and assumptions used in the determination of the total pension liability are the same assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of August 31, 2021.

Discount Rate

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

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on 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, 2022 are summarized below:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation*</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</u>	<u>Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns **</u>
Global Equity			
U.S.	18%	4.6%	1.12%
Non-U.S. Developed	13%	4.9%	0.90%
Emerging Markets	9%	5.4%	0.75%
Private Equity	14%	7.7%	1.55%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16%	1.0%	0.22%
Absolute Return	0%	3.7%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5%	3.4%	0.18%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15%	4.1%	0.94%
Energy & Natural Resources	6%	5.1%	0.37%
Commodities	0%	3.6%	0.00%
Risk Parity			
Risk Parity	8%	4.6%	0.43%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2%	3.0%	0.01%
Asset Allocation Leverage	(6.0%)	3.6%	(0.05%)
Total	<u>100%</u>		<u>8.19%</u>

* Target allocations are based on the FY2022 policy model.

** The expected contribution to returns incorporates the volatility drag resulting 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 a discount rate of 7.00%, and what the net position liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 % lower (6.00%) or 1 % higher (8.00%) than the current rate.

	<u>1% Decrease in Discount Rate 6.000%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 7.000%</u>	<u>1% Increase in Discount Rate 8.000%</u>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 32,099,801	\$ 20,634,721	\$ 11,341,734

Pension Liabilities, Pension expenses and Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$20,634,721 for its proportionate share of the TRS's net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related state support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 20,634,721
State's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the District	<u>29,040,267</u>
Total	<u>\$ 49,674,988</u>

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

At August 31, 2022 the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.034758% which was an increase of 0.003207% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation - The following were changes to the actuarial assumptions or other inputs that affected measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement period.

- The actuarial assumptions and methods have been modified since the determination of the prior year's Net Pension Liability. These new assumptions were adopted in conjunction with an actuarial experience study. The primary assumption change was the lowering of the single discount rate from 7.25% to 7.00%.
- For the year ended August 31, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,639,644 and revenue of \$2,775,920 representing pension expense incurred by the State on behalf of the District.
- At August 31, 2023, the District reported its proportionate share of the TRS deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 299,202	\$ 449,876
Changes in actuarial assumptions	3,844,920	958,261
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	2,038,644	--
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	1,468,121	215,208
District contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,945,246</u>	<u>--</u>
Total	<u>\$ 9,596,133</u>	<u>\$ 1,623,345</u>

The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending August 31	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ 1,630,404
2025	976,990
2026	390,311
2027	2,552,995
2028	476,842

RATINGS

S&P Global Ratings ("S&P") has assigned their municipal rating of "____", to the Bonds based upon the Permanent School Fund Guarantee. S&P generally rates all bond issues guaranteed by the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas "AAA". S&P has assigned an underlying, unenhanced rating of "____" to the Bonds.

An explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance such rating will continue for any given period of time or that such rating will not be revised

downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency, 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.

LEGAL MATTERS

The District will furnish to the Underwriters a complete transcript of proceedings incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds, including the unqualified approving legal opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the District, and based upon examination of such transcript of proceedings, the approving legal opinion of McCall, Parkhurst & Horton L.L.P., Bond Counsel, with respect to the Bonds being issued in compliance with the provisions of applicable law and to the effect that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103(a) of the Code, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" herein. The form of Bond Counsel's opinion is attached hereto as Appendix C.

Though it represents the Financial Advisor and the Underwriters from time to time in matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel has been engaged by and only represents the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel also advises the TEA in connection with its disclosure obligations under the federal securities laws, but Bond Counsel has not passed upon any TEA disclosures contained in this Official Statement. Except as noted below, Bond Counsel did not take part in the preparation of the Official Statement, and such firm has not assumed any responsibility with respect hereto or undertaken independently to verify any of the information contained herein except that in its capacity as Bond Counsel, such firm has reviewed the information in the Official Statement appearing under the captions "THE BONDS" (excluding the information under the subcaptions "Payment Record," "Sources and Uses of Funds," "DTC Notices" and "Permanent School Fund Guarantee for the Bonds"), "REGISTRATION, TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE," "STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN TEXAS," "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM," "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS - M&O Tax Rate Limitations" (first paragraph only), "LEGAL MATTERS" (except for the last sentence of the second paragraph thereof), "TAX MATTERS," "REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE," "LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS" and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION" (excluding the information under the subcaption "Compliance with Prior Undertakings"), and such firm is of the opinion that the information relating to the Bonds and legal matters contained under such captions 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. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriters by their counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, Dallas, Texas, whose legal fee is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinion 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.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion

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

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel to the District will rely upon (a) the District's federal tax certificate, (b) covenants of the District with respect to arbitrage, the application of the 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 of the District to comply with these representations or covenants could cause the interest on the Bonds to become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

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 to the District is conditioned on

compliance by the District with the covenants and the requirements described in the preceding paragraph, and Bond Counsel to the District 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. The Existing Law is subject to change by the Congress and to subsequent judicial and administrative interpretation by the courts and the Department of the Treasury. There can be no assurance that 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 by the District with respect to the Bonds or the facilities financed or refinanced with the 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 Internal Revenue Service will commence an audit of the Bonds, or as to whether the Internal Revenue Service would agree with the opinion of Bond Counsel. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Internal Revenue Service is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. No additional interest will be paid upon any determination of taxability.

Federal Income Tax Accounting Treatment of Original Issue Discount

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

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

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

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

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

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences

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

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

C earnings and profits, foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, taxpayers qualifying for the health insurance premium assistance credit, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase tax-exempt obligations.

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

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.

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.

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 Internal Revenue Service. 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.

REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATION OF BONDS FOR SALE

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

It is the obligation of the Underwriters to register or qualify the sale of the Bonds under the securities laws of any jurisdiction which so requires. The District agrees to cooperate, at the Underwriters' written request and sole expense, in registering or qualifying the Bonds or in obtaining an exemption from registration or qualification in any state where such action is necessary;

provided, however, that the District shall not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.

LEGAL INVESTMENTS AND ELIGIBILITY TO SECURE PUBLIC FUNDS IN TEXAS

Section 1201.041 of the Public Security Procedures Act (Chapter 1201, Texas Government Code, 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 and other political subdivisions and public agencies of the State of Texas. In addition, various provisions of the Texas Finance Code provide that, subject to a prudent investor standard, the Bonds are legal investments for state banks, savings banks, trust companies with at least \$1 million of capital and savings and loan associations. In accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended, the Bonds must be rated no less than "A" or its equivalent as to investment quality by a national rating agency in order for most municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas to invest in the Bonds. (See "RATINGS" herein). Moreover, municipalities or other political subdivisions or public agencies of the State of Texas that have adopted investment policies and guidelines in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act may have other, more stringent requirements for purchasing securities, including the Bonds. The Bonds are eligible to secure deposits of any public funds of the State, its agencies, and its political subdivisions, and are legal security for those deposits to the extent of their market value.

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

INVESTMENT AUTHORITY AND PRACTICES OF THE DISTRICT

Under State law, the District is authorized to make investments meeting the requirements of the PFIA, which currently include Under Texas 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 is 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, including obligations that are fully guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States; (5) obligations of states, agencies, counties, cities, and other political subdivisions of any state rated as to investment quality by a nationally recognized investment rating firm not less than "A" or its equivalent; (6) bonds issued, assumed or guaranteed by the State of Israel; (7) interest-bearing banking deposits that are guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or their respective successors; (8) interest-bearing banking deposits other than those described by clause (7) if (A) the funds invested in the banking deposits are invested through: (i) a broker with a main office or branch office in this state that the investing entity selects from a list the governing body or designated investment committee of the entity adopts as required by Section 2256.025, Texas Government Code; or (ii) a depository institution with a main office or branch office in this state that the investing entity selects; (B) the broker or depository institution selected as described by (A) above arranges for the deposit of the funds in the banking deposits in one or more federally insured depository institutions, regardless of where located, for the investing entity's account; (C) the full amount of the principal and accrued interest of the banking deposits is insured by the United States or an instrumentality of the United States; and (D) the investing entity appoints as the entity's custodian of the banking deposits issued for the entity's account: (i) the depository institution selected as described by (A) above; (ii) an entity described by Section 2257.041(d), Texas Government Code; or (iii) a clearing broker dealer registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and operating under Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c3-3; (9) certificates of deposit and share certificates meeting the requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (Chapter 2256, Texas Government Code, as amended)(the "PFIA") (i) that are issued by or through an institution that has its main office or a branch office in Texas and are guaranteed or insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, or are secured as to principal by obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) or in any other manner and amount provided by law for District deposits; or (ii) where (a) the funds are invested by the District through (I) a broker that has its main office or a branch office in the State of Texas and is selected from a list adopted by the District as required by law or (II) a depository institution that has its main office or a branch office in the State 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, a custodian 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 (17 C.F.R. Section 240.15c3-3) as custodian for the District with respect to the certificates of deposit; (10) fully collateralized repurchase agreements that have a defined termination date, are fully secured by a combination of cash and obligations

described in clause (1) which are pledged to the District, held in the District's name, and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or with a third party selected and approved by the District and are placed through a primary government securities dealer, as defined by the Federal Reserve, or a financial institution doing business in the State; (11) securities lending programs if (i) the value of the securities loaned under the program are 100% collateralized, a loan made under the program allows for termination at any time and a loan made under the program is either secured by (a) obligations that are described in clauses (1) through (8) above, (b) irrevocable letters of credit issued by a state or national bank that is continuously rated by a nationally recognized investment rating firm at not less than "A" or its equivalent or (c) cash invested in obligations described in clauses (1) through (8) above, clauses (13) through (15) below, or an authorized investment pool; (ii) securities held as collateral under a loan are pledged to the District, held in the District's name and deposited at the time the investment is made with the District or a third party designated by the District; (iii) a loan made under the program is placed through either a primary government securities dealer or a financial institution doing business in the State of Texas; and (iv) the agreement to lend securities has a term of one year or less; (12) certain bankers' acceptances with the remaining term of 270 days or less, if the short-term obligations of the accepting bank or its parent are rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by at least one nationally recognized credit rating agency; (13) commercial paper with a stated maturity of 270 days or less that is rated at least "A-1" or "P-1" or the equivalent by either (a) two nationally recognized credit rating agencies or (b) one nationally recognized credit rating agency if the paper is fully secured by an irrevocable letter of credit issued by a U.S. or state bank; (14) no-load money market mutual funds registered with and regulated by the United States Securities and Exchange Commission that comply with federal Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a-7 (17 C.F.R. Section 270.2a-7), promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1 et seq.) and that provide the investing entity with a prospectus and other information required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; (15) no-load mutual funds registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission that have an average weighted maturity of less than two years, and either: (i) have a duration of one year or more and are invested exclusively in obligations described in this paragraph or (ii) have a duration of less than one year and the investment portfolio is limited to investment grade securities, excluding asset-backed securities; and (16) aggregate repurchase agreement transactions entered into by an investing entity in conformity with the provisions of subsections (a-1), (f) and (g) of Section 2256.011 of the PFIA. In addition, bond proceeds may be invested in guaranteed investment contracts that have a defined termination date and are secured by obligations, including letters of credit, of the United States or its agencies and instrumentalities, other than the prohibited obligations described below, in an amount at least equal to the amount of bond proceeds invested under such contract and are pledged to the District and deposited with the District or with a third party selected and approved by 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, but only if the District has formally amended its investment policy to authorize such investments. Texas law defines "corporate bonds" as senior secured debt obligations issued by a domestic business entity and rated not lower than "AA-" or the equivalent by a nationally recognized investment rating firm. The term does not include a bond that is convertible into stocks or shares in the entity issuing the bond (or an affiliate or 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.

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

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

Under State law, the District is required to invest its funds under written investment policies that primarily emphasize safety of principal and liquidity; that address investment diversification, yield, maturity, and the quality and capability of investment management; and that include a list of authorized investments for District funds, the maximum allowable stated maturity of any individual investment, the maximum average dollar-weighted maturity allowed for pooled fund groups, methods to monitor the market price of investments acquired with public funds, a requirement for settlement of all transactions, except investment pool funds and mutual funds, on a delivery versus payment basis, and procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments consistent with the PFIA. All District funds must be invested consistent with a formally adopted "Investment Strategy Statement" that specifically addresses each fund's investment. Each Investment

Strategy Statement will describe its objectives concerning: (1) suitability of investment type, (2) preservation and safety of principal, (3) liquidity, (4) marketability of each investment, (5) diversification of the portfolio, and (6) yield.

Under State law, the District's investments must be made "with judgment and care, under prevailing circumstances, that a person of prudence, discretion, and intelligence would exercise in the management of the person's own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment considering the probable safety of capital and probable income to be derived." At least quarterly the District's investment officers must submit an investment report to the Board detailing: (1) the investment position of the District, (2) that all investment officers jointly prepared and signed the report, (3) the beginning market value, 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 strategies and (b) State law. No person may invest District funds without express written authority from the Board.

Additional Provisions

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

Current Investments as of June 30, 2024

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Investment Pools	\$ 14,472,969
CDs	5,743,416
Total Invested:	\$ 20,216,385

FINANCIAL ADVISOR

Hilltop Securities Inc. is employed as Financial Advisor (the "Financial Advisor") to the District to assist in the issuance of the Bonds. In this capacity, the Financial Advisor has compiled certain data relating to the Bonds that is contained in this Preliminary Official Statement. The Financial Advisor has not independently verified any of the data contained herein or conducted a detailed investigation of the affairs of the District to determine the accuracy or completeness of this Preliminary Official Statement. Because of its limited participation, the Financial Advisor assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained herein. The fee of the Financial Advisor for services with respect to the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and sale of the Bonds. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may also from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of bond proceeds or other funds of the District upon the request of the District.

AUTHENTICITY OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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. All of the summaries of the statutes, documents and orders contained in this Preliminary Official Statement are made subject to all of the provisions of such statutes, documents and orders. 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.

UNDERWRITING

The Underwriters have agreed, subject to certain customary conditions, to purchase the Bonds at a price equal to the initial offering prices to the public, as shown on the inside cover page, less an Underwriters' Discount of \$_____. The Underwriters' obligation is subject to certain conditions precedent, and the Underwriters' will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers and others at prices lower than such public offering prices and such public prices may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriters.

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

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

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

One of the Underwriters of the Bonds 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

LITIGATION

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

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

In the Order, the District has made the following agreement for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds. The District is required to observe the agreement for so long as it remains obligated to advance funds to pay the Bonds. Under the agreement, the District will be obligated to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually, and timely notice of certain specified events, to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") through its Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system at www.emma.msrb.org. See "APPENDIX E - THE PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE PROGRAM" for a description of the TEA's continuing disclosure undertaking to provide certain updated financial information and operating data annually with respect to the Permanent School Fund and the State, as the case may be, and to provide timely notice of certain specified events related to the guarantee, to the MSRB.

Annual Reports

The District will provide certain updated financial information and operating data to the MSRB annually. The information to be updated includes all quantitative financial information and operating data with respect to the District of the general type included in this Official Statement in Appendix A (excluding "ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT") (such information being the "Annual Operating Report") and in Appendix D, which is the District's annual audited financial report. The District will update and provide the information in the Annual Operating Report within six months after the end of each fiscal year ending in and after 2024 and, if not submitted as part of such annual financial information, the District will provide audited financial statements when and if available, and in any event, within 12 months after the end of each fiscal year. If the audit of such financial statements is not complete within 12 months after any such fiscal year end, then the District will file unaudited financial statements within such 12-month period and audited financial statements for the applicable fiscal year, when and if the audit report on such statements becomes 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, the District must provide the Annual Operating Report by the last day of February in each year, and audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year (or unaudited financial statements if the audited financial statements are not yet available) must be provided by August 31 in each year, unless the District changes its fiscal year. If the District changes its fiscal year, it will file notice of the change (and of the date of the new fiscal year end) with

the MSRB prior to the next date by which the District otherwise would be required to provide financial information and operating data as set forth above.

All financial information, operating data, financial statements and notices required to be provided to the MSRB shall be provided in an electronic format and be accompanied by identifying information prescribed by the MSRB. Financial information and operating data to be provided as set forth above may be set forth in full in one or more documents or may be included by specific reference to any document (including an official statement or other offering document) available to the public on the MSRB's Internet Web site or filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), as permitted by SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule").

Event Notices

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

For these purposes, any event described in clause (12) in the immediately preceding paragraph is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent, or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the United States Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement, or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

Additionally, the District intends the words used in clauses (15) and (16) of the preceding paragraphs and the definition of "financial obligation" in these clauses to have the same meanings as when they are used in the Rule, as evidenced by SEC Release No. 34-83885, dated August 20, 2018.

Availability of Information from MSRB

The District has agreed to provide the foregoing information only as described above. Investors will be able to access continuing disclosure information filed with the MSRB free of charge at www.emma.msrb.org.

Limitations and Amendments

The District has agreed to update information and to provide notices of certain specified 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 and beneficial owners of Bonds may seek a writ of mandamus to compel the District to comply with its agreement.

The District may amend its 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, but only if (1) the provisions, as so amended, would have permitted an underwriter to purchase or sell Bonds in the primary offering of the

Bonds in compliance with the Rule, taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule since such offering as well as such changed circumstances and (2) either (a) the registered owners of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Bonds consent to such amendment or (b) a person that is unaffiliated with the District (such as nationally recognized bond counsel) determined that such amendment will not materially impair the interest of the registered owners 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 amends the agreement, it has agreed to include with any financial information or operating data next provided in accordance with its agreement described above under "Annual Reports" an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and of the impact of any change in the type of financial information and operating data so provided.

Compliance with Prior Undertakings

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

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

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

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

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

In the Order, the Board authorized the Pricing Officer to approve, and in the Pricing Certificate the Pricing Officer will approve, for and on behalf of the District, (i) the form and content of this Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and (ii) the Underwriters' use of this Official Statement in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

Joshua Independent School District

Pricing Officer

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE DISTRICT

ASSESSED VALUATION			
2024 Total Market Value.....	\$		4,805,274,542
Less:			
Exempt Value:		\$285,584,554	
Total Assessed Value			\$4,519,689,988
Less:			
Homestead Exemption:	\$	726,081,966	
Over-Age 65 Exemption:		23,204,059	
Disabled:		1,149,736	
Disabled Veteran:		59,974,683	
Homestead Cap Loss:		488,361,050	
Miscellaneous:		2,609,058	
Productivity Loss:		415,357,013	
	\$	1,716,737,565	
Total Taxable Value	\$		2,802,952,423
Less: Frozen Value:			212,067,069
Net Taxable Value:	\$		2,590,885,354

Source: Central Appraisal District of Johnson County.

GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT PRINCIPAL (as of February 15, 2024)			
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 1996C	\$		1,770,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015			805,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016			26,395,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019			8,475,000
Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2020			47,615,000
Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2024 ("The Bonds")			101,060,000 *
	\$		186,120,000 *
Less: Est I&S Fund Balance on of June 30, 2024)	\$		11,292,194
Net General Obligation Debt ⁽¹⁾	\$		174,827,806

Ratio of Net GO

Principal to Net Taxable Valuation	7.18%	Per Capita Net 2024 Valuation	\$84,847
2024 Population Estimate	30,536	Per Capita Actual 2024 Valuation	\$157,364
2023/24 Enrollment	6,020	Per Capita Net GO Debt Principal	\$6,095

* Preliminary; subject to change

⁽¹⁾ Does not include any limited tax debt obligations payable from the District's Maintenance & Operations tax rate (see Notes F and G in Appendix D, District Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended August 31, 2023 herein.)

PROPERTY TAX RATES AND COLLECTIONS						
<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Net</u>		<u>% Collections</u>		<u>F/Y Ended</u>	
	<u>Taxable Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Total ⁽¹⁾</u>		
2019/2020	\$ 1,498,236,503 ⁽²⁾	\$ 1.4400	98.34%	99.89%	08/31/20	
2020/2021	1,596,445,710 ⁽²⁾	1.3960	98.67%	99.97%	08/31/21	
2021/2022	1,850,682,565 ⁽²⁾	1.2900	98.69%	99.76%	08/31/22	
2022/2023	2,092,804,345 ⁽²⁾	1.2726	98.27%	98.92%	08/31/23	
2023/2024	2,270,359,430 ⁽²⁾	1.0872	(in process of collections)		08/31/24	

⁽¹⁾ Excludes Penalty and Interest

⁽²⁾ Central Appraisal District of Johnson County.

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
Local Maintenance ⁽¹⁾	\$0.7575 ⁽²⁾	\$0.9429	\$0.9603	\$1.0243	\$1.0683
Interest & Sinking	<u>0.3297</u>	<u>0.3297</u>	<u>0.3297</u>	<u>0.3717</u>	<u>0.3717</u>
	\$1.0872	\$1.2726	\$1.2900	\$1.3960	\$1.4400

⁽¹⁾ See the discussion under "TAX RATE LIMITATIONS" in the Official Statement.

⁽²⁾ The decline in maintenance and operations tax rate from 2018/19 fiscal year to 2019/20 fiscal year is a function of House Bill 3 adopted by the Texas Legislature in June 2019.

Source: Central Appraisal District of Johnson County and the District.

ESTIMATED OVERLAPPING DEBT STATEMENT

<u>Taxing Body</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>As of</u>	<u>% Overlap</u>	<u>\$ Overlap</u>
City of Burleson	\$ 154,795,000	06/30/24	12.51%	\$ 19,364,855
Johnson County	16,210,000	06/30/24	13.32%	2,159,172
City of Joshua	11,245,000	06/30/24	98.65%	11,093,193
City of Keene	<u>10,402,000</u>	06/30/24	15.56%	<u>1,618,551</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt	\$ 192,652,000			\$ 34,235,770
Joshua ISD	\$ 186,120,000 ⁽¹⁾			
Total Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u>\$ 220,355,770</u>
Ratio of Direct and Overlapping Debt to Net Taxable Valuation				8.51%
Per Capita Direct and Overlapping Debt				\$7,216

⁽¹⁾ Includes the Bonds.

Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Texas - Texas Municipal Reports.

FUND BALANCES (Unaudited as of June 30, 2024)

General Fund	\$ 7,280,786
I & S Fund	11,292,194
Special Revenue Fund	2,647,299
Capital Projects	509,255
Total	<u>\$ 21,729,534</u>

Source: Joshua ISD

2024 PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% A.V.</u>
KCAP RE Fund II Joshua LLC	Developer	\$ 17,804,885	0.69%
SWG Pipeline, LLC	Oil & Gas	11,569,895	0.45%
BNSF Railway Co	Railroad	10,400,909	0.40%
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Pipeline	Energy	9,931,275	0.38%
Antares Acquisition LLC	Real Estate	8,779,547	0.34%
UPP Operating LLC	Oil & Gas	8,384,599	0.32%
Gilco Contracting Inc.	Construction	8,157,615	0.31%
Oncor Electric Delivery Co LLC	Energy	7,955,360	0.31%
Atmos Energy/Mid-Tex Distribution	Energy	7,837,207	0.30%
Cleburne OZF LLC	Real Estate	<u>7,753,061</u>	<u>0.30%</u>
		\$ 98,574,353	1.22%

Source: Central Appraisal District of Johnson County.

CLASSIFICATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION BY USE CATEGORY

Property Use Category	Total Tax Roll for Tax Years				
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Real Property					
Single-Family Residential	\$ 2,718,168,179	\$ 2,441,737,229	\$ 1,967,247,825	\$ 1,591,064,493	\$ 1,345,224,165
Multi-Family Residential	87,636,571	51,092,577	38,379,715	35,332,294	33,292,670
Vacant Lots/Tracts	89,453,108	89,784,392	60,620,518	60,626,819	57,345,355
Acreage (Land Only)	428,982,661	380,428,243	323,478,472	309,216,511	240,703,297
Farm/Ranch Improvements	709,582,701	608,794,402	510,865,323	496,224,992	366,040,771
Commercial	175,525,123	162,341,462	130,943,328	118,308,728	102,825,634
Industrial	22,546,253	21,199,953	16,892,991	17,481,944	18,491,111
Minerals, Oil and Gas	29,709,525	93,762,097	68,785,856	41,633,294	51,760,332
Utilities	91,944,040	92,896,511	72,196,528	67,415,546	64,713,642
Mobile Homes	29,875,827	24,396,944	20,968,235	18,621,505	16,186,112
Tangible Personal					
Commercial	72,967,665	71,414,006	62,921,021	59,034,308	53,116,411
Industrial	25,869,502	24,468,738	24,059,159	23,608,697	21,992,149
Totally Exempt Property	285,016,707	274,692,442	264,053,905	263,573,477	256,901,872
Special Inventory	9,527,636	9,659,383	7,239,916	6,082,599	5,103,471
Real Property-Vacant/Improved	<u>28,469,044</u>	<u>12,709,842</u>	<u>1,801,324</u>	<u>4,510,139</u>	<u>3,614,139</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	<u>\$ 4,805,274,542</u>	<u>\$ 4,359,378,221</u>	<u>\$ 3,570,454,116</u>	<u>\$ 3,112,735,346</u>	<u>\$ 2,637,311,131</u>
Less Exemptions:					
Homestead Exemption	\$ 726,081,966	\$ 688,511,558	\$ 275,337,750	\$ 166,938,945	\$ 159,848,842
Over 65	23,204,059	21,032,803	23,748,749	22,993,572	22,127,448
Disabled	1,149,736	1,224,264	1,793,183	1,900,375	2,008,710
Disabled Veteran	59,974,683	47,418,362	42,433,713	32,000,635	24,425,408
Homestead Cap Loss	488,361,050	377,114,525	196,038,720	133,911,632	50,325,707
Miscellaneous	2,609,058	2,505,591	1,087,929	839,628	739,741
Total Exempt Property	285,584,554	274,930,119	264,295,539	263,881,989	257,338,302
Productivity Loss	<u>415,357,013</u>	<u>367,507,574</u>	<u>311,827,318</u>	<u>298,855,424</u>	<u>231,109,206</u>
Total Exemptions	<u>\$ 2,002,322,119</u>	<u>\$ 1,780,244,796</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,562,901</u>	<u>\$ 921,322,200</u>	<u>\$ 747,923,364</u>
Less Frozen Value:	<u>\$ 212,067,069</u>	<u>\$ 308,773,995</u>	<u>\$ 361,086,870</u>	<u>\$ 340,730,581</u>	<u>\$ 292,942,057</u>
Net Taxable Valuation	\$ 2,590,885,354	\$ 2,270,359,430	\$ 2,092,804,345	\$ 1,850,682,565	\$ 1,596,445,710

Source: Central Appraisal District of Johnson County.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

	Fiscal Years Ending August 31,				
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenues:					
Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 23,186,321	\$ 20,831,335	\$ 19,067,795	\$ 18,699,752	\$ 18,661,057
State Program Revenues	34,930,181	36,751,672	34,596,438	35,635,879	31,104,662
Federal Program Revenues	<u>1,740,452</u>	<u>1,656,762</u>	<u>1,396,787</u>	<u>1,356,555</u>	<u>2,400,844</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 59,856,954</u>	<u>\$ 59,239,769</u>	<u>\$ 55,061,020</u>	<u>\$ 55,692,186</u>	<u>\$ 52,166,563</u>
Expenditures:					
Instruction	\$ 36,946,227	\$ 34,360,904	\$ 32,602,326	\$ 32,897,144	\$ 29,889,930
Instructional Resources & Media Services	821,353	872,793	783,059	726,957	745,097
Curriculum & Instructional Staff Development	182,397	148,290	17,813	63,280	39,523
Instructional Leadership	1,281,504	1,209,576	1,072,521	1,090,054	1,002,097
School Leadership	3,864,306	3,588,689	3,359,340	3,340,213	3,296,622
Guidance, Counseling & Evaluation Services	1,503,022	384,494	1,262,642	1,268,354	1,366,623
Health Services	930,021	739,456	662,644	666,853	592,547
Student Transportation	3,138,306	2,828,843	2,141,770	1,709,842	1,870,969
Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,071,169	1,879,482	1,684,013	1,515,368	2,847,661
General Administration	2,699,716	2,103,733	1,802,242	1,867,413	1,422,340
Plant Maintenance and Operations	7,948,526	6,642,262	5,787,357	6,281,947	5,607,471
Security and Monitoring Services	1,637,490	750,191	669,623	676,783	595,023
Data Processing	1,646,113	1,278,371	1,242,764	1,161,107	1,042,676
Community Services	1,200	1,200	1,400	700	700
Principal on Long-Term Debt	142,354	91,755	-	-	-
Interest on Long-Term Debt	3,497	3,979	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	400,937	2,196,721	-	214,603	-
Other Intergovernmental Charges	347,325	327,539	322,681	310,757	305,055
Education Programs	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 65,565,463</u>	<u>\$ 59,408,278</u>	<u>\$ 53,412,195</u>	<u>\$ 53,791,375</u>	<u>\$ 50,624,334</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ (5,708,509)	\$ (168,509)	\$ 1,648,825	\$ 1,900,811	\$ 1,542,229
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
Sale of Real or Personal Property	278,094	246,122	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	-	-	-	(125,000)	-
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>\$ 278,094</u>	<u>\$ 246,122</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (125,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Special Item (Resource)	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ (5,430,415)</u>	<u>\$ 77,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,648,825</u>	<u>\$ 1,775,811</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,229</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	<u>\$ 16,643,190</u>	<u>\$ 16,565,577</u>	<u>\$ 14,916,752</u>	<u>\$ 13,140,941</u>	<u>\$ 11,598,712</u>
Ending Fund Balance - August 31 ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 11,212,775</u>	<u>\$ 16,643,190</u>	<u>\$ 16,565,577</u>	<u>\$ 14,916,752</u>	<u>\$ 13,140,941</u>

⁽¹⁾ The District estimates that its ending General Fund Balance as of August 31, 2024 will be approximately \$4.6 million due to no additional funding assistance from the State for public education and increased operational costs due to inflation.

Source: Joshua ISD audited financial statements

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Fiscal Year Ending 8/31	Existing Debt Service	The Bonds *			Combined With New Issue
		Principal	Interest	Total	
2024	\$ 6,668,758			\$ -	\$ 6,668,758
2025	6,668,783	\$ 2,270,000	\$ 4,343,291	6,613,291	13,282,074
2026	6,704,208	2,240,000	4,581,950	6,821,950	13,526,158
2027	6,703,433	2,355,000	4,469,950	6,824,950	13,528,383
2028	6,694,183	2,470,000	4,352,200	6,822,200	13,516,383
2029	6,767,981	2,595,000	4,228,700	6,823,700	13,591,681
2030	6,764,435	2,725,000	4,098,950	6,823,950	13,588,385
2031	6,773,403	2,860,000	3,962,700	6,822,700	13,596,103
2032	6,766,815	3,000,000	3,819,700	6,819,700	13,586,515
2033	6,873,927	3,155,000	3,669,700	6,824,700	13,698,627
2034	6,874,410	3,310,000	3,511,950	6,821,950	13,696,360
2035	6,874,405	3,475,000	3,346,450	6,821,450	13,695,855
2036	6,873,394	3,650,000	3,172,700	6,822,700	13,696,094
2037	6,866,459	3,830,000	2,990,200	6,820,200	13,686,659
2038	3,712,740	4,025,000	2,798,700	6,823,700	10,536,440
2039	3,713,920	4,225,000	2,597,450	6,822,450	10,536,370
2040	3,715,397	4,435,000	2,386,200	6,821,200	10,536,597
2041	3,709,150	4,660,000	2,164,450	6,824,450	10,533,600
2042	3,711,652	4,890,000	1,931,450	6,821,450	10,533,102
2043	3,712,014	5,135,000	1,686,950	6,821,950	10,533,964
2044	3,715,234	5,390,000	1,430,200	6,820,200	10,535,434
2045	3,711,188	5,605,000	1,214,600	6,819,600	10,530,788
2046	-	5,830,000	990,400	6,820,400	6,820,400
2047	-	6,065,000	757,200	6,822,200	6,822,200
2048	-	6,305,000	514,600	6,819,600	6,819,600
2049	-	6,560,000	262,400	6,822,400	6,822,400
TOTAL	\$ 124,575,887	\$ 101,060,000	\$ 69,283,041	\$ 170,343,041	\$ 294,918,929

* Preliminary; subject to change

TAX ADEQUACY WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT'S OUTSTANDING BONDS

Maximum Principal and Interest Requirements, Fiscal Year Ending 8/31/2033	\$	13,698,627
Less estimated combined State Funds available		<u>1,371,000</u>
Projected Levy on Maximum Principal and Interest Requirements	\$	12,327,627
 Projected I&S Tax Rate using projected Assessed Value at 98% Collections:	 \$	 0.3589

Note: The District currently receives State financial assistance for debt service on its outstanding debt. The amount of State aid for debt service, if any, may substantially differ from year to year, depending on a number of factors, including amounts, if any, appropriated for that purpose by the Texas Legislature (See "CURRENT PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE SYSTEM- State Funding for Local School Districts").

AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED BONDS

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have authorization remaining in the amount of \$_____.

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PRINCIPAL REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Year Ended 8/31	Outstanding Bonds	The Bonds*	Total	Bonds Unpaid at Year End	Percent of Principal Retired
2024	\$ 1,275,000		\$ 1,275,000	\$ 184,845,000	0.69%
2025	2,050,000	\$ 2,270,000	4,320,000	180,525,000	3.01%
2026	1,665,000	2,240,000	3,905,000	176,620,000	5.10%
2027	1,085,000	2,355,000	3,440,000	173,180,000	6.95%
2028	4,400,000	2,470,000	6,870,000	166,310,000	10.64%
2029	4,570,000	2,595,000	7,165,000	159,145,000	14.49%
2030	4,720,000	2,725,000	7,445,000	151,700,000	18.49%
2031	4,910,000	2,860,000	7,770,000	143,930,000	22.67%
2032	5,095,000	3,000,000	8,095,000	135,835,000	27.02%
2033	5,390,000	3,155,000	8,545,000	127,290,000	31.61%
2034	5,595,000	3,310,000	8,905,000	118,385,000	36.39%
2035	5,740,000	3,475,000	9,215,000	109,170,000	41.34%
2036	5,890,000	3,650,000	9,540,000	99,630,000	46.47%
2037	6,045,000	3,830,000	9,875,000	89,755,000	51.78%
2038	3,060,000	4,025,000	7,085,000	82,670,000	55.58%
2039	3,130,000	4,225,000	7,355,000	75,315,000	59.53%
2040	3,205,000	4,435,000	7,640,000	67,675,000	63.64%
2041	3,275,000	4,660,000	7,935,000	59,740,000	67.90%
2042	3,360,000	4,890,000	8,250,000	51,490,000	72.34%
2043	3,445,000	5,135,000	8,580,000	42,910,000	76.94%
2044	3,535,000	5,390,000	8,925,000	33,985,000	81.74%
2045	3,620,000	5,605,000	9,225,000	24,760,000	86.70%
2046	-	5,830,000	5,830,000	18,930,000	89.83%
2047	-	6,065,000	6,065,000	12,865,000	93.09%
2048	-	6,305,000	6,305,000	6,560,000	96.48%
2049	-	6,560,000	6,560,000	-	100.00%
	<u>\$ 85,060,000</u>	<u>\$ 101,060,000</u>	<u>\$ 186,120,000</u>		

* Preliminary; subject to change

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APPENDIX B

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING
JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Joshua ISD was established in 1902 and encompasses 76 miles in the Burleson, Crowley, Joshua, Egan and Cleburne communities of Johnson County. The District serves a population of approximately 30,536. It is a productive farming and residential area that has experienced rapid residential growth due to its proximity to the City of Fort Worth.

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2019-20	5,594
2020-21	5,472
2021-22	5,862
2022-23	5,879
2023-24	6,020

FACILITIES

<u>School</u>	<u>Campus Size</u> (acres)	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Present Enrollment</u>	<u>Planned Capacity</u>
<u>Elementary</u>				
Elder Elementary School	11	PK-5	670	700
Staples Elementary School	9	PK-5	431	750
North Joshua Elementary School	15	PK-5	711	750
Caddo Grove Elementary School	35	PK-5	629	750
Plum Creek Elementary School	12	PK-5	444	750
<u>Middle Schools</u>				
Loflin Middle School	30	6-8	730	1,000
Nichols Middle School	50	6-8	604	750
<u>High Schools</u>				
JHS 9 th Grade Campus	15	9	480	600
Joshua High School	56	10-12	1,287	1,600
New Horizon High School	3	9-12	34	125

ADDITIONAL SITES OWNED BY THE DISTRICT

<u>Name/Location of Site</u>	<u>Size (acres)</u>
CR 3068 - Future School Site	33.0
Panchasarp Farms - Future School Site	20.0
CR 1902 - Future School Site	70.0

EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISTRICT

Teachers	420
Administrators	41
Teacher Aids & Secretaries	147
Other Employees	<u>222</u>
Total Number of Employees	830

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS OF THE DISTRICT

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u># of Employees</u>
Joshua ISD	Education	830
KWS Manufacturing	Manufacturer	150
Texas Health Burleson	Health Care	125
American Steel Buildings	Carports	110
Brookshires	Grocery	70
City of Joshua	Municipality	65
Industrial Screw Conveyors	Equipment manufacturer	55
Pathway Communications	Communications	54
Cleburne Ford	Vehicle Dealership	40
Joshua YMCA	Health & Wellness	35

Source: Joshua ISD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING JOHNSON COUNTY, TEXAS

Johnson County is located in north central Texas on the southwestern edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and is comprised of approximately 740 squares miles. The county was named after Middleton Johnson, a Texas Ranger, soldier and politician. The area was first settled in the middle 1850s. Today the county seat is Cleburne. The county population per the 2020 census was 179,927. Estimated current population is 202,906.

The topography is level to gently sloping with soil types of alkaline loam over limestone on the west, acid soils that are both loamy and clay subsoils on the east and blackland clay in the remaining region. The primary minerals include sand, limestone and gravel. Agricultural crops include wheat, sorghums, oats, cotton, dairy and cattle. Industry in the county is based on manufacturing, lake recreation, and agribusiness.

The Brazos and Nolan rivers are primary sources for water with reservoirs at Lake Whitney and Lake Pat Cleburne.

Source: Texas Municipal Reports/ North Central Texas Council of Governments

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Texas Work Force Commission reports the following employment statistics for Johnson County and the State of Texas.

	Johnson County		State of Texas	
	June 2024	June 2023	June 2024	June 2023
Total Civilian Labor Force	93,573	91,289	15,436,594	15,067,871
Total Employment	89,560	87,853	14,736,594	14,440,713
Total Unemployment	4,013	3,436	700,074	627,158

Source: Texas Work Force Commission, Austin, Texas

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	<u>June 2024</u>	<u>June 2023</u>
Johnson County	4.3%	3.8%
State of Texas	4.5	4.2
United States of America	4.3	3.8

Source: Texas Work Force Commission, Austin, Texas

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APPENDIX C

FORM OF LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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Proposed Form of Opinion of Bond Counsel

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

**JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS, SERIES 2024**

IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$_____

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

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

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

IT IS FURTHER OUR OPINION, except as discussed below, that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from the gross income of the owners for federal income tax purposes under the statutes, regulations, published rulings, and court decisions existing on the date of this opinion. We are further of the opinion that the Bonds are not "specified private activity bonds" and that, accordingly, interest on the Bonds will not be included as an individual 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 and assume continuing compliance with, certain representations contained in the federal tax certificate of the Issuer and covenants set forth in the order adopted by the Issuer to authorize the issuance of the Bonds, relating to, among other matters, the use of the project 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, the accuracy of which we have not independently verified. We call your attention to the fact that if such representations are determined to be inaccurate or if the Issuer fails to comply with such covenants, interest on the Bonds may become includable in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

EXCEPT AS STATED ABOVE, we express no opinion as to any other federal, state, or local tax consequences of acquiring, carrying, owning, or disposing of the Bonds, 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 Issuer as the taxpayer. We observe that the Issuer has covenanted not to take any action, or omit to take any action within its control, that if taken or omitted, respectively, may result in the treatment of interest on the Bonds as includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

OUR SOLE ENGAGEMENT in connection with the issuance of the Bonds is as Bond Counsel for the Issuer, and, in that capacity, we have been engaged by the Issuer for the sole purpose of rendering our opinions with respect to the legality and validity of the Bonds under the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and with respect to the exclusion from gross income of the interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes, and for no other reason or purpose. The foregoing opinions represent our legal judgment based upon a review of existing legal authorities that we deem relevant to render such opinions and are not a guarantee of a



result. We have not been requested to investigate or verify, and have not independently investigated or verified, any records, data, or other material relating to the financial condition or capabilities of the Issuer, or the disclosure thereof in connection with the sale of the Bonds, and have not assumed any responsibility with respect thereto. We express no opinion and make no comment with respect to the marketability of the Bonds and have relied solely on certificates executed by officials of the Issuer as to the current outstanding indebtedness of, and assessed valuation of taxable property within the Issuer. Our role in connection with the Issuer's Official Statement prepared for use in connection with the sale of the Bonds has been limited as described therein.

Respectfully,

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APPENDIX D

The information contained in this Appendix has been reproduced from the Joshua Independent School District Annual Financial Report (the "Report") for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2023.

THE INFORMATION PRESENTED REPRESENTS ONLY A PART OF THE REPORT AND DOES NOT PURPORT TO BE A COMPLETE STATEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CONDITION. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE COMPLETE REPORT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**JOSHUA
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Joshua Independent School District
Annual Financial Report
For The Year Ended August 31, 2023

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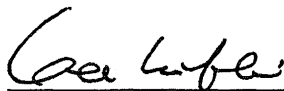
CERTIFICATE OF BOARD

Joshua Independent School District
Name of School District

Johnson
County

126-905
Co.-Dist. Number

We, the undersigned, certify that the attached annual financial reports of the above named school district were reviewed and (check one) ☒ approved ☐ disapproved for the year ended August 31, 2023, at a meeting of the board of trustees of such school district on the 18th day of December, 2023.



Signature of Board Secretary



Signature of Board President

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

Financial Section



SNOW GARRETT WILLIAMS
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Joshua Independent School District
310 E 18th Street
Joshua, Texas 76058

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Joshua Independent School District ("the District"), as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Joshua Independent School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Joshua Independent School District as of August 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Joshua Independent School District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note A to the financial statements, in Fiscal Year 2023, Joshua Independent School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as other supplementary information in the table of contents, except for Exhibit J-5, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not required parts of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in, all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section and Exhibit J-5 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2023, on our consideration of Joshua 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 Joshua 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 Joshua Independent School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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

Snow Garrett Williams
December 14, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

As management of the District, we offer readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended August 31, 2023. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- The liabilities of the District exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent period by (\$30,598,367) (*net position*). Of this amount, (\$31,449,937) (*unrestricted net position*) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$17,450,231. Approximately 64% of this total amount, \$11,158,209, is *available for spending* at the government's discretion (*unassigned fund balance*).
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$11,158,209 or 17% of the total general fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Both of the District's government-wide financial statements distinguish the functions of the District as being principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (*governmental activities*) as opposed to *business-type activities* that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges. The District has no component units for which it is financially accountable. The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 14-16 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirements. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds-not the District as a whole.

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

All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

- **Governmental funds.** *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*. The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund, debt service fund and food service fund. A budgetary comparison schedule has been provided to demonstrate compliance with these budgets. The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 17-20 of this report.
- **Proprietary funds.** *Proprietary funds* provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. There are two proprietary fund types. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The District has *business-type activities* or *enterprise funds* that operate similar to a private business. The District uses the enterprise fund to account for after school programs. The second type of proprietary fund is the *internal service fund*. Internal service funds are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among the various functions; however, the District does not have any internal service funds. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 21-23 of this report.
- **Fiduciary funds.** *Fiduciary funds* are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support the District's own programs. The District is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for these funds and is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and statement of changes in fiduciary net position that can be found on page 24-25.
- **Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a complete understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 26-52 of this report.

Other information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Required supplementary information can be found on pages 53-59 of this report.



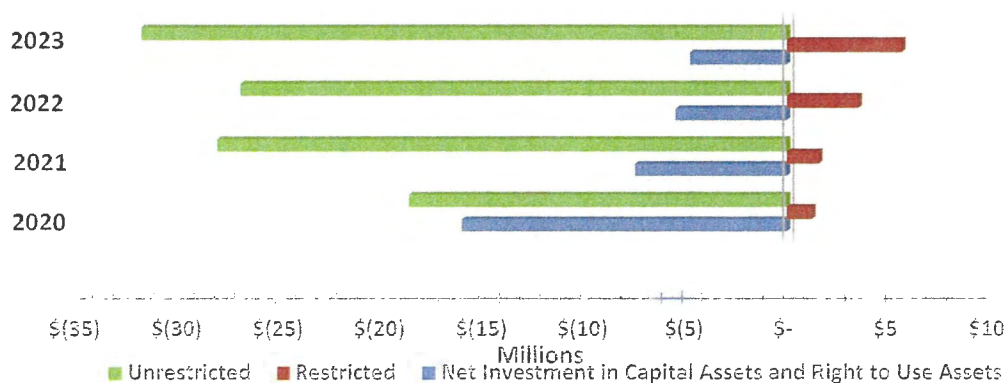
Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, governmental type liabilities and deferred inflows exceeded assets and deferred outflows by \$30,918,573 as of August 31, 2023.

The District's Net Position - Governmental Activities

	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Current assets	\$ 22,060,788	\$ 25,723,321
Capital assets	80,127,188	83,463,114
Restricted assets	286,041	267,199
Total assets	102,474,017	109,453,634
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Deferred loss on bond refunding	4,925,276	5,163,715
Deferred outflows related to pensions	9,596,133	5,105,811
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	6,401,227	5,420,159
Total deferred outflows of resources	20,922,636	15,689,685
Current liabilities	4,137,302	4,726,271
Long-term liabilities outstanding	130,453,502	127,481,604
Total liabilities	134,590,804	132,207,875
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Deferred gain on refunding	691,194	767,994
Deferred inflows related to pensions	1,623,345	8,814,521
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	17,409,883	12,181,464
Total deferred inflows of resources	19,724,422	21,763,979
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets and right to use assets	(4,752,426)	(5,454,934)
Restricted	5,603,996	3,486,885
Unrestricted	(31,770,143)	(26,860,486)
Total net position	\$ (30,918,573)	\$ (28,828,535)

Historical Governmental Activities Net Position



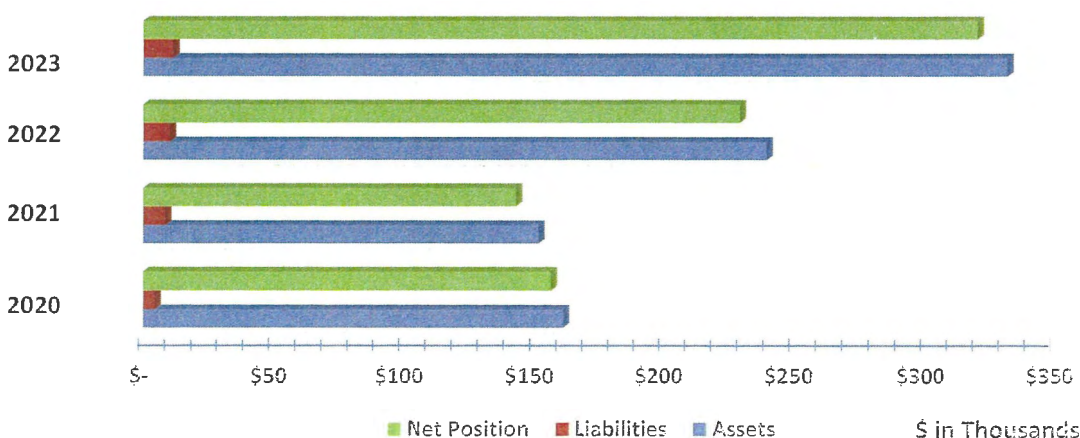
Net investment in capital assets and right to use assets (e.g., land, buildings, and furniture and equipment) is a negative \$4,752,426. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. An additional portion of the District's net position \$5,603,996 represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of *unrestricted net position*, negative \$31,770,143, may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations. This deficit is not an indication that the District has insignificant resources available to meet financial obligations next year, but rather the result of having *long-term* commitments that are in excess of currently available resources.

The District's Net Position-Business-Type Activities

	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Current assets	\$ 331,693	\$ 239,413
Total assets	331,693	239,413
Current liabilities	11,487	10,255
Total liabilities	11,487	10,255
Net position:		
Unrestricted	320,206	229,158
Total net position	\$ 320,206	\$ 229,158

The above surplus is not an indication the District has significant assets that are available to meet financial obligations next year, but rather the result of having currently available resources that exceed long-term commitments.

Historical Business-Type Activities Net Position

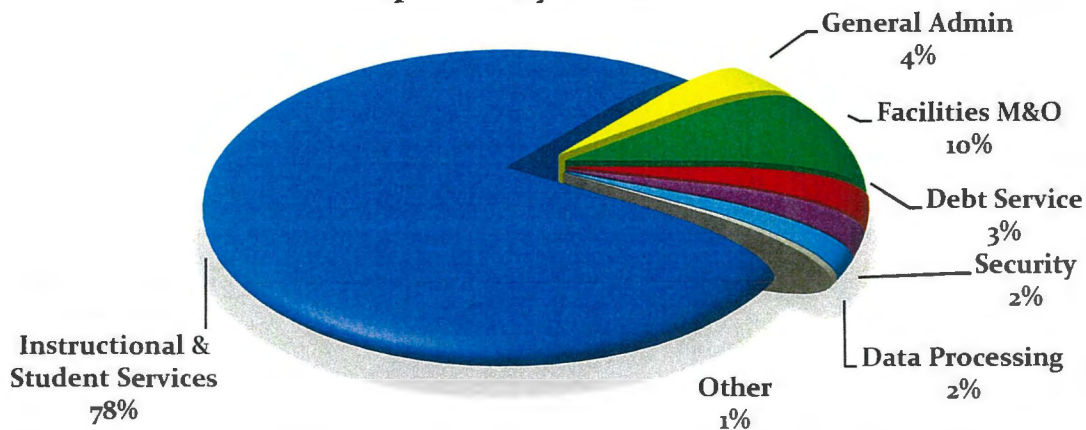


Governmental activities. The District's total net position decreased \$2,090,038. The total cost of all *governmental activities* this year was \$77,586,698. The amount that our taxpayers paid for these activities through property taxes was \$29,958,139 or 39%. This decrease in total net position is largely due to a decrease in Federal and State Grants, and an increase in spending in instruction.

Changes in the District's Net Position

	Fiscal Year August 31, 2023	Fiscal Year August 31, 2022
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 2,173,919	\$ 1,288,401
Operating grants and contributions	10,277,335	13,016,362
General revenues		
Property taxes	29,958,139	27,129,615
State grants	31,611,147	33,760,823
Other	1,441,120	559,118
Transfers	35,000	50,000
Total revenues	<u>75,496,660</u>	<u>75,804,319</u>
Expenses:		
Instruction	40,181,331	38,200,504
Instruction resources and media services	866,834	704,319
Curriculum and staff development	553,736	289,602
Instructional leadership	1,665,132	1,609,851
School leadership	4,333,695	3,934,728
Guidance, counseling & evaluation services	2,459,375	2,318,271
Health services	833,666	817,442
Student transportation	3,353,891	3,028,306
Food service	3,766,352	3,829,371
Cocurricular/extracurricular activities	2,372,495	2,070,880
General administration	2,894,272	2,157,557
Facilities maintenance and operations	7,926,905	6,857,651
Security and monitoring services	1,904,964	647,772
Data processing services	1,597,435	1,259,808
Community services	12,284	8,267
Interest on long-term debt	2,346,767	2,472,918
Bond issuance costs and fees	165,239	165,039
Payments related to shared service arrangements	5,000	42,542
Other intergovernmental charges	347,325	327,539
Total expenses	<u>77,586,698</u>	<u>70,742,367</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	(2,090,038)	5,061,952
Beginning net position	(28,828,535)	(33,890,487)
Ending net position	<u>\$ (30,918,573)</u>	<u>\$ (28,828,535)</u>

Expenses by Function



Business-type activities. The District's total net position increase by \$91,048. The total cost of all *business-type activities* this year was \$311,289. Club Excel after school program began in fiscal year 2011.

Changes in the District's Net Position

	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Revenues:		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 413,566	\$ 391,019
Operating grants and contributions	17,942	15,734
General revenues		
Other	5,829	1,186
Transfers	(35,000)	(50,000)
Total revenues	<u>402,337</u>	<u>357,939</u>
Expenses:		
Club excel - after-school care program	<u>311,289</u>	<u>271,624</u>
Total expenses	<u>311,289</u>	<u>271,624</u>
Increase (decrease) in net position	91,048	86,315
Beginning net position	229,158	142,843
Ending net position	<u>\$ 320,206</u>	<u>\$ 229,158</u>

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

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

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$17,450,231, a decrease of \$3,246,481. Approximately 64% of this total amount (\$11,158,209) constitutes *unassigned fund balance*. The remainder of fund balance is *restricted*, *committed*, or *assigned* to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it is (1) considered non-spendable for inventory (\$51,925) and prepaid items (\$2,641) and has already been restricted (2) to pay debt service (\$4,158,483), (3) for federal/state funds grant restrictions (\$1,219,811); and committed for (4) other committed campus activity balances (\$859,162).

The general fund is the primary operating fund of the District. At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$11,158,209, out of a total fund balance of \$11,212,775. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to the total fund expenditures. Unassigned fund balance represents 17% of the total general fund expenditures. Total fund balance represents 17% of the total general fund expenditures.

The fund balance of the District's general fund decreased \$5,430,415 during the current fiscal year. This increase is largely due to an increase in instruction and facilities maintenance and operations expenditures.

The fund balance of the District's debt service fund increased \$1,884,165 during the current fiscal year. This increase is largely due to an increase in property taxes.

Proprietary funds. As mentioned earlier, the District's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

After school care fund info. Unrestricted net position for the enterprise fund at August 31, 2023 amounted to \$320,206.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the District recommended and the Board approved several revisions to budgeted revenue and appropriations. These amendments fall into the following categories:

- Additions to expenses arising from matters related to inflation and labor market conditions.
- Reclassification of funds to meet needs that arise throughout the year.
- Year-end adjustments to ensure all district spending is approved by the board and revenues align with collections and anticipated final state aid amounts.

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

- Actual revenues were higher than budgeted by \$4,114,409, primarily related to higher than anticipated state program revenues: and
- Actual expenditures were lower than budgeted by \$3,180,177, primarily due to lower than anticipated final expenditures and year-end adjustment within instruction, student transportation, plant maintenance and operations, security and monitoring services, and debt service.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The District's investment in capital assets and right to use assets for its governmental activities as of August 31, 2023, amounts to \$80,127,188 (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). This investment in capital assets and right to use assets includes land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment.

Major capital asset events during the year included the construction of a secured vestibule entrance at an elementary school and the purchase of new kitchen equipment and technology resources.

District's Capital Assets
(net of depreciation and amortization)

	August 31, 2023	August 31, 2022
Land	\$ 6,597,782	\$ 6,597,782
Buildings and improvements	70,908,418	72,443,150
Furniture and equipment	2,202,378	2,073,114
Right to Use Assets	418,610	152,347
Construction in progress	-	2,196,721
Totals at historical cost	<u>\$ 80,127,188</u>	<u>\$ 83,463,114</u>

Additional information on the District's capital assets can be found in Note C on page 34 and 35 of this report.

Long-term liabilities. As of August 31, 2023, the District had total general obligation bonded debt outstanding of \$85,870,002, a decrease of \$3,875,000 over the prior year. The unamortized premium balance at August 31, 2023 was \$2,919,205, a decrease from the prior year of \$495,195. The Accumulated Accretion on CABs for fiscal year 2023 had an ending balance of \$9,686,930, an increase of \$123,547 from the prior year audit. The net pension liability for fiscal year 2023 had an ending balance of \$20,634,721, and an increase of \$12,599,976 from the prior year. The net OPEB liability for fiscal year 2023 had an ending balance of \$11,018,155, which is a decrease from the prior year of \$5,551,552. The lease liability increased \$135,740 to an ending balance of \$290,107 for fiscal year 2023. The SBITA liability is \$34,382 due to the implementation of GASB 96 in the current year.

The "AAA" long-term rating on the District's Texas' bonds reflects the Texas Permanent School Fund guarantee. The "A+" Standard & Poor's underlying rating on the District's unenhanced debt reflects the District's: (1) participation in the strong and growing Dallas/Fort Worth area economy, (2) strong administrative management, and (3) continued satisfactory financial performance.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation debt a government entity may issue up to 10% of its total assessed valuation. The current debt limitation for the District is \$234,289,055, which is significantly in excess of the District's outstanding general obligation debt.

The District's bonds are rated "AAA" by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas. The uninsured tax supported debt of the District is rated "A+." The district also has two other issues outstanding which are rated "AAA" by Standard and Poor's and "Aaa" by Moody's by virtue of the guarantee of the Permanent School Fund of the State of Texas.

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in Note E on pages 36-37 of this report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

- The District's student attendance rate remains stable at the 94% level.
- The District's enrollment increased by approximately 10 students in 2022-2023. Enrollment for 2023-2024 is expected to increase by approximately 130 students.
- The District's taxable valuation has increased by 7.11%.
- The District has appropriated revenues and expenditures in the 2023-2024 budgets of \$60,878,700 and \$67,479,365 respectively in its general fund. This budget is a deficit budget caused by inflation and labor market concerns which continue following the COVID-19 pandemic. These concerns are emphasized with respect to the lack of an adjustment for inflation in state funding formulas.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances as well as demonstrate accountability for funds the District receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the Joshua ISD Business Office.

Basic Financial Statements

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2023

Data Control Codes	1	2	3
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 906,781	\$ 331,693	\$ 1,238,474
1120 Current Investments	16,406,245	--	16,406,245
1225 Property Taxes Receivable (Net)	872,602	--	872,602
1240 Due from Other Governments	3,762,808	--	3,762,808
1290 Other Receivables	57,786	--	57,786
1300 Inventories	51,925	--	51,925
1410 Unrealized Expenses	2,641	--	2,641
Capital Assets:			
1510 Land	6,597,782	--	6,597,782
1520 Buildings and Improvements (Net)	70,908,418	--	70,908,418
1530 Furniture and Equipment (Net)	2,202,378	--	2,202,378
1550 Right to Use Assets (Net)	418,610	--	418,610
1800 Restricted Assets	286,041	--	286,041
1000 Total Assets	<u>102,474,017</u>	<u>331,693</u>	<u>102,805,710</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred Loss on Refunding	4,925,276	--	4,925,276
Deferred Outflow Related to Pensions	9,596,133	--	9,596,133
Deferred Outflow Related to OPEB	6,401,227	--	6,401,227
1700 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>20,922,636</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>20,922,636</u>
LIABILITIES:			
2110 Accounts Payable	287,255	313	287,568
2140 Interest Payable	113,306	--	113,306
2165 Accrued Liabilities	3,255,334	11,174	3,266,508
2180 Due to Other Governments	125,861	--	125,861
2300 Unearned Revenue	69,505	--	69,505
2400 Payable from Restricted Assets	286,041	--	286,041
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
2501 Due Within One Year	2,227,864	--	2,227,864
2502 Due in More Than One Year	96,572,762	--	96,572,762
2540 Net Pension Liability	20,634,721	--	20,634,721
2545 Net OPEB Liability	11,018,155	--	11,018,155
2000 Total Liabilities	<u>134,590,804</u>	<u>11,487</u>	<u>134,602,291</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Deferred Gain on Refunding	691,194	--	691,194
Deferred Inflow Related to Pensions	1,623,345	--	1,623,345
Deferred Inflow Related to OPEB	17,409,883	--	17,409,883
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>19,724,422</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>19,724,422</u>
NET POSITION:			
3200 Net Investment in Capital Assets	(4,752,426)	--	(4,752,426)
Restricted For:			
3820 Federal and State Programs	1,219,811	--	1,219,811
3850 Debt Service	4,384,185	--	4,384,185
3900 Unrestricted	(31,770,143)	320,206	(31,449,937)
3000 Total Net Position	<u>\$ (30,918,573)</u>	<u>\$ 320,206</u>	<u>\$ (30,598,367)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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		Program Revenues	
Data Control Codes	Functions/Programs	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions
	Expenses		
	Governmental Activities:		
11	Instruction	\$ 66,104	\$ 1,760,296
12	Instructional Resources and Media Services	27,354	(12,330)
13	Curriculum and Staff Development	31	325,874
21	Instructional Leadership	217	323,594
23	School Leadership	351,000	(47,374)
31	Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	12,315	841,757
33	Health Services	157	44,964
34	Student Transportation	530	112,120
35	Food Service	1,240,776	2,586,146
36	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	442,951	(57,535)
41	General Administration	11,781	88,296
51	Facilities Maintenance and Operations	9,031	90,438
52	Security and Monitoring Services	440	32,892
53	Data Processing Services	279	3,358,544
61	Community Services	--	10,356
72	Interest on Long-term Debt	--	806,072
73	Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	--
81	Capital Outlay	10,953	8,180
93	Payments Related to Shared Services Arrangements	--	5,045
99	Other Intergovernmental Charges	--	--
TG	Total Governmental Activities	2,173,919	10,277,335
	Business-type Activities:		
01	Club-Excel After School Program	413,566	17,942
TB	Total Business-type Activities	413,566	17,942
TP	Total Primary Government	\$ 2,587,485	\$ 10,295,277
	General Revenues:		
MT	Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes		
DT	Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service		
IE	Investment Earnings		
GC	Grants and Contributions Not Restricted to Specific Programs		
MI	Miscellaneous		
FR	Transfers		
TR	Total General Revenues and Transfers		
CN	Change in Net Position		
NB	Net Position - Beginning		
NE	Net Position - Ending		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$ (38,354,931)		\$ (38,354,931)
(851,810)		(851,810)
(227,831)		(227,831)
(1,341,321)		(1,341,321)
(4,030,069)		(4,030,069)
(1,605,303)		(1,605,303)
(788,545)		(788,545)
(3,241,241)		(3,241,241)
60,570		60,570
(1,987,079)		(1,987,079)
(2,794,195)		(2,794,195)
(7,827,436)		(7,827,436)
(1,871,632)		(1,871,632)
1,761,388		1,761,388
(1,928)		(1,928)
(1,540,695)		(1,540,695)
(165,239)		(165,239)
19,133		19,133
45		45
<u>(347,325)</u>		<u>(347,325)</u>
<u>(65,135,444)</u>		<u>(65,135,444)</u>
--	\$ 120,219	120,219
--	<u>120,219</u>	<u>120,219</u>
<u>(65,135,444)</u>	<u>120,219</u>	<u>(65,015,225)</u>
22,202,082	--	22,202,082
7,756,057	--	7,756,057
1,029,035	5,829	1,034,864
31,611,147	--	31,611,147
412,085	--	412,085
35,000	(35,000)	--
<u>63,045,406</u>	<u>(29,171)</u>	<u>63,016,235</u>
(2,090,038)	91,048	(1,998,990)
<u>(28,828,535)</u>	<u>229,158</u>	<u>(28,599,377)</u>
<u>\$ (30,918,573)</u>	<u>\$ 320,206</u>	<u>\$ (30,598,367)</u>

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2023

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:				
1110 Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 322,698	\$ 5,317	\$ 578,766	\$ 906,781
1120 Current Investments	10,855,024	4,211,216	1,340,005	16,406,245
1225 Taxes Receivable	1,133,198	379,004	--	1,512,202
1230 Allowance for Uncollectible Taxes (Credit)	(486,298)	(153,302)	--	(639,600)
1240 Due from Other Governments	2,960,640	--	802,168	3,762,808
1260 Due from Other Funds	285,184	--	--	285,184
1290 Other Receivables	57,786	--	--	57,786
1300 Inventories	51,925	--	--	51,925
1410 Unrealized Expenditures	2,641	--	--	2,641
1800 Restricted Assets	286,041	--	--	286,041
1000 Total Assets	<u>\$ 15,468,839</u>	<u>\$ 4,442,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,720,939</u>	<u>\$ 22,632,013</u>
LIABILITIES:				
Current Liabilities:				
2110 Accounts Payable	\$ 285,887	\$ --	\$ 1,368	\$ 287,255
2160 Accrued Wages Payable	3,037,236	--	218,098	3,255,334
2170 Due to Other Funds	--	--	285,184	285,184
2180 Due to Other Governments	--	--	125,861	125,861
2300 Unearned Revenue	--	58,050	11,455	69,505
2400 Payable from Restricted Assets	286,041	--	--	286,041
2000 Total Liabilities	<u>3,609,164</u>	<u>58,050</u>	<u>641,966</u>	<u>4,309,180</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:				
Property Taxes	646,900	225,702	--	872,602
2600 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>646,900</u>	<u>225,702</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>872,602</u>
FUND BALANCES:				
Nonspendable Fund Balances:				
3410 Inventories	51,925	--	--	51,925
3430 Prepaid Items	2,641	--	--	2,641
Restricted Fund Balances:				
3450 Federal/State Funds Grant Restrictions	--	--	1,219,811	1,219,811
3480 Retirement of Long-Term Debt	--	4,158,483	--	4,158,483
Committed Fund Balances:				
3545 Other Committed Fund Balance	--	--	859,162	859,162
3600 Unassigned	11,158,209	--	--	11,158,209
3000 Total Fund Balances	<u>11,212,775</u>	<u>4,158,483</u>	<u>2,078,973</u>	<u>17,450,231</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 15,468,839</u>	<u>\$ 4,442,235</u>	<u>\$ 2,720,939</u>	<u>\$ 22,632,013</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
AUGUST 31, 2023**

Total fund balances - governmental funds balance sheet	\$ 17,450,231
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Property taxes receivable unavailable to pay for current period expenditures are deferred in the funds.	872,602
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not reported in the funds.	80,127,188
Deferred Resource Outflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	9,596,133
Deferred Resource Outflows related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	6,401,227
Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability is not reported in the funds.	(20,634,721)
Recognition of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability is not reported in the funds.	(11,018,155)
Deferred Resource Inflows related to the pension plan are not reported in the funds.	(1,623,345)
Deferred Resource Inflows related to the OPEB plan are not reported in the funds.	(17,409,883)
Deferred loss on refunding bonds is not reported in the funds.	4,925,276
Payables for bond principal which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(85,870,002)
Payables for right-to-use lease which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(290,107)
Payables for bond interest which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(113,306)
The accumulated accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds is not reported in the funds.	(9,686,930)
Premiums on bonds which are not due and payable in the current period are not reported in the funds.	(2,919,205)
Deferred gain on refunding bonds is not reported in the funds.	(691,194)
Payables for right-to-use lease which are not due in the current period are not reported in the funds.	<u>(34,382)</u>
Net position of governmental activities - Statement of Net Position	\$ <u>(30,918,573)</u>

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JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTSTATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	50 Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	98 Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 23,186,321	\$ 8,016,841	\$ 2,184,096	\$ 33,387,258
5800 State Program Revenues	34,930,181	465,096	346,926	35,742,203
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1,740,452	--	6,626,536	8,366,988
5020 Total Revenues	<u>59,856,954</u>	<u>8,481,937</u>	<u>9,157,558</u>	<u>77,496,449</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	36,946,227	--	2,411,862	39,358,089
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	821,353	--	30,719	852,072
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	182,397	--	347,377	529,774
0021 Instructional Leadership	1,281,504	--	341,592	1,623,096
0023 School Leadership	3,864,306	--	389,389	4,253,695
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	1,503,022	--	871,643	2,374,665
0033 Health Services	930,021	--	46,271	976,292
0034 Student Transportation	3,138,306	--	25,613	3,163,919
0035 Food Service	--	--	3,743,266	3,743,266
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	2,071,169	--	300,242	2,371,411
0041 General Administration	2,699,716	--	85,915	2,785,631
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	7,948,526	--	67,853	8,016,379
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	1,637,490	--	211,438	1,848,928
0053 Data Processing Services	1,646,113	--	37,066	1,683,179
0061 Community Services	1,200	--	10,340	11,540
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	142,354	3,875,000	16,415	4,033,769
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	3,497	2,719,172	1,585	2,724,254
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	--	3,600	--	3,600
0081 Capital Outlay	400,937	--	--	400,937
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	--	--	5,000	5,000
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	347,325	--	--	347,325
6030 Total Expenditures	<u>65,565,463</u>	<u>6,597,772</u>	<u>8,943,586</u>	<u>81,106,821</u>
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
1100 Expenditures	<u>(5,708,509)</u>	<u>1,884,165</u>	<u>213,972</u>	<u>(3,610,372)</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):				
7913 Issuance of Right-to-Use Leases	278,094	--	--	278,094
7915 Transfers In	--	--	35,000	35,000
7949 Issuance of Right-to-Use SBITAs	--	--	50,797	50,797
7080 Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	<u>278,094</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>85,797</u>	<u>363,891</u>
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(5,430,415)</u>	<u>1,884,165</u>	<u>299,769</u>	<u>(3,246,481)</u>
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	16,643,190	2,274,318	1,779,204	20,696,712
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 11,212,775</u>	<u>\$ 4,158,483</u>	<u>\$ 2,078,973</u>	<u>\$ 17,450,231</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023**

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (3,246,481)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities
("SOA") are different because:

Certain property tax revenues are deferred in the funds. This is the change in these amounts this year.	185,920
Capital outlays are not reported as expenses in the SOA.	1,606,450
The depreciation/amortization of capital assets used in governmental activities is not reported in the funds.	(4,942,376)
GASB 68 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows.	1,945,246
These pension contributions made after the measurement date of the plan increased ending net position.	
Pension contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were expended and recorded as a reduction to the net pension liability.	(1,600,347)
Changes in the net pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are recognized in the government wide financials but are not reported in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the change is a decrease in net position.	(1,263,377)
GASB 75 required that certain plan expenditures be de-expended and recorded as deferred resource outflows.	410,389
These OPEB contributions made after the measurement date of the plan increased net position.	
OPEB contributions made before the measurement date and during the previous fiscal year were expended and recorded as a reduction in the net OPEB liability.	(373,220)
Changes in the net OPEB liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are recognized in the government wide financials but are not reported in the fund financial statements. The net effect of the change is an increase in net position.	1,267,032
Proceeds of right-to-use leases do not provide revenue in the SOA, but are reported as other financing sources in the funds.	(278,094)
Proceeds of right-to-use SBITAs do not provide revenue in the SOA, but are reported as other financing sources in the funds.	(50,797)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	3,875,000
Repayment of right-to-use lease principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	142,354
Decrease in accrued interest on bonds from beginning of period to end of period.	5,839
The accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds is not reported in the funds.	(123,547)
Deferred loss on refunding bonds is amortized in the SOA but not in the funds.	(238,439)
Deferred gain on refunding bonds is amortized in the SOA but not in the funds.	76,800
Premiums on bonds are amortized in the SOA but not in the funds.	495,195
Repayment of SBITA principal is an expenditure in the funds but is not an expense in the SOA.	<u>16,415</u>

Change in net position of governmental activities - Statement of Activities \$ (2,090,038)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023

Data Control Codes		Nonmajor Enterprise Fund
		Club Excel After-School Program
OPERATING REVENUES:		
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 419,395
5800	State Program Revenues	17,942
5020	Total Revenues	<u>437,337</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
6100	Payroll Costs	284,340
6200	Professional and Contracted Services	2,315
6300	Supplies and Materials	8,041
6400	Other Operating Costs	16,593
6030	Total Expenses	<u>311,289</u>
	Income before Contributions and Transfers	126,048
8911	Transfers Out	<u>(35,000)</u>
1300	Change in Net Position	91,048
0100	Total Net Position - Beginning	229,158
3300	Total Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 320,206</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund Club Excel After-School Program
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Received from Customers	\$ 413,563
Cash Received from Grants	17,942
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(282,711)
Cash Payments to Professional and Contracted Services	(2,315)
Cash Payments to Other Suppliers for Goods and Services	(8,437)
Cash Payments for other Operating Expenses	(10,762)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>127,280</u>
Cash Flows from Non-Capital Financing Activities:	
Transfers To Other Funds	(35,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>(35,000)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	92,280
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	239,413
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 331,693</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Operating Income	\$ 126,048
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Decrease in Accounts Payable	(397)
Increase in Accrued Wages Payable	1,629
Total Adjustments	1,232
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 127,280</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

AUGUST 31, 2023

<u>Data Control Codes</u>		<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS:		
1110	Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 187,419
1120	Current Investments	<u>257,968</u>
1000	Total Assets	<u>445,387</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Current Liabilities:		
2000	Total Liabilities	<u>--</u>
NET POSITION:		
3800	Restricted for Student Activities	<u>445,387</u>
3000	Total Net Position	<u>\$ 445,387</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS:	
Investment Income	\$ 16,342
Revenues from Student Activities	<u>1,002,308</u>
Total Additions	<u>1,018,650</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Payments for Student Activities	<u>1,065,930</u>
Total Deductions	<u>1,065,930</u>
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	(47,280)
Net Position-Beginning of the Year	<u>492,667</u>
Net Position-End of the Year	<u><u>\$ 445,387</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

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

1. Reporting Entity

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

2. Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting

a. Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

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

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

The District reports the following non-major enterprise funds:

Club Excel After School Program Fund: This fund accounts for all resources and expenses of the after school care program.

In addition, the District reports the following fund types:

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

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

b. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

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

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

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

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

3. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

b. Property Taxes

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

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

c. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventory on the balance sheet at August 31, 2023 consists of transportation fleet fuel. Fuel inventory is calculated at cost using weighted-average method.

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

d. Capital Assets

Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used.

Significant accounting policies for right-to-use assets are located at Note F for Leases and Note G for Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITAs).

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

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings & Improvements	5-30 years
Equipment	5-26 years
Right-to-Use Assets Leases	1 - 5 years
Right-to-Use Assets SBITAs	3 years

e. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

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

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

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

f. Receivable and Payable Balances

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

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

g. Compensated Absences

The District pays unused local sick leave earned after April 17, 1995 to employees who retire from employment with the District after working at least ten consecutive years with the District. Reimbursement shall be made at the rate of substitute pay at the time of retirement. The District calculated this potential liability, and it is not material to the financial statements; therefore, it has not been accrued on the Statement of Net Position.

h. Interfund Activity

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

i. Use of Estimates

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

j. Data Control Codes

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

k. Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

Fund balances of the governmental funds are classified as follows:

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

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

JOSHUA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Committed Fund Balance - represents amounts that can only be used for a specific purpose because of a formal action, which is a resolution by the District's Board of Trustees. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Trustees removes those constraints by taking the same type of formal action. Committed fund balance amounts may be used for other purposes with appropriate due process by the Board of Trustees. Commitments are typically done through adoption and amendment of the budget. Committed fund balance amounts differ from restricted balances in that the constraints on their use do not come from outside parties, constitutional provisions, or enabling legislation.

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

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

The District established a minimum unassigned General Fund fund balance target of 15-20% of the subsequent year's budgeted expenditures and transfers. The District was in compliance with this policy at year end.

l. Net Position Flow Assumption

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

m. Fund Balance Flow Assumptions

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

4. Pensions

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

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5. Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

6. Implementation of New Standards

In the current fiscal year, the district implemented the following new standard. The applicable provisions of the new standards are summarized below. Implementation is reflected in the financial statements and the notes to the financial statements.

GASB Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset - an intangible asset - and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended.

A SBITA is defined as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction.

The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022, and all reporting periods thereafter. The District implemented this Statement during the current year.

B. Deposits and Investments

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

1. Cash Deposits:

At August 31, 2023, the carrying amount of the District's deposits (cash, certificates of deposit, and interest-bearing savings accounts included in temporary investments) was \$8,997,418 and the bank balance was \$10,639,694. The District's cash deposits at August 31, 2023 were entirely covered by FDIC insurance or by pledged collateral held by the District's agent bank in the District's name.

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2. Investments:

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

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

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

The District's investments at August 31, 2023 consisted of long-term certificates of deposits and local government investment pools (LGIP). Certificates of deposit are entirely covered by FDIC and pledged collateral by the bank and are included in the balance in Note B-1.

The District's investments at August 31, 2023 are shown below.

<u>Investment or Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Lone Star - LGIP		
Corporate Overnight Fund	Wtd Avg = 32 Days	\$ 7,844,859
Corporate Overnight Plus Fund	Wtd Avg = 44 Days	1,246,413
TexPool - LGIP	Wtd Avg= 24 Days	1,416
Certificates of Deposit	Wtd Avg=< 2 Years	7,571,525
Total Investments		<u>\$ 16,664,213</u>

3. Analysis of Specific Deposit and Investment Risks

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

a. Credit Risk

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

At August 31, 2023, the District's investments, other than those which are obligations of or guaranteed by the U. S. Government, are rated as to credit quality as follows:

Lone Star - LGIP	AAAm
TexPool - LGIP	AAAm

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b. Custodial Credit Risk

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

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

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

c. Concentration of Credit Risk

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

d. Interest Rate Risk

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

e. Foreign Currency Risk

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

Investment Accounting Policy

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

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

Public Funds Investment Pools

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

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Lone Star

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

TexPool

The District invests in the Texas Local Government Investment Pool (TexPool), which is a local government investment pool that was established in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and operates under the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the Texas Government Code. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts oversees TexPool. Federated Investors, Inc. is the administrator and investment manager of TexPool under a contract with the State Comptroller. In accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, the State Comptroller has appointed the TexPool Investment Advisory Board to advise with respect to TexPool. The board is composed equally of participants in TexPool Portfolios and other persons who do not have a business relationship with TexPool Portfolios and are qualified to advise in respect to TexPool Portfolios. The Advisory Board members review the investment policy and management fee structure. The stated objective of TexPool is to maintain a stable average \$1.00 per unit net asset value; however, the \$1.00 net asset value is not guaranteed or insured. The financial statements can be obtained from the Texas Trust Safekeeping Trust Company website at www.ttstc.org.

C. Capital Assets

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

	Beginning Balances	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balances
<u>Governmental activities:</u>				
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 6,597,782	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 6,597,782
Construction in Progress	2,196,721	--	2,196,721	--
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>8,794,503</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,196,721</u>	<u>6,597,782</u>
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings and Improvements	145,353,728	2,597,658	--	147,951,386
Furniture and Equipment	7,741,349	725,167	--	8,466,516
Right-to-Use Assets - Leases	246,122	278,094	--	524,216
Right-to-Use Assets - SBITAs	--	202,252	--	202,252
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>153,341,199</u>	<u>3,803,171</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>157,144,370</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings and Improvements	(72,910,578)	(4,132,390)	--	(77,042,968)
Furniture and Equipment	(5,668,235)	(595,903)	--	(6,264,138)
Right-to-Use Assets - Leases	(93,775)	(146,666)	--	(240,441)
Right-to-Use Assets - SBITAs	--	(67,417)	--	(67,417)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>(78,672,588)</u>	<u>(4,942,376)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(83,614,964)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>74,668,611</u>	<u>(1,139,205)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>73,529,406</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 83,463,114</u>	<u>\$ (1,139,205)</u>	<u>\$ 2,196,721</u>	<u>\$ 80,127,188</u>

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Depreciation/Amortization was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 2,741,665
Instructional Resources and Media Services	54,923
Curriculum and Staff Development	34,148
Instructional Leadership	104,621
School Leadership	274,184
Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	153,066
Health Services	54,111
Student Transportation	189,972
Food Services	241,283
Extracurricular Activities	152,798
General Administration	178,709
Plant Maintenance and Operations	521,833
Security and Monitoring Services	131,825
Data Processing Services	108,494
Community Services	744
	<u>\$ 4,942,376</u>

D. Interfund Balances and Activities

1. Due To and From Other Funds

Balances due to and due from other funds at August 31, 2023, consisted of the following:

<u>Due To Fund</u>	<u>Due From Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 285,184
	Total	<u>\$ 285,184</u>

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

2. Transfers To and From Other Funds

Transfers to and from other funds at August 31, 2023, consisted of the following:

<u>Transfers From</u>	<u>Transfers To</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 35,000	Excess fund balance paid out to Special Revenue Fund
	Total	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	

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E. Long-Term Obligations

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

1. Long-Term Obligation Activity

Long-term obligations include debt and other long-term liabilities. Changes in long-term obligations for the year ended August 31, 2023, are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental activities:					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 89,745,002	\$ --	\$ (3,875,000)	\$ 85,870,002	\$ 2,085,000
Premium on Bond Issuance	3,414,400	--	(495,195)	2,919,205	--
Accum. Accretion on CABs	9,563,383	123,547	--	9,686,930	--
Net Pension Liability *	8,034,745	14,221,870	(1,621,894)	20,634,721	--
Net OPEB Liability *	16,569,707	--	(5,551,552)	11,018,155	--
Lease Liability *	154,367	278,094	(142,354)	290,107	125,937
SBITA Liability *	--	50,797	(16,415)	34,382	16,927
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 127,481,604</u>	<u>\$ 14,674,308</u>	<u>\$ (11,702,410)</u>	<u>\$ 130,453,502</u>	<u>\$ 2,227,864</u>

* Other long-term liabilities

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

Liability	Activity Type	Fund
Net Pension Liability *	Governmental	General
Net OPEB Liability*	Governmental	General
Lease Liability*	Governmental	General
SBITA Liability *	Governmental	General and Special Revenues

2. Debt Service Requirements

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at August 31, 2023, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	Bonds	
Year Ending August 31	Principal	Interest
2024	\$ 2,085,000	4,898,758
2025	2,050,000	4,808,783
2026	1,665,000	5,179,208
2027	1,085,000	5,718,433
2028	4,400,000	2,294,183
2029-2033	24,685,000	9,261,559
2034-2038	26,330,000	4,871,406
2039-2043	16,415,000	2,147,132
2044-2048	7,155,002	271,422
Totals	<u>\$ 85,870,002</u>	<u>\$ 39,450,884</u>

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The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 1996-C is 5.5% and matures on February 15, 2026.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Building Bonds, Series 2015 ranges from 4.00% to 5.00% and matures on August 15, 2025.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 ranges from 3.00% to 5.00% and matures on August 15, 2037.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2019 ranges from 3.00% to 5.00% and matures on August 31, 2032.

The interest rate on the Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 ranges from .242% to 2.519% and matures on August 15, 2045.

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the District did not have any direct borrowings or direct placements as defined by GASB No. 88. Additionally, the District did not have any lines of credit, assets of which are pledged as collateral for debt, or debt with terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, termination events with finance-related consequences, or subjective acceleration clauses as of August 31, 2023.

F. Leases

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

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

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

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancelable period of the lease.
- Lease payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, payments for penalties of terminating the lease, lease incentives receivable from the vendor, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

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

There were no variable payments or residual value guarantees or penalties not included in the measurement of the leases. The District did not have any commitments under leases not yet commenced at year-end, components of losses associated with asset impairments, or sublease transactions for Fiscal Year 2023.

The lease with Xerox matures on January 13, 2024 and is for copier equipment totaling \$65,194 payable in monthly installments of \$2,385 at an interest rate of 2%.

The lease with Xerox matures on April 16, 2024 and is for copier equipment totaling \$100,874 payable in monthly installments of \$3,240 at an interest rate of 2%.

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The lease with Xerox matures May 26, 2024 and is for copier equipment totaling \$45,339 payable in monthly installments of \$1,413 at an interest rate of 2%.

The lease with Xerox matures on June 2, 2024 and is for copier equipment totaling \$7,710 payable in monthly installments of \$240 at an interest rate of 2%.

The lease with Xerox matures on September 1, 2024 and is for copier equipment totaling \$16,384 payable in monthly installments of \$469 at an interest rate of 2%.

The lease with Xerox, matures on April 16, 2026, and is for copier equipment totaling \$8,261 payable in monthly installments of \$179 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on October 21, 2026, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$2,921 payable in monthly installments of \$63 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on October 21, 2025, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$23,899 payable in monthly installments of \$685 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on December 16, 2025, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$20,266 payable in monthly installments of \$580 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on January 15, 2027, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$17,606 payable in monthly installments of \$382 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on January 15, 2026, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$11,928 payable in monthly installments of \$342 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on February 15, 2026, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$14,218 payable in monthly installments of \$407 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on February 15, 2027, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$9,588 payable in monthly installments of \$208 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on April 18, 2027, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$5,658 payable in monthly installments of \$123 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with Xerox, that matures on April 26, 2027, during the year for copier equipment totaling \$6,776 payable in monthly installments of \$147 at an interest rate of 2%.

The District entered into a new lease with FCP Enterprises, LLC., that matures on April 3, 2028, during the year for defibrillators totaling \$165,233 payable in annual installments of \$35,928 beginning in Fiscal Year 2024 and an initial payment of \$28,428 in Fiscal Year 2023 at an interest rate of 2%.

Future lease payment maturity schedule is as follows:

Year ended August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 125,937	\$ 4,792	\$ 130,729
2025	70,345	2,979	73,324
2026	53,191	1,657	54,848
2027	40,634	738	41,372
	<u>\$ 290,107</u>	<u>\$ 10,166</u>	<u>\$ 300,273</u>

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G. Subscription Based IT Arrangements

The District is a contractee for noncancelable Subscription-Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs). The District recognizes a SBITA liability, reported with long-term debt, and a right-to-use lease asset, reported with other capital assets, in the government-wide financial statements. The District recognizes SBITA liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$25,000 or more.

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

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

- The District uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for SBITA.
- The SBITA term includes the noncancelable period of the SBITA.
- SBITA payments included in the measurement of the liability are composed of fixed payments, variable payments fixed in substance or that depend on an index or a rate, payments for penalties of terminating the SBITA, SBITA incentives receivable from the vendor, and any other payments that are reasonably certain of being required based on an assessment of all relevant factors.

The District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its SBITAs and will remeasure the SBITA asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the SBITA liability. As of August 31, 2023, the schedule of SBITA payments is as follows:

There were no variable payments or residual value guarantees or penalties not included in the measurement of the SBITAs. The District did not have any commitments under SBITAs not yet commenced at year-end, components of losses associated with asset impairments, or sublease transactions for Fiscal Year 2023.

The District entered into a new SBITA with Odysseyware, that matures on September 2, 2025, during the year totaling \$49,995 and was paid in full at the commencement of the SBITA.

The District entered into a new SBITA with Lightspeed Filer and Classroom Mangement, that matures on September 30, 2025, during the year totaling \$101,460 and was paid in full at the commencement of the SBITA.

The District entered into a new with Raptor Emergency Management Suite, that matures on October 7, 2025, during the year totaling \$50,797 payable in annual installments of \$18,000 at an interest rate of 3.12%.

Future SBITA payment maturity schedule is as follows:

Year ended August 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 16,927	\$ 1,073	\$ 18,000
2025	17,455	545	18,000
	<u>\$ 34,382</u>	<u>\$ 1,618</u>	<u>\$ 36,000</u>

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H. Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2023, the District carried insurance through various plans described below. There were no significant reductions in coverage in the past fiscal year and there were no settlements exceeding insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

Property Casualty Program

During the year ended August 31, 2023 Joshua ISD met its statutory property casualty obligations through participation in the Property Casualty Alliance of Texas (the "Fund"). The Fund was created pursuant to the provisions of the Interfocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791, Title 7 of the Texas Government Code. All districts participating in the Fund execute Interlocal Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties. The fund provides property and casualty coverage and services to its members.

The Fund and its members are protected against higher than expected claims costs through reinsurance contracts for claims in excess of the Fund's self-insured retentions. The Fund uses the services of an independent actuary to help determine the reserve adequacy. As of August 31, 2022, the Fund carries a total of \$11,173,055 in current loss reserves, including \$3,993,237 for claims incurred but not yet reported. Losses and reserves are based on estimates, and could be more or less than originally estimated. The Fund engages the services of an independent auditor to conduct a financial audit after the close of each plan year. The Fund's audited financial statements are available for inspection at the Fund's administrative offices.

Workers' Compensation

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

The District established a partially self-funded workers' compensation plan by participating in the Texas Educational Insurance Association (Association) until FY2014. The District is now in the Public Workers' Compensation Program as described above. The District continues to pay into the Educational Texas Insurance Association for claims incurred in plan years 2003-2004 through 2012-2013. The Association is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member colleges and school districts. The main purpose of the Association is to partially self-insure certain workers' compensation risks up to an agreed upon retention limit. The plan for workers' compensation benefits is authorized by Section 504.011 of the Labor Code. Claims are paid by a third party administrator acting on behalf of the District under the terms of a contractual agreement. Administrative fees are included within the provisions of that agreement. The liability of the workers' compensation self-insurance plan includes \$8,599 incurred but not reported claims. Estimates of claims payable and of claims incurred but not reported at August 31, 2023, are reflected as accounts and claims payable in the General Fund. The plan is funded to discharge liabilities of the fund as they become due.

Changes in the balances of claim liabilities from the Texas Educational Insurance Association during the past year are as follows:

	Year Ended 08/31/2023	Year Ended 08/31/2022
Unpaid claims, beginning of year	\$ 40,486	\$ 50,143
Incurred claims	(12,036)	(4,710)
Claim payments	(1,389)	(4,947)
Unpaid claims, end of fiscal year	<u>\$ 27,060</u>	<u>\$ 40,486</u>

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Unemployment Compensation

During the year ended August 31, 2023, Joshua ISD met its statutory unemployment compensation obligations by participating as a self-funded member of 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 and Chapter 504, Texas Labor Code. All members participating in the Fund execute Interlocal Agreements that define the responsibilities of the parties.

As a self-funded member of the TASB Risk Management Fund, Joshua ISD is solely responsible for all unemployment compensation claim costs, both reported and unreported. The Fund provides administrative services to its self-funded members including claims administrative and customer service.

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, 2022, are available on the TASB Risk Management Fund website and have been filed with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin.

I. Pension Plan

1. Plan Description

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

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

2. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

3. Benefits Provided

TRS provides service and disability retirement, as well as death and survivor benefits, to eligible employees (and their beneficiaries) of public and higher education in Texas. The pension formula is calculated using 2.3% (multiplier) times the average of the five highest annual creditable salaries times years of credited service to arrive at the annual standard annuity except for members who are grandfathered, the three highest annual salaries are used. The normal service retirement is at age 65 with 5 years of credited service or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or more years. Early retirement is at age 55 with 5 years of service credit or earlier than 55 with 30 years of service credit. There are additional provisions for early retirement if the sum of the member's age and years of service credit total at least 80, but the member is less than age 60 or 62 depending on date of employment, or if the member was grandfathered in under a previous rule. There are no automatic post-employment benefit changes; including automatic cost of living adjustments (COLAs). Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes, including ad hoc COLAs can be granted by the Texas Legislature as noted in the Plan description in (1) above.

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

4. Contributions

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

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

	<u>Contribution Rates</u>	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Member	8.00%	8.00%
Non-Employer Contributing Entity (State)	7.75%	8.00%
Employers	7.75%	8.00%
District's 2023 Employer Contributions		\$ 1,945,246
District's 2023 Member Contributions		\$ 3,808,349
2022 NECE On-Behalf Contributions (State)		\$ 2,282,573

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

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

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

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 1.6% of the member's salary beginning in fiscal year 2021, gradually increasing to 2% in fiscal year 2025.
- When employing a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System, the employer shall pay both the member contribution and the state contribution as an employment after retirement surcharge.

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5. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the August 31, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Asset Valuation Method	Fair Value
Single Discount Rate	7.00%
Long-term expected Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Municipal Bond Rate as of August 2022	3.91% *
Last year ending August 31 in Projection Period	2121
Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases including inflation	2.95% to 8.95%
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

* The source for the rate is the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds as reported in Fidelity Index's "20-Year Municipal GO AA Index".

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

6. Discount Rate

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

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.00%. The long-term expected rate of return on 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, 2022 are summarized below:

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Asset Class *	Target Allocation **	Long-Term Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return ***	Expected Contribution to Long-Term Portfolio Returns
Global Equity			
USA	18.0%	4.6%	1.12%
Non-U.S. Developed	13.0%	4.9%	0.90%
Emerging Markets	9.0%	5.4%	0.75%
Private Equity	14.0%	7.7%	1.55%
Stable Value			
Government Bonds	16.0%	1.0%	0.22%
Absolute Return	0.0%	3.7%	0.00%
Stable Value Hedge Funds	5.0%	3.4%	0.18%
Real Return			
Real Estate	15.0%	4.1%	0.94%
Energy, Natural Resources and Infrastructure	6.0%	5.1%	0.37%
Commodities	0.0%	3.6%	0.00%
Risk Parity	8.0%	4.6%	0.43%
Asset Allocation Leverage			
Cash	2.0%	3.0%	0.01%
Asset Allocation Leverage	(6.0%)	3.6%	(0.05)%
Inflation Expectation			2.70%
Volatility Drag ****			(0.91)%
Expected Return	100.0%		8.19%
* Absolute Return includes Credit Sensitive Investments. ** Target allocations are based on the FY2022 policy model. *** Capital Market Assumptions come from Aon Hewitt (as of 08/31/2022). **** The volatility drag results from the conversion between arithmetic and geometric mean returns.			

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

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

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (6.00%)	Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (8.00%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability:	\$ 32,099,801	\$ 20,634,721	\$ 11,341,734

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

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$20,634,721 for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension liability. This liability reflects a reduction for State pension support provided to the District. The amount recognized by the District as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the related State support, and the total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the District were as follows:

District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability	\$ 20,634,721
State's proportionate share that is associated with District	<u>29,040,267</u>
Total	<u>\$ 49,674,988</u>

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

At August 31, 2022 the employer's proportion of the collective net pension liability was 0.034758%, which was an increase of 0.003207% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

9. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

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

For the year ended August 31, 2023, the District recognized pension expense of \$5,639,644 and revenue of \$2,775,920 representing pension expense incurred by the State on behalf of the District.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between Expected and Actual Actuarial Experience	\$ 299,202	\$ 449,876
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	3,844,920	958,261
Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	2,038,644	--
Changes in Proportion and Difference between District's Contributions and the Proportionate Share of Contributions	1,468,121	215,208
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date of the Net Pension Liability	1,945,246	--
Total	<u>\$ 9,596,133</u>	<u>\$ 1,623,345</u>

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The deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended August 31, 2024. The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended August 31	Pension Expense Amount
2024	\$ 1,630,404
2025	\$ 976,990
2026	\$ 390,311
2027	\$ 2,552,995
2028	\$ 476,842
Thereafter	\$ --

J. Defined Other Post-Employment Benefit Plans

1. Plan Description

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

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

2. OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

3. Benefits Provided

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

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

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

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

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4. Contributions

Contribution rates for the TRS-Care plan are established in State Statute by the Texas Legislature, and there is no continuing obligation to provide benefits beyond each fiscal year. The TRS-Care plan is currently funded on a pay-as-you-go basis and is subject to change based on available funding. Funding for TRS-Care is provided by retiree premium contributions and contributions from the state, active employees, and participating employers are based on active employee compensation. The TRS board does not have the authority to set or amend contribution rates.

Section 1575.202 of the Texas Insurance Code establishes the State's contribution rate which is 1.25% of the employee's salary. Section 1575.203 establishes the active employee's rate which is 0.65% of Salary Section 1575.204 establishes a public school contribution rate of not less than 0.25% or not more than 0.75% of the salary of each active employee of the employer. The actual public school contribution rate is prescribed by the Legislature in the General Appropriations Act. The following table shows contributions to the TRS-Care plan by type of contributor.

Contribution Rates		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</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 2023 Employer Contributions	\$	410,389
District's 2023 Member Contributions	\$	309,381
2022 NECE On-Behalf Contributions (State)	\$	461,041

All employers whose employees are covered by the TRS pension plan are also required to pay a surcharge of \$535 per month when employing a retiree of TRS.

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

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5. Actuarial Assumptions

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

The actuarial valuation of the OPEB plan offered through TRS-Care is similar to the actuarial valuation performed for the pension plan, except that the OPEB valuation is more complex. The demographic assumptions were developed in the experience study performed for TRS for the period ending August 31, 2017. The following assumptions and other inputs used for members of TRS-Care are based on an established pattern of practice and are identical to the assumptions used in the August 31, 2021 TRS pension actuarial valuation that was rolled forward to August 31, 2022:

Rates of Mortality	General Inflation
Rates of Retirement	Wage Inflation
Rates of Termination	Expected Payroll Growth
Rates of Disability	

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

Additional Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

Valuation Date	August 31, 2021 rolled forward to August 31, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry-Age Normal
Inflation	2.30%
Single Discount Rate	3.91% as of August 31, 2022
Aging Factors	Based on plan specific experience
Expenses	Third-party administrative expenses related to the delivery of health care benefits are included in the age-adjusted claims costs.
Projected Salary Increases	3.05% to 9.05%, including inflation
Election Rates	Normal Retirement - 65% participation rate prior to age 65 and 40% participation rate after age 65. Pre-65 retirees - 25% are assumed to discontinue coverage at age 65.
Ad hoc post-employment benefit changes	None

The initial medical trend rates were 8.25% for Medicare retirees and 7.25% for non-Medicare retirees. There was an initial prescription drug trend rate of 8.25% for all retirees. The initial trend rates decrease to an ultimate trend rate of 4.25% over a period of 13 years.

6. Discount Rate

A single discount rate of 3.91% was used to measure the Total OPEB Liability. This was an increase of 1.96% in the discount rate since the previous year. Since the plan is a pay-as-you-go plan, the single discount rate is equal to the prevailing municipal bond rate. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from active members and those of the contributing employers and the non-employer contributing entity are made at the statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to not be able to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the municipal bond rate was used for the long-term rate of return and was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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The source of the municipal bond rate is the Fidelity "20-year Municipal GO AA Index" as of August 31, 2022 using the Fixed Income Market Data/Yield Curve/ Data Municipal bonds with 20 years to maturity that include only federally tax-exempt municipal bonds.

7. Discount Rate Sensitivity Analysis

The following schedule shows the impact of the Net OPEB Liability if the discount rate used was 1% lower than and 1% higher than the discount rate that was used (3.91%) in measuring the Net OPEB Liability.

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate (2.91%)	Current Single Discount Rate (3.91%)	1% Increase in Discount Rate (4.91%)
District's proportionate share of the Net OPEB Liability:	\$ 12,991,279	\$ 11,018,155	\$ 9,419,672

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

At August 31, 2023, the District reported a liability of \$11,018,155 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	\$ 11,018,155
State's proportionate share that is associated with the District	<u>13,440,418</u>
Total	<u>\$ 24,458,573</u>

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

At August 31, 2022 the District's proportion of the collective net OPEB liability was 0.046016%, which was an increase of 0.003061% from its proportion measured as of August 31, 2021.

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

	1% Decrease in Healthcare Trend Rate	Current Single Healthcare Trend Rate	1% Increase in Healthcare Trend Rate
District's proportionate share of Net OPEB Liability:	\$ 9,079,010	\$ 11,018,155	\$ 13,532,008

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9. Changes Since the Prior Actuarial Valuation

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

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

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

The amount of OPEB expense recognized by the District in the reporting period was (\$2,801,116) and revenue of (\$1,907,304) representing OPEB expense incurred by the State on behalf of the District.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 612,570	\$ 9,179,112
Changes in actuarial assumptions	1,678,283	7,654,759
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	32,820	--
Changes in proportion and difference between the District's contributions and the proportionate share of contributions	3,667,165	576,012
Contributions paid to TRS subsequent to the measurement date	410,389	--
Total	<u>\$ 6,401,227</u>	<u>\$ 17,409,883</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended August 31, 2024. The net amounts of the District's balances of deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended August 31	OPEB Expense Amount
2024	\$ (2,144,278)
2025	\$ (2,144,160)
2026	\$ (1,676,922)
2027	\$ (1,044,352)
2028	\$ (1,488,985)
Thereafter	\$ (2,920,348)

10. Medicare Part D Subsidies

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, which was effective January 1, 2006, established prescription drug coverage for Medicare beneficiaries known as Medicare Part D. One of the provisions of Medicare Part D allows for the Texas Public School Retired Employee Group Insurance Program (TRS-Care) to receive retiree drug subsidy payments from the federal government to offset certain prescription drug expenditures for eligible TRS-Care participants. For the fiscal year ended August 31, 2023, the subsidy payment received by TRS-Care on behalf of the District was \$245,886.

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K. Employee Health Care Coverage

During the year ended August 31, 2023, employees of the District were covered by a health insurance plan (the Plan). The District paid premiums of \$300 per month per employee to the Plan. Employees, at their option, authorized payroll withholdings to pay premiums for dependents. All premiums were paid to a third party administrator, acting on behalf of the licensed insurer. The Plan was authorized by Section 21.922, Texas Education Code and was documented by contractual agreement.

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

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

L. Commitments and Contingencies

1. Contingencies

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

2. Litigation

No reportable litigation was pending against the District at August 31, 2023.

M. Shared Services Arrangements

Shared Services Arrangement - Membership

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

Member Districts

Alvarado ISD	Cleburne ISD
Burleson ISD	Johnson County SSA
Everman ISD	Crowley 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, Crowley ISD, nor does the District have a net equity interest in the fiscal agent. The fiscal agent is neither accumulating significant financial resources nor fiscal exigencies that would give rise to a future additional benefit or burden to the District. The fiscal agent manager is responsible for all financial activities of the SSA.

N. Subsequent Events

The District evaluated subsequent events through December 14, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and no subsequent events were noted.

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O. Unearned Revenue

Governmental funds unearned revenue at August 31, 2023 consisted of the following:

	Debt Service Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total
State Funding	\$ 58,050	\$ --	\$ 58,050
Federal and			
State Grants	\$ --	\$ 11,455	\$ 11,455
	<u>\$ 58,050</u>	<u>\$ 11,455</u>	<u>\$ 69,505</u>

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