

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 18, 2021

NEW ISSUE SERIAL BONDS

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY BONDS
RATING – MOODY’S INVESTOR SERVICE: “ ”
See “Bond Rating”, herein

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York. See “Tax Matters” herein.

The District will NOT designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to the provision of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK
(the “District”)

\$9,400,000* LIBRARY SERIAL BONDS – 2021
(the “Bonds”)

See Bond Maturity Schedule Herein

The Bonds are general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds maturing on June 15, 2029 and thereafter are subject to redemption, prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on June 15, 2028 and thereafter on any date, in accordance with terms described herein. (See “*Optional Redemption*”, under “*THE BONDS*,” herein).

The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) as book-entry bonds. DTC will act as the securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Bondholders will not receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds purchased. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC which will in turn remit such payment to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds in accordance with standing instructions and customary practices. Payment to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of the DTC Participant or Indirect Participant and not of DTC or the District, subject to any statutory and regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. (See “*Description of Book-Entry-Only System*” under “*THE BONDS*,” herein.)

Proposals for the Bonds will be received at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on June 29, 2021 at the offices of Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776.

The Bonds are offered subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. It is expected that delivery of the Bonds in book-entry form will be made through the facilities of DTC on or about July 13, 2021 in New York, New York.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM “DEEMED FINAL” BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE “RULE”). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT’S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FOR THE BONDS, AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE “DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING” HEREIN.

June , 2021

*Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. Under no circumstance 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.

**LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

\$9,400,000* LIBRARY SERIAL BONDS – 2021

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE

Dated: Date of Delivery

Principal Due: June 15, 2022-2036, inclusive
Interest Due: December 15, 2021 and semiannually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity.

<u>Amount**</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Price or Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP #</u>
\$ 525,000	June 15, 2022			
540,000	June 15, 2023			
550,000	June 15, 2024			
565,000	June 15, 2025			
580,000	June 15, 2026			
595,000	June 15, 2027			
605,000	June 15, 2028			
625,000	June 15, 2029***			
640,000	June 15, 2030***			
655,000	June 15, 2031***			
670,000	June 15, 2032***			
685,000	June 15, 2033***			
705,000	June 15, 2034***			
720,000	June 15, 2035***			
740,000	June 15, 2036***			

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**Amounts are subject to adjustment by the District following the sale, pursuant to the terms of the Notice of Sale relating to the Bonds, to achieve substantial level or declining annual debt service as provided in Section 21.00 of the Local Finance Law.

***Subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.



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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

Relating To

**\$9,400,000* LIBRARY SERIAL BONDS - 2021
(the "Bonds")**

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix hereto, presents certain information relating to the Lindenhurst Union Free School District in the County of Suffolk, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$9,400,000* Library Serial Bonds - 2021 (the "Bonds").

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State and acts and proceedings of the District contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilations thereof and all references to the Bonds and the proceedings of the District relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds and such proceedings.

This Official Statement should be read with the understanding that the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic has created prevailing economic conditions (at the global, national, State and local levels) that are highly uncertain, generally negative, and rapidly changing, and these conditions are expected to continue for an indefinite period of time. Accordingly, the District's overall economic situation and outlook (and all of the specific District-related information contained herein) should be carefully reviewed, evaluated and understood in the full light of this unprecedented world-wide event, the effects of which are extremely difficult to predict and quantify. (See "*RISK FACTORS*" herein.)

THE BONDS

Description of the Bonds

The Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, and will mature on June 15 in each of the years 2022 to 2036, inclusive, in the principal amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. Interest on the Bonds will be payable December 15, 2021 and semiannually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity.

The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry bonds. DTC will act as the securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Bondholders will not receive certificates representing their respective interests in the Bonds purchased. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC which will in turn remit such payment to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds in accordance with standing instructions and customary practices. Payment to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of the DTC Participant or Indirect Participant and not of DTC or the District, subject to any statutory and regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. (See "*Book-Entry-Only System*" under "THE BONDS," herein.)

The Record Date of the Bonds will be the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding each interest payment date.

The District will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The District's contact information is as follows: Dr. Grace Chan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Lindenhurst Union Free School District, 350 Daniel Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, Phone (631) 867-3020, Fax (631) 867-3028 and email: gchan@lufsd.org.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2028 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on June 15, 2029 and thereafter, will be subject to redemption, prior to maturity, at the option of the District, in whole or in part, and if in part, in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), on any date on or after June 15, 2028, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

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The District may select the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed and the amount to be redeemed of each maturity selected, as the District shall determine to be in the best interest of the District at the time of such redemption. If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed prior to maturity, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the District by lot in any customary manner of selection as determined by the District.

Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owner at least thirty (30) days prior to the date set for such redemption. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable together with interest to such redemption date. Interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

Description of Book-Entry System

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

DTC is 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 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" and together with Direct Participant, the "Participants"). Effective August 9, 2011, Standard & Poor's assigns a rating of "AA+" to DTC. 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 and www.dtc.org.

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 or Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the 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 the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co., or such other DTC nominee do not affect 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 accounts 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 the Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them or 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 the Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to the 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 the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to Issuer 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 the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest 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 on the payable date, in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC (nor its nominee) or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC), and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. 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 to DTC.

Source: The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York.

The information contained in the above section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sample offering document language supplied by DTC, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof. In addition, the District will not have any responsibility or obligation to participants, to indirect participants or to any beneficial owner with respect to: (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC, and participant or any indirect participant; (ii) the payments by DTC or any participant or any indirect participant of any amount with respect to the principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on the bonds or (iii) any notice which is permitted or required to be given to Bondowners.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO PARTICIPANTS, TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, ANY PARTICIPANTS, OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OR ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (III) ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO HOLDERS; OR (IV) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (V) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS HOLDER.

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR THAT DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS (I) PAYMENTS OF THE PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS; (II) CONFIRMATION OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BONDS; OR (III) REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO. AS NOMINEE, AS REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SO SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Certificated Bonds

DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the District may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is discontinued, and a replacement book-entry securities depository is not appointed, the Bonds will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000, or integral multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Bonds when due will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company to be named by the District as the fiscal agent; certificated Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the owner of such bonds at any time prior to maturity at the corporate trust office of the fiscal agent for bonds of the same or any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount upon the terms set forth in the certificate of the President of the Board authorizing the sale of the Bonds and fixing the details thereof and in accordance with the Local Finance Law.

Authorization and Purpose

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and the bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District on November 6, 2019 (the "Bond Resolution"), following approval of a proposition by a majority of qualified voters at the Special District Meeting duly called and held on October 16, 2019, authorizing the issuing of bonds in the amount of \$9,400,000 for the construction of an addition, alterations and improvements to the Lindenhurst Memorial Library.

Security and Source of Payment

Each Bond when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof.

The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest thereon. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property in the District subject to taxation without limitation as to rate or amount.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate therefor. Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, (the "Tax Levy Limit Law") imposes a limitation on the power of local governments and school districts, including the District, to increase their annual tax levy above a certain specified amount. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law expressly provides an exception from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures or the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes.

REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Bonds, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Bonds should the District default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Bonds upon the occurrence of any such default. The Bonds are general obligation contracts between the District and the owners for which the faith and credit of the District are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bondholder's and/or noteholder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the District. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A Court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, the owner of such Bonds could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax, upon all taxable property of the District subject to taxation by the District sufficient to pay the

principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Bonds and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Bonds. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

In 1976, the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, held in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), that the New York State legislation purporting to postpone the payment of debt service on New York City obligations was an unconstitutional moratorium in violation of the New York State constitutional faith and credit mandate included in all municipal debt obligations. While that case can be viewed as a precedent for protecting the remedies of Bondholders, there can be no assurance as to what a Court may determine with respect to future events, including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State, that require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services. (See also, *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State legislature authorizing any county, city, town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the District.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the District is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically, this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

While the courts in the State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold.

In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have generally upheld and sustained the rights of bondholders and/or noteholders, such courts might hold that future events, including a financial crisis as such may occur in the State or in political subdivisions of the State, may require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

SECTION 99-B OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Section 99-b of the State Finance Law (the "SFL") provides for a covenant between the State and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the bonds and notes issued by school districts in the State for school purposes that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b of the SFL, or amend or modify the same so as to limit, impair or impede the rights and remedies granted thereby.

Said section provides that in the event a holder or owner of any bond or note issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller, a verified statement describing such bond or note and alleging default in the payment thereof or the interest thereon or both, it shall be the duty of the State Comptroller to immediately investigate the circumstances of the alleged default and prepare and file in his office a certificate setting forth his determinations with respect thereto and to serve a copy thereof by registered mail upon the chief fiscal officer of the school district which issued the bond or note. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds and notes of the school district found to be in default and the amount of principal and interest thereon past due.

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds or notes pursuant to said section of the SFL.

Such 99-b of the SFL is applicable to the Bonds.

NO PAST DUE DEBT

No principal or interest payment on District indebtedness is past due. The District has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on any indebtedness.

BANKRUPTCY

The Federal Bankruptcy Code (Chapter IX) allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law specifically authorizes any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not become applicable in the future. As such, the undertakings of the District should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX, and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities. Bankruptcy proceedings by the District if authorized by the State in the future could have adverse effects on bondholders and/or noteholders including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the District after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Bonds.

The above references to said Chapter IX are not to be construed as an indication that the State will consent in the future to the right of the District to file a petition with any United States district court or court of bankruptcy under any provision of the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness or that the District is currently considering or expects to resort to the provisions of Chapter IX if authorized to do so in the future.

THE DISTRICT

Description

The District encompasses approximately six (6) square miles on the south shore of Suffolk County (the “County”) within the Town of Babylon (the “Town”) and is about 37 miles east of New York City. It includes all the Village of Lindenhurst (the “Village”) and unincorporated areas of the Town.

The character of the District has been and remains largely suburban residential, with a majority of the homes being single-family residences. The proximity of the District to the Great South Bay and Atlantic Ocean has led to development of waterfront activity, including commercial fishing and pleasure boating. Many marinas and yacht areas cater to recreational boaters.

Transportation is provided by a network of major highways, including Sunrise Highway and Montauk Highway (which run through the District) and the nearby Southern State Parkway and Long Island Expressway. Rail passenger service is provided by the Long Island Railroad, which extends from New York City to Montauk Point, the farthest eastern point of Long Island. In addition, major airline service is provided at John F. Kennedy International Airport, LaGuardia International Airport and the Long Island MacArthur Airport.

Gas and electricity is supplied throughout the District by PSEG Long Island and the Suffolk County Water Authority provides public water services.

The Lindenhurst Memorial Library provides educational resources to the District, and a number of programs to the community. The Library is currently undertaking a capital project which includes an addition, alterations and improvements. (See “Authorization and Purpose” herein).

District Organization

Subject to the provisions of the State Constitution, the District operates pursuant to the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, other laws generally applicable to the District, and any special laws applicable to the District. Under such laws, there is no authority for the District to have a charter or adopt local laws.

The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education (the “Board”). Under current law, an election is held within the District boundaries on the third Tuesday of May each year to elect members to the Board. They are generally elected for a term of three years.

In early July of each year, the Board meets for the purpose of reorganization. At the time, the Board elects a President and a Vice President, and appoints a District Clerk and District Treasurer.

Financial Organization

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education is the chief fiscal officer of the District. However, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Enrollment History

The following table presents the past school enrollment for the District.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>School Enrollment</u>
2016-2017	5,951
2017-2018	5,853
2018-2019	5,725
2019-2020	5,694
2020-2021	5,590

Source: District Officials.

Projected Future Enrollment

The following table presents the projected future school enrollment for the District.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>School Enrollment</u>
2021-2022	5,546
2022-2023	5,503
2023-2024	5,416
2024-2025	5,373
2025-2026	5,329

Source: District Officials.

District Facilities

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Date of Construction</u>	<u>Building Enrollment</u>
Albany Avenue Elementary	K-5	1961	444
Alleghany Avenue Elementary	K-5	1958	290
Bower School ^a	N/A	1953	38
Daniel Street Elementary	K-5	1958	519
Harding Avenue Elementary	K-5	1960	293
Kellum School ^b	NA	1958	N/A
Margaret McKenna Administration Building ^c	NA	1965	N/A
William Rall Elementary	K-5	1953	513
West Gates Elementary	K-5	1961	296
Lindenhurst Middle School	6-8	1930	1,314
Lindenhurst High School	9-12	1961	1,883

a. Occupied by the Lindenhurst Academy.

b. Leased to the Just Kids Organization and ES BOCES Book Depository.

c. Occupied by the District Administration Buildings, Building and Grounds.

Employees

The collective bargaining units, if any, which represent employees and the dates of expiration of the various collective bargaining agreements are as follows:

<u>Name of Union</u>	<u>Expiration Date of Contract</u>	<u>Approx. No. of Members</u>
Teachers Association of Lindenhurst	06/30/2025	526
Custodial	06/30/2025	104
Clerical	06/30/2022	70
Association of School Administrators	06/30/2021 ^a	34
Registered Nurses	06/30/2023	12
Aides	06/30/2022	258

a. Currently in negotiations.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Population Trends

Population statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the District) is the Village of Lindenhurst. The following table sets forth population statistics for the County, Town of Babylon and the Village of Lindenhurst.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Village</u>	<u>Town of Babylon</u>	<u>Suffolk County</u>
1990	26,879	202,780	1,292,665
2000	27,819	211,792	1,419,369
2010	27,253	213,603	1,493,350
2019	27,053	210,122	1,476,601

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Income Data

Income data are not available for the District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the District) is the Village of Lindenhurst. The information set forth below with respect to such Village, Town, County and State is included for information purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the District is necessarily representative of the Village, Town, County or State or vice versa.

	Per Capita Money Income			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2019^a</u>
Village of Lindenhurst	\$16,116	\$22,150	\$32,401	\$35,257
Town of Babylon	16,726	22,844	30,647	39,209
County of Suffolk	18,481	26,577	35,411	48,381
State of New York	16,501	23,389	30,791	41,857

	Median Household Income			
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2019^a</u>
Village of Lindenhurst	\$46,615	\$61,667	\$83,964	\$92,178
Town of Babylon	47,074	60,064	78,805	100,422
County of Suffolk	49,128	65,288	84,235	106,228
State of New York	32,965	43,393	55,217	72,108

Source: United States Bureau of the Census

a. Based on American Community Survey 1-Year Estimate (2019)

Selected Listing of Larger Employers in the District
(As of 2020)

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Lindenhurst Union Free School District	Education	1,200
Russell Plastics Technology, Inc.	Plastic Products	100
Village of Lindenhurst	Government	70
Lakeville Industries	Kitchen Cabinets	70
Keith Machinery Corp.	Industrial Machinery	50
Marksmen Manufacturing	Screw Machine Parts	50
Autodyne Manufacturing	Electronic Communications	25

Unemployment Rate Statistics

Unemployment statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the District) is the Town of Babylon. The information set forth below with respect to such Town, County and State is included for information purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the District is necessarily representative of the Town, County or State or vice versa.

<u>Annual Averages</u>	<u>Town of Babylon (%)</u>	<u>Suffolk County (%)</u>	<u>New York State (%)</u>
2015	5.1	4.8	5.6
2016	4.6	4.3	4.9
2017	4.8	4.4	4.6
2018	4.1	3.9	4.1
2019	3.8	3.6	4.0
2020	9.8	8.5	10.0
2021 (10 Months)	6.8	6.2	8.8

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DISTRICT

Constitutional and Statutory Requirements

The New York State Constitution and Local Finance Law limit the power of the District (and other municipalities and school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to contract indebtedness. Such constitutional and statutory limitations include the following, in summary form, and are generally applicable to the District and the Bonds:

Purpose and Pledge. The District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual, or private corporation or private undertaking or give or loan its credit to or in aid of any of the foregoing or any public corporation.

The District may contract indebtedness only for a District purpose and shall pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest thereon.

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid in one of the two fiscal years immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which such indebtedness was contracted, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose determined by statute or in the alternative the weighted average maturity of the several objects or purposes for which indebtedness is to be contracted; no installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the District has authorized the issuance of indebtedness having substantially level or declining annual debt service. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and capital notes.

General. The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the District by tax on real estate in any fiscal year to pay principal of and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the District to increase its annual tax levy. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

Statutory Procedure

In general, the State Legislature has, by the enactment of the Local Finance Law, authorized the powers and procedure for the District to borrow and incur indebtedness subject, of course, to the constitutional provisions set forth above. The power to spend money, however, generally derives from other law, including the Education Law.

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of the bonds. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000 until the plans and specifications for such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State.

The Local Finance Law also provides for a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution (in summary or in full), together with a statutory notice which, in effect, estops thereafter legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. Except on rare occasions the District complies with this estoppel procedure. It is a procedure that is recommended by Bond Counsel, but it is not an absolute legal requirement.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, also has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of bonds and notes, including the Bonds. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the Bonds to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Debt Limit. Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated deductions such as State aid for building purposes. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Board of Real Property Services. The Legislature also is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

The following table sets forth the computation of the debt limit of the District and its debt contracting margin:

Computation of Debt Limit and Debt Contracting Margin
(As of June 18, 2021)

<u>In Town of:</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>State Equalization Rate</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>
Babylon (2020-2021)	\$43,895,210	0.91%	\$4,823,649,451
Debt Limit - 10% of Average Full Valuation			\$482,364,945
Inclusions:			
Outstanding Bonds			\$34,185,000
Bond Anticipation Notes			<u>0</u>
Total Indebtedness			<u>34,185,000</u>
Exclusions (Estimated Building Aid) ^a			<u>18,733,380</u>
Total Net Indebtedness Before Issuing the Bonds			<u>15,451,620</u>
The Bonds			9,400,000
Less: BANs Being Redeemed by the Bonds			<u>0</u>
Net Effect of Issuing the Bonds			<u>9,400,000</u>
Total Net Indebtedness After Issuing the Bonds			<u>24,851,620</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin			<u><u>\$457,513,325</u></u>
Per Cent of Debt Contracting Margin Exhausted			5.15%

- a. The latest completed assessment roll for which a State Equalization Rate has been established.
- b. Tax Anticipation Notes, Energy Performance Lease and Revenue Anticipation Notes are not included in computation of the debt contracting margin of the District.
- c. Represents estimate of moneys receivable by the District from the State as an apportionment for debt service for school building purposes, based on the most recent information received by the District from the State Department of Education. The amount shown is not necessarily the amount the District will ultimately receive. The District has not applied for a building aid exclusion certificate from the Commissioner of Education and therefore may not exclude such amount from its total indebtedness on the Debt Statement form required to be filed with the Office of the State Comptroller when bonds are to be issued.

Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness
As of June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bonds	\$23,490,000	\$20,025,000	\$16,370,000	\$40,397,520	\$37,325,000
BANs	-	-	12,000,000	-	-
Energy Performance Contract	<u>6,313,796</u>	<u>5,569,327</u>	<u>4,805,614</u>	<u>4,022,149</u>	<u>13,510,992</u>
Total	<u><u>\$29,803,796</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,594,327</u></u>	<u><u>\$33,175,614</u></u>	<u><u>\$44,419,669</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,835,992</u></u>

Details of Short-Term Indebtedness Outstanding

As of the date of this Statement, the District has tax anticipation notes outstanding in the amount of \$25,000,000 that mature on June 25, 2021. Such notes are expected to be paid in full at maturity with the receipts of the District's tax levy for the current fiscal year.

Debt Service Requirements - Outstanding Bonds

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$3,140,000	\$931,624	\$4,071,624
2022	3,215,000	851,921	4,066,921
2023	3,300,000	768,530	4,068,530
2024	3,380,000	682,489	4,062,489
2025	2,975,000	602,786	3,577,786
2026	2,360,000	538,468	2,898,468
2027	2,420,000	482,230	2,902,230
2028	2,475,000	423,036	2,898,036
2029	2,545,000	360,793	2,905,793
2030	2,615,000	295,453	2,910,453
2031	2,675,000	227,578	2,902,578
2032	2,025,000	169,003	2,194,003
2033	2,075,000	115,573	2,190,573
2034	<u>2,125,000</u>	<u>60,578</u>	<u>2,185,578</u>
Totals ^a	<u>\$37,325,000</u>	<u>\$6,510,062</u>	<u>\$43,835,062</u>

a. Includes payments made to date.

Debt Service Requirements – Energy Performance Contracts

The District has entered into various lease purchase financings to provide funding for certain Energy Performance Contracts. The remaining principal and interest payments until maturity are set forth below.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$824,550	\$82,141	\$906,691
2022-2026	2,160,990	199,943	2,360,933
2027-2031	<u>232,870</u>	<u>3,222</u>	<u>236,092</u>
Totals	<u>\$3,218,410</u>	<u>\$285,306</u>	<u>\$3,503,716</u>

Sources: Audited Financial Statements of the District.

On September 24, 2019, the District entered into an energy performance contract for various district-wide energy efficiency improvements in the amount of \$10,615,795. The following table represents the remainder of the debt service requirements.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$ 645,503	\$ 198,921	\$ 844,424
2022	658,238	186,186	844,424
2023	671,225	173,199	844,424
2024	684,468	159,957	844,425
2025	697,972	146,453	844,425
2026	711,742	132,682	844,424
2027	725,785	118,640	844,425
2028	740,104	104,320	844,424
2029	754,706	89,719	844,425
2030	769,596	74,829	844,425
2031	784,779	59,645	844,424
2032	800,262	44,162	844,424
2033	816,051	28,373	844,424
2034	<u>832,151</u>	<u>12,273</u>	<u>844,424</u>
Totals ^a	<u>\$10,292,582</u>	<u>\$1,529,360</u>	<u>\$11,821,942</u>

a. Numbers are off due to rounding.

Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes

The District has generally found it necessary to borrow each year in anticipation of taxes and revenues, which borrowing is necessitated by the schedule of real property tax and state aid revenue payments.

The following is a history of such tax and revenue anticipation note borrowings for the five most recent fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
2017	\$19,000,000	TAN	09/29/2016	06/22/2017
2018	21,000,000	TAN	09/19/2017	06/27/2018
2019	23,000,000	TAN	09/12/2018	06/26/2019
2020	20,500,000	TAN	09/20/2019	06/25/2020
2021	25,000,000	TAN	10/20/2020	06/25/2021

Authorized and Unissued Debt

As of the date of this Official Statement, the District has authorized but unissued debt in the amount of \$9,400,000 for Library purposes. The District expects to finance such authorized amount with the issuance of the Bonds.

Calculation of Estimated Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness

<u>Overlapping Units</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable (%)</u>	<u>Applicable Total Indebtedness</u>	<u>Applicable Net Indebtedness</u>
County of Suffolk	12/03/20	1.80	\$33,155,699	\$24,567,760
Babylon Town	03/04/21	16.96	27,907,680	25,223,760
Lindenhurst Village	02/29/20	100.00	8,907,916	8,907,916
West Babylon Fire District	12/31/19	100.00	0	0
North Lindenhurst Fire District	12/31/19	100.00	0	0
Lindenhurst Fire District	12/31/19	100.00	0	0
Totals			\$69,971,295	\$58,699,436

Sources: Annual Reports of the respective units for the most recently completed fiscal year on file with the Office of the State Comptroller or more recently published Official Statements.

Debt Ratios (As of June 18, 2021)

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita^a</u>	<u>Percentage Of Full Value (%)^b</u>
Total Direct Debt	\$ 34,185,000	\$ 813	0.709
Net Direct Debt	15,451,620	367	0.320
Total Direct & Applicable Total Overlapping Debt	104,156,295	2,477	2.159
Net Direct & Applicable Net Overlapping Debt	74,151,056	1,763	1.537

a. The current estimated population of the District is 42,049.

b. The full valuation of taxable real property in the District for 2020-21 is \$4,823,649,451.

FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Impact of COVID-19

The District has incurred certain expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, costs related to hiring additional personnel and for cleaning supplies and equipment, the aggregate cost of which total approximately \$450,000. The District has paid such costs from budgetary appropriations and/or available funds. The District does not believe that the increased costs described above or any potential reductions in State aid will have a material adverse impact on the finances of the District. (See also “*State Aid*” herein.)

In December of 2020, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act was enacted as the second act of federal relief in response to COVID-19. The CRRSA Act provides approximately \$4.3 billion to support schools in the State, with the funds available to be spent through September 2023. This is in addition to the \$1.2 billion in Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, which can be spent through September 2022. The CRRSA Act provides the State with \$4.0 billion through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and \$323 million through the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Fund. Districts may generally use these funds for broad purposes, including general operating and pandemic-related costs such as purchasing personal protective equipment. Additionally, the State has been allocated approximately \$9.0 billion under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act’s Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER).

The District has received \$621,206 in CARES Act funding, and is expected to receive a total of \$13,387,665 through CRRSA and ARP funding. (See also “*State Aid*” herein.)

Independent Audit

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance review by the Office of the State Comptroller to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various state and federal statutes. The financial statements of the District are audited each year by an independent public accountant. The last such audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. A copy of such report is included herein as Appendix B.

Investment Policy

Pursuant to State law, including Sections 10 and 11 of the GML, the District is generally permitted to deposit moneys in banks or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State. All such deposits, including special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, are required to be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the GML.

The District may also temporarily invest moneys in: (1) obligations of the United States of America; (2) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America; (3) obligations of the State of New York; (4) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, in tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district, or district corporation, other than those notes issued by the District, itself; (5) certificates of participation issued in connection with installment purchase agreements entered into by political subdivisions of the State pursuant to Section 109-b(10) of the GML; (6) obligations of a New York public benefit corporation which are made lawful investments for municipalities pursuant to the enabling statute of such public benefit corporation; or (7) in the case of moneys held in certain reserve funds established by the District pursuant to law, in obligations of the District.

All of the foregoing investments are required to be payable or redeemable at the option of the owner within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event, at the option of the owner, within two years of the date of purchase. Unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, such instruments and investments must be purchased through, delivered to and held in custody of a bank or trust company in the State pursuant to a written custodial agreement as provided by Section 10 of the GML.

The Board of Education of the District has adopted an investment policy and such policy conforms with applicable laws of the State governing the deposit and investment of public moneys. All deposits and investments of the District are made in accordance with such policy.

Fund Structure and Accounts

The General Fund is the general operating fund for the District and is used to account for substantially all revenues and expenditures of the District. The District also maintains a special aid fund, school lunch fund and special purpose fund. In addition, a capital projects fund is used to record capital facility projects, while an agency fund accounts for assets received by the District in a fiduciary capacity.

Basis of Accounting

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transaction, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include real property taxes, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from real property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied and the related expenditures are incurred.

The fund statements are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the current financial resources measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenue reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

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 capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Source: Audited Financials of the District.

Budget Process

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central office staff. During the winter and early spring, the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. The District's budget is subject to the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See "*The Levy Limit Law*" herein).

On May 18, 2021, a majority of the voters of the District approved the District's budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Summaries of the District's Adopted Budgets for the fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 may be found in Appendix A, herein.

Revenues

The District receives most of its revenue from a real property tax on all non-exempt real property situated within the District and State aid. A summary of such revenues for the five most recently completed fiscal years may be found in Appendix A.

Real Property Taxes

See "*Tax Information*" herein.

State Aid

The District receives appropriations from the State of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a "sound basic education" to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the school districts can be paid only if the State has such monies available for such payment.

The following table sets forth the percentage of the District's General Fund revenue comprised of State aid for each of the fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and the amounts budgeted for 2021 and 2022.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	General Fund <u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	State Aid to <u>Revenues (%)</u>
2016	\$148,005,527	\$51,415,264	34.74
2017	150,417,333	53,066,583	35.28
2018	154,314,093	55,182,924	35.76
2019	158,125,892	55,218,847	34.92
2020	160,525,982	55,004,913	34.27
2021 (Budgeted) ^a	170,256,663	50,940,326	29.92
2022 (Budgeted) ^a	173,107,128	57,041,118	32.95

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Adopted Budgets of the District.

a. Budgeted revenues include the application of reserves and fund balance.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program (See "*STAR – School Tax Exemption*" herein).

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Due the outbreak of COVID-19 the State has declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses for an extended period. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it may continue to negatively impact the State's economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time; however, it is anticipated that without federal funding the State will be required to take certain gap-closing actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations and/or delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State.

The State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$27.9 billion, an increase of more than \$1 billion in school aid spending from the 2018-2019 school year. Due to significant State revenue loss as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, State aid in the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget was 3.7% lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by \$1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). With these federal funds, State aid totaled \$27.9 billion in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent from the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. The State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget also authorized the State's Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State aid in the event that actual State revenues came in below 99% of estimates or if actual disbursements exceeded 101% of estimates. Pursuant to that provision, in October 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of Federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. In December 2020, a second federal stimulus bill was enacted and provided additional funding for schools in the State. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department ("SED") advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received and the State is expected to release all of the withheld funds on or about June 30, 2021.

The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget provides \$29.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2021-22 school year the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$3.0 billion or 11.3 percent compared to the 2020-21 school year, and includes a \$1.4 billion or 7.6 percent Foundation Aid increase. Approximately 75 percent of this increase is targeted to high-need school districts.

The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget also programs \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund to public schools. This funding available for use over multiple years, is designed to assist schools to reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget allocates \$629 million of these funds to school districts as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs. In addition, the State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget uses \$105 million of federal funds to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2021-22 school year.

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State's fiscal year of April 1. The State's budget has been adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter for over ten (10) years. The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 7, 2021. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

As described above, the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget included, and the State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget includes, significant amounts of federal funding. The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, the COVID-19 pandemic, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision. Reductions in federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. (See also "*Impacts of COVID-19*" herein.)

In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the federal administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

There can be no assurance that the State's financial position will not change materially and adversely from current projections. If this were to occur, the State would be required to take additional gap-closing actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations; delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a mid-year reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

Litigation regarding apportionment of State aid. In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* (“CFE”) v. *State of New York* mandating that the system of apportionment of State aid to school districts within the State be restructured by the Governor and the State Legislature. On June 25, 2002, the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court reversed that decision. On June 26, 2003, the State Court of Appeals, the highest court in the State, reversed the Appellate Division, holding that the State must, by July 30, 2004, ascertain the actual cost of providing a sound basic education, enact reforms to the system of school funding and ensure a system of accountability for such reforms. The Court of Appeals further modified the decision of the Appellate Division by deciding against a Statewide remedy and instead limited its ruling solely to the New York City school system.

After further litigation in 2006, the Court of Appeals held that \$1.93 billion of additional funds for the New York City schools - as initially proposed by the Governor and presented to the State Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education - was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms enacted in the wake of the decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* (“CFE”) v. *State of New York*, included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. Foundation aid prioritizes funding distribution based upon student need.

Litigation is continuing however as a statewide lawsuit entitled *NYSER v. State of New York* has been filed recently on behalf of the State’s public-school students. The lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in *CFE v. State of New York*. The complaint asks the court for an order requiring the State to immediately discontinue the cap on State aid increases and the supermajority requirements regarding increases in local property tax levies. The complaint also asks the court to order the State to develop a new methodology for determining the actual costs of providing all students the opportunity for a sound basic education, revise the State funding formulas to ensure that all schools receive sufficient resources, and ensure a system of accountability that measures whether every school has sufficient resources and that all students are, in fact, receiving the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals ruled that NYSER’s claims that students in New York City and Syracuse are being denied the opportunity for a sound basic education could go to trial and that NYSER could rely upon the CFE decision in its arguments. It is not possible to predict the outcome of this litigation.

Events Affecting State Aid to New York School Districts

Following a State budgetary crisis in 2009, State aid to school districts in the State decreased for a number of years with increases established in more recent years. However, as discussed below the COVID-19 pandemic has affected and is expected to continue to affect State aid to school district.

School district fiscal year (2014-2015): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2014. The State’s 2014-2015 Budget included a \$1.1 billion or 5.3% increase in State aid to school districts for the 2014-2015 school year. High-need school districts received 70% of the State aid increase. The State’s 2014-2015 Budget restored \$602 million of Gap Elimination Adjustment reductions that had been imposed on school districts from 2010-2011 to 2012-2013. The State’s 2014-2015 Budget invested \$1.5 billion over five years to support the phase-in of a Statewide universal full-day pre-kindergarten program.

School district fiscal year (2015-2016): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2015. Said budget included an increase of \$1.4 billion in State aid for school districts that was tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process.

School district fiscal year (2016-2017): The State’s 2016-2017 Budget included a school aid increase of \$991 million over 2015-2016, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to full-funding of expense based aids (\$408 million), the State’s 2016-2017 Budget included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and an \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (the “GEA”). The majority of the remaining increase (\$100 million) related to Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. Such funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

School district fiscal year (2017-2018): The State’s 2017-2018 Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$25.8 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion in school aid spending from the 2016-2017 school year. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State’s usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State’s 2017-18 Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans.

School district fiscal year (2018-2019): The State’s 2018-2019 Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$26.7 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.0 billion in school aid spending from the 2017-2018 school year. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State’s usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.2% and building aid increased by 4.7%. The State 2018–2019 Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to teacher and principal evaluation plans.

School district fiscal year (2019-2020): The State’s 2019-2020 school year, the State’s Enacted Budget include a total of \$27.9 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of approximately \$1.2 billion. The majority of the increases have been targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education will continue in full, as is the State’s usual practice. Transportation aid will increase by approximately 4.5% and building aid will increase by approximately 3.7%. The State 2019–2020 Enacted Budget continues to link school aid increases for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

School district fiscal year (2020-2021): Due to the anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget is 3.7 percent lower than in the State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but is offset in part with increased Federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support will be offset by approximately \$1.1 billion in funding provided to the State through the Federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these Federal funds, State aid in the school district fiscal year 2020-2021 is expected to total \$27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continues prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provides over \$200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including \$1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and \$10 million for a Student Mental Health program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid is continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflects current projections of the ten-year average growth in State personal income. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget authorizes the State’s Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. See “*State Aid*” herein for a discussion of this provision set forth in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget and recent releases by the State regarding the projected revenue shortfalls in such budget.

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): For the 2021-2022 school year, the State’s Enacted budget provides \$29.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2021-2022 school year through School Aid, the highest level of State aid ever, supporting the operational costs of school districts that educate 2.5 million students statewide. This investment represents an increase of 11.3% (\$3.0 billion) compared to the 2020-2021 school year, including a \$1.4 billion (7.6%) Foundation Aid increase. The Enacted budget would allocate \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor’s Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, will help schools safely reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Budget allocates \$629 million of these funds to school districts as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs. In addition, the Budget uses \$105 million of federal funds to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2021-2022 school year.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds by the State to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to enhance learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District’s allocation of funds is \$304,393. The District has spent approximately \$266,000 of such amount.

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the remainder of the current fiscal year. The District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing. (See also “*Risk Factors*”).

Expenditures

The major categories of expenditure for the District are General Support, Instruction, Employee Benefits, Pupil Transportation and Debt Service. A summary of the expenditures for the five most recently completed fiscal years may be found in Appendix A.

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and OSC Compliance Reviews

The New York State Comptroller has reported that New York State's school districts and municipalities are facing significant fiscal challenges. As a result, the Office of the State Comptroller has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System ("FSMS") to provide independent, objectively measured and quantifiable information to school districts and municipal officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State's school districts and municipalities are operating.

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each school ST-3 report filed with the State Education Department annually, and each municipality's annual report filed with the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a school district or municipality is in "significant fiscal stress", in "moderate fiscal stress," as "susceptible to fiscal stress" or "no designation". Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of "no designation." This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity's financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The most current applicable report of OSC designates the District as "No Designation" (Fiscal Score: 10.0%; Environmental Score: 16.7%). More information on the FSMS may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller.

In addition, OSC helps local government officials manage government resources efficiently and effectively. The Comptroller oversees the fiscal affairs of local governments statewide, as well as compliance with relevant statutes and observance of good business practices. This fiscal oversight is accomplished, in part, through its audits, which identify opportunities for improving operations and governance. The most recent audit was released on July, 2016. The purpose of the audit was to examine the District's credit card purchases for appropriate use and compliance with the District policies for the period July 1, 2014 through October 31, 2015. The complete report, along with the District's response, may be found on the OSC's official website.

References to websites and/or website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

Employee Pension System

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"). Employer pension payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-NYS certified/civil service employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System ("ERS"). Both the TRS and ERS are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. Other than as discussed below, all members of the respective systems hired on or after July 1, 1976 with less than 10 year's full-time service contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, the Governor signed in to law a new Tier 5. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010 and before March 31, 2012. ERS employees contribute 3% of their salaries and TRS employees contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these employee contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier 6 for employees hired after April 1, 2012. This new pension tier has progressive employee contribution rates between 3% and 6% and such employee contributions continue so long as the employee continues to accumulate pension credits; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier 6, the pension multiplier is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

Under current law, the employer pension payments for a given fiscal year are based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 thus enabling the District to more accurately include the cost of the employer pension payment in its budget for the ensuing year. In addition, the District is required to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would make a lower payment possible. The annual employer pension payment is due on February 1 of each year.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS during the recent financial crisis, the employer contribution rates for required pension payments to the TRS and ERS increased substantially. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, various forms of legislation have been enacted that permitted school districts to amortize a portion of its annual employer pension payments. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments pursuant to such legislation and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget, which was signed into law as Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, includes a provision that will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding the cost of TRS contributions, as a sub-fund of retirement contribution reserve funds presently authorized for amounts payable to the ERS by a school district. School districts will be permitted to pay into such reserve fund during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District established a TRS reserve fund in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The following chart represents the ERS and TRS required contributions for each of the last five completed fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the 2022 fiscal year.

Fiscal Year Ending <u>June 30:</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2022 (Budget)	\$2,256,543	\$7,110,734
2021	1,925,886	6,500,000 (Estimate)
2020	1,948,508	5,743,012
2019	1,874,775	7,207,000
2018	1,973,096	6,375,452
2017	1,872,523	7,568,716

Source: District Officials.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School districts and Boards of Cooperative Education Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions received or paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees. This protection from unilateral reduction of benefits had been extended annually by the New York State Legislature until recently when legislation was enacted to make permanent these health insurance benefit protections for retirees. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of the date hereof. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

GASB Statement No. 75 (“GASB 75”) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”), requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits (“OPEB”). GASB 75 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of the OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB in essentially the same manner as they currently do for pensions. Under previous rules, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements. Only current payments to existing retirees were recorded as an expense.

GASB 75 requires that state and local governments adopt the actuarial methodologies to determine annual OPEB costs. Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the District adopted GASB 75, which supersedes and eliminates GASB 45. Under GASB 75, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution (“ARC”) will be determined for each state or local government. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period of not more than 30 years. If a municipality contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net OPEB obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements.

GASB 75 establishes new standards for recognizing and measuring OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures to provide more transparent reporting and useful information about the liability and cost of benefits. Municipalities and school districts are required to account for OPEB within the financial statements rather than only noted in the footnotes as previously required by GASB 45. It is measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the employer's current fiscal year. The discount rate is based on 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds. There is no amortization of prior service cost. Those that have more than 200 participants are required to have a full actuarial valuation annually. Plans with fewer than 200 participants are required to have a full valuation every two years.

The District's total OPEB liability at June 30, 2020 is as follows:

<u>Changes in the Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020:</u>
Total OPEB Liability at June 30, 2019	<u>\$230,323,607</u>
Charges for the Year:	
Service Cost	7,255,164
Interest	8,194,720
Changes of Benefit Terms	0
Changes of Demographic Gains and Losses	10,302,141
Changes in Assumptions and Other Inputs	32,180,669
Benefit Payments	<u>(6,947,555)</u>
Net Changes	<u>50,985,139</u>
Total OPEB Liability at June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$281,308,746</u></u>

The OSC has recently proposed legislation to provide the State and certain local governments with the authority to establish trusts in which to accumulate assets for OPEB and to establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the State and participating eligible local governments. The District cannot predict at this time whether such proposed legislation will be enacted into law. At this time, New York State has not developed guidelines for the creation and use of irrevocable trusts for the funding of OPEB. As a result, the District has decided to continue funding the expenditure on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Should the District be required to fund its unfunded actuarial accrued OPEB liability, it could have a material adverse impact upon the District's finances and could force the District to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

TAX INFORMATION

Real Property Taxes

The District derives its power to levy an ad valorem real property tax from the State Constitution; methods and procedures to levy, collect and enforce this tax are governed by the Real Property Tax Law. Real property assessment rolls used by the District are prepared by the Town of Babylon. Assessment valuations are determined by the Town assessors and the State Board of Real Property Services which is responsible for certain utility and railroad property. In addition, the State Board of Real Property Services annually establishes State Equalization Rates for all localities in the State, which are determined by statistical sampling of market sales/assessment studies. The equalization rates are used in the calculation and distribution of certain State aids and are used by many localities in the calculation or debt contracting and real property taxing limitations. The District is not subject to constitutional real property taxing limitations; however, see "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein for a discussion of certain statutory limitation that have been imposed.

The following table sets forth the percentage of the District’s General Fund revenue (excluding other financing sources) comprised of real property taxes for each of the fiscal years 2016 through 2020, and the amounts budgeted for 2021 and 2022.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Total Revenue	Real Property Taxes	Real Property Taxes to Revenues (%)
2016	\$148,005,527	\$ 93,992,828	63.51
2017	150,417,333	94,990,968	63.15
2018	154,314,093	96,364,125	62.45
2019	158,125,892	99,917,687	63.19
2020	160,525,982	102,259,255	63.70
2021 (Budgeted)	170,256,663	104,833,668	61.57
2022 (Budgeted)	173,107,128	105,864,508	61.16

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Adopted Budgets of the District.

a. Budgeted estimates for real property taxes include STAR. Budgeted estimates for total revenues include appropriations of fund balance.

Tax Collection Procedure

Property taxes for the District, together with County, Town and Fire District taxes, are collected by the Town Tax Receivers. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on December 1 and May 10, but may be paid without penalty by January 10 and May 31, respectively. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and 10% after May 31.

The Town Tax Receivers distribute the collected tax money to the Towns, fire and school districts prior to distributing the balance collected to the County. Uncollected amounts are not segregated by the Receivers and any deficiency in tax collection is the County’s liability. The District thereby is assured of full tax collection.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in certain counties in New York State during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the deadline to pay school district property taxes, without interest or penalty, was extended. No assurance can be given that similar extensions with respect to the deadlines to pay school district property taxes, without interest or penalty, may occur from time to time. Any such extensions may result in a delay in the receipt of taxes collected and paid to school districts.

The Tax Levy Limit Law

Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, (herein referred to as the “Tax Levy Limit Law” or “Law”) modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy.

Prior to the enactment of the Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy if its budget had been approved by a simple majority of its voters. In the event the budget had been defeated by the voters, the school district was required to adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, school budget increases were limited to the lesser of four percent (4%) of the prior year’s budget or one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the consumer price index ("CPI").

Under the Tax Levy Limit Law, there is now a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index, subject to certain exclusions as mentioned below and as described in the Law. A budget with a tax levy that does not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a budget with a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, the tax levy for the school district’s budget for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law permits certain significant exclusions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on bonds (such as the Bonds) or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures and the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes, certain pension cost increases, and other items enumerated in the Law. However, such exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments.

STAR - School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities (“STAR Adjusted Gross Income”) of \$86,000 or less, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$66,800 for the 2018-19 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$500,000 are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 of the State of New York (“Chapter 60”) gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-2016 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll. However, a new homeowner may receive a new personal income tax credit in the form of a check. The dollar benefit to eligible taxpayers will not change. A taxpayer who is eligible for the new credit will receive a check from the State equal to the amount by which the STAR exemption would have reduced his or her school tax bill. A homeowner who owned his or her home on the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-2016 school year, and who received a STAR exemption on that roll, may continue to receive a STAR exemption on that home as long as he or she still owns and primarily resides in it. No further action is required (unless the homeowner has been receiving Basic STAR and wants to apply for Enhanced STAR, which is permissible).

The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget included changes to Chapter 60. STAR checks are now expected to be mailed out prior to the date that school taxes are payable. The amount of the check will be based on the previous year’s amount adjusted by the levy growth factor used for the property tax cap. Any changes that must be made based on the final STAR credit compared to the estimate used will be factored into the subsequent year’s STAR credit check or taxpayers also may account for those changes in their State income taxes.

The 2019-20 Enacted State Budget makes several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the Credit. The amount of the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually.

Approximately 12% of the District’s 2020-2021 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately 12% of the District’s 2021-2022 school tax levy is expected to be exempted by the STAR program and the District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2022. (See “*State Aid*” herein).

Valuations, Rates and Levies

The anticipated tax levy for the 2021-2022 year is \$105,864,508.

The following table sets forth District's assessed and full valuations, tax rates and levies for each of the years 2017 through 2021.

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>State Equal. Rate (%)</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Levy</u>
2017	\$43,213,072	1.18	\$3,662,124,746	\$2,189.13	\$ 94,599,119
2018	43,298,882	1.12	3,865,971,607	2,222.39	96,227,213
2019	43,492,673	1.07	4,064,735,794	2,293.81	99,763,931
2020	43,865,763	0.97	4,522,243,608	2,326.67	102,120,644
2021	43,895,210	0.91	4,823,649,451	2,386.86	104,771,986

Source: Town Babylon.

Selected Listing of Large Taxable Properties in the District 2020-2021 Assessment Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
Long Island Power Authority	Utility	\$257,787
Keyspan Gas East Corp	Utility	242,881
Quadrangle Associates	Real Estate	133,650
PNY Long Island Real Estate Holdings LLC	Real Estate	128,740
Covert Ave Apartments Inc.	Real Estate	122,870
Long Island Power Authority	Utility	122,560
MLO Great South Bay LLC	Real Estate	104,460
Hoffman Lindenhurst Grocery	Commercial	92,960
Sunrise Plaza Associates	Real Estate	90,630
Monroe Gardens Inc	Real Estate	82,400
	Total	<u>\$1,378,938</u>

Source: Town Assessment Roll.

a. Represents 3.14% of the Assessed Valuation of the District for 2020-2021.

LITIGATION

In common with other school districts, the District from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the District, after consultation with its attorney, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no significant claims or actions pending in which the District has not asserted a substantial and adequate defense, nor which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

The District received a Notice of Claim filed on behalf of Dominic Baldi alleging that he developed lung cancer as a result of, among other things, asbestos exposure while performing telecommunications work as an outside electrical contractor at the District's High School, Middle School, Daniel Street Elementary School, and Harding Avenue Elementary School from 2000 to 2001. The District anticipates that the District's insurance carrier, NYSIR, will disclaim coverage for the Claim. The District is in the process of locating insurance coverage for this period of time, as well as preparing to conduct a General Municipal Law §50-h examination of Mr. Baldi in order to gain more insight into the nature of his injuries and the extent of the District potential liability. Mr. Baldi has served approximately 40 other potential defendants with Notices of Claim for his injuries.

A former student has alleged that he was sexually abused on multiple occasions by a former teacher at one of the District's elementary schools in 1974 or 1975. A summons and complaint has been filed in State Supreme Court and the District has appointed special counsel to respond to the claim. Although the summons and complaint does not specify a specific sum for which damages are sought, the claim could potentially cost several millions of dollars if an adverse verdict is returned against the District. Should the plaintiffs in any of these cases be successful in their actions against the District, any liability in excess of any insurance coverage that may be available will be a District charge and would be funded either through budgetary appropriations or through the issuance of bonds.

CYBERSECURITY

The District, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, or sensitive information, the District faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the District invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operational controls; however, no assurances can be given that such security and operational control measures will be completely successful to guard against cyber threats and attacks. The results of any such attack could impact business operations and/or damage District digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial. The District has invested in school cyber insurance to mitigate liability and the cost of remedy, should a cyber attack occur.

RISKS FACTORS

There are certain potential risks associated with an investment in the Bonds, and investors should be thoroughly familiar with this Official Statement, including its appendices, in order to make an informed investment decision. Investors should consider, in particular, the following factors:

The District's credit rating could be affected by circumstances beyond the District's control. Economic conditions such as the rate of unemployment and inflation, termination of commercial operations by corporate taxpayers and employers, as well as natural catastrophes, could adversely affect the assessed valuation of District property and its ability to maintain fund balances and other statistical indices commensurate with its current credit rating. As a consequence, a decline in the District's credit rating could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds.

If and when an owner of any of the Bonds should elect to sell all or a part of the Bonds prior to maturity, there can be no assurance that a market will have been established, maintained and continue in existence for the purchase and sale of any of those Bonds. The market value of the Bonds is dependent upon the ability of holder to potentially incur a capital loss if such Bonds are sold prior to its maturity.

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Bonds. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds, could be adversely affected.

The District relies in part on State aid to fund its operations. There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget, the impact to the State's economy and financial condition due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other circumstances, including State fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. (See "*State Aid*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein). Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts or at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing on account of the uncollected State aid.

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property taxes or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the COVID-19 outbreak has spread globally, including to the United States, and has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to continue to affect economic growth worldwide. The outbreak caused the Federal government to declare a national state of emergency, which was followed by the enactment of a variety of stimulus measures designed to address financial stability and liquidity issues caused by the outbreak. The State also declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses for extended periods. Efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 has reduced the spread of the virus in some areas and there have been recent efforts to relax some of the restrictions put in place following the initial outbreak. Nevertheless, the outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the Federal government and State to address it are expected to negatively impact federal and local economies, including the economy of the State. The full impact of COVID-19 on the State's operations and financial condition is not expected to be known for some time. Similarly, the degree of the impact to the District's operations and finances as a result of COVID-19 is extremely difficult to predict due to the uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, and (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions have been or may continue to be taken by governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The spread of the outbreak or resurgence could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "*State Aid*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein).

Future amendments to applicable statutes whether enacted by the State or the United States of America affecting the treatment of interest paid on municipal obligations, including the Bonds, for income taxation purposes could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Bonds (see "*TAX MATTERS*" herein).

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District, without providing exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, may affect the market price and/or marketability for the Bonds. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" under "*TAX INFORMATION*" herein.)

Federal or State legislation imposing new or increased mandatory expenditures by municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District could impair the financial condition of such entities, including the District and the ability of such entities, including the District to pay debt service on the Bonds.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. The Tax Certificate of the District (the "Tax Certificate"), which will be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the District in connection with the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the District with certain ongoing provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated above. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may thereafter come to its attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may thereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds.

Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Bonds, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The District, in executing the Tax Certificate, will certify to the effect that the District will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Bonds. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds.

Prospective owners of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

Original Issue Discount

“Original issue discount” (“OID”) is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable at the stated maturity of a Bond (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates) over the issue price of that maturity. In general, the “issue price” of a maturity (a bond with the same maturity date, interest rate, and credit terms) means the first price at which at least 10 percent of such maturity was sold to the public, i.e., a purchaser who is not, directly or indirectly, a signatory to a written contract to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds. In general, the issue price for each maturity of the Bonds is expected to be the initial public offering price set forth in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel further is of the opinion that, for any Bonds having OID (a “Discount Bond”), OID that has accrued and is properly allocable to the owners of the Discount Bonds under Section 1288 of the Code is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as other interest on the Bonds.

In general, under Section 1288 of the Code, OID on a Discount Bond accrues under a constant yield method, based on periodic compounding of interest over prescribed accrual periods using a compounding rate determined by reference to the yield on that Discount Bond. An owner’s adjusted basis in a Discount Bond is increased by accrued OID for purposes of determining gain or loss on sale, exchange, or other disposition of such Discount Bond. Accrued OID may be taken into account as an increase in the amount of tax-exempt income received or deemed to have been received for purposes of determining various other tax consequences of owning a Discount Bond even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Owners of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the treatment of original issue discount for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and the state and local tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of Discount Bonds.

Bond Premium

In general, if an owner acquires a Bond for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the Bond after the acquisition date (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes “bond premium” on that Bond (a “Premium Bond”). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the note premium over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, based on the owner’s yield over the remaining term of the Premium Bond determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such note). An owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner’s regular method of accounting against the bond premium allocable to that period. In the case of a tax-exempt Premium Bond, if the bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a Premium Bond may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the Premium Bond even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner’s original acquisition cost. Owners of any Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond premium for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Bonds.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting requirements apply to interest paid on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, “Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification,” or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to “backup withholding,” which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a “payor” generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing a Bond through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner’s federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Miscellaneous

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, could adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) or such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel’s opinion will be in substantially the form attached hereto in Appendix C.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In order to assist the purchasers of the Bonds in complying with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Rule 15c2-12”), the District will execute an Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure, the form of which is attached hereto as Appendix D.

RATING

The District has applied to Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's"), 7 WTC at Greenwich Street, New York, NY, Phone: (212) 553-4055 and Fax: (212) 298-6761, for a rating on the Bonds and such rating is pending at this time. Such rating reflects only the view of such rating agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the respective rating agency. There can be no assurance that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgement of agency circumstances so warrant. Any change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price and the availability of a secondary market for the outstanding bonds and notes of the District.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Munistat Services, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor"), is a Municipal Advisor, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor serves as independent municipal advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a municipal advisory and consulting organization and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing, or trading municipal securities or any other negotiated instruments. The Municipal Advisor has assisted the District as to the plan of finance and the structuring of the Bonds and has reviewed and commented on certain legal documents, including this Official Statement. The advice on the plan of financing and the structuring of the Bonds was based on materials provided by the District and other sources of information believed to be reliable. The Municipal Advisor has not audited, authenticated, or otherwise verified the information provided by the District or the information set forth in this Official Statement or any other information available to the District with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy, or completeness of disclosure of such information and no guarantee, warranty, or other representation is made by the Municipal Advisor respecting the accuracy and completeness of or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained upon request from the business office of the District: Dr. Grace Chan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, Lindenhurst Union Free School District, 350 Daniel Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, Phone (631) 867-3020, Fax (631) 867-3028 and email: gchan@lufsd.org or from the office of Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776, telephone number 631/331-8888.

Statements in the Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements", within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and which are based on the District's management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District's management and staff. Because the statements are based on expectations about future events and economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that could cause future results to differ include legislative and regulatory changes, changes in the economy, and other factors discussed in this and other documents that the District's files with the repositories. When used in District's documents or oral presentation, the words "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "plan", "foresee", "likely", "estimate", "expect", "objective", "projection", "forecast", "goal", "will", or "should", or similar words or phrases are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

To the extent any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates whether or not expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the statements will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holder of the Bonds.

Munistat Services, Inc. may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at www.munistat.com. Unless this Official Statement specifically indicates otherwise, no statement on such website is included by specific reference or constitutes a part of this Official Statement. Munistat Services, Inc. has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original source documents to digital format, and neither the District nor Munistat Services, Inc. assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, Munistat Services, Inc. and the District disclaim any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain that information or any responsibility or liability for any damages caused by viruses in the electronic files on the website. Munistat Services, Inc. and the District also assume no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or unauthorized editing or for any updates to dated website information.

Any statements in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, are intended as such and not as representations of fact. No representation is made that any of such statements will be, in fact, realized. This Official Statement is not to be construed as a contract or agreement between the District and the original purchasers or owners of any of the Bonds.

By: s/s DONNA HOCHMAN
President of the Board of Education
Lindenhurst Union Free School District
Lindenhurst, New York

June , 2021

APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances
General Fund**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 79,089,941	\$ 80,201,708	\$ 81,696,743	\$ 86,089,301	\$ 89,748,248
Other Real Property Tax Items	14,902,887	14,789,260	14,667,382	13,828,386	12,511,007
Charges for Services	906,749	503,786	416,933	758,229	697,800
Use of Money and Property	887,481	895,440	1,048,425	1,379,118	1,511,747
Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	73,404	91,830	255,390	74,626	1,144
Miscellaneous	606,397	705,782	967,029	360,364	776,910
State Sources	51,415,264	53,066,583	55,182,924	55,218,847	55,004,913
Medicaid Reimbursement	-	-	-	300,925	183,383
Federal Sources	123,404	162,944	79,267	116,096	90,830
Total Revenues	<u>148,005,527</u>	<u>150,417,333</u>	<u>154,314,093</u>	<u>158,125,892</u>	<u>160,525,982</u>
Expenditures:					
General Support	14,438,722	15,000,966	15,294,260	15,432,290	15,258,399
Instruction	82,646,620	85,178,201	86,720,138	87,092,470	89,540,738
Pupil Transportation	7,531,586	7,967,393	7,755,756	7,874,833	7,677,603
Community Services	91,147	88,480	36,712	45,170	40,502
Employee Benefits	34,694,191	35,698,188	36,397,620	36,981,856	36,822,073
Debt Service	4,439,917	5,289,991	5,278,318	5,063,731	5,590,877
Total Expenditures	<u>143,842,183</u>	<u>149,223,219</u>	<u>151,482,804</u>	<u>152,490,350</u>	<u>154,930,192</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	4,163,344	1,194,114	2,831,289	5,635,542	5,595,790
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Interfund Transfers In	44,704	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers Out	(625,997)	(580,736)	(798,440)	(1,047,996)	(1,032,775)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(581,293)</u>	<u>(580,736)</u>	<u>(798,440)</u>	<u>(1,047,996)</u>	<u>(1,032,775)</u>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,582,051	613,378	2,032,849	4,587,546	4,563,015
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year	17,391,364	20,973,013	21,586,391	23,619,240	28,236,800
Adjustments	(402)			30,014	
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 20,973,013</u>	<u>\$ 21,586,391</u>	<u>\$ 23,619,240</u>	<u>\$ 28,236,800</u>	<u>\$ 32,799,815</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements (2016-2020)

NOTE: This table NOT audited

**Comparative Balance Sheet
General**

	<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assets:		
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 12,150,353	\$ 18,264,541
Restricted Cash	20,393,637	20,756,776
State and Federal Aid Receivable	3,513,096	4,645,015
Due From Other Funds	2,828,563	2,155,584
Due From Fiduciary Funds	-	-
Due From Other Governments	-	201,114
Other Receivables, Net	<u>94,447</u>	<u>135,694</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 38,980,096</u>	<u>\$ 46,158,724</u>
Liabilities & Deferred Revenue:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,089,084	\$ 4,430,380
Accrued Liabilities	617,454	379,906
Compensated Absences	369,364	1,048,900
Due to Retirement Systems	7,520,366	6,592,142
Due to Other Governments	-	-
Due to Other Funds	147,028	283,453
Deferred Revenue	<u>-</u>	<u>624,128</u>
Total Liabilities & Deferred Revenue	<u>\$ 10,743,296</u>	<u>\$ 13,358,909</u>
Fund Balance:		
Restricted	\$ 20,393,637	\$ 20,756,776
Assigned	1,310,650	5,232,773
Unassigned	<u>6,532,513</u>	<u>6,810,266</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 28,236,800</u>	<u>\$ 32,799,815</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 38,980,096</u>	<u>\$ 46,158,724</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements

NOTE: This table NOT audited

Budget Summaries

	<u>2020-2021¹</u>	<u>2021-2022²</u>
Real Property Taxes	\$ 104,833,668	\$ 105,864,508
State Sources	50,940,326	57,041,118
Miscellaneous	1,848,806	3,177,063
Other Reserves	7,526,857	6,024,439
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>5,107,006</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 170,256,663</u>	<u>\$ 173,107,128</u>
Expenditures:		
General Support	\$ 16,655,150	\$ 16,677,386
Instruction	93,910,581	96,395,849
Pupil Transportation	8,309,124	8,549,908
Community Services	52,550	52,250
Employee Benefits	43,396,041	43,488,204
Debt Service	6,160,239	6,443,531
Interfund Transfers	<u>1,772,978</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 170,256,663</u>	<u>\$ 173,107,128</u>

- 1) The 2020-21 budget was approved by the voters of the District on June 16, 2020
- 2) The 2021-22 budget was approved by the voters of the District on May 18, 2021.

Source: Adopted Budgets of the District

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPENDIX B

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

NOTE: SUCH FINANCIAL REPORT AND OPINIONS WERE PREPARED AS OF THE DATE THEREOF AND HAVE NOT BEEN REVIEWED AND/OR UPDATED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. CONSENT OF THE AUDITORS HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED OR OBTAINED.

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION WITH
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS**

June 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Lindenhurst Union Free School District
Lindenhurst, New York

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis, schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance – budget and actual – general fund, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability), schedule of District pension contributions and schedule of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and related ratios on pages 3 through 14 and 54 through 58, respectively, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, 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.

Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on pages 59 through 61 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information requested by the New York State Education Department. The other supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 8, 2020 on our consideration of the Lindenhurst Union Free 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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Lindenhurst Union Free School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cullen & Danowski, LLP

October 8, 2020

**LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

The Lindenhurst Union Free School District's discussion and analysis of the financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 in comparison with the year ended June 30, 2019, with emphasis on the current year. This should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes to financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

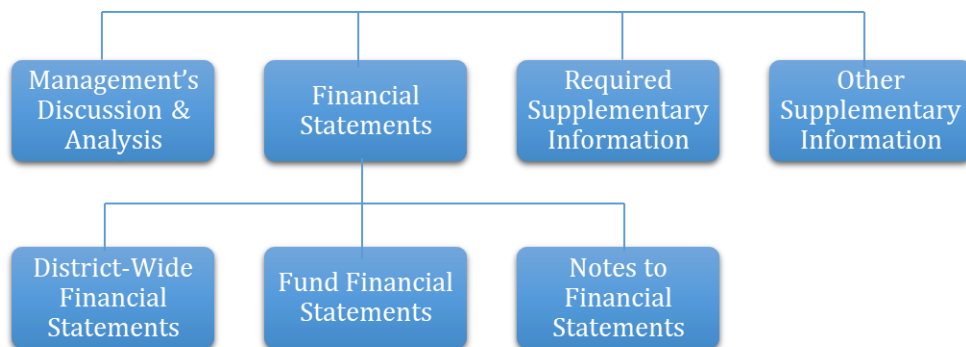
1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

- The District's total net position, as reflected in the district-wide financial statements, decreased by \$13,085,984. This was due to an excess of expenses over revenues using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.
- The District's expenses for the year, as reflected in the district-wide financial statements, totaled \$179,943,499. Of this amount, \$6,495,420 was offset by program charges for services, operating grants and capital grants. General revenues of \$160,362,095 amount to 96.1% of total revenues.
- The general fund's total fund balance of \$32,799,815, as reflected in the fund financial statements, increased by \$4,563,015. This was due to an excess of revenues over expenditures and other financing uses using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The District's 2019-2020 property tax levy of \$102,120,644 was a 2.36% increase over the 2018-2019 tax levy and equal to the District's property tax cap.
- On June 25, 2019, the District issued \$27,087,520 in serial bonds, which was approved by the voters on October 17, 2017. The District has expended \$16,934,730 within the capital projects fund through June 30, 2020.
- On August 28, 2019, the District entered into an energy performance contract to institute energy improvements to the District's facilities. The District received \$10,615,795 in contract proceeds and has expended \$5,390,601 within the capital projects fund through June 30, 2020.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts – management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), the financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The financial statements consist of district-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to financial statements. A graphic display of the relationship of these statements follows:



LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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A. District-Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements present the governmental activities of the District and are organized to provide an understanding of the fiscal performance of the District as a whole in a manner similar to a private sector business. There are two district-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide both an aggregate and long-term view of the District's finances.

These statements utilize the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes the financial effects of events when they occur, without regard to the timing of cash flows related to the events.

The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. 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

The Statement of Activities presents information showing the change in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are recorded at the time the underlying financial event occurs. Revenues are recognized in the period when they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period when the liability is incurred. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flow in future fiscal periods.

B. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, not the District as a whole. 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 also uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the District are reported in the governmental funds and the fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

These statements utilize the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period when they become measurable and available. It recognizes expenditures in the period when the District incurs the liability, except for certain expenditures such as debt service on general long-term indebtedness, claims and judgments, compensated absences, pension costs and other postemployment benefits, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent the related liabilities mature each period.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. However, the governmental fund financial statements focus on shorter term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year for spending in future years. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides.

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Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of district-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds Balance Sheet and the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains five individual governmental funds: general fund, special aid fund, school food service fund, debt service fund and capital projects fund, each of which is considered to be a major fund and is presented separately in the fund financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in its capacity as agent or trustee and utilize the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in separate statements. The fiduciary activities have been excluded from the district-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

3. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

A. Net Position

The District's total net position decreased by \$13,085,984 between fiscal year 2020 and 2019. The decrease is due to expenses in excess of revenues using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. A summary of the District's Statements of Net Position follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Assets				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 66,324,239	\$ 56,736,167	\$ 9,588,072	16.90 %
Capital Assets, Net	69,783,449	60,882,298	8,901,151	14.62 %
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share	9,961,927	7,004,519	2,957,408	42.22 %
Total Assets	<u>146,069,615</u>	<u>124,622,984</u>	<u>21,446,631</u>	17.21 %
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>75,950,722</u>	<u>39,855,637</u>	<u>36,095,085</u>	90.56 %
Liabilities				
Current and Other Liabilities	16,171,329	11,130,147	5,041,182	45.29 %
Long-Term Liabilities	68,605,634	62,601,879	6,003,755	9.59 %
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	10,463,977	2,809,082	7,654,895	272.51 %
Total OPEB Liability	<u>281,308,746</u>	<u>230,323,607</u>	<u>50,985,139</u>	22.14 %
Total Liabilities	<u>376,549,686</u>	<u>306,864,715</u>	<u>69,684,971</u>	22.71 %
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>27,132,256</u>	<u>26,189,527</u>	<u>942,729</u>	3.60 %
Net Position (Deficit)				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	34,684,151	32,160,485	2,523,666	7.85 %
Restricted	20,780,994	20,417,827	363,167	1.78 %
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(237,126,750)</u>	<u>(221,153,933)</u>	<u>(15,972,817)</u>	(7.22)%
Total Net Position (Deficit)	<u>\$ (181,661,605)</u>	<u>\$ (168,575,621)</u>	<u>\$ (13,085,984)</u>	(7.76)%

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The increase in current and other assets is primarily related to increases in cash and due from state and federal, offset by a decrease in due from fiduciary funds.

The increase in capital assets, net is due to capital asset additions in excess of depreciation expense. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 9 "Capital Assets" provides additional information.

Net pension asset – proportionate share represents the District's share of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System's collective net pension asset, at the measurement date of the respective year. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 13 "Pension Plans – New York State" provides additional information.

Deferred outflows of resources represents contributions to the pension plans subsequent to the measurement dates and actuarial adjustments of the pension and OPEB plans that will be amortized in future years.

The increase in current and other liabilities is primarily due to increases in accounts payable and compensated absences payable, offset by a decrease in due to teachers' retirement system.

The increase in long-term liabilities is primarily the result of the issuance of an energy performance contract, offset by the current maturity of bond and energy performance contract indebtedness.

Net pension liability – proportionate share represents the District's share of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System's collective net pension liability at the measurement date of the respective year. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 13 "Pension Plans – New York State" provides additional information.

Total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability decreased, based on the actuarial valuation of the plan. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 15 "Postemployment Healthcare Benefits", provides additional information.

Deferred inflows of resources represents actuarial adjustments of the pension and OPEB plans that will be amortized in future years.

The net investment in capital assets is the investment in capital assets at cost, net of accumulated depreciation and related outstanding debt. The accompanying Other Supplementary Information, Schedule of Net Investment in Capital Assets provides additional information.

The restricted amount relates to the District's reserves. This number increased over the prior year, principally due to the transfers into the reserves and interest earned in the reserves in excess of the use of the reserves.

The unrestricted deficit amount relates to the balance of the District's net position. This balance does not include the District's reserves, which are classified as restricted. Additionally, certain unfunded liabilities will have the effect of reducing the District's unrestricted net position. One such unfunded liability is the total OPEB liability. In accordance with state guidelines, the District is only permitted to fund OPEB on a "pay as you go" basis, and is not permitted to accumulate funds for the OPEB liability.

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B. Changes in Net Position

The results of operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities in a programmatic format. In the accompanying financial statements STAR (school tax relief) revenue is included in the other tax items line. However, in this MD&A, STAR revenue has been combined with property taxes. A summary of this statement for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Revenues				
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 1,509,010	\$ 1,891,276	\$ (382,266)	(20.21)%
Operating Grants	4,951,410	5,532,226	(580,816)	(10.50)%
Capital Grants	35,000	1,000	34,000	3400.00 %
General Revenues				
Property Taxes and STAR	102,120,702	99,764,072	2,356,630	2.36 %
State Sources	55,629,041	55,218,847	410,194	0.74 %
Other	2,612,352	2,269,527	342,825	15.11 %
Total Revenues	<u>166,857,515</u>	<u>164,676,948</u>	<u>2,180,567</u>	1.32 %
Expenses				
General Support	23,274,017	21,788,842	1,485,175	6.82 %
Instruction	144,697,373	130,623,694	14,073,679	10.77 %
Pupil Transportation	8,083,207	8,237,935	(154,728)	(1.88)%
Community Service	70,531	69,332	1,199	1.73 %
Debt Service - Interest	1,460,884	1,087,522	373,362	34.33 %
Food Service Program	2,357,487	2,575,746	(218,259)	(8.47)%
Total Expenses	<u>179,943,499</u>	<u>164,383,071</u>	<u>15,560,428</u>	9.47 %
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (13,085,984)</u>	<u>\$ 293,877</u>	<u>\$ (13,379,861)</u>	(4552.88)%

The District's net position decreased by \$13,085,984 and increased \$293,877 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

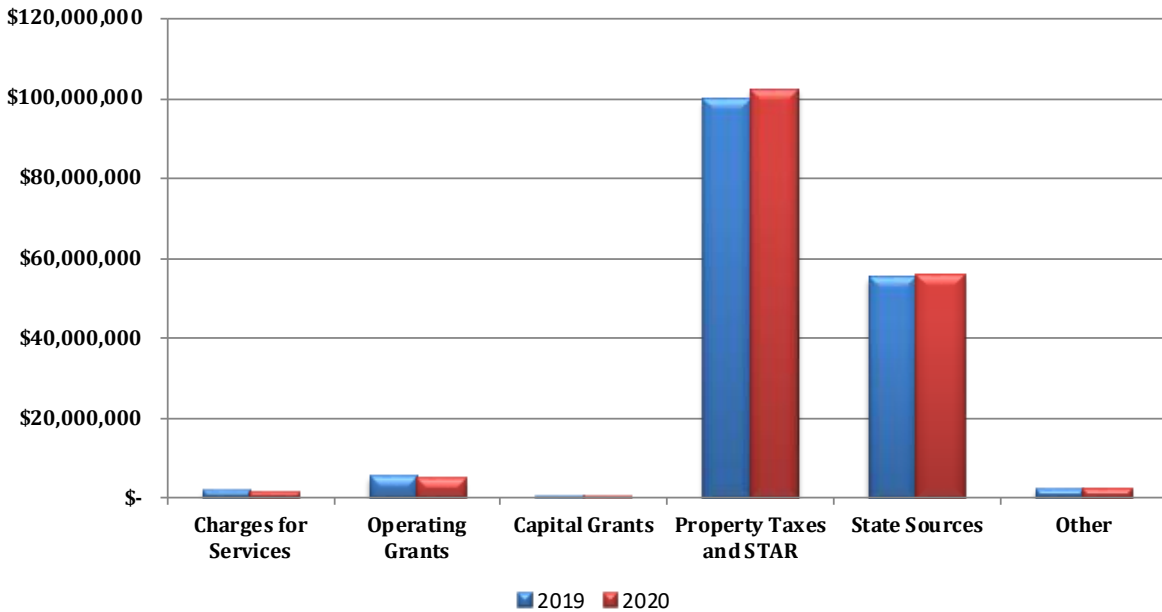
The District's revenues increased by \$2,180,567 or 1.32%. The major factor that contributed to the increase was the District received more property taxes and STAR, as well as more state and other sources in the current year.

The District's total expenses for the year increased by \$15,560,428 or 9.47%. The increase in expense is primarily due to increases in general support and instruction caused by the net changes in pension other postemployment benefits costs. Decreases in pupil transportation and food service program are related to the school closure mandated by the New York State Governor in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic health crisis.

As indicated on the graphs that follow, real property taxes and STAR is the largest component of revenues recognized (i.e., 61.2% and 60.6% of the total for the years June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively). Instruction expenses is the largest category of expenses incurred (i.e., 80.5% and 79.4% of the total for the years June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively).

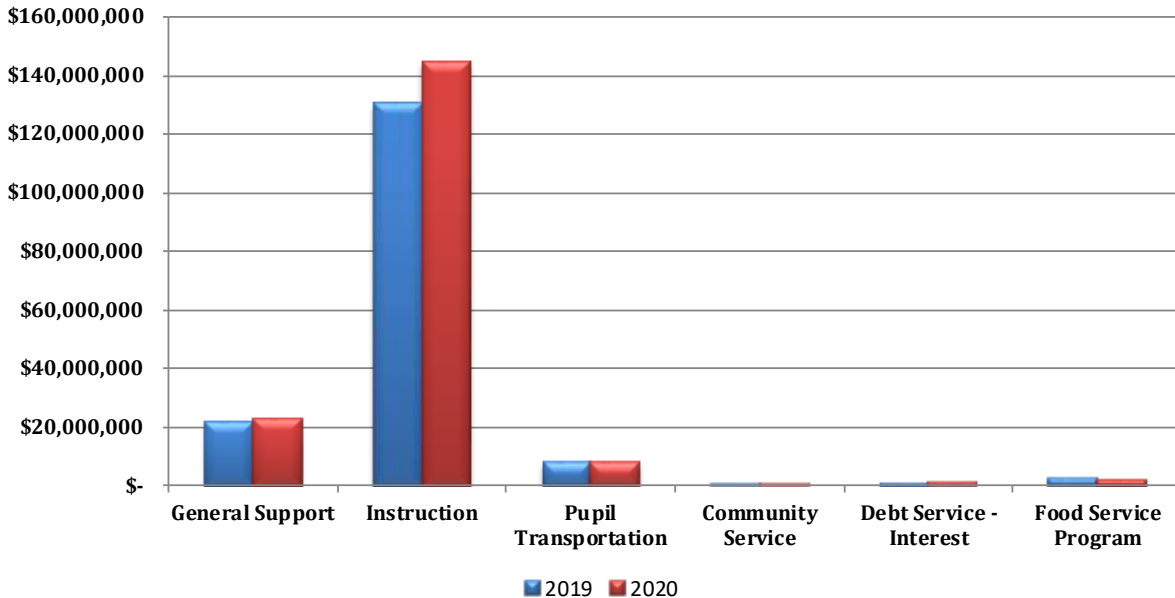
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A graphic display of the distribution of revenues for the two years follows:



	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	Property Taxes and STAR	State Sources	Other
2019	1.1%	3.4%	0.0%	60.6%	33.5%	1.4%
2020	0.9%	3.0%	0.0%	61.2%	33.3%	1.6%

A graphic display of the distribution of expenses for the two years follows:



	General Support	Instruction	Pupil Transportation	Community Service	Debt Service - Interest	Food Service Program
2019	13.3%	79.4%	5.0%	0.0%	0.7%	1.6%
2020	12.9%	80.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.8%	1.3%

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4. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

At June 30, 2020, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$49,741,465, which is an increase of \$3,968,006 over the prior year. This increase is due to an excess of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. A summary of the change in the components of fund balance by fund is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
General Fund			
Restricted			
Workers' compensation	\$ 4,192,586	\$ 4,110,474	\$ 82,112
Unemployment insurance	613,511	641,380	(27,869)
Retirement contribution			
Teachers' retirement system	2,567,210	1,261,937	1,305,273
Employees' retirement system	5,858,858	7,002,605	(1,143,747)
Employee benefit accrued liability	6,369,201	6,244,460	124,741
Capital	1,155,410	1,132,781	22,629
Assigned:			
Appropriated fund balance	5,107,006	1,000,000	4,107,006
Unappropriated fund balance	125,767	310,650	(184,883)
Unassigned: Fund balance	6,810,266	6,532,513	277,753
	<u>32,799,815</u>	<u>28,236,800</u>	<u>4,563,015</u>
School Food Service Fund			
Nonspendable: Inventory	2,276	11,861	(9,585)
Assigned: Unappropriated fund balance	455,975	768,362	(312,387)
	<u>458,251</u>	<u>780,223</u>	<u>(321,972)</u>
Debt Service Fund			
Restricted: Debt service	<u>24,218</u>	<u>24,190</u>	<u>28</u>
Capital Projects Fund			
Restricted: Unspent bond proceeds	15,736,695	15,697,856	38,839
Assigned: Unappropriated fund balance	722,486	1,034,390	(311,904)
	<u>16,459,181</u>	<u>16,732,246</u>	<u>(273,065)</u>
 Total Fund Balance	 <u>\$ 49,741,465</u>	 <u>\$ 45,773,459</u>	 <u>\$ 3,968,006</u>

A. General Fund

The net change in the general fund – fund balance is an increase of \$4,563,015. This resulted from revenues in excess of expenditures and other financing uses.

The District's revenues increased by \$2,400,090 or 1.52%, as compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily attributable to increases in property taxes, interest earnings and miscellaneous revenues, offset by decreases in other tax items, state sources and Medicaid reimbursement. The increase in property taxes is due to an increase in the tax levy in accordance with the 2019-2020 budget. The increase in miscellaneous revenues is due to the District receiving more in BOCES prior year refunds and E-rate reimbursements.

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Expenditures and other uses increased by \$2,424,621 or 1.58% over the prior year. This increase was primarily due to increases in teaching – regular school, finance, programs for students with disabilities, debt service, and instructional media. This was offset by decreases in central services, pupil transportation and teachers retirement system contribution benefits.

The following is a summary of the District’s general fund restricted fund balance activity:

	Balance @ June 30, 2019	Use of Reserves	Interest	Funding	Balance @ June 30, 2020	Appropriated for June 30, 2021
Workers' compensation	\$ 4,110,474	\$	\$ 82,112	\$	\$ 4,192,586	\$ 1,000,000
Unemployment insurance	641,380	(40,681)	12,812		613,511	
Retirement contribution						
TRS	1,261,937		25,209	1,280,064	2,567,210	
ERS	7,002,605	(1,875,280)	119,530	612,003	5,858,858	2,000,000
EBALR	6,244,460		124,741		6,369,201	4,526,857
Capital	1,132,781		22,629		1,155,410	
	<u>\$ 20,393,637</u>	<u>\$ (1,915,961)</u>	<u>\$ 387,033</u>	<u>\$ 1,892,067</u>	<u>\$ 20,756,776</u>	<u>\$ 7,526,857</u>

Additional detail regarding capital reserves can be found in Note 20 “Restricted for Capital Reserve.”

B. School Food Service Fund

The net change in the school food service fund – fund balance is a decrease of \$321,972, which was the operating loss of the food service program and was the result of loss of sales revenues due to school closures during the COVID-19 pandemic.

C. Debt Service Fund

The net change in the debt service fund – fund balance is an increase of \$28. The increase is related to interest income.

D. Capital Projects Fund

The capital projects fund - fund balance decreased by \$273,065, as compared to the prior year. This decrease is primarily attributable to construction costs of \$11,649,625 in excess of the proceeds from the issuance of energy performance contract debt of \$10,615,795, budgeted general fund transfers-in of \$750,000, and \$10,765 of recognized revenue from capital grants.

5. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

A. 2019-2020 Budget

The District’s general fund adopted budget for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$163,312,822. This amount was increased by encumbrances carried forward from the prior year in the amount of \$310,650 and budget revisions totaling \$63,620 for a total final budget of \$163,687,092.

The final budget was funded through a combination of estimated revenues and appropriated fund balance. The majority of this funding source was \$102,120,644 in estimated property taxes and STAR.

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B. Change in General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual)

The general fund's unassigned fund balance is the component of total fund balance that is the residual of prior years' excess revenues over expenditures, net of transfers to reserves, appropriations to fund the subsequent year's budget and encumbrances. The change in this balance demonstrated through a comparison of the actual revenues and expenditures for the year compared to budget follows:

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 6,532,513
Revenues Over Budget	249,540
Expenditures and Encumbrances Under Budget	7,598,358
Net Allocation to Reserves	(2,279,100)
Unused Appropriated Reserves	(184,039)
Appropriated to Fund the June 30, 2021 Budget	<u>(5,107,006)</u>
Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 6,810,266</u>

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance

The \$6,532,513 shown in the table is the portion of the District's June 30, 2019 fund balance that was retained as unassigned.

Revenues Over Budget

The 2019-2020 final budget for revenues was \$160,276,442. Actual revenues recognized for the year were \$160,525,982. The excess of actual revenue over estimated or budgeted revenue was \$249,540, which contributes directly to the change to the general fund unassigned fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The accompanying Required Supplementary Information, Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, provides additional information.

Expenditures and Encumbrances Under Budget

The 2019-2020 final budget for expenditures, was \$163,687,092. Actual expenditures as of June 30, 2020, were \$155,962,967 and outstanding encumbrances were \$125,767. Combined, the expenditures plus encumbrances for 2019-2020 were \$156,088,734. The final budget variance was \$7,598,358, which contributes directly to the change to the general fund unassigned fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. The accompanying Required Supplementary Information, Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - General Fund, provides additional information.

Net Allocation to Reserves/Unused Appropriated Reserves

Monies transferred into authorized reserves do not affect the total fund balance unless, and until these monies are actually expended. The transfers do, however, reduce the District's discretion regarding the use of these transferred monies, and thus, reduce the unassigned fund balance by the amount of the transfers. The table in §4.A. of this Management's Discussion and Analysis details the allocation of interest earnings and funding transfers to the reserves.

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The District also returned \$184,039 in unused appropriated reserves. The District budgeted to use \$2,100,000 from reserves for 2019-2020 expenditures; the actual amounts used totaled \$1,915,961.

Appropriated Fund Balance

The District has chosen to use \$5,107,006 of the available June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance to partially fund the 2020-2021 approved operating budget. As such, the June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance must be reduced by this amount.

Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance

Based upon the summary changes shown in the table, the unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2020 was \$6,810,266. This amount equals 4% of the 2020-2021 budget and is at the statutory limit.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS, DEBT ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. Capital Assets

At June 30, 2020, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, as indicated in the table below. The net increase in capital assets is due to capital additions of \$11,712,044 in excess of depreciation expense of \$2,810,893 recorded for the year ended June 30, 2020. A summary of the District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>Increase (Decrease)</u>
Land	\$ 549,950	\$ 549,950	\$ -
Construction in progress	13,337,039	2,207,363	11,129,676
Buildings	52,826,258	55,001,376	(2,175,118)
Improvements Other Than Buildings	1,917,946	1,827,881	90,065
Equipment	<u>1,152,256</u>	<u>1,295,728</u>	<u>(143,472)</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 69,783,449</u>	<u>\$ 60,882,298</u>	<u>\$ 8,901,151</u>

B. Debt Administration

At June 30, 2020, the District had total bonds payable and energy performance contracts of \$50,835,993. The bonds were issued for school building improvements and the refunding of bonds originally issued for school building improvements. Energy performance contracts were issued to fund district-wide energy saving upgrades and capital improvements. The decrease in outstanding bond debt represents principal payments. The increase in outstanding energy performance contract debt represents the issuance of a new energy performance contract in excess of principal payments. A summary of the outstanding debt at June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

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Issue Date	Interest Rate	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)
Bonds Payable				
7/7/2010	3.13-3.50%	\$ 1,850,000	\$ 2,275,000	\$ (425,000)
1/15/2015	2.00-3.50%	3,145,000	3,715,000	(570,000)
3/1/2016	2.25-3.00%	6,785,000	7,320,000	(535,000)
6/25/2019	2.13-2.75%	19,285,000	20,464,180	(1,179,180)
6/25/2019	2.50-3.15%	6,260,000	6,623,340	(363,340)
		<u>\$ 37,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 40,397,520</u>	<u>\$ (3,072,520)</u>
Energy Performance Contract				
8/26/2006	3.47%	\$ 426,812	\$ 843,573	\$ (416,761)
12/14/2011	2.66%	2,487,476	2,833,645	(346,169)
1/5/2012	3.62%	304,123	344,931	(40,808)
8/28/2019	1.96%	10,292,582		10,292,582
		<u>\$ 13,510,993</u>	<u>\$ 4,022,149</u>	<u>\$ 9,488,844</u>

The District's latest underlying, long-term credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. is Aa2.

C. Other Long-Term Liabilities

Included in the District's long-term liabilities are the estimated amounts due for compensated absences, workers' compensation liability, net pension liability – proportionate share and total other postemployment benefits liability. The compensated absences liability is based on employment contracts. The workers' compensation liability, the net pension liability – proportionate share and the total other postemployment benefits liability are based on actuarial valuations.

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)
Compensated absences	\$ 15,379,827	\$ 16,029,944	\$ (650,117)
Workers' compensation	2,389,814	2,152,266	237,548
Net pension liability - proportionate share	10,463,977	2,809,082	7,654,895
Total OPEB liability	<u>281,308,746</u>	<u>230,323,607</u>	<u>50,985,139</u>
	<u>\$ 309,542,364</u>	<u>\$ 251,314,899</u>	<u>\$ 58,227,465</u>

7. ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

A. Subsequent Year's Budget

The general fund budget, the only fund with a legally adopted budget, as approved by the voters on June 16, 2020, for the year ending June 30, 2021, is \$170,256,663. This is an increase of \$6,943,841 or 4.25% over the previous year's budget. The increase is principally in the instructional program and employee benefits areas of the budget.

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The District budgeted revenues other than property taxes and STAR at a \$5,303,046 decrease from the prior year's estimate, which is principally due to an estimated decrease in state aid. The assigned, appropriated fund balance applied to the budget in the amount of \$5,107,006 is an increase of \$4,107,006 over the previous year. Additionally, the District has elected to appropriate \$7,526,857 of reserves towards the next year's budget, an increase of \$5,426,857. A property tax increase of \$2,713,024 (2.66%), levy to levy, was needed to meet the funding shortfall and cover the increase in appropriations.

B. Future Budgets

The property tax cap and uncertainty in state aid and federal funds, as well as operating adjustments attributed to COVID-19, may impact the District's future budgets.

C. Tax Cap

New York State law limits the increase in the property tax levy of school districts to the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation. There are additional statutory adjustments in the law. School districts may override the tax levy limit by presenting to the voters a budget that requires a tax levy that exceeds the statutory limit. However, that budget must be approved by 60% of the votes cast. The District's 2020-2021 property tax levy of \$104,833,668 was an increase of 2.66%, which equaled the tax cap and did not require an override vote.

8. CONTACTING THE DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide the reader with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the funds it receives. Requests for additional information can be directed to:

Dr. Grace P. Chan
Assistant Superintendent for Business
Lindenhurst Union Free School District
350 Daniel Street
Lindenhurst, NY 11757

LINDENHURST UFSD
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020

ASSETS

Cash		
Unrestricted	\$	22,830,850
Restricted		36,517,689
Receivables		
Accounts receivable		135,694
Due from state and federal		6,636,616
Due from other governments		201,114
Inventory		2,276
Capital assets:		
Not being depreciated		13,886,989
Being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation		55,896,460
Net pension asset - proportionate share		<u>9,961,927</u>
 Total Assets		 <u>146,069,615</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pensions		39,777,144
Other postemployment benefits		<u>36,173,578</u>
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		 <u>75,950,722</u>

LIABILITIES

Payables		
Accounts payable		7,769,475
Accrued liabilities		629,521
Due to fiduciary funds		45,483
Due to other governments		941
Due to teachers' retirement system		6,019,617
Due to employees' retirement system		572,525
Compensated absences payable		1,048,900
Unearned credits		
Collections in advance		84,867
Long-term liabilities		
Due and payable within one year		
Bonds payable, net		3,140,000
Energy performance contract payable		1,470,053
Compensated absences payable		700,000
Due and payable after one year		
Bonds payable, net		34,185,000
Energy performance contract payable		12,040,940
Compensated absences payable		14,679,827
Workers' compensation liabilities		2,389,814
Net pension liability - proportionate share		10,463,977
Total other postemployment benefits liability		<u>281,308,746</u>
 Total Liabilities		 <u>376,549,686</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pensions		13,743,401
Other postemployment benefits		<u>13,388,855</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		 <u>27,132,256</u>

NET POSITION (DEFICIT)

Net investment in capital assets		<u>34,684,151</u>
Restricted:		
Workers' compensation		4,192,586
Unemployment insurance		613,511
Retirement contribution		
Teachers' retirement system		2,567,210
Employees' retirement system		5,858,858
Employee benefit accrued liability		6,369,201
Capital		1,155,410
Debt service		<u>24,218</u>
		<u>20,780,994</u>
 Unrestricted (deficit)		 <u>(237,126,750)</u>
 Total Net Position (Deficit)		 <u>\$ (181,661,605)</u>

LINDENHURST UFSD
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants	
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS					
General support	\$ 23,274,017	\$	\$ 90,830	\$	\$ (23,183,187)
Instruction	144,697,373	697,800	3,636,862	35,000	(140,327,711)
Pupil transportation	8,083,207				(8,083,207)
Community service	70,531				(70,531)
Debt service - interest	1,460,884				(1,460,884)
Food service program	2,357,487	811,210	1,223,718		(322,559)
	<u>\$ 179,943,499</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,010</u>	<u>\$ 4,951,410</u>	<u>\$ 35,000</u>	<u>(173,448,079)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES					
Real property taxes					89,748,248
Other tax items					12,511,007
Use of money and property					1,512,362
Sale of property and compensation for loss					1,144
Miscellaneous					776,910
State sources					55,629,041
Medicaid reimbursement					<u>183,383</u>
Total General Revenues					<u>160,362,095</u>
Change in Net Position (Deficit)					(13,085,984)
Total Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of Year					<u>(168,575,621)</u>
Total Net Position (Deficit) - End of Year					<u>\$ (181,661,605)</u>

LINDENHURST UFSD
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2020

	General	Special Aid	School Food Service	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash						
Unrestricted	\$ 18,264,541	\$ 54,306	\$ 317,312	\$	\$ 4,194,691	\$ 22,830,850
Restricted	20,756,776			24,218	15,736,695	36,517,689
Receivables						
Accounts receivable	135,694					135,694
Due from other funds	2,155,584	30,000	208,520			2,394,104
Due from state and federal	4,645,015	1,903,153	64,213		24,235	6,636,616
Due from other governments	201,114					201,114
Inventory			2,276			2,276
Total Assets	<u>\$ 46,158,724</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,459</u>	<u>\$ 592,321</u>	<u>\$ 24,218</u>	<u>\$ 19,955,621</u>	<u>\$ 68,718,343</u>
LIABILITIES						
Payables						
Accounts payable	\$ 4,430,380	\$ 68,355	\$ 59,819	\$	\$ 3,210,921	\$ 7,769,475
Accrued liabilities	379,906	5,475	7,222			392,603
Due to other funds	283,453	1,894,850			261,284	2,439,587
Due to other governments			941			941
Due to teachers' retirement system	6,019,617					6,019,617
Due to employees' retirement system	572,525					572,525
Compensated absences payable	1,048,900					1,048,900
Unearned credits						
Collections in advance		18,779	66,088			84,867
Total Liabilities	<u>12,734,781</u>	<u>1,987,459</u>	<u>134,070</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,472,205</u>	<u>18,328,515</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unearned revenue	<u>624,128</u>				<u>24,235</u>	<u>648,363</u>
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable: Inventory			2,276			2,276
Restricted:						
Workers' compensation	4,192,586					4,192,586
Unemployment insurance	613,511					613,511
Retirement contribution						
Teachers' retirement system	2,567,210					2,567,210
Employees' retirement system	5,858,858					5,858,858
Employee benefit accrued liability	6,369,201					6,369,201
Capital	1,155,410					1,155,410
Debt service				24,218		24,218
Unspent debt proceeds					15,736,695	15,736,695
Assigned:						
Appropriated fund balance	5,107,006					5,107,006
Unappropriated fund balance	125,767		455,975		722,486	1,304,228
Unassigned: Fund balance	<u>6,810,266</u>					<u>6,810,266</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>32,799,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>458,251</u>	<u>24,218</u>	<u>16,459,181</u>	<u>49,741,465</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 46,158,724</u>	<u>\$ 1,987,459</u>	<u>\$ 592,321</u>	<u>\$ 24,218</u>	<u>\$ 19,955,621</u>	<u>\$ 68,718,343</u>

LINDENHURST UFSD
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2020

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 49,741,465

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

The costs of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings, equipment) financed from the governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the Balance Sheet. However, the Statement of Net Position includes those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole, and their original costs are expensed annually over their useful lives.

Original cost of capital assets	\$ 136,175,338	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(66,391,889)</u>	69,783,449

Proportionate share of long-term asset and liability, and deferred outflows and inflows associated with participation in the state retirement systems are not current financial resources or obligations and are not reported in the funds.

Net pension asset - teachers' retirement system	9,961,927	
Deferred outflows of resources	39,777,144	
Net pension liability - employees' retirement system	(10,463,977)	
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>(13,743,401)</u>	25,531,693

Total other postemployment benefits liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to providing benefits in retirement are not current financial resources or obligations and are not reported in the funds.

Deferred outflows of resources	36,173,578	
Total other postemployment benefits liability	(281,308,746)	
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>(13,388,855)</u>	(258,524,023)

Some of the District's revenues will be collected after the year end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds, but are not deferred on the Statement of Net Position.

648,363

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Accrued interest on bonds payable	(236,918)	
Bonds payable	(37,325,000)	
Energy performance contract payable	(13,510,993)	
Compensated absences payable	(15,379,827)	
Workers' compensation liabilities	<u>(2,389,814)</u>	(68,842,552)

Total Net Position (Deficit)		<u><u>\$ (181,661,605)</u></u>
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LINDENHURST UFSD
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General	Special Aid	School Food Service	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes	\$ 89,748,248	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 89,748,248
Other tax items	12,511,007					12,511,007
Charges for services	697,800					697,800
Use of money and property	1,511,747		587	28		1,512,362
Sale of property and compensation for loss	1,144					1,144
Miscellaneous	776,910	194,296	7,710			978,916
State sources	55,004,913	1,237,819	43,992		10,765	56,297,489
Medicaid reimbursement	183,383					183,383
Federal sources	90,830	2,204,747	1,179,726			3,475,303
Sales			803,500			803,500
Total Revenues	160,525,982	3,636,862	2,035,515	28	10,765	166,209,152
EXPENDITURES						
General support	15,258,399					15,258,399
Instruction	89,540,738	3,638,885				93,179,623
Pupil transportation	7,677,603	280,752				7,958,355
Community service	40,502					40,502
Employee benefits	36,822,073					36,822,073
Debt service						
Principal	4,199,472					4,199,472
Interest	1,391,405					1,391,405
Food service program			2,357,487			2,357,487
Capital outlay					11,649,625	11,649,625
Total Expenditures	154,930,192	3,919,637	2,357,487	-	11,649,625	172,856,941
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	5,595,790	(282,775)	(321,972)	28	(11,638,860)	(6,647,789)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)						
Proceeds of obligation					10,615,795	10,615,795
Operating transfers in		282,775			750,000	1,032,775
Operating transfers (out)	(1,032,775)					(1,032,775)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses)	(1,032,775)	282,775	-	-	11,365,795	10,615,795
Net Change in Fund Balances	4,563,015	-	(321,972)	28	(273,065)	3,968,006
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	28,236,800		780,223	24,190	16,732,246	45,773,459
End of Year	<u>\$ 32,799,815</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 458,251</u>	<u>\$ 24,218</u>	<u>\$ 16,459,181</u>	<u>\$ 49,741,465</u>

LINDENHURST UFSD
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances \$ 3,968,006

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

Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences

In the Statement of Activities, certain operating revenues are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, revenue for these items is measured by the amount of financial resources provided (essentially, the amounts actually received). \$ 648,363

Certain expenditures in the governmental funds requiring the use of current financial resources (amounts paid) may exceed the amounts incurred during the year, resulting in a reduction of the long-term liability and an increase in the net position.

Decrease in compensated absences payable 650,117

Certain operating expenses do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are expensed in the Statement of Activities.

Increase in workers' compensation liabilities (237,548) 1,060,932

Capital Related Differences

Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are capitalized and shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.

Capital outlays and other additions 11,712,044
Depreciation expense (2,810,893) 8,901,151

Long-Term Debt Transactions Differences

Proceeds from the issuance of serial bonds are other financing sources in the governmental funds, but increase long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and do not affect the Statement of Activities. (10,615,795)

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities.

Repayment of bond principal 3,072,520
Repayment of energy performance contract payable 1,126,952

Interest on long-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. This is the amount by which accrued interest increased from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. (69,479) (6,485,802)

Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Differences

The change in the proportionate share of the collective pension expense of the state retirement plans and the change in other postemployment benefits expense reported in the Statement of Activities did not affect current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.

Teachers' retirement system (6,632,562)
Employees' retirement system (1,897,180)
Other postemployment benefits (12,000,529) (20,530,271)

Change in Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities \$ (13,085,984)

LINDENHURST UFSD
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position -
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2020

	Agency	Private Purpose Trust
ASSETS		
Cash		
Unrestricted	\$ 463,082	\$
Restricted		193,412
Investments, restricted		243,290
Due from governmental funds	45,483	
Total Assets	\$ 527,676	436,702
 LIABILITIES		
Extraclassroom activity balances	\$ 134,963	
Other liabilities	392,713	
Total Liabilities	\$ 527,676	-
 NET POSITION		
Restricted for scholarships		\$ 436,702

LINDENHURST UFSD
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position -
Fiduciary Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Private Purpose Trust
ADDITIONS	
Contributions	\$ 26,200
Investment earnings - interest and dividends	4,761
Change in fair market value of investments	(55,523)
Total Additions	(24,562)
 DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships and awards	11,750
Change in Net Position	(36,312)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	473,014
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 436,702

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are as follows:

A. Reporting Entity

The District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of nine members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The financial reporting entity is based on criteria set forth by GASB. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following entity is included in the District's financial statements:

Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The extraclassroom activity funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The extraclassroom activity funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. The District reports these assets held by it as agent for the extraclassroom organizations in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds. Separate audited financial statements of the extraclassroom activity funds can be found at the District's Business Office.

B. Joint Venture

The District is a component district in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Western Suffolk (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that share planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities. BOCES are organized under §1950 of the Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation under §1950(6). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n(a) of the General Municipal Law. A BOCES budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment as defined in Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. In addition, component school districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

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C. Basis of Presentation

District-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present information about the overall governmental financial activities of the District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of interfund transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while capital grants reflect capital-specific grants, if applicable.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Employee benefits are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including real property taxes and state aid, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund type, governmental and fiduciary, are presented. The District's financial statements present the following fund types:

Governmental Funds - are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The emphasis of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds as defined by GASB, each displayed in a separate column. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

General Fund - is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Aid Fund - is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as federal and state grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These legal restrictions may be imposed by either governments that provide the funds or outside parties.

School Food Service Fund - is used to account for the activities of the food service program.

Debt Service Fund - accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental activities.

Capital Projects Fund - is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, renovation or major repair of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Fiduciary Funds - are used to account for activities in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the district-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used to finance District operations. The following are the District's fiduciary funds:

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Agency Funds - These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

Private Purpose Trust Funds - These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and/or income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus describes what type of information is reported, and is either the economic resources measurement focus or the current financial resources measurement focus. The economic resources measurement focus reports all assets, liabilities and deferred resources related to a given activity, as well as transactions of the period that affect net position. For example, all assets, whether financial (e.g., cash and receivables) or capital (e.g., property and equipment) and liabilities (including long-term debt and obligations) are reported. The current financial resources measurement focus reports more narrowly on assets, liabilities and deferred resources that are relevant to near-term liquidity, along with net changes resulting from transactions of the period. Consequently, capital assets and the unmatured portion of long-term debt and certain other liabilities the District would not expect to liquidate currently with expendable available financial resources (e.g., compensated absences for employees still in active service) would not be reported.

Basis of accounting describes when changes are recognized, and is either the accrual basis of accounting or the modified accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting recognizes changes in net position when the underlying event occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The modified accrual basis of accounting recognizes changes only at the point they affect near-term liquidity.

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include real property taxes, state aid, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from real property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from state aid is recognized in the fiscal year it is apportioned by the state. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. 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 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, compensated absences, pension costs and other postemployment benefits, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

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E. Real Property Taxes

Calendar

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board no later than November 1 and become a lien on December 1. Taxes are collected by the town of Babylon Receiver of Taxes along with the respective Town and Suffolk County levies. These tax collections are remitted to the District and the Comptrollers of the Town and County until their respective tax levies are satisfied in accordance with the Suffolk County Tax Act.

Enforcement

All unpaid taxes are returned by the Town to Suffolk County, which in turn is responsible for any uncollected taxes.

F. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)

The District reports PILOT revenues in the general fund as part of other tax items revenues. These PILOT revenues are often the result of tax abatements granted by industrial development agencies of the Town and/or the County to help promote local economic development. Property owners make PILOT payments to the government agencies, which in turn remit the collected payments to the District.

G. Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net resources are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these Notes to Financial Statements.

H. Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include transfers to provide financing or other services. This includes the transfer of unrestricted general fund revenues to finance various programs that the District must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

In the district-wide statements, the amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to the fiduciary funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables are netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

A detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, transfers in and transfers out activity is provided subsequently in these Notes to Financial Statements.

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I. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including compensated absences, pension costs, other postemployment benefits, workers' compensation liabilities, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of capital assets.

J. Cash and Cash Equivalents/Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank deposits and investments with a maturity date of three months or less from date of acquisition.

Investments are reported at fair value, based on quoted market prices

Certain cash balances are restricted by various legal and contractual obligations, such as legal reserves and debt agreements.

K. Receivables

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles, if any. However, no allowance for uncollectibles has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

L. Inventory

Inventory of food in the school food service fund is recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or in the case of surplus food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Government's assigned value, which approximates market. Inventory is accounted for on the consumption method. Under the consumption method, a current asset for the inventory is recorded at the time of receipt and/or purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods are consumed.

Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

A portion of fund balance has been classified as nonspendable to indicate that inventory does not constitute an available spendable resource.

M. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reflected in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are reported at actual cost, when the information is available, or estimated historical cost based on professional third-party information. Donated assets are reported at acquisition value at the date of donation.

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. Capitalization thresholds, the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts, and estimated useful lives of capital assets as reported in the district-wide statements are as follows:

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	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land improvements	\$ 15,000	20 years
Buildings and building improvements	15,000	20-50 years
Furniture and equipment	2,500	5-20 years
Licensed vehicles	2,500	5-15 years

N. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources, in the Statement of Net Position, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions and consists of the District's proportionate share of changes in the collective net pension asset or liability not included in collective pension expense. The second item is the District's contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS) subsequent to the measurement date. The third item is related to OPEB and represents changes in the total other postemployment benefits liability not included in OPEB expense.

O. Short-Term Debt

The District may issue revenue anticipation notes (RAN) and tax anticipation notes (TAN), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RANs and TANs represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue bond anticipation notes (BAN), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date. The notes, or renewal thereof, may not extend more than two years beyond the original date of issue, unless a portion is redeemed within two years and within each twelve month period thereafter.

P. Collections in Advance

Collections in advance arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures or when charges for services monies are received in advance from payers prior to the services being rendered by the District, such as grant money received in advance and prepaid lunch amounts. These amounts are recorded as liabilities in the financial statements. The liabilities are removed and revenues are recognized in subsequent periods when the District has legal claim to the resources.

Q. Employee Benefits - Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated sick leave and vacation time.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in collective bargaining agreements and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

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Vacation eligibility and accumulation is specified in collective bargaining agreements and in individual employment contracts. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods. Employees are compensated for unused accumulated vacation leave through paid time off or cash payment upon retirement, termination or death.

The liability for compensated absences has been calculated using the vesting method and an accrual for that liability is included in the district-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year-end.

In the fund financial statements, a liability is reported only for payments due for unused compensated absences for those employees that have obligated themselves to separate from service with the District by June 30th.

R. Other Benefits

Eligible District employees participate in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System or the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System.

District employees may choose to participate in the District's elective deferred compensation plans established under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457.

The District provides individual or family health insurance coverage for active employees pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts.

In addition to providing these benefits, the District provides individual, family or surviving spouse postemployment health insurance coverage for eligible retired employees. Collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts determine if District employees are eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Healthcare benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure in the governmental funds as the liabilities for premiums mature (come due for payment). In the district-wide statements, the cost of postemployment health insurance coverage is recognized on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75.

S. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue/expense credit) until that time. There are three items that may qualify for reporting in this category. First is unavailable revenues reported in the governmental funds when potential revenues do not meet the availability criterion for recognition in the current period. This includes receivables of certain state aid allocations. In subsequent periods, when the availability criterion is met, unavailable revenues are reclassified as revenues. In the District-wide financial statements, unavailable revenues are treated as revenues. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position and consists of the District's proportionate share of changes in the collective net pension asset or liability not included in collective pension expense. The third item is related to OPEB reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change of assumptions or other inputs.

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T. Equity Classifications

District-Wide Statements

In the district-wide statements there are three classes of net position:

Net investment in capital assets – Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisitions, construction and improvements of those assets.

Restricted – Reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – Reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications.

Fund Statements

The fund statements report fund balance classifications according to the relative strength of spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used, as follows:

Nonspendable – Consists of amounts that are inherently nonspendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance consists of inventory, which is recorded in the school food service fund.

Restricted – Consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Workers' Compensation Reserve

Workers' Compensation Reserve (GML §6-j) is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

Unemployment Insurance Reserve

Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML §6-m) is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects

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to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

Retirement Contribution Reserve

Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-r) is used for the purpose of financing retirement contributions payable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. The Board, by resolution, may establish the reserve and authorize expenditures from the reserve. The reserve is funded by budgetary appropriations or taxes raised for the reserve, revenues that are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account, transfers from reserves and other funds that may legally be appropriated. The Board may also adopt a resolution establishing a sub-fund for contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. During a fiscal year, the Board may authorize payment into the sub-fund of up to 2% of the total covered salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year, with the total amount funded not to exceed 10% of the total covered salaries during the preceding fiscal year. The sub-fund is separately administered, but must comply with all the existing provisions of General Municipal Law §6-r. These reserves are accounted for in the general fund.

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve

Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve (GML §6-p) is used to reserve funds for the payment of accrued employee benefit primarily based on unused and unpaid sick leave, personal leave, holiday leave or vacation time due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

Capital Reserve

Capital Reserve (Education Law §3651) is used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve; the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

Restricted for Debt Service

Unexpended balances of proceeds of borrowings for capital projects, interest and earnings from investing proceeds of obligations, and premiums and accrued interest on long-term borrowings are recorded in the debt service fund and held until appropriated for debt payments. These restricted amounts are accounted for in the debt service fund.

Restricted – Unspent Debt Proceeds

Unspent long-term debt proceeds are recorded as restricted fund balance because they are subject to external constraints contained in the debt agreement. These restricted funds are accounted for in the capital projects fund.

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Restricted for Scholarships

Amounts restricted for scholarships are used to account for monies donated for scholarship purposes, including earnings and net of awards. These restricted funds are accounted for in the private purpose trust fund.

Assigned – Consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use established by the District’s Board of Education. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the general fund, and in funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year’s budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year.

Unassigned – Represents the residual classification for the District’s general fund and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending of available resources. NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318, restricts the unassigned fund balance, excluding the reserve for tax reduction, of the general fund to an amount not greater than 4% of the subsequent year’s budget.

Fund Balance Classification

Any portion of fund balance may be applied or transferred for a specific purpose by law, voter approval if required by law or by formal action of the Board of Education if voter approval is not required. Amendments or modification to the applied or transferred fund balance must also be approved by formal action of the Board of Education.

The Board of Education shall delegate the authority to assign fund balance, for encumbrance purposes, to the person(s) to whom it has delegated the authority to sign purchase orders.

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications (that is restricted, assigned or unassigned) the Board will assess the current financial condition of the District and then determine the order of application of expenditures to which fund balance classification will be charged.

2. FUTURE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements are issued to set generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for state and local governments. The following is not an all-inclusive list of GASB standards issued, but statements that the District feels may have a future impact on these financial statements. The District will evaluate the impact of these pronouncements and implement them, as applicable, if material.

Effective for the Year Ending	Statement
June 30, 2021	GASB No. 84 - <i>Fiduciary Activities</i>
June 30, 2022	GASB No. 87 - <i>Leases</i>

GASB Statement No. 84 will require the District to assess activities currently classified as fiduciary and reported in the fiduciary funds to determine if these activities should be considered fiduciary in nature or if these activities should be reported as governmental funds.

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GASB Statement No. 87 will change the reporting of leases in the district-wide financial statements. A lessee will be required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor will be required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of financial resources.

3. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the district-wide statements and the governmental fund statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items.

A. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differ from net position of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term assets and liabilities.

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities fall into any of four broad categories.

Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis, whereas the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities, thereby affecting expenses such as compensated absences.

Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds from the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because the issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Net Position. In addition, both interest and principal are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements when due and payable, whereas interest expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities as it accrues, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

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Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of recognizing pension costs using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expenditure is recognized based on the contractually required contribution as calculated by the plan, versus the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expense is recognized related to the District's proportionate share of the collective pension expense of the plan.

Other postemployment benefit differences occur as a result of recognizing OPEB costs using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expenditure is recognized for insurance premiums and other postemployment benefit costs as they mature (come due for payment), versus the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expense is recognized related to the future cost of benefits in retirement over the term of employment.

4. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the general fund, the only fund with a legally adopted budget.

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the general fund.

Appropriations are established by the adoption of the budget, are recorded at the program line item level, and constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year can be funded by the planned use of specific reserves, and can be increased by budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law) and appropriation of fund balances. These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. The following supplemental appropriations occurred during the year:

Instructional supplies funded by donations	\$ 13,620
Program costs funded by state grant	<u>50,000</u>
	<u>\$ 63,620</u>

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital projects based on authorized funding. The maximum project amount authorized is based upon the estimated cost of the project. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

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B. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as part of assigned fund balance, unless classified as restricted, and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred or the commitment is paid.

5. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

The District's investment policies are governed by state statutes and District policy. Resources must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the state. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its Agencies and obligations of New York State and its municipalities. Investments are stated at fair value.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District may be unable to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside agency. GASB directs that deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are as follows:

- A. Uncollateralized,
- B. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, or
- C. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

The District's aggregate bank balances were covered by FDIC insurance or fully collateralized by securities or letters of credit pledged on the District's behalf at year end.

Investments:

The District has control over certain investments associated with a scholarship fund which benefits eligible graduating high school students. Those investments, consisting of donated common stocks and shares in a mutual fund, are reported in the private purpose trust fund of the District's fiduciary funds and are comprised of the following:

	Cost	Fair Value
Common Stocks	\$ 39,984	\$ 222,038
Mutual Fund	9,528	21,252
	\$ 49,512	\$ 243,290

These investments are exposed to interest rate risk, which is the risk that the fair value of investments will be affected by changing interest rates, as well as credit risk, which is the risk of loss due to failure of an issuer or other counterparty to an investment to fulfill its obligations.

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U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the asset or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

The investments of the scholarship fund are measured at fair value by Level 1 valuation methodology. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value:

Common stocks and mutual funds: Valued at the net assets value (NAV) of shares held at year end. The NAV is the closing price reported on the open market on which the securities are traded.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the District believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

Investment pool:

The District participates in the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System – New York (NYCLASS), a multi-municipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 3-A and 5-G, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. The investments are highly liquid and are considered to be cash equivalents. All NYCLASS investment and collateral policies are in accordance with General Municipal Law, Sections 10 and 11.

Total investments of the cooperative at June 30, 2020 are \$3,367,388,471, which consisted of \$218,847,408 in repurchase agreements, \$2,065,434,436 in U.S. Treasury Securities and \$1,083,106,627 in collateralized bank deposits, with various interest rates and due dates.

The following amounts are included as cash:

Fund	Carrying Amount
General Fund	\$ 11,847,857
Capital Projects Fund	14,199,508
	\$ 26,047,365

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The above amounts represent the fair value of the investment pool shares. The Lead Participant of NYCLASS is the Village of Potsdam. Additional information concerning NYCLASS, including the annual report, can be found on its website at www.newyorkclass.org.

6. PARTICIPATION IN BOCES

During the year ended June 30, 2020 the District was billed \$14,726,729 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$2,625,014. Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative offices at 507 Deer Park Road, P.O. Box 8007, Huntington Station, New York 11746-9007.

7. DUE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Due from state and federal at June 30, 2020 consisted of:

General Fund	
New York State - excess cost aid	\$ 1,728,843
New York State - foundation aid	17,413
BOCES Aid	2,897,990
Other	769
	<u>4,645,015</u>
Special Aid Fund	
Federal and state grants	1,903,153
School Food Service Fund	
Federal and state food service program reimbursements	64,213
Capital Fund	
New York State Smart Schools Bond Act aid	24,235
	<u>\$ 6,636,616</u>

District management expects these amounts to be fully collectible.

8. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments at June 30, 2020 consisted of:

General Fund	
PILOT payments	\$ 69,276
Committee on preschool special education reimbursement	131,838
	<u>\$ 201,114</u>

District management expects these amounts to be fully collectible.

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9. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2020 were as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2020
Governmental activities				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 549,950	\$	\$	\$ 549,950
Construction in progress	2,207,363	11,649,625	(519,949)	13,337,039
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>2,757,313</u>	<u>11,649,625</u>	<u>(519,949)</u>	<u>13,886,989</u>
Capital assets being depreciated				
Buildings	111,785,519	170,396		111,955,915
Improvements other than buildings	6,287,509	349,650		6,637,159
Equipment	3,632,953	62,322		3,695,275
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>121,705,981</u>	<u>582,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,288,349</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	56,784,143	2,345,514		59,129,657
Improvements other than buildings	4,459,628	259,585		4,719,213
Equipment	2,337,225	205,794		2,543,019
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>63,580,996</u>	<u>2,810,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>66,391,889</u>
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	<u>58,124,985</u>	<u>(2,228,525)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>55,896,460</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 60,882,298</u>	<u>\$ 9,421,100</u>	<u>\$ (519,949)</u>	<u>\$ 69,783,449</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General support	\$ 2,507,248
Instruction	295,646
Pupil transportation	<u>7,999</u>
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 2,810,893</u>

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10. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances and activities at June 30, 2020, are as follows:

	Interfund			
	Receivable	Payable	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General Fund	\$ 2,155,584	\$ 283,453	\$	\$ 1,032,775
Special Aid Fund	30,000	1,894,850	282,775	
School Food Service Fund	208,520			
Capital Projects Fund		261,284	750,000	
Total Governmental Funds	<u>2,394,104</u>	<u>2,439,587</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,775</u>	<u>\$ 1,032,775</u>
Fiduciary Funds	<u>45,483</u>			
Total	<u>\$ 2,439,587</u>	<u>\$ 2,439,587</u>		

The District typically transfers from the general fund to the special aid fund for the District's share of the costs for the summer program for students with disabilities and the state-supported Section 4201 schools. The transfer to the capital projects fund is in accordance with the general fund budget for various capital improvements. Interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year.

11. SHORT-TERM DEBT

Short-term debt activity for the year is summarized below:

	Maturity	Stated Interest Rate	Balance June 30, 2019	Issued	Redeemed	Balance June 30, 2020
TAN	6/25/2020	2.00%	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,500,000</u>	<u>\$ (20,500,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Interest

paid on the TAN for the year was \$313,194. The District received a premium in the amount of \$114,452 in the current year, to yield an effective interest rates of 1.27% and a net expenditure of \$198,743.

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12. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A. Changes

Long-term liability balances and activity, excluding pension and other postemployment benefits liability, for the year are summarized below:

	Balance June 30, 2019	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2020	Amounts Due Within One Year
<u>Long-term debt:</u>					
Bonds payable	\$ 40,397,520	\$	\$ (3,072,520)	\$ 37,325,000	\$ 3,140,000
Energy performance contract	4,022,149	10,615,796	(1,126,952)	13,510,993	1,470,053
	<u>44,419,669</u>	<u>10,615,796</u>	<u>(4,199,472)</u>	<u>50,835,993</u>	<u>4,610,053</u>
<u>Other long-term liabilities:</u>					
Compensated absences	16,029,944		(650,117)	15,379,827	700,000
Workers' compensation	2,152,266	1,299,880	(1,062,332)	2,389,814	
	<u>18,182,210</u>	<u>1,299,880</u>	<u>(1,712,449)</u>	<u>17,769,641</u>	<u>700,000</u>
	<u>\$ 62,601,879</u>	<u>\$ 11,915,676</u>	<u>\$ (5,911,921)</u>	<u>\$ 68,605,634</u>	<u>\$ 5,310,053</u>

The general fund has typically been used to liquidate other long-term liabilities.

B. Bonds Payable

Bonds payable is comprised of the following:

Description	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding at June 30, 2020
Serial Bonds	7/7/2010	7/1/2023	3.13-3.50%	\$ 1,850,000
Refunding Bonds	1/15/2015	7/15/2024	2.00-3.50%	3,145,000
Serial Bonds	3/1/2016	9/1/2030	2.25-3.00%	6,785,000
Serial Bonds - Series A	6/25/2019	6/15/2034	2.13-2.75%	19,285,000
Serial Bonds - Series B	6/25/2019	6/15/2034	2.50-3.15%	6,260,000
				<u>\$ 37,325,000</u>

The following is a summary of debt service requirements for bonds payable:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 3,140,000	\$ 931,624	\$ 4,071,624
2022	3,215,000	851,921	4,066,921
2023	3,300,000	768,530	4,068,530
2024	3,380,000	682,489	4,062,489
2025	2,975,000	602,786	3,577,786
2026-2030	12,415,000	2,099,979	14,514,979
2031-2034	8,900,000	572,730	9,472,730
Total	<u>\$ 37,325,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,510,059</u>	<u>\$ 43,835,059</u>

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C. Energy Performance Contract

Energy performance contract is comprised of the following:

Description	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding at June 30, 2020
Energy performance contract	8/26/2006	2/26/2021	3.47%	\$ 426,812
Energy performance contract	12/14/2011	12/14/2026	2.66%	2,487,476
Energy performance contract	1/5/2012	12/14/2026	3.62%	304,123
Energy performance contract	8/28/2019	2/15/2034	1.96%	<u>10,292,582</u>
				<u>\$ 13,510,993</u>

The following is a summary of debt service requirements for energy performance contract payable:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 1,470,053	\$ 281,062	\$ 1,751,115
2022	1,067,039	249,572	1,316,611
2023	1,091,399	225,212	1,316,611
2024	1,116,336	200,275	1,316,611
2025	1,141,864	174,747	1,316,611
2026-2030	4,391,058	539,344	4,930,402
2031-2034	<u>3,233,244</u>	<u>144,454</u>	<u>3,377,698</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,510,993</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,666</u>	<u>\$ 15,325,659</u>

D. Interest Expense

Interest on long-term debt for the year was composed of:

Interest paid	\$ 1,192,662
Less interest accrued in the prior year	(167,439)
Plus interest accrued in the current year	<u>236,918</u>
Total interest expense on long-term debt	<u>\$ 1,262,141</u>

13. PENSION PLANS - NEW YORK STATE

A. General Information

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer, public employee retirement systems. The systems provide retirement, disability, withdrawal and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries related to years of service and final average salary.

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B. Provisions and Administration

Teachers' Retirement System

The TRS is administered by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board. The TRS provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in the TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the TRS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the TRS may be found on the TRS website at www.nystrs.org or obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395.

Employees' Retirement System

Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefits to employees are governed by the NYSRSSL. The net position of the ERS is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the ERS. As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York (Comptroller) serves as the trustee of the fund and is the administrative head of the ERS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the ERS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The ERS is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

C. Funding Policies

Plan members who joined the systems before July 27, 1976, are not required to make contributions. Those joining on or after July 27, 1976, and before January 1, 2010, with less than ten years of credited services are required to contribute 3% of their salary. Those joining on or after January 1, 2010 and before April 1, 2012, are required to contribute 3% of their salary to ERS or 3.5% of their salary to TRS throughout active membership. Those joining on or after April 1, 2012, are required to contribute between 3% and 6% dependent on their salary throughout active membership. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate based on covered salaries paid. For the TRS, the employers' contribution rate is established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board for the TRS' fiscal year ended June 30th, and employer contributions are deducted from state aid in the subsequent months of September, October and November. For the ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31st, and employer contributions are either paid by the prior December 15th less a 1% discount or by the prior February 1st. The District paid 100% of the required contributions as billed by the TRS and ERS for the current year. The District's contribution rate was 10.62% of covered payroll for the TRS' fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. The District's average contribution rate was 15.78% of covered payroll for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31, 2020.

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The District's share of the required contributions, based on covered payroll for the District's year ended June 30, 2020 was \$5,820,453 for TRS at a contribution rate of 8.86%, and \$1,903,186 for ERS at an average contribution rate of 15.06%.

D. Pension Asset/(Liability), Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2020, the District reported the following asset/(liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) for each of the systems. The net pension asset/(liability) was measured as of June 30, 2019, for TRS and March 31, 2020 for ERS. The total pension asset/(liability) used to calculate the net pension asset/(liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset/(liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the TRS and the ERS in reports provided to the District.

	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>
Measurement date	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2020
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability)	\$ 9,961,927	\$ (10,463,977)
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset/(liability)	0.383445%	0.0395157%
Change in proportion since the prior measurement date	(0.003917)	(0.0001309)

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized pension expense of \$12,460,665 for TRS and \$3,825,346 for ERS. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,750,944	\$ 615,847	\$ 740,788	\$
Changes of assumptions	18,819,413	210,695	4,588,705	181,932
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		5,364,343	7,988,952	
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	968,621	654,303	131,210	111,814
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	5,820,453	572,525		
Total	<u>\$ 32,359,431</u>	<u>\$ 7,417,713</u>	<u>\$ 13,449,655</u>	<u>\$ 293,746</u>

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District contributions, subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	TRS	ERS
2021	\$ 4,647,945	\$ 1,206,948
2022	427,003	1,674,109
2023	4,631,609	2,041,076
2024	3,160,216	1,629,309
2025	496,987	
Thereafter	(274,437)	
	<u>\$ 13,089,323</u>	<u>\$ 6,551,442</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

	TRS	ERS
Measurement date	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2020
Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2018	April 1, 2019
Inflation	2.20%	2.50%
Salary increases	1.90-4.72%	4.20%
Investment rate of return (net of investment expense, including inflation)	7.10%	6.80%
Cost of living adjustments	1.30%	1.30%

For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on plan member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2018, applied on a generational basis. Active member mortality rates are based on plan member experience. For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015 system experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2018.

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014. For ERS, the actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015.

For TRS, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, *Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class, as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

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For ERS, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expenses 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.

The target allocation and best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized below:

	TRS		ERS	
	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return
Measurement date		June 30, 2019		March 31, 2020
Asset type				
Domestic equity	33.0%	6.30%	36.0%	4.05%
International equity	16.0%	7.80%	14.0%	6.15%
Global equity	4.0%	7.20%		
Real estate	11.0%	4.60%	10.0%	4.95%
Private equities	8.0%	9.90%	10.0%	6.75%
Alternative investments			8.0%	3.25-5.95%
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0%	1.30%		
Global fixed income securities	2.0%	0.90%		
High-yield fixed income securities	1.0%	3.60%		
Bonds and mortgages			17.0%	0.75%
Private debt	1.0%	6.50%		
Real estate debt	7.0%	2.90%		
Cash and equivalents	1.0%	0.30%		
Cash			1.0%	0.00%
Inflation indexed bonds			4.0%	0.50%
	100.0%		100.0%	

Real rates of return are net of a long-term inflation assumption of 2.2% for TRS and 2.5% for ERS.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.10% for TRS and 6.80% for ERS (the discount rate used by the TRS at the prior year's measurement date of June 30, 2018, was 7.25% and the discount rate used by the ERS at the prior year's measurement date of March 31, 2019, was 7.00%). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based upon the assumptions, the systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset/(Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) calculated using the discount rate of 7.10% for TRS and 6.80% for ERS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.10% for TRS and 5.80% for ERS) or 1 percentage point higher (8.10% for TRS and 7.80% for ERS) than the current rate:

TRS	1% Decrease 6.10%	Current Assumption 7.10%	1% Increase 8.10%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (44,967,099)	\$ 9,961,927	\$ 56,041,182
ERS	1% Decrease 5.80%	Current Assumption 6.80%	1% Increase 7.80%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (19,204,351)	\$ (10,463,977)	\$ (2,414,054)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension asset/(liability) of the employers as of the respective measurement dates, were as follows:

	TRS	ERS
	<i>(Dollars in Thousands)</i>	
Measurement date	June 30, 2019	March 31, 2020
Employers' total pension liability	\$ (119,879,474)	\$ (194,596,261)
Plan fiduciary net position	122,477,481	168,115,682
Employers' net pension asset/(liability)	\$ 2,598,007	\$ (26,480,579)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to the employers' total pension liability	102.17%	86.39%

Payables to the Pension Plan

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, are paid to the system in September, October and November 2020 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020, represent employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, based on paid TRS covered wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS system. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 amounted to \$5,820,453 of employer contributions and \$199,164 of employee contributions.

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For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the system’s fiscal year, which ends on March 31st. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020, represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 based on paid ERS covered wages multiplied by the employer’s contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2020 amounted to \$572,525 of employer contributions. Employee contributions are remitted monthly.

14. PENSION PLANS - OTHER

A. Tax Sheltered Annuities

The District has adopted a 403(b) plan covering all eligible employees. Employees may defer up to 100% of their compensation subject to Internal Revenue Code elective deferral limitations. The District may also make non-elective contributions based on collectively bargained agreements. Contributions made by the employees for the year ended June 30, 2020, totaled \$3,768,957.

B. Deferred Compensation Plan

The District has established a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code §457 for all employees. The District makes no contributions into this Plan. The amount deferred by eligible employees for the year ended totaled \$799,504.

15. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

A. General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan Description –The District provides OPEB for eligible retired employees of the District. The benefits provided to employees upon retirement are based on provisions in the various contracts that the District has in place with different classifications of employees. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered through the New York State Health Insurance Program – Empire Plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement 75.

Benefits Provided – The District provides healthcare benefits and Medicare Part B coverage for eligible retirees. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms – At June 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	808
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	727
	1,535

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B. Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$281,308,746 was measured as of June 30, 2020, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2019.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability, as of the measurement date, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.60%	
Salary increases	2.60%	average, including inflation
Discount rate	2.21%	
Healthcare cost trend rates	6.60%	for 2020, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.10% over 56 years.
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	10-25%	of projected health insurance premiums for retirees

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index.

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 adjusted to 2006 Total Dataset Mortality Table projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-Ultimate.

C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 230,323,607</u>
Changes for the year	
Service cost	7,255,164
Interest	8,194,720
Changes of benefit terms	
Differences between expected and actual experience	10,302,141
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	32,180,669
Benefit payments	<u>(6,947,555)</u>
	<u>50,985,139</u>
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u><u>\$ 281,308,746</u></u>

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.5% in 2019 to 2.21% in 2020. Healthcare cost trend rates were updated from an initial rate of 7.50% scaling down to 4.50% over 6 years to an initial rate of 6.60% scaling down to 4.10% over 56 years. Additionally, the Mortality rate tables were updated to reflect mortality improvement scale MP-Ultimate from MP-2017, the salary scale was also updated to 2.60% from 3.00%.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (1.21%) or 1 percentage point higher (3.21%) than the current discount rate:

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	1% Decrease	Discount Rate	1% Increase
OPEB	1.21%	2.21%	3.21%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (333,439,844)</u>	<u>\$ (281,308,746)</u>	<u>\$ (239,918,688)</u>

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (5.60%) or 1 percentage point higher (7.60%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
OPEB	5.60%	6.60%	7.60%
	decreasing to	decreasing to	decreasing to
	3.10%	4.10%	5.10%
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (238,875,815)</u>	<u>\$ (281,308,746)</u>	<u>\$ (337,143,013)</u>

D. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$18,948,084. At June 30, 2020, the District reported deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,795,994	
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	<u>27,377,584</u>	<u>13,388,855</u>
Total	<u>\$ 36,173,578</u>	<u>\$ 13,388,855</u>

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2021	\$ 3,498,200
2022	3,498,200
2023	3,498,200
2024	3,498,200
2025	4,352,805
Thereafter	4,439,118
	\$ 22,784,723

16. DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In the governmental fund financial statements, deferred inflows of resources, at June 30, 2020, consists of that portion of the amount due from New York State for local aid payments, including BOCES aid, which is unavailable. Of the 2019-2020 school year aid payments outstanding at June 30, 2020, 20% was effectively withheld by the State, in response to revenue losses. Unavailable revenues, in the general fund at June 30, 2020, total \$624,128.

Also included in the governmental fund financial statements as deferred inflows of resources, at June 30, 2020, is the amount due from New York State for improvements to educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunities for students throughout the state (Smart Schools Bond Act). Unavailable revenues, in the capital projects fund at June 30, 2020, total \$24,235.

17. RISK MANAGEMENT

A. General Information

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by a combination of self-insurance reserves and commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage as compared to the prior year, and settled claims from these risks have not exceeded available reserves and commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

B. Risk Retention

The District has established a self-insured plan for risks associated with workers' compensation claims. Liabilities of the plan are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Claims activity is summarized below:

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	2019	2020
Unpaid claims at beginning of year	\$ 1,594,362	\$ 2,152,266
Incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses	1,534,284	1,299,880
Claim payments	(976,380)	(1,062,332)
Unpaid claims at year end	\$ 2,152,266	\$ 2,389,814

18. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE – APPROPRIATED RESERVES

The District expects to appropriate the following amounts from reserves, which are reported in the June 30, 2020 restricted fund balances, to fund the budget and reduce taxes for the year ending June 30, 2021.

Workers' Compensation	\$ 1,000,000
Retirement Contribution - ERS	2,000,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	4,256,857
	\$ 7,256,857

19. ASSIGNED: APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

The amount of \$5,107,006 has been appropriated to reduce taxes for the year ending June 30, 2021.

20. RESTRICTED FOR CAPITAL RESERVE

The following is a summary of the District's restricted capital reserve activity since inception:

	Capital Reserve
Date Created	May 2018
Number of Years to Fund	10
Maximum Funding	\$ 15,000,000
General Fund	
Funding Provided Since Inception	\$ 1,132,781
Interest Earnings Since Inception	22,629
Use of Reserve Since Inception	-
Balance as of June 30, 2020	\$ 1,155,410

21. TAX ABATEMENTS

The Babylon Industrial Development Agency enters into various property tax abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The District's property tax revenue was reduced \$281,072. The District received payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) payments totaling \$138,553.

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22. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Encumbrances

All encumbrances are classified as either restricted or assigned fund balance. At June 30, 2020 the District encumbered the following amounts:

Restricted Fund Balance	
Capital Projects Fund	
Capital projects	<u>\$ 9,428,797</u>
Assigned: Unappropriated Fund Balance:	
General Fund	
General Support	46,500
Instruction	<u>79,267</u>
	<u>125,767</u>
Capital Projects Fund	
Capital projects	<u>43,149</u>
	<u>\$ 9,597,713</u>

B. Grants

The District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the state and federal governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior audits, the District's administration believes disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

C. Litigation

The District is involved in lawsuits arising from the normal conduct of its affairs. The District believes the outcome of any matters will not have a material effect on these financial statements.

D. Operating Leases

The District leases various equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. Rental expense for the year was \$12,852. The minimum remaining operating lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Amount
2021	\$ 12,542
2022	12,542
2023	12,542
2024	12,542
2025	<u>12,542</u>
	<u>\$ 62,710</u>

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E. BOCES Agreements

The District has various agreements with BOCES to provide copiers and technology equipment. The expenditure for these agreements was \$306,633 for the year ended June 30, 2020. The following is summary of future obligations under these agreements:

<u>Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ 298,143
2022	279,330
2023	279,330
2024	<u>39,344</u>
	<u>\$ 896,147</u>

23. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the auditor's report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant events were identified that would require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements, except for the following:

A. Issuance of TANs

On October 8, 2020, the District opened the bids for the sale of its tax anticipation notes (TANs) in the amount \$25,000,000. The winning bid offered a stated interest rate of 3.00% and an issuance premium of \$450,000, for a net effective interest rate of 0.3551%. The anticipated issuance date of the TANs is October 20, 2020, with a maturity date of June 25, 2021.

B. Impact of COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is an international, national and New York State public health emergency. As such, the COVID-19 outbreak continues to disrupt business activities across a range of industries. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the District's operational and financial performance will depend on certain developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak, and the effect on the District's residents, employees and vendors, as well as the State, all of which are uncertain and cannot be predicted at this time.

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget Variance with Actual
REVENUES				
Local Sources				
Real property taxes	\$ 88,445,873	\$ 89,748,190	\$ 89,748,248	\$ 58
Other tax items	13,841,755	12,539,438	12,511,007	(28,431)
Charges for services	555,000	555,000	697,800	142,800
Use of money and property	1,005,000	1,005,000	1,511,747	506,747
Sale of property and compensation for loss			1,144	1,144
Miscellaneous	410,820	419,760	776,910	357,150
Total Local Sources	104,258,448	104,267,388	105,246,856	979,468
State Sources	55,684,374	55,739,054	55,004,913	(734,141)
Medicaid Reimbursement	200,000	200,000	183,383	(16,617)
Federal Sources	70,000	70,000	90,830	20,830
Total Revenues	160,212,822	160,276,442	160,525,982	\$ 249,540
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE				
Prior Years' Surplus	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Appropriated Reserves	2,100,000	2,100,000		
Prior Year's Encumbrances	310,650	310,650		
Total Appropriated Fund Balance	3,410,650	3,410,650		
Total Revenues and Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 163,623,472	\$ 163,687,092		

Note to Required Supplementary Information

Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Year End Encumbrances	Final Budget Variance with Actual & Encumbrances
EXPENDITURES					
General Support					
Board of education	\$ 67,252	\$ 82,625	\$ 58,202	\$	\$ 24,423
Central administration	367,892	365,792	361,977		3,815
Finance	1,537,195	1,605,560	1,579,650		25,910
Staff	859,188	863,996	847,807		16,189
Central services	12,443,413	12,471,863	11,116,395	46,500	1,308,968
Special items	1,347,989	1,379,861	1,294,368		85,493
Total General Support	16,622,929	16,769,697	15,258,399	46,500	1,464,798
Instruction					
Administration & improvement	7,114,740	7,205,285	7,011,763		193,522
Teaching - regular school	49,010,144	49,150,305	48,225,005	79,267	846,033
Programs for students with disabilities	23,248,233	23,601,311	22,431,222		1,170,089
Occupational education	2,312,202	2,213,502	2,177,629		35,873
Teaching - special schools	69,450	69,450	33,365		36,085
Instructional media	3,104,885	3,626,448	3,397,990		228,458
Pupil services	6,670,783	6,731,936	6,263,764		468,172
Total Instruction	91,530,437	92,598,237	89,540,738	79,267	2,978,232
Pupil Transportation	8,131,179	8,067,380	7,677,603		389,777
Community Services	52,550	52,843	40,502		12,341
Employee Benefits	40,039,998	38,952,556	36,822,073		2,130,483
Debt Service					
Principal	3,807,737	4,234,473	4,199,472		35,001
Interest	2,338,642	1,911,906	1,391,405		520,501
Total Debt Service	6,146,379	6,146,379	5,590,877	-	555,502
Total Expenditures	162,523,472	162,587,092	154,930,192	125,767	7,531,133
OTHER USES					
Operating Transfers Out	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,032,775		67,225
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 163,623,472	\$ 163,687,092	155,962,967	\$ 125,767	\$ 7,598,358
Net Change in Fund Balance			4,563,015		
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			28,236,800		
Fund Balance - End of Year			<u>\$ 32,799,815</u>		

Note to Required Supplementary Information

Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset/(Liability)
 Last Six Fiscal Years

Teachers' Retirement System

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension asset/(liability)	0.3834450%	0.3873620%	0.3967360%	0.4010620%	0.3970040%	0.4015700%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) \$	9,961,927	\$ 7,004,519	\$ 3,015,585	\$ (4,296,000)	\$ 41,236,000	\$ 44,732,000
District's covered payroll	\$ 62,744,177	\$ 64,727,235	\$ 64,601,000	\$ 63,679,000	\$ 61,481,000	\$ 60,955,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll	15.88 %	10.82 %	4.67 %	(6.75)%	67.07 %	73.39 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	102.17%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%
Discount rate	7.10%	7.25%	7.25%	7.50%	8.00%	8.00%

Employees' Retirement System

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0395157%	0.0396466%	0.0425726%	0.0422200%	0.0434000%	0.0426300%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability \$	(10,463,977)	\$ (2,809,082)	\$ (1,374,008)	\$ (3,967,000)	\$ (6,966,000)	\$ (1,440,000)
District's covered payroll	\$ 13,476,145	\$ 13,472,317	\$ 12,977,194	\$ 12,426,000	\$ 11,978,000	\$ 13,212,000
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	77.65 %	20.85 %	10.59 %	31.92 %	58.16 %	10.90 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	94.70%	97.95%
Discount rate	6.80%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.00%	7.50%

An additional year of historical information will be added each year, subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of District Pension Contributions
Last Seven Fiscal Years

Teachers' Retirement System

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually required contribution	\$ 5,820,453	\$ 6,797,141	\$ 6,183,492	\$ 7,324,000	\$ 7,791,000	\$ 10,549,000	\$ 9,690,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	5,820,453	6,797,141	6,183,492	7,324,000	7,791,000	10,549,000	9,690,000	-	-	-
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 64,623,573	\$ 62,744,177	\$ 64,727,235	\$ 64,601,000	\$ 63,679,000	\$ 61,481,000	\$ 60,955,000	~ Information Not Currently Available ~		
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9%	11%	10%	11%	12%	17%	16%			

Employees' Retirement System

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,903,186	\$ 1,884,498	\$ 1,974,303	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 2,181,000	\$ 2,202,000	\$ 2,479,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	1,903,186	1,884,498	1,974,303	1,800,000	2,181,000	2,202,000	2,479,000	-	-	-
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered payroll	\$ 13,921,556	\$ 13,902,781	\$ 12,979,297	\$ 12,426,000	\$ 11,978,000	\$ 13,212,000	\$ 12,140,000	~ Information Not Currently Available ~		
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	14%	14%	15%	14%	18%	17%	20%			

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
 Last Three Fiscal Years

	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability			
Service cost	\$ 7,255,164	\$ 8,207,789	\$ 7,968,727
Interest	8,194,720	7,359,005	7,088,639
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	10,302,141	-	50,008
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	32,180,669	(19,086,239)	-
Benefit payments	(6,947,555)	(6,450,988)	(6,219,123)
Net change in total OPEB liability	50,985,139	(9,970,433)	8,888,251
Total OPEB liability, beginning	230,323,607	240,294,040	231,405,789
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 281,308,746</u>	<u>\$ 230,323,607</u>	<u>\$ 240,294,040</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 71,745,727	\$ 71,820,000	\$ 71,820,000
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	392.09%	320.70%	334.58%
Discount rate	2.21%	2.74%	4.10%
Healthcare trend rates	6.60% to 4.10% by 2076	7.00% to 5.00% by 2023	8.00% to 5.00% by 2021

An additional year of historical information will be added each year, subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

Note to Required Supplementary Information

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay related benefits.

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedules of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget
and the Real Property Tax Limit - General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET

Adopted Budget		\$ 163,312,822
Additions:		
Prior year's encumbrances		310,650
Original Budget		163,623,472
Budget revisions		63,620
Final Budget		\$ 163,687,092

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

2020-2021 voter-approved expenditure budget		\$ 170,256,663
Maximum allowed (4% of 2020-2021 budget)		\$ 6,810,267
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to § 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:		
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Assigned fund balance	\$ 5,232,773	
Unassigned fund balance	6,810,266	
		\$ 12,043,039
Less:		
Appropriated fund balance	5,107,006	
Encumbrances	125,767	
Total adjustments		5,232,773
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to § 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:		\$ 6,810,266
Actual Percentage		4.00%

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of Project Expenditures and Financing Resources - Capital Projects Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

PROJECT TITLE	Budget	Budget	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance	Proceeds of Obligations	Methods of Financing			Fund	
	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	Prior Years	Current Year	Total			State Aid	Local Sources	Total	Balance June 30, 2020	
Capital Projects 2015-16 and prior	\$ 3,362,773	\$ 3,363,773	\$ 3,385,751	\$	\$ 3,385,751	\$ (21,978)	\$	\$	\$ 3,363,773	\$ 3,363,773	\$ (21,978)	
Capital Projects 2016-17	350,000	350,000	347,988	9,735	357,723	(7,723)			350,000	350,000	(7,723)	
Capital Projects 2017-18	500,000	500,000	114,238	364,996	479,234	20,766			500,000	500,000	20,766	
Capital Projects 2018-19	750,000	750,000	80,417	55,866	136,283	613,717			750,000	750,000	613,717	
Capital Projects 2019-20		750,000		607,061	607,061	142,939			750,000	750,000	142,939	
Smart Schools Bond Act Projects	265,918	265,918	221,038	35,000	256,038	9,880		265,918		265,918	9,880	
2004 District-Wide Bond	9,447,300	9,447,300	9,294,652		9,294,652	152,648	9,447,300			9,447,300	152,648	
District-Wide EXCEL Projects	7,598,111	7,598,111	7,538,204		7,538,204	59,907	5,257,106	2,341,005		7,598,111	59,907	
Energy Performance Bond	11,183,951	11,183,951	11,039,017		11,039,017	144,934	11,183,951			11,183,951	144,934	
2016 District-Wide Bond	8,800,000	8,800,000	8,798,778		8,798,778	1,222	8,800,000			8,800,000	1,222	
2018 District-Wide Bond	27,087,520	27,087,520	11,748,364	5,186,366	16,934,730	10,152,790	27,087,520			27,087,520	10,152,790	
2020 Energy Performance Contract		10,615,795		5,390,601	5,390,601	5,225,194	10,615,795			10,615,795	5,225,194	
Totals	\$ 69,345,573	\$ 80,712,368	\$ 52,568,447	\$ 11,649,625	\$ 64,218,072	\$ 16,494,296	\$ 72,391,672	\$ 2,606,923	\$ 5,713,773	\$ 80,712,368	16,494,296	
											Less: State aid not yet realized	(35,115)
												<u>\$ 16,459,181</u>

LINDENHURST UFSD
Schedule of Net Investment in Capital Assets
June 30, 2020

Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 69,783,449</u>
Short-term portion of bonds payable	3,140,000
Long-term portion of bonds payable	34,185,000
Less: Unspent bond proceeds	(10,511,501)
Short-term portion of energy performance contract	1,470,053
Long-term portion of energy performance contract	12,040,940
Less: Unspent energy performance contract proceeds	<u>(5,225,194)</u>
	<u>35,099,298</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	<u><u>\$ 34,684,151</u></u>

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

To the Board of Education
Lindenhurst Union Free School District
Lindenhurst, New York

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District (District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted certain matters that we have reported to the Board of Education, Audit Committee and management of the Lindenhurst Union Free School District in a separate letter dated October 8, 2020.

Purpose of this Report

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

Cullen & Danowski, LLP

October 8, 2020

APPENDIX C

FORM OF APPROVING OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
7 World Trade Center, 250 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10007

July 13, 2021

The Board of Education of
Lindenhurst Union Free School District, in the
County of Suffolk, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Lindenhurst Union Free School District (the "School District"), in the County of Suffolk, New York, a school district of the State of New York, and have examined a record of proceedings relating to the authorization, sale, and issuance of the \$9,400,000 Library Serial Bonds-2021 (the "Bonds"), dated and delivered on the date hereof.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

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

1. The Bonds are valid and legally binding general obligations of the School District for which the School District has validly pledged its faith and credit and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem real estate taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Bonds prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may

cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the School District will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the School District represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Bonds will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the School District's representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Bonds, and (ii) compliance by the School District with the procedures and representations set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

We express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof, and assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement our opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may hereafter come to our attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. We express no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, we express no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds.

We give no assurances as to the adequacy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement and/or Official Statement relating to the Bonds or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the School District, which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

APPENDIX D

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Section 1. Definitions

“Annual Information” shall mean the information specified in Section 3 hereof.

“EMMA” shall mean Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean “financial obligation” as such term is defined in the Rule

“GAAP” shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

“Holder” shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Issuer” shall mean the **Lindenhurst Union Free School District**, in the County of Suffolk, a school district of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of the MSRB contemplated by this Agreement.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of June 29, 2021.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR Part 240, §240.15c2-12), as amended, as in effect on the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof issued either before or after the effective date of this Undertaking which are applicable to this Undertaking.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$9,400,000 Library Serial Bonds-2021**, dated July 13, 2021, maturing in various principal amounts on June 15 in each of the years 2022 to 2036, inclusive, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York to the EMMA System:

- (i) not later than the last day of the sixth month following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Annual Information relating to such fiscal year, together with audited financial statements of the Issuer for each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, if audited financial statements are then

available; provided, however, that if audited financial statements are not then available, unaudited financial statements shall be provided with the Annual Information, and audited financial statements, if any, shall be delivered to the EMMA System within sixty (60) days after they become available and in no event later than the last day of the succeeding fiscal year; provided, however, that the unaudited financial statement shall be provided for any fiscal year only if the Issuer has made a determination that providing such unaudited financial statement would be compliant with federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17 (a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933.

- (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:
 - (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 of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
 - (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
 - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
 - (9) defeasances;
 - (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
 - (11) rating changes;

- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, 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 Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

- (iii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of a failure to provide by the date set forth in Section 2(a)(i) hereof any Annual Information required by Section 3 hereof.

(b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated hereunder.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above.

Section 3. Annual Information. (a) The required Annual Information shall consist of the financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Issuer's final official statement relating to the Securities under the headings: "THE DISTRICT", "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION", "INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DISTRICT", "FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT", "TAX INFORMATION" and "LITIGATION", and in APPENDIX A.

(b) All or any portion of the Annual Information may be incorporated in the Annual Information by cross reference to any other documents that are (i) available to the public on the EMMA System or (ii) filed with the SEC. If such a document is a final official statement, it also must be available from the EMMA System.

(c) Annual Information for any fiscal year containing any modified operating data or financial information (as contemplated by Section 7(e) hereof) for such fiscal year shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for such modification and the effect of such modification on the Annual Information being provided for such fiscal year. If a change in accounting principles is included in any such modification, such Annual Information shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the modified accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 4. Financial Statements. The Issuer's annual financial statements for each fiscal year shall be prepared in accordance with New York State regulatory requirements or GAAP as in effect from time to time. Such financial statements shall be audited by an independent accounting firm.

Section 5. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 6. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with subsection (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 7. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;
- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;
- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to modify the contents, presentation and format of the Annual Information from time to time to conform to changes in accounting or disclosure principles or practices and legal requirements followed by or applicable to the Issuer or to reflect changes in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or in the business, structure or operations of the Issuer or any mergers, consolidations, acquisitions or dispositions made by or affecting any such person; provided that any such modifications shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such modification; or
- (f) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 7 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 8. Termination. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased pursuant to the their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

In addition, this Agreement, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that those portions of the Rule which require this Agreement, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Securities, whether because such portions of the Rule are invalid, have been repealed, or otherwise.

Section 9. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 10. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **July 13, 2021**.

LINDENHURST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
President of the Board of Education