

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

NEW/RENEWAL ISSUE

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

In the opinion of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, compliance by the District with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Notes is excluded from adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and the City of New York. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual of interest on the Notes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

The Notes will NOT be designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

\$13,590,000

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FULTON
OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**



GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

\$13,590,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022

(the "Notes")

Dated: July 21, 2022

Due: July 21, 2023

The Notes are general obligations of the City School District of the City of Fulton, Oswego County, New York (the "District"), all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. See "NATURE OF OBLIGATION" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be issued as registered notes registered in the name of the purchaser. If such Notes are issued as registered in the name of the purchaser, principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable in Federal Funds at maturity at such bank(s) or trust company(ies) located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be selected by the successful bidder(s). In such case, the Notes will be issued as registered in the name of the purchaser in denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof, as may be determined by such successful bidder(s).

Alternatively, if the Notes are issued in book-entry-only form, the Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. Noteholders will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the notes purchased if the purchaser(s) elects to register the Notes. Such Notes will be issued in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, as may be determined by such successful bidder(s). If the Notes are issued in book-entry-only form, payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes to the Beneficial Owner(s) of the Notes will be made by DTC Direct Participants and Indirect Participants in accordance with standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with municipal securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the name of the purchaser or registered in "street name". Payment will be the responsibility of such DTC Direct or Indirect Participants and the District, subject to any statutory and regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, Syracuse, New York, Bond Counsel to the District. It is anticipated that the Notes will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey, or as agreed upon by the purchaser(s), on or about July 21, 2022.

ELECTRONIC BIDS for the Notes must be submitted via Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible via www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com on July 7, 2022 until 11:00 A.M., Eastern Time, pursuant to the Notice of Sale. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. No bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. Bids may also be submitted by facsimile at (315) 930-2354. Once the bids are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or facsimile to the District, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms provided in the Notice of Sale.

June 22, 2022

THE DISTRICT DEEMS THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO BE FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE"), EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN OMITTED HEREFROM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID RULE AND THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS UPDATED FOLLOWING THE SALE OF THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED. THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL BE SO UPDATED UPON REQUEST OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER(S), AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE OF SALE WITH RESPECT TO THE OBLIGATIONS HEREIN DESCRIBED. THE DISTRICT WILL COVENANT IN AN UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF CERTAIN MATERIAL EVENTS AS DEFINED IN THE RULE. SEE "APPENDIX – D, MATERIAL EVENT NOTICES" HEREIN.



**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FULTON
OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
of the
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FULTON
OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Relating To
\$13,590,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices, has been prepared by the City School District of the City of Fulton, Oswego County, New York (the "School District" or "District", "County", and "State", respectively) in connection with the sale by the District of \$13,590,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 (the "Notes").

The factors affecting the District's financial condition and the Notes are described throughout this Official Statement. Inasmuch as many of these factors, including economic and demographic factors, are complex and may influence the District tax base, revenues, and expenditures, this Official Statement should be read in its entirety, and no one factor should be considered more or less important than any other by reason of its relative position in this Official Statement.

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 Notes and the proceedings of the District relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive forms of the Notes and such proceedings.

NATURE OF OBLIGATION

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

Holders of any series of notes or bonds of the District may bring an action or commence a proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules to enforce the rights of the holders of such series of notes or bonds.

The Notes 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 thereof and the interest thereon as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the District subject to such taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Although the State Legislature is restricted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution from imposing limitations on the power to raise taxes to pay "interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted" prior to the effective date of any such legislation, the New York State Legislature may from time to time impose additional limitations or requirements on the ability to increase a real property tax levy or on the methodology, exclusions or other restrictions of various aspects of real property taxation (as well as on the ability to issue new indebtedness). On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the "Tax Levy Limitation Law" or "Chapter 97"). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to local governments and school districts in the State (with certain exceptions) and imposes additional procedural requirements on the ability of municipalities and school districts to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes.

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 Notes and is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District's power to increase its annual tax levy, with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Constitutionally-mandated general obligation pledge of municipalities and school districts in New York State has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), as follows:

"A pledge of the city's faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the city's revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the city's "faith and credit" is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the city's general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, "faith" and "credit" are used and they are not tautological. That is what the words say and this is what the courts have held they mean... So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to

prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the city's power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted... While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded”.

In addition, the Court of Appeals in the *Flushing National Bank* (1976) case has held that the payment of debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds and notes takes precedence over fiscal emergencies and the police power of political subdivisions in New York State.

The pledge has generally been understood as a promise to levy property taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary to cover debt service due to language in Article VIII Section 10 of the Constitution, which provides an exclusion for debt service from Constitutional limitations on the amount of a real property tax levy, insuring the availability of the levy of property tax revenues to pay debt service. As the *Flushing National Bank* (1976) Court noted, the term “faith and credit” in its context is “not qualified in any way”. Indeed, in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977) the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct constitutional mandate. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals stated that, while holders of general obligation debt did not have a right to particular revenues such as sales tax, “with respect to traditional real estate tax levies, the bondholders are constitutionally protected against an attempt by the State to deprive the city of those revenues to meet its obligations.” According to the Court in *Quirk*, the State Constitution “requires the city to raise real estate taxes, and without specification other revenues, if such a levy be necessary to repay indebtedness.”

In addition, the Constitution of the State requires that every county, city, town, village, and school district in the State provide annually by appropriation for the payment of all interest and principal on its serial bonds and certain other obligations, and that, if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriation, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. In the event that an appropriating authority were to make an appropriation for debt service and then decline to expend it for that purpose, this provision would not apply. However, the Constitution of the State does also provide that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village, or school district may be required to set apart and apply such first revenues at the suit of any holder of any such obligations.

In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 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 New York 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 not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

While the courts in New York 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.

THE NOTES

Description of the Notes

The Notes are general obligations of the School District, and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York (State Constitution, Art. VIII, Section 2: Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. See “THE NOTES - Nature of the Obligations” and “TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW” herein.

The Notes are dated July 21, 2022 and mature, without option of prior redemption, on July 21, 2023. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity. The District will act as Paying Agent for the Notes. Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the purchaser(s).

The Notes will be issued in registered form at the option of the Purchaser(s) either (i) registered in the name of the purchaser, or (ii) registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. See “BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM” herein.

No Optional Redemption

The Notes shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Purpose of Issue

The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Education Law, constituting Chapter 16, and the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of New York and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on March 26, 2019 and approved by the District's voters on May 21, 2019 authorizing the issuance of \$13,700,000 serial bonds to finance a capital improvement project consisting of various safety, security, infrastructure, and facility improvements at all District schools, including the Education Center.

The proceeds of the Notes, with \$110,000 available funds of the District, will partially redeem and renew the \$10,000,000 bond anticipation notes currently outstanding and maturing July 22, 2022, and provide \$3,700,000 in new monies for the above-mentioned project.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes, if so requested. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Note certificate will be issued for each Note bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, is a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments from over 100 countries that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, 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"). 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 Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note ("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 Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Notes 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 Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Notes are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Note documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Notes for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Notes 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 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 Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Note 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, Note certificates will be printed and delivered.

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company.

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN CONCERNING DTC AND ITS BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM DTC AND THE DISTRICT MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE COMPLETENESS OR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES IN SUCH INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

Certificated Notes

If the book-entry form is initially chosen by the purchaser(s) of the Notes, DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes 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 system transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is utilized by a purchaser(s) of the Notes upon issuance and later discontinued, the following provisions will apply:

The Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable at a principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York to be named as fiscal agent by the District. The Notes will remain not subject to redemption prior to their stated final maturity date.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Information

The District, with a land area of approximately 80 square miles, includes all of the City of Fulton, major portions of the Towns of Granby and Volney, and minor portions of the Towns of Minetto, Oswego, Palermo and Scriba. Located on the Oswego River in the southwest corner of Oswego County, the City of Fulton is approximately 25 miles northwest of the City of Syracuse. Major highways in and around the District include State Highways #3, #48, #49, #57, #176 and #481.

The District's area is primarily residential and agricultural, although by valuation it is approximately 50% industrial and commercial. In addition to employment in industries listed in this Continuing Disclosure Statement, residents are employed in the Syracuse and Oswego areas.

The following banks have branches within the District: Fulton Savings Bank, KeyBank, N.A., Community Bank U.S.A., NBT Bank, and Pathfinder Bank.

Source: District officials.

Population

The current estimated population of the District is 20,096. (Source: 2020 U.S. Census Bureau estimate.)

Larger Employers

The following are the five larger employers located within or in close proximity to the District.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Employees</u>
Wal-Mart	Retail	750
Fulton City School District	Public School	713
Oswego County Opportunities	Non-Profit Human Services	519
Huhtamaki	Manufacturer	550
Oswego Industries	Manufacturer/Warehousing	146

Source: District officials.

Selected Wealth and Income Indicators

Per capita income statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest areas for which such statistics are available, which include the District, are the Towns and the County listed below. The figures set below with respect to such Towns and County are included for information only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in the Official Statement that the Towns or the County are necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>			<u>Median Family Income</u>		
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>
City of:						
Fulton	\$ 16,133	\$ 19,587	\$ 23,058	\$ 38,655	\$ 50,639	\$ 51,519
Towns of:						
Granby	16,826	24,051	34,622	41,127	47,386	61,107
Minetto	23,404	34,893	35,254	61,094	74,107	90,000
Palermo	17,229	23,599	26,897	46,190	63,062	58,785
Scriba	17,939	47,475	36,342	44,304	67,824	89,436
Volney	19,029	23,546	31,246	46,408	56,989	71,845
County of:						
Oswego	16,853	21,604	30,026	43,821	56,364	71,285
State of:						
New York	23,389	30,948	40,898	51,691	67,405	87,270

Note: 2017-2021 American Community Survey estimates are not available as of the date of this Official Statement.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 census, 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 5-Year American Community Survey data.

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 County of Oswego. The information set forth below with respect to the County and the State of New York is included for informational purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in the Official Statement that the County or State is necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	<u>Annual Averages</u>						
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Oswego County	7.2%	6.6%	6.4%	5.5%	5.2%	8.6%	5.5%
New York State	5.2%	4.9%	4.6%	4.1%	3.8%	9.9%	6.9%

	<u>2022 Monthly Figures</u>					
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
Oswego County	4.8%	5.1%	4.7%	3.9%	N/A	N/A
New York State	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.2%	N/A	N/A

Note: Unemployment rates for May and June 2022 are not available as of the date of this Official Statement.

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York. (Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted).

Form of School Government

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"). Each year an election is held within the District to elect one or more members to the Board. The Board consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms. Therefore, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of members are elected to the Board each year.

During the first week in July of each year the Board meets for the purpose of reorganization. At that time an election is held within the Board to elect a President and Vice President and to appoint other District officials.

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

Investment Policy

Pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, the District is permitted to invest only in the following investments: (1) special time deposits or certificates of deposits in a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York; (2) obligations of the United States of America; (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America; (4) obligations of the State of New York; (5) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes issued by any New York municipality or district corporation, other than the District; (6) obligations of a New York public corporation which are made lawful investments by the District pursuant to another provision of law; (7) certain certificates of participation issued on behalf of political subdivisions of the State of New York; and, (8) in the case of District moneys held in certain reserve funds established pursuant to law, obligations issued by the District. These statutes further require that all bank deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, be secured by either a pledge of eligible securities, an eligible surety bond or an eligible letter of credit, as those terms are defined in the law.

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the District's current policy to invest in: (1) certificates of deposit or time deposit accounts that are fully secured as required by statute, (2) obligations of the United States of America or (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America. In the case of obligations of the United States government, the District may also purchase such obligations pursuant to a written repurchase agreement that requires the purchased securities to be delivered to a third-party custodian and regularly valued.

Budgetary Procedures

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education annually prepares a detailed statement of estimated sums necessary for the various expenditures of the District for the ensuing fiscal year (tentative budget) and distributes that statement not less than seven days prior to the date on which the annual school election is conducted, at which the tentative budget is voted upon. Notice of the annual election is published as required by statute with a first publication not less than forty-five days prior to the day of election.

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (“Chapter 97”), beginning with the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year, if the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that does not exceed the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation (the “Tax Cap”), then a majority vote is required for approval. If the proposed budget requires a tax levy that exceeds the Tax Cap, the budget proposition must include special language and a 60% vote is required for approval. Any separate proposition that would cause the District to exceed the Tax Cap also must receive at least 60% voter approval.

If the proposed budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education may resubmit the original budget or a revised budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June, or adopt a contingency budget (which would provide for ordinary contingent expenses, including debt service) that levies a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy).

If the resubmitted and/or revised budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education must adopt a budget that requires a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy). For a complete discussion of Chapter 97, see “TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW” herein.

Recent Budget Vote Results

The budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters of the District on June 9, 2020 by a vote of 1,552 to 810. The budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year remained within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters of the District on May 18, 2021 by a vote of 434 to 125. The budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year remained within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters of the District on May 17, 2022 by a vote of 390 to 214. The budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year remains within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011.

State Aid

The District receives financial assistance from the State. In its adopted budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, approximately 70.09% of the revenues of the District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. If the State should not adopt its budget in a timely manner, in any year, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the District. No assurance can be given that present State aid levels will be maintained in the future. State budgetary restrictions which could eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the District, requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures.

Federal Aid Received by the State

President Biden has signed into law the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package that includes \$350 billion to state, local and territorial governments to keep their frontline workers employed, distribute the vaccine, increase testing, reopen schools and maintain vital services. The American Rescue Plan also includes an additional \$1,400 payment to eligible individuals and families, enhanced unemployment aid, rental and utility assistance to low and moderate income households, an increase in food stamp benefits, additional funding for child care and an increase in child care tax credits.

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for other health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, 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 in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 outbreak. The District expects to receive a total of approximately \$14.5 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan and Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the new 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.

Building Aid

A portion of the District's State aid consists of building aid which is related to outstanding indebtedness for capital project purposes. In order to receive building aid, the District must have building plans and specifications approved by the Facilities Planning Unit of the State Education Department. A maximum construction and incidental cost allowance is computed for each building project that takes into account a pupil construction cost allowance and assigned pupil capacity. For each project financed with debt obligations, a bond percentage is computed. The bond percentage is derived from the ratio of total approved cost allowances to the total principal borrowed. Approved cost allowances are estimated until a project final cost report is completed.

Aid on debt service is generally paid in the current fiscal year provided such debt service is reported to the Commissioner of Education by November 15 of that year. Any debt service in excess of amounts reported by November 15 will not be aided until the following fiscal year. The building aid received is equal to the approved building expense, or bond percent, times the building aid ratio that is assigned to the District. The building aid ratio is calculated based on a formula that involves the full valuation per pupil in the District compared to a State-wide average.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. Since the gross indebtedness of the District is within the debt limit, the District is not required to apply for a Building Aid Estimate. Based on 2022-2023 preliminary building aid ratios, the District State Building aid of approximately 98.0% for debt service on State Education Department approved expenditures from July 1, 2004 to the present.

The State building aid ratio is calculated each year based upon a formula which reflects Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA) and the full value per pupil compared with the State average. Consequently, the estimated aid will vary over the life of each issue. State building aid is further dependent upon the continued apportionment of funds by the State Legislature.

State Aid History

State aid to school districts within the State had declined in some prior years before increasing more recently.

School district fiscal year (2016-2017): The 2016-17 State budget included a school aid increase of \$991 million over 2015-16, \$863 million of which consists of traditional operating aid. In addition to full-funding of expense based aids (\$408 million), the budget also includes a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and an \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The bulk of the remaining increase included \$100 million in Community Schools Aid, an aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. The funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families. The District is not a part of the Community Schools Grant Initiative (CSGI).

Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). The GEA law was first introduced for the 2010-2011 fiscal year (although it existed in 2009-10 and was called "Deficit Reduction Assessment") as a way to help close the State's then \$10 billion budget deficit. Under the legislation, a portion of the funding shortfall at the State level is divided among all school districts throughout the State and reflected as a reduction in school district State aid. The GEA is a negative number, money that is deducted from the aid originally due to the District. The GEA was restored in full in the 2016-17 fiscal year. The District did not lose any additional State aid as a result of the GEA in 2016-2017 fiscal year, as the GEA was completely eliminated in the 2016-2017 Enacted State Budget.

School district fiscal year (2017-2018): The State 2017-2018 Enacted Budget increased State aid to education by \$1.1 billion, including a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid, bringing the total amount of State aid to education to \$25.8 billion or an increase of 4.4%. 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 2017-18 Enacted Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 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 (2018-2019): The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget included nearly \$1 billion in additional education funding, representing a 3.9% increase over 2017-2018. Approximately \$859 million of that increase was comprised of traditional public school aid, including increased Foundation Aid and full-funding of expense-based aids. Formula-based school aid stood at \$26.03 billion statewide, a 3.4% increase over the prior year. The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget included an increase of \$618 million in Foundation Aid for school districts. Foundation Aid totaled nearly \$17.8 billion statewide. For the seventh consecutive year, the Foundation Aid increase was distributed using a one year, off formula methodology. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget guaranteed that all school districts receive an increase in Foundation Aid over their 2017-2018 levels. \$50 million of the Foundation Aid increase was "set aside" for certain school districts to fund community schools. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget fully funded all expense-based aid for 2018-2019, including building, transportation, BOCES and special education aid. These categories served as State reimbursements for school district expenses made in the prior year, based on school district-specific aid ratios. A total of \$240 million was approved for increases in all expense-based aids in 2018-2019.

School district fiscal year (2019-2020): The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget includes a total of \$27.69 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of \$956 million or 3.6 percent and will provide additional funding for Foundation Aid of \$338.0 million and \$409.65 million in reimbursements for expense-based aids. In addition, the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increases the Community Schools set-aside funding amount by \$49.99 million to a total of \$250.0 million. This increased funding is targeted to districts with failing schools and/or districts experiencing significant growth in English language learners. The 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increases the minimum community schools funding amount from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This ensures all high-need districts across the State can apply the funds to a wide-range of activities.

School District Fiscal Year (2020-21): The 2020-21 Enacted Budget includes a year-to-year funding increase for State aid of \$95.0 million of .035%. Foundation Aid to school districts is frozen at the same level as the 2019-2020 fiscal year; while other aids, calculated according to formulas in current law, are responsible for the increase. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget includes \$10 million in new funding for grants to school districts for student mental health services. It should be noted that there was an actual year-to-year decrease of State aid implemented through a reduction of each school district’s State aid allocation from the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The reduction is being referred to as a “Pandemic Adjustment.” However, the decrease in State aid is expected to be fully offset by an allocation received by the State of funds from the recently approved federal stimulus bill. Absent the federal stimulus funds, there would have been a \$1.127 billion decrease in State aid from the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In addition, the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget authorized the State’s Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. See “State Aid” herein for a discussion of this provision set forth in the 2020-2021 Enacted Budget.

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): The State’s 2021-22 Budget included \$29.5 billion in State aid to school districts, and significantly increased funding for schools and local governments, including a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year phase-in of the full restoration to school districts of Foundation Aid that was initially promised in 2007. Additionally, the budget includes the use of \$13 billion of federal funds for emergency relief, along with the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief, which includes, in part, the allocation of \$629 million to school districts as targeted grants in an effort to address learning loss as a result of the loss of enrichment and after-school activities. In addition, \$105 million of federal funds are to be allocated to expand full-day kindergarten programs. Under the budget, school districts are to be reimbursed for the cost of delivering school meals and instructional materials in connection with COVID-19-related school closures in spring 2020, along with the costs of keeping transportation employees and contractors on stand-by during the short-term school closures prior to the announcement of the closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 year.

School district fiscal year (2022-2023): The State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget provides \$31.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2 percent compared to the 2021-22 school year, and includes a \$1.5 billion or 7.7 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget also programs \$14 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, is designed to assist public 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 2022-23 Enacted Budget allocates \$100 million over two years for a new State matching fund for school districts with the highest needs to support efforts to address student well-being and learning loss. In addition, the State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget increases federal funds by \$125 million to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2022-23 school year.

State Aid Litigation

In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. 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, on appeal 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 Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education – was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms in the wake of *The Campaign for Fiscal Equity* decision included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid for school districts in the State into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. The stated purpose of foundation aid is to prioritize funding distribution based upon student need. As a result of the Court of Appeals ruling schools were to receive \$5.5 billion increase in foundation aid over a four fiscal year phase-in covering 2007 to 2011.

In school district fiscal year 2009-2010, foundation aid funding was frozen by the State Legislature to the prior fiscal year level, and in the fiscal year thereafter foundation aid funding was reduced through a “gap elimination adjustment” as described above, and other aid adjustments. The final phase-in of foundation aid as originally projected has not occurred as of this date.

A case related to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York was heard on appeal on May 30, 2017 in New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights v. State of New York (“NYSER”) and a consolidated case on the right to a sound basic education. The NYSER lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the original decision in the Court of Appeals in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case, and asks the Court of Appeals to require the State to develop new methodologies, formulas and mechanisms for determining State aid, to fully fund the foundation aid formula, to eliminate the supermajority requirement for voter approval of budgets which increase school district property tax levies above the property tax cap limitation, and related matters. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiffs causes of action were properly dismissed by the earlier Appellate Division decision except insofar as two causes of action regarding accountability mechanisms and sufficient State funding for a “sound basic education” as applicable solely to the school districts in New York City and Syracuse. The Court emphasized its previous ruling in the CFE case that absent “gross education inadequacies”, claims regarding state funding for a “sound basic education” must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein. On October 14, 2021 Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York State has reached an agreement to settle and discontinue the New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. New York State case, following through on the State's commitment to fully fund the current Foundation Aid formula to New York's school districts over three years and ending the State's prior opposition to providing this much-needed funding to our students. The litigation, which has been ongoing since 2014, sought to require New York State to fully fund the Foundation Aid formula that was put into place following the historic Campaign for Fiscal Equity cases, and had been previously opposed by the State. Foundation Aid was created in 2007, and takes school district wealth and student need into account to create an equitable distribution of state funding to schools. However, New York State has never fully funded Foundation Aid. The new settlement requires New York State to phase-in full funding of Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget. In the FY 2022 Enacted State Budget approved in April, the Executive and Legislature agreed to fully fund Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget and enshrined this commitment into law. A breakdown of currently anticipated Foundation Aid funding is show on the following page.

- FY 2022: \$19.8 billion, covering 30% of the existing shortfall
- FY 2023: Approximately \$21.3 billion, covering 50% of the anticipated shortfall
- FY 2024: Approximately \$23.2 billion, eliminating the anticipated shortfall, and funding the full amount of Foundation Aid for all school districts

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for building aid and other State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid, including building aid appropriated and apportioned to the District, can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or their elimination therefrom.

State Aid Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for the below fiscal years comprised of State aid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total State Aid</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid</u>
2016-2017	\$ 67,364,214	\$ 43,903,118	65.17%
2017-2018	68,297,558	46,060,417	67.44
2018-2019	70,756,831	47,762,685	67.50
2019-2020	72,233,124	49,337,895	68.30
2020-2021	73,608,117	48,600,319	66.03
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	75,873,126 ⁽¹⁾	52,224,921	68.83
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	79,020,118 ⁽¹⁾	55,385,547	70.09

⁽¹⁾ General fund only, does not include inter-fund transfers or reserve funds.

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2016-2017 fiscal year through and including the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and the budgets of the District for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

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District Facilities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year(s) Built/Additions</u>
G. R. Bodley High School	9-12	1,376	1965
Fulton Junior High	7-8	869	1985
Volney Elementary	K-6	618	1969
Fairgrieve Elementary	K-6	605	1949
J. E. Lanigan Elementary	K-6	598	1957
Granby Elementary K-6	K-6	738	1991

Source: District officials.

Enrollment Trends

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Actual Enrollment</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2017-2018	3,420	2022-2023	3,110
2018-2019	3,370	2023-2024	3,100
2019-2020	3,232	2024-2025	3,100
2020-2021	3,201	2025-2026	3,100
2021-2022	3,140	2026-2027	3,100

Source: District officials.

Employees

The District employs a total of 713 full-time and part-time employees. There are 18 unrepresented employees, and the remaining have representation by the various bargaining units listed below:

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Bargaining Unit</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
406	Fulton City School Teachers' Association	June 30, 2022 ⁽¹⁾
271	CSEA	June 30, 2022 ⁽²⁾
18	Fulton City School Administrators' Association	June 30, 2023

⁽¹⁾ Currently under negotiation.

⁽²⁾ New contract is awaiting signature for finalization.

Source: District officials.

Status and Financing of Employee Pension Benefits

Substantially all employees of the District are members of either the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS") (for non-teaching and non-certified administrative employees) or the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS") (for teachers and certified administrators). (Both Systems are referred to together hereinafter as the "Retirement Systems" where appropriate.) These Retirement Systems are cost-sharing multiple public employer retirement systems. The obligation of employers and employees to contribute and the benefits to employees are governed by the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (the "Retirement System Law"). The Retirement Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability benefits and optional methods of benefit payments. All benefits generally vest after ten years of credited service. The Retirement System Law generally provides that all participating employers in each retirement system are jointly and severally liable for any unfunded amounts. Such amounts are collected through annual billings to all participating employers. Generally, all employees, except certain part-time employees, participate in the Retirement Systems. The Retirement Systems are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. All members working less than ten years must contribute 3% (ERS) or 3.5% (TRS) of gross annual salary towards the cost of retirement programs.

On December 12, 2009, a new Tier V was signed into law. The legislation created a new Tier V pension level, the most significant reform of the State’s pension system in more than a quarter-century. Key components of Tier V include:

- Raising the minimum age at which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38% for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
- Requiring ERS employees to continue contributing 3% of their salaries and TRS employees to continue contributing 3.5% toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from 5 years to 10 years.
- Capping the amount of overtime that can be considered in the calculation of pension benefits for civilians at \$15,000 per year, and for police and firefighters at 15% of non-overtime wages.

On March 16, 2012, the Governor signed into law the new Tier VI pension program, effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after April 1, 2012. The Tier VI legislation provides for increased employee contribution rates of between 3% and 6% and contributions at such rates continue so long as such employee continues to accumulate pension credits, an increase in the retirement age from 62 years to 63 years, a readjustment of the pension multiplier, and a change in the time period for the final average salary calculation from 3 years to 5 years. Tier VI employees will vest in the system after ten years of employment and will continue to make employee contribution throughout employment.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actual contributions for the last five years and budgeted figures for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2016-2017	\$ 1,040,775	\$ 3,471,117
2017-2018	936,833	2,519,983
2018-2019	955,381	2,782,691
2019-2020	853,903	2,083,556
2020-2021	886,038	2,280,607
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	1,100,000	2,450,000
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	890,000	2,725,000

Source: District officials.

Pursuant to various laws enacted between 1991 and 2002, the State Legislature authorized local governments to make available certain early retirement incentive programs to its employees. The District currently does have early retirement incentive programs for its employees.

Historical Trends and Contribution Rates. Historically there has been a State mandate requiring full (100%) funding of the annual actuarially required local governmental contribution out of current budgetary appropriations. With the strong performance of the Retirement System in the 1990s, the locally required annual contribution declined to zero. However, with the subsequent decline in the equity markets, the pension system became underfunded. As a result, required contributions increased substantially to 15% to 20% of payroll for the employees’ and the police and fire retirement systems, respectively. Wide swings in the contribution rate resulted in budgetary planning problems for many participating local governments.

A chart of average ERS and TRS rates as a percent of payroll (2019 to 2023) is shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2018-19	14.9%	10.62%
2019-20	14.6	8.86
2020-21	14.6	9.53
2021-22	16.2	9.80
2022-23	11.6	10.29*

* Estimated.

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law. The amendments empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003 and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for

a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete. Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2010 (Part TT) amended the Retirement and Social Security Law to authorize participating employers, if they so elect, to amortize an eligible portion of their annual required contributions to ERS when employer contribution rates rise above certain levels. The option to amortize the eligible portion began with the annual contribution due February 1, 2011. The amortizable portion of an annual required contribution is based on a “graded” rate by the State Comptroller in accordance with formulas provided in Chapter 57. Amortized contributions are to be paid in equal annual installments over a ten-year period, but may be prepaid at any time. Interest is to be charged on the unpaid amortized portion at a rate to be determined by the State Comptroller, which approximates a market rate of return on taxable fixed rate securities of a comparable duration issued by comparable issuers. The interest rate is established annually for that year’s amortized amount and then applies to the entire ten years of the amortization cycle of that amount. When in any fiscal year, the participating employer’s graded payment eliminates all balances owed on prior amortized amounts, any remaining graded payments are to be paid into an employer contribution reserve fund established by the State Comptroller for the employer, to the extent that amortizing employer has no currently unpaid prior amortized amounts, for future such use.

The District is not amortizing any pension payments, nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option. The 2013-14 State Budget included a provision that provides local governments and school districts, including the District, with the option to “lock-in” long-term, stable rate pension contributions for a period of years determined by the State Comptroller and ERS and TRS. The stable rates would be 12% for ERS and 14% for TRS. The pension contribution rates under this program would reduce near-term payments for employers, but will require higher than normal contributions in later years.

The District is not participating in the Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option, nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

The investment of monies, and assumptions underlying same, of the Retirement Systems covering the District’s employees is not subject to the direction of the District. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of the Retirement Systems (“UAALs”). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, increases in retirement benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAALs could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the District which could affect other budgetary matters. Concerned investors should contact the Retirement Systems administrative staff for further information on the latest actuarial valuations of the Retirement Systems.

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. As of May 28, 2019, the District had established a reserve fund for the purpose of funding the cost of TRS contributions.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Healthcare Benefits. It should also be noted that the District provides employment healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. There is now an accounting rule that requires governmental entities, such as the District, to account for employment healthcare benefits as it accounts for vested pension benefits.

School districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing health benefits received by or increasing health care contributions paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees since the implementation of Chapter 729 of the Laws of 1994. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of this date. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

OPEB. OPEB refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits, disability benefits and OPEB consist primarily of health care benefits, and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Until now, 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.

GASB 75. In 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") released new accounting standards for public Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") plans and participating employers. These standards, GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* ("GASB 75"), have substantially revised the valuation and accounting requirements previously mandated under GASB Statements No. 43 and 45. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District implemented GASB 75. The implementation of this statement requires District's to report OPEB liabilities, OPEB expenses, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB. GASB Statement No. 75 replaced GASB Statement 45, which also required the District to calculate and report a net OPEB obligation. However, under GASB 45 districts could amortize the OPEB liability over a period of years, whereas GASB 75 requires districts to report the entire OPEB liability on the statement of net position.

The District contracted with Korn Ferry Hay Group, an actuarial firm, to calculate its actuarial valuation under GASB 75. The following outlines the changes to the Total OPEB Liability during the below fiscal years, by source.

	Balance at July 1:	2019	2020
		\$ 18,114,953	\$ 19,911,716
<u>Changes for the year:</u>			
Service cost		654,747	859,934
Interest		632,594	444,984
Differences between expected and actual experience		235,286	4,260,300
Changes in benefit terms		-	(28,887)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs		1,781,282	389,010
Benefit payments		(1,507,146)	(1,280,253)
Net Changes		\$ 1,796,763	\$ 4,645,088
	Balance at June 30:	2020	2021
		\$ 19,911,716	\$ 24,556,804

Note: The above table is not audited. For additional information see "APPENDIX – E" attached hereto.

There is no authority in current State law to establish a trust account or reserve fund for this liability. The District has reserved \$0 towards its OPEB liability. The District funds this liability on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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

Actuarial valuation will be required every 2 years for OPEB plans with more than 200 members, every 3 years if there are fewer than 200 members.

Other Information

The statutory authority for the power to spend money for the objects or purpose, or class of objects or purpose, or to accomplish the objects or purpose, for which the Notes are to be issued is the Education Law and the Local Finance Law.

The District is in compliance with the procedure for the publication of the estoppel notice with respect to the Notes as provided in Title 6 of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law.

No principal or interest upon any obligation of the District is past due.

The fiscal year of the District is July 1 to June 30.

Except for as shown under "STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS – Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness" this Official Statement does not include the financial data of any political subdivision having power to levy taxes within the District.

Financial Statements

The District retains independent Certified Public Accountants. The last audit report covers the period ending June 30, 2021 and is attached hereto as "APPENDIX – E". Certain financial information of the District can be found attached as Appendices to the Official Statement.

The District complies with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed for Districts in New York State by the State. This system differs from generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Industry Audit Guide, "Audits of State and Local Governmental Units", and codified in Government Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting (GAAFR), published by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, the District issues its financial statements in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34. This statement includes reporting of all assets including infrastructure and depreciation in the Government Wide Statement of Activities, as well as the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. LLP, the independent auditor for the District, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. Mengel Metzger Barr & Co. LLP also has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

New York State Comptroller Report of Examination

The State Comptroller's office, i.e., the Department of Audit and Control, periodically performs a compliance review to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and Federal statutes. These audits can be found by visiting the Audits of Local Governments section of the Office of the State Comptroller website.

The State Comptroller's office released an audit report of the District on October 13, 2017. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether District officials established a sufficient segregation of duties or compensating controls for non-payroll cash disbursements for the period July 1, 2015 through March 31, 2017.

Key Findings:

- District officials established effective controls over non-payroll cash disbursements by segregating duties and providing management oversight, so that no individual controls all phases of a transaction.
- District officials allow third party administrators (TPAs) who process health, dental and prescription claims on the District's behalf to electronically withdraw funds from a District bank account.

Key Recommendations:

- The Board should not allow TPAs to withdraw funds from the District's bank account. The Treasurer should transfer moneys to the TPAs for the total amount payable in satisfaction of claims audited and approved by the TPAs.

The District provided a complete response to the State Comptroller's office on September 26, 2017. A copy of the complete report and response can be found via the website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

There are no other recent State Comptroller's audits of the District, nor are there any that are currently in progress or pending release.

Source: Website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

Note: Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein, and the website is not incorporated herein by reference.

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System

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 district 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 district’s ST-3 report filed with the State Education Department annually, and each municipality’s annual report filed with the State Comptroller. 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 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 reports of the State Comptroller for the past three fiscal years of the District are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending In</u>	<u>Stress Designation</u>	<u>Fiscal Score</u>
2021	No Designation	3.3
2020	No Designation	10.0
2019	No Designation	3.3

Source: Website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller. Reference to website implies no warranty of the accuracy of the information therein, nor incorporation herein by reference.

TAX INFORMATION

Taxable Valuations ⁽¹⁾

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Taxable Assessed Value	\$ 751,247,434	\$ 768,172,025	\$ 768,279,058	\$ 769,478,786	\$ 804,412,835
Taxable Full Valuation ⁽²⁾	760,087,739	768,279,247	786,933,570	807,243,342	896,301,772
Taxable Full Valuation ⁽³⁾	782,973,411	810,907,830	867,274,342	875,047,417	917,782,380

⁽¹⁾ See “APPENDIX – C” attached hereto for full computation of Taxable Full Valuation made with the use of regular State Equalization Rates and special State Equalization Ratios.

⁽²⁾ Full Valuation computed using regular State Equalization Rates

⁽³⁾ Full Valuation computed using special State Equalization Rates

Tax Rates Per \$1,000 (Assessed)

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
City of:					
Fulton	\$ 26.61	\$ 26.86	\$ 27.76	\$ 27.60	\$ 28.02
Town of:					
Granby	28.01	26.86	26.93	28.48	25.93
Minetto	26.61	26.86	27.76	26.77	24.11
Oswego	27.72	27.98	28.05	28.18	26.21
Palermo	26.61	26.86	27.76	29.10	26.21
Scriba	30.87	26.83	28.86	29.42	26.79
Volney	26.61	26.86	27.76	28.48	26.07

Tax Collection Procedure

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1. Taxes which can be paid in full, or in two equal installments, one in the fall and one in the spring. Uncollected taxes are returned to the County for collection. The District receives this amount from the County prior to the end of the District’s fiscal year, thereby assuring 100% tax collection annually. Tax sales are held annually by said County.

Tax Levy and Tax Collection Record

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 20,225,920	\$ 20,634,275	\$ 21,190,305	\$ 21,613,305	\$ 21,613,305
Amount Uncollected ⁽¹⁾	1,160,803	1,365,818	1,362,877	1,619,766	2,090,079
% Uncollected	5.74%	6.62%	6.43%	7.49%	9.67%

⁽¹⁾ Gross tax levy prior to adjustments (tax roll additions, shortages, cancellations and refunds). See "Tax Collection Procedure".

Note: Of the 2022 uncollected taxes, approximately \$758,000 are represented by Attis' unpaid tax bill, which was formerly on a PILOT agreement but went back on the tax roll when it did not meet the obligations of said PILOT agreement.

Real Property Tax Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for the below fiscal years comprised of Real Property Taxes and Tax Items.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total Property Tax Levy & Other Tax Items</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Tax</u>
2016-2017	\$ 67,364,214	\$ 21,474,711	31.88%
2017-2018	68,297,558	21,020,521	30.78
2018-2019	70,756,831	21,354,452	30.18
2019-2020	72,233,124	21,263,922	29.44
2020-2021	73,608,117	22,165,571	30.11
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	75,873,126 ⁽¹⁾	21,613,305	28.49
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	79,020,118 ⁽¹⁾	22,045,571	27.90

⁽²⁾ General fund only, does not include inter-fund transfers or reserve funds.

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2016-2017 fiscal year through and including the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and the budgets of the District for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal years.

Larger Taxpayers 2021 Assessment Roll for 2021-22 District Tax Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Taxable Full Valuation</u>
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp	Utility	\$ 63,868,083
Oswego County IDA	Regulatory	27,750,000
Erie Blvd Hydropower LP	Utility	12,447,499 ⁽¹⁾
Wal-Mart Stores East, LP	Retailer	10,500,000 ⁽¹⁾
Windstream New York, Inc.	Utility	5,725,682
Waches Fulton Dev LLC	Retailer	4,525,000
CSX	Transportation	4,285,685
Messer LLC	Research & Development	3,255,000
Riverview Business Park	Retailer	2,800,000
Spirit Master Funding X LLC	Retailer	2,350,000

⁽¹⁾ As of the date of this Official Statement, the District currently has two outstanding tax certioraris. The District's legal counsel is intervening on the District's behalf. The estimates of the potential school tax refunds are \$100,691 for Erie Blvd Hydropower LP and \$27,480 for Wal-Mart Stores East LP. The District otherwise does not currently have any pending or outstanding tax certioraris, which, if decided adversely to the District, could be anticipated to have a material impact on the finances of the District.

The ten larger taxpayers listed above have a total estimated full valuation of \$137,506,949, which represents 15.34% of the tax base of the District for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Source: District Tax Rolls.

STAR – School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. School districts are reimbursed by the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR Program.

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 \$88,050 or less in 2020-21 and \$90,550 or less in 2021-22, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$68,700 for the 2020-21 school year and \$70,700 for the 2021-22 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$250,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a STAR credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence.

The 2020-21 State Budget withheld STAR benefits to taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of their school taxes and lowered the income limit for the exemption to \$200,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit.

The below table lists the basic and enhanced exemption amounts for the municipalities applicable to the District:

<u>Towns of:</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
Granby	\$ 69,660	\$ 27,900	4/7/2022
Minetto	74,900	30,000	4/7/2022
Oswego	68,910	27,600	4/7/2022
Palmero	74,900	30,000	4/7/2022
Scriba	67,410	27,000	4/7/2022
Volney	69,280	27,750	4/7/2022

\$3,187,074 of the District’s \$21,613,305 school tax levy for the 2021-22 fiscal year was exempt by the STAR Program. The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State by January 2022.

Approximately \$3,250,815 of the District’s \$22,045,571 school tax levy for the 2022-23 fiscal year is expected to be exempt by the STAR Program. The District anticipates receiving full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State by January 2023.

Additional Tax Information

Real property located in the District is assessed by the City and the Towns.

Senior citizens' exemptions are offered to those who qualify.

Total assessed valuation of the District is estimated to be categorized as follows: Residential-25%; Commercial- 50%; and Agricultural-25%.

The estimated total annual property tax bill of a \$100,000 market value residential property located in the District is approximately \$5,650 including County, City or Town and School District taxes.

TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of the State of New York of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (“Chapter 97” or the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to all local governments, including school districts (with the exception of New York City, and the counties comprising New York City and school districts in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers.)

Prior to the enactment of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy as part of its budget 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”).

Chapter 97 now requires that a school district submit its proposed tax levy to the voters each year beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Chapter 97 restricts, among other things, the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of a school district in a particular year. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a school district cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the CPI, over the amount of the prior year's tax levy. Certain adjustments would be permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases due to changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. A school district could exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the voters of such school district first approve a tax levy by at least 60% affirmative vote of those voting to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. Tax levies that do not exceed the limitation will only require approval by at least 50% of those voting. In the event that the voters reject a tax levy and the district does not go out for a second vote, or if a second vote is likewise defeated, Chapter 97 provides that the tax levy for the new fiscal year may not exceed the tax levy for the prior fiscal year.

A school district's calculation of each fiscal year's tax levy limit is subject to review by the Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Taxation and Finance prior to adoption of each fiscal year budget.

There are exceptions for school districts to the tax levy limitation provided in Chapter 97, including expenditures made on account of certain tort settlements and certain increases in the average actuarial contribution rates of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System. School districts are also permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused levy limitation from a prior year.

There is also an exception for school districts for "Capital Local Expenditures" subject to voter approval where required by law. This term is defined in a manner that does not include certain items for which a school district may issue debt including the payment of judgments or settled claims, including tax certiorari payments, and cashflow borrowings including tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. "Capital Local Expenditures" are defined as "the taxes associated with budgeted expenditures resulting from the financing, refinancing, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of or otherwise providing for school district capital facilities or school district capital equipment, including debt service and lease expenditures, and transportation capital debt service, subject to the approval of the qualified voters where required by law". The portion of the tax levy necessary to support "Capital Local Expenditures" is defined as the "Capital Tax Levy", and this is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation.

On February 20, 2013, the New York State United Teachers ("NYSUT") and several individuals filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court in Albany County seeking a declaratory judgment and a preliminary injunction that the Tax Levy Limitation Law is unconstitutional as it applies to public school districts. On September 23, 2014, a justice of the New York State Supreme Court dismissed each of NYSUT's causes of action but granted NYSUT's motion to amend the complaint. NYSUT subsequently served a second amended complaint seeking a preliminary injunction and challenging the Tax Levy Limitation Law as violative of the Education Article of the New York State Constitution, the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses and the First Amendment. On March 16, 2015 a New York State Supreme Court Justice denied NYSUT's motion for a preliminary injunction and dismissed all causes of action contained in NYSUT's second amended complaint. NYSUT appealed the decision to continue its challenge to the constitutionality of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. On May 5, 2016 the Appellate Division upheld the lower court dismissal, noting that while the State is required to provide the opportunity of a sound basic education, the Constitution "does not require that equal educational offerings be provided to every student", and further noted "the legitimate government interest of restraining crippling property tax increases". Press reports indicate that NYSUT is reviewing the decision and is likely to appeal to the Court of Appeals.

STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

The New York State Constitution limits the power of the District (and other municipalities and certain school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to contract indebtedness. Such constitutional limitations in summary form and as generally applicable to the District include the following:

Purpose and Pledge. The District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual 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 within three fiscal year periods, 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 expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute; unless substantially level or declining annual debt service is authorized and utilized, no installment may be more than fifty percent in excess of the smallest prior installment. 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 and such required annual installments on its notes.

Statutory Procedure

In general, the State Legislature has, by the enactment of the Local Finance Law, authorized the powers and procedure for the School 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.

Debt Limit. The School District has the power to contract indebtedness for any School District purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State provided the aggregate principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the School District and subject to certain enumerated deductions such as State aid for building purposes. The statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking 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 Office of Real Property Services. The Legislature prescribes the manner by which such ratio shall be determined.

The School 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. No down payment is required in connection with the issuance of District obligations.

Each bond resolution usually authorizes the construction, acquisition or installation of the object or purpose to be financed, sets forth the plan of financing and specifies the maximum maturity of the bonds subject to the legal (Constitution, Local Finance Law and case law) restrictions relating to the period of probable usefulness with respect thereto.

The Local Finance Law also provides that where a bond resolution is published with a statutory form of notice, the validity of the bonds authorized thereby, including bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof, may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for a purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) There has not been substantial compliance with the provisions of law which should have been complied within the authorization of such obligations and an action contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication or,
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

The District has complied with this estoppel procedure in connection with the Notes.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the School District, has the power to enact bond resolutions. In addition, such finance board has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of obligations. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the obligations to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the School District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

The School 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; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the School District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. See “TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW” for a discussion of the limitations on the power of the School District to levy taxes imposed by Chapter 97.

Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30th:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bonds	\$ 27,600,000	\$ 32,500,000	\$ 29,920,000	\$ 27,245,000	\$ 17,025,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0	6,000,000
Energy Performance Contracts ⁽¹⁾	<u>3,206,895</u>	<u>2,947,008</u>	<u>2,676,863</u>	<u>2,396,055</u>	<u>6,357,218</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	\$ 30,806,895	\$ 35,447,008	\$ 32,596,863	\$ 29,641,055	\$ 29,382,218

⁽¹⁾ Represents an Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs), which are subject to appropriation but do not involve a pledge of faith and credit of the District, and therefore do not technically constitute general obligation indebtedness of the District. Such obligations do, however, count towards the debt limit of the District. See “Other Obligations” herein.

Details of Outstanding Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the indebtedness of the District as of June 22, 2022:

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Bonds</u>	2022-2032	\$ 14,160,000
<u>Bond Anticipation Notes</u>		
Capital Project	July 22, 2022	<u>10,000,000</u> ⁽¹⁾
	Total Indebtedness	<u>\$ 24,160,000</u>

⁽¹⁾ To be partially redeemed and renewed at maturity with the proceeds of the Notes and available funds of the District.

Note: Chart does not include Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs), which are subject to appropriation but do not involve a pledge of faith and credit of the District, and therefore do not technically constitute general obligation indebtedness of the District. Such obligations do, however, count towards the debt limit of the District. See "Other Obligations" herein.

Debt Statement Summary

Summary of Indebtedness, Debt Limit and Net Debt-Contracting Margin as shown as of June 22, 2022:

	Computed Using Regular <u>State Equalization Rates</u>	Computed Using Special <u>State Equalization Ratios</u> ⁽¹⁾
Five-year Average Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property....	\$ 803,769,134	\$ 850,797,076
Debt Limit - 5% thereof	<u>40,188,457</u>	<u>42,539,854</u>
<u>Inclusions:</u>		
Bonds.....	\$ 14,160,000	\$ 14,160,000
Bond Anticipation Notes.....	<u>10,000,000</u>	<u>10,000,000</u>
Total Inclusions.....	<u>\$ 24,160,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,160,000</u>
<u>Exclusions:</u>		
Appropriations - Bonds.....	\$ -	\$ -
Total Exclusions.....	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Net Indebtedness (2).....	<u>\$ 24,160,000</u>	<u>\$ 24,160,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin.....	<u>\$ 16,028,457</u>	<u>\$ 18,379,854</u>
The percent of debt contracting power exhausted is.....	60.12%	56.79%

⁽¹⁾ The District's constitutional debt limit has been computed using special equalization ratios established by the State Office of Real Property Services pursuant to Art-12-B of the Real Property Tax Law. Conventional State equalization rates are also established by said Office of Real Property Services, and are used for all other purposes. See "TAX INFORMATION - Taxable Assessed Valuations" herein or "APPENDIX - C" attached hereto.

⁽²⁾ Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of New York State of 1963, the District receives aid on existing bonded debt. The District, as a school district located in a city, may not under Section 121.20 of the Local Finance Law exclude from gross indebtedness estimated State aid for School building purposes. As noted above, the District receives New York State debt service building aid in an amount approximating 98.0% of its outstanding debt. The District has no reason to believe that it will not ultimately receive all of the building aid it anticipates, however, no assurance can be given as to when and how much building aid the District will receive.

Notes: The State Constitution does not provide for the inclusion of tax anticipation or revenue anticipation notes in the computation of the statutory debt limit of the District.

Chart does not include Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs), which are subject to appropriation but do not involve a pledge of faith and credit of the District, and therefore do not technically constitute general obligation indebtedness of the District. Such obligations do, however, count towards the debt limit of the District. See "Other Obligations" herein.

Bonded Debt Service

A schedule of Bonded Debt Service may be found attached hereto as “APPENDIX –B” to this Official Statement.

Capital Project Financing Plans

On May 21, 2019 the qualified voters of the District approved a \$15.1 million capital improvement project consisting of safety, security, infrastructure, and facility improvements at all district schools, including the Education Center. On March 26, 2019, the District’s Board of Education approved a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of \$13,700,000 serial bonds for the capital improvement project. The District issued \$10,000,000 bond anticipation notes on November 4, 2021 to renew \$6,000,000 bond anticipation notes that matured November 5, 2021 and provided \$4,000,000 in new monies for the above-mentioned project. The Notes are being issued, with \$110,000 available funds of the District, to partially redeem and renew the bond anticipation notes maturing July 22, 2022 and provide \$3,700,000 new money for the aforementioned project.

Other than as stated above, there are no capital projects authorized and unissued by the District, nor are any contemplated.

Cash Flow Borrowings

The District historically does not issue tax anticipation notes. The District has issued revenue anticipation notes in the past to align the cash flow needs of the District with the State aid payment schedule. The District has not issued revenue anticipation notes since the 2010-2011 fiscal year, and does not intend to do so for the foreseeable future.

Other Indebtedness

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012, the District entered into an EPC for \$4,146,817 at an interest rate of 3.89%. The balance of that contract at June 30, 2021 was 2,104,163. The following is a summary of debt service requirements:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 303,414	\$ 77,462
2023	315,390	65,485
2024	327,838	53,037
2025-29	<u>1,157,521</u>	<u>80,324</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,104,163	\$ 276,308

Source: 2021 Audited Financial Statement of the District and District officials.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the District entered into an EPC for \$4,253,055 at an interest rate of 1.967%. The balance of that contract at June 30, 2021 was 4,253,055. The following is a summary of debt service requirements:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 237,350	\$ 82,504
2023	241,850	78,997
2024	246,439	74,239
2025	251,118	69,391
2026	255,889	64,451
2027	260,753	59,418
2028	265,721	54,288
2029	270,792	49,061
2030	275,965	43,734
2031	281,202	38,305
2032	286,581	32,773
2033	292,063	27,135
2034	297,648	21,390
2035	303,335	15,535
2036	309,126	9,567
2037	<u>177,225</u>	<u>3,486</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,253,055	\$ 724,275

Source: 2021 Audited Financial Statement of the District and District officials.

Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

In addition to the District, the following political subdivisions have the power to issue obligations and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District. Estimated bonds and bond anticipation notes are listed as of the close of the fiscal year of the respective municipalities.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Status of Debt as of</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Exclusions</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Net Overlapping Indebtedness</u>
County of:						
Oswego	12/31/2020	\$ 2,623,974	\$ 413,974	\$ 2,210,000	12.82%	\$ 283,322
City of:						
Fulton	12/31/2020	17,682,682	4,844,326	12,838,356	100.00%	12,838,356
Town of:						
Granby	12/31/2020	11,069,927	11,024,927	45,000	61.75%	27,788
Minetto	12/31/2020	142,260	142,260	-	4.26%	-
Oswego	12/31/2020	2,200,431	90,431	2,110,000	1.03%	21,733
Palermo	12/31/2020	31,100	-	31,100	1.51%	470
Scriba	12/31/2020	9,064,033	9,064,033	-	0.94%	-
Volney	12/31/2020	12,147,768	10,984,768	1,163,000	84.37%	981,223
					Total:	<u>\$ 14,152,891</u>

(1) Outstanding bonds and bond anticipation notes are listed as of the close of the fiscal year, and are not adjusted to include subsequent bond or note sales, if any.

(2) Water and sewer debt and appropriations. Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, this indebtedness is excluded from the constitutional debt limit.

Note: The 2020 Comptroller's Special Report is currently unavailable as of the date of this Official Statement.

Source: Comptroller's Special Report on Municipal Affairs for Local Finance Years Ended in 2019.

Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of June 22, 2022:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> ^(a)	<u>Percentage of Full Value</u> ^(b)
Net Indebtedness ^(c)	\$ 24,160,000	\$ 1,202.23	2.70%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness ^(d)	38,312,891	1,906.49	4.28

(a) The 2020 estimated population of the District is 20,096. (See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - Population" herein.)

(b) The District's full value of taxable real estate for 2021-2022 using regular equalization rates is \$896,087,739. (See "TAX INFORMATION – Taxable Assessed Valuations" herein or "APPENDIX – C" attached hereto.)

(c) See "Debt Statement Summary" herein.

(d) Estimated net overlapping indebtedness is \$14,152,891. (See "Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness" herein.)

Note: The above ratios do not take into account State building aid the District will receive for past and current construction building projects.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

State Aid Intercept for School Districts. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Notes. The covenant between the State of New York and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the notes and bonds issued by the school districts in the State for school purposes provides that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b, 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 issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller a verified statement describing such bond 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. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall cover the current status with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding bonds of such school district issued for school purposes and the statement prepared and filed by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds 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 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 bonds shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds. If any of such successive allotments, apportionments or payments of such State Aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds 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 in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds 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 pursuant to said Section 99-b.

General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision. Each Note when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the School District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the School District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action. Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the School District upon any judgment or accrued claim against it on an amount adjudged due to a creditor shall not exceed nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes.

Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property. 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, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgments out of certain funds or the proceeds of a tax levy. In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the School District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the School District.

Authority to File For Municipal Bankruptcy. The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for 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 be made so applicable in the future.

Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision. There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: "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. See "General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision" herein.

The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

Default Litigation. In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of bondholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in political subdivisions of the State 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.

No Past Due Debt. No principal of or interest on School District indebtedness is past due. On June 15, 2018, the School District had a scheduled principal and interest payment due. As a result of clerical oversight, the interest payment was not made until June 21, 2018 after being made aware of the unpaid balance by the Depository Trust Company. The School District has rectified the oversight and foresees no reason to believe the oversight will happen again in the future.

MARKET AND RISK FACTORS

There are various forms of risk associated with investing in the Notes. The following is a discussion of certain events that could affect the risk of investing in the Notes. In addition to the events cited herein, there are other potential risk factors that an investor must consider. In order to make an informed investment decision, an investor should be thoroughly familiar with the entire Official Statement, including its appendices, as well as all areas of potential risk.

The financial condition of the School District as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the School District's control. There can be no assurance that adverse events in the State or in other jurisdictions in the country, including, for example, the seeking by a municipality or large taxable property owner of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Code or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Notes. If a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its agencies or political subdivisions thereby further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by borrowers within the State, both the ability of the School District to arrange for additional borrowings, and the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Notes, could be adversely affected.

The School District is dependent in part on financial assistance from the State. However, if the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the School District, in any year, the School District may be affected by a delay, until sufficient taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the School District. In several recent years, the School District has received delayed payments of State aid which resulted from the State's delay in adopting its budget and appropriating State aid to municipalities and school districts, and consequent delay in State borrowing to finance such appropriations. (See also "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - State Aid").

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the School District could have an impact upon the market price of the Notes. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

Future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent the beneficial owners of the Notes from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. No assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of the Notes, or the tax status of interest on the Notes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

Cybersecurity. The District, like many other public and private entities, relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its operations. As such, it may face multiple cybersecurity threats including, but not limited to, hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer or other sensitive digital systems and networks. There can be no assurances that any security and operational control measures implemented by the District will be completely successful to guard against and prevent cyber threats and attacks. The result of any such attacks could impact business operations and/or digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be significant.

COVID-19. 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. COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, has spread globally, including to the United States, and was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and was widely affected economic growth worldwide. The outbreak caused the federal government to declare a national state of emergency. The State also declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses. Schools and non-essential businesses reopened under guidelines issues by the State. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it are expected 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. Similarly, the degree of the impact to the District's operations and finances is extremely difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, including uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, and (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The continued spread of the outbreak 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 intends to take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "State Aid", "State Aid History" herein).

TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP ("Bond Counsel"), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and is excluded from adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and the City of New York. Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel is set forth in "APPENDIX – F" hereto.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Notes. The District has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. Failure to comply with these covenants will result in interest on the Notes being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes as well as adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or the City of New York, from the date of original issuance of the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Notes may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate, and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Notes) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Notes or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is excluded from adjusted gross income for federal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and the City of New York, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes may otherwise affect an Owner's federal or state tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status of the owner or the owner's other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

Future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. For example, legislative proposals have been advanced that would limit the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Notes to some extent for taxpayers who are individuals whose income is subject to higher marginal income tax rates. Other proposals have been made that could significantly reduce the benefit of, or otherwise affect, the exclusion from gross income of interest on obligations like the Notes. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect, perhaps significantly, the market price for, or marketability of, the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, and regarding the impact of future legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes are subject to the approving legal opinion of Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel's opinion will be in substantially the form attached hereto as "APPENDIX – F".

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

In order to assist the purchasers 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 enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Certificate, the form substantially of which is attached hereto as “APPENDIX – D”.

Historical Continuing Disclosure Compliance

The District failed to provide timely notice for the incurrence of a financial obligation in connection with the District entering into a lease for the acquisition of Chromebooks.

The District is otherwise in all material respects in compliance with all prior undertakings pursuant to rule 15c2-12 for the past five years.

LITIGATION

The District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The District is currently subject to one or more Child Victim Act claims. The actions are in the early stages of discovery; however, the District does not believe that such suits, individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

There is no action, suit, proceedings or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against or affecting the District to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Notes or the levy and collection of taxes or assessments to pay same, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Notes or any proceedings or authority of the District taken with respect to the authorization, issuance or sale of the Notes or contesting the corporate existence or boundaries of the District

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, 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 financial advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a financial 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 provided advice as to the plan of financing and the structuring of the Notes 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 Notes 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. The fees to be paid by the client to Fiscal Advisors are partially contingent on the successful closing of the transaction

RATINGS

The Notes are NOT rated. Subject to the approval of the District, the purchaser(s) of the Notes may choose to have a rating completed after the sale at the expense of the purchaser(s) pending the approval of the District, including any fees to be incurred by the District, as such rating action may result in a material event notification to be posted to EMMA and/or the provision of a supplement to the final Official Statement.

Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services (“S&P”) has assigned its underlying rating of “A+” with a stable outlook to the District’s outstanding bonds. A rating reflects only the view of the rating agency assigning such rating, and any explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services, Public Finance Ratings, 55 Water Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10041, Phone: (212) 438-2118.

Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the respective rating agency. There is no assurance that a particular rating will apply for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the agency originally establishing the rating, circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the rating of the outstanding bonds may have an adverse effect on the market price of the outstanding bonds.

MISCELLANEOUS

So far as 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 holders of the Notes.

Statements in this Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, which are based on the District 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 documents or oral presentation, the words "anticipate", "estimate", "expect", "objective", "projection", "forecast", "goal", or similar words 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 Notes.

Trespasz & Marquardt, LLP, Syracuse, New York, Bond Counsel to the District, expresses no opinions as to the accuracy or completeness of information in any documents prepared by or on behalf of the District for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes, including but not limited to, the financial or statistical information in this Official Statement.

References herein to the Constitution of the State and various State and federal laws are only brief outlines of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all of such provisions.

Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to a limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District.

The Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Notes by the District and may not be reproduced or used in whole or in part for any other purpose.

The District hereby disclaims any obligation to update developments of the various risk factors or to announce publicly any revision to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein or to make corrections to reflect future events or developments except to the extent required by Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at www.fiscaladvisors.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. Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, 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 Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, 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. Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc. and the District also assume no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any updates to dated website information.

The District contact information is as follows: Danielle DeBiase, Business Manager, Fulton City School District, District Offices, 129 Curtis Street, Fulton, New York 13069, Phone: (315) 598-7031, Fax: (315) 593-5540, Email: ddebiase@fulton.cnyric.org.

Additional copies of the Notice of Sale and the Official Statement may be obtained upon request from the offices of Fiscal Advisors & Marketing, Inc., Phone: (315) 752-0051, or at www.fiscaladvisors.com.

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FULTON

Dated: June 22, 2022

ROBBIN GRIFFIN
President of the Board of Education

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheets

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS					
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 11,262,586	\$ 12,365,751	\$ 13,861,789	\$ 13,978,578	\$ 16,591,825
Restricted Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Other Receivables	4,820,580	3,921,323	4,878,404	4,603,165	5,655,377
Due from Other Funds	1,235,091	1,793,280	-	894,876	457,152
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Items	-	-	-	538,963	532,390
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TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 17,318,257</u>	<u>\$ 18,080,354</u>	<u>\$ 18,740,193</u>	<u>\$ 20,015,582</u>	<u>\$ 23,236,744</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Accounts Payable	\$ 727,921	\$ 773,603	\$ 948,669	\$ 659,680	\$ 849,614
Accrued Liabilities	1,990,218	2,456,211	2,507,660	3,197,618	2,105,959
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Funds	5,727	-	26,178	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	1,037,574
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	3,244,047	2,796,669	3,059,109	2,548,257	2,725,541
Due to Employees' Retirement System	247,131	231,355	248,707	255,947	346,406
Other liabilities	-	-	2,206	2,195	402,216
Deferred Revenues	901,668	837,683	867,644	1,061,862	913,433
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 7,116,712</u>	<u>\$ 7,095,521</u>	<u>\$ 7,660,173</u>	<u>\$ 7,725,559</u>	<u>\$ 8,380,743</u>
FUND EQUITY					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 538,963	\$ 532,390
Restricted	6,552,670	6,852,670	7,835,639	8,487,313	10,037,313
Assigned	817,558	1,458,951	310,221	205,754	349,523
Unappropriated	2,831,317	2,673,212	2,934,160	3,057,993	3,936,775
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 10,201,545</u>	<u>\$ 10,984,833</u>	<u>\$ 11,080,020</u>	<u>\$ 12,290,023</u>	<u>\$ 14,856,001</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 17,318,257</u>	<u>\$ 18,080,354</u>	<u>\$ 18,740,193</u>	<u>\$ 20,015,582</u>	<u>\$ 23,236,744</u>

GENERAL FUND

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 16,151,442	\$ 15,952,873	\$ 16,362,437	\$ 16,809,321	\$ 17,867,195
Real Property Tax Items	5,323,269	5,067,648	4,992,015	4,454,601	4,298,376
Charges for Services	342,715	147,622	166,181	108,095	31,358
Use of Money & Property	220,521	209,960	462,840	314,613	251,845
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	20,956	36,342	42,418	59,297	16,278
Interfund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	1,079,539	668,337	733,777	990,097	1,412,986
Revenues from State Sources	43,903,118	46,060,417	47,762,685	49,337,895	48,600,319
Revenues from Federal Sources	119,604	154,359	234,478	131,851	1,128,900
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 67,161,164</u>	<u>\$ 68,297,558</u>	<u>\$ 70,756,831</u>	<u>\$ 72,205,770</u>	<u>\$ 73,607,257</u>
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	203,050	-	-	27,354	860
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>\$ 67,364,214</u>	<u>\$ 68,297,558</u>	<u>\$ 70,756,831</u>	<u>\$ 72,233,124</u>	<u>\$ 73,608,117</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	\$ 7,685,426	\$ 8,146,761	\$ 7,981,619	\$ 8,546,081	\$ 8,229,083
Instruction	35,361,316	35,670,938	37,150,819	37,225,194	38,379,273
Pupil Transportation	3,832,090	4,227,401	4,384,813	3,619,629	4,061,485
Community Services	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	15,493,476	15,164,498	15,508,914	16,899,386	15,812,267
Debt Service	4,553,650	4,072,046	4,109,075	4,102,275	4,105,175
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 66,925,958</u>	<u>\$ 67,281,644</u>	<u>\$ 69,135,240</u>	<u>\$ 70,392,565</u>	<u>\$ 70,587,283</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	436,873	232,626	1,526,404	630,556	454,856
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 67,362,831</u>	<u>\$ 67,514,270</u>	<u>\$ 70,661,644</u>	<u>\$ 71,023,121</u>	<u>\$ 71,042,139</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>1,383</u>	<u>783,288</u>	<u>95,187</u>	<u>1,210,003</u>	<u>2,565,978</u>
FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	10,200,162	10,201,545	10,984,833	11,080,020	12,290,023
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 10,201,545</u>	<u>\$ 10,984,833</u>	<u>\$ 11,080,020</u>	<u>\$ 12,290,023</u>	<u>\$ 14,856,001</u>

Source: Audited financial reports of the School District. This Appendix is not itself audited.

GENERAL FUND

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	2021		
	Original <u>Budget</u>	Modified <u>Budget</u>	Audited <u>Actual</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Real Property Taxes	\$ 21,613,305	\$ 17,722,431	\$ 17,867,195
Real Property Tax Items	744,000	4,634,874	4,298,376
Charges for Services	76,000	76,000	31,358
Use of Money & Property	358,000	358,000	251,845
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	3,000	3,000	16,278
Interfund Revenues	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	493,523	500,963	1,412,986
Revenues from State Sources	50,289,172	50,289,172	48,600,319
Revenues from Federal Sources	200,000	200,000	1,128,900
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 73,777,000</u>	<u>\$ 73,784,440</u>	<u>\$ 73,607,257</u>
Other Sources:			
Prior Year Encumbrances	205,754	205,754	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	860
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>\$ 73,982,754</u>	<u>\$ 73,990,194</u>	<u>\$ 73,608,117</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
General Support	\$ 9,102,174	\$ 8,938,476	\$ 8,229,083
Instruction	38,264,050	39,824,574	38,379,273
Pupil Transportation	4,368,305	4,329,305	4,061,485
Community Services	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	18,013,650	16,286,568	15,812,267
Debt Service	4,114,575	4,114,575	4,105,175
Capital Outlay	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 73,862,754</u>	<u>\$ 73,493,498</u>	<u>\$ 70,587,283</u>
Other Uses:			
Interfund Transfers	120,000	499,371	454,856
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 73,982,754</u>	<u>\$ 73,992,869</u>	<u>\$ 71,042,139</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,675)</u>	<u>2,565,978</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>			
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	2,675	12,290,023
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 14,856,001</u>

Source: Audited financial report and budgets of the School District. This Appendix is not itself audited.

GENERAL FUND

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 20,634,275	\$ 21,190,305	\$ 21,613,305	\$ 21,613,305	\$ 22,045,571
Real Property Tax Items	-	742,055	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	86,000	-	-	-
Use of Money & Property	-	408,000	-	-	-
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	-	10,000	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	2,400,000	788,770	1,874,523	2,034,900	1,589,000
Interfund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from Long Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues from State Sources	47,868,782	49,898,870	50,289,172	52,224,921	55,385,547
Revenues from Federal Sources	-	230,000	-	-	-
Total Revenues	\$ 70,903,057	\$ 73,354,000	\$ 73,777,000	\$ 75,873,126	\$ 79,020,118
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>Administration</u>					
Board of Education	\$ 52,420	\$ 52,400	\$ 49,700	\$ 50,300	\$ 23,289
Central Administration	233,190	241,210	271,799	281,061	303,398
Supervision Regular School	2,399,192	2,612,936	2,812,775	2,912,239	2,814,564
Finance	795,225	796,218	853,346	851,003	653,545
Personnel	379,468	388,152	383,294	398,374	406,143
BOCES Rent, Printing & Admin.	2,140,275	2,311,492	2,272,000	2,511,163	2,699,912
Employee Benefits	1,166,093	1,131,805	934,454	1,051,412	1,296,444
<u>Program</u>					
Regular School Program	21,926,596	22,411,777	21,529,758	21,986,542	22,345,600
Special Education Programs	8,808,406	8,870,009	9,257,255	9,574,703	10,551,973
Special Schools	1,772,189	1,720,174	1,795,605	1,803,832	1,730,255
Student Services/Activities	6,756,473	7,016,442	7,380,927	7,429,139	7,990,165
Employee Benefits	14,482,765	14,973,037	15,742,081	16,296,247	16,492,915
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	175,000	160,000	120,000	110,000	90,000
<u>Capital</u>					
Operations of Plant	4,014,886	3,977,672	3,698,141	3,817,341	3,926,183
Maintenance of Plant	1,319,000	1,285,000	1,224,175	1,288,611	1,364,000
Debt Service	4,109,076	4,102,275	4,114,575	4,483,243	5,272,972
Interfund Transfers to Capital	-	100,000	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	1,462,596	1,203,401	1,337,115	1,384,790	1,167,642
Total Expenditures	\$ 71,992,850	\$ 73,354,000	\$ 73,777,000	\$ 76,230,000	\$ 79,129,000
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	(1,089,793)	-	-	(356,874)	(108,882)
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>					
Designated Fund Balance	1,089,793	-	-	356,874	108,882

BONDED DEBT SERVICE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 2,865,000	\$ 806,650	\$ 3,671,650
2023	2,995,000	686,250	3,681,250
2024	2,510,000	557,750	3,067,750
2025	2,635,000	432,750	3,067,750
2026	740,000	301,000	1,041,000
2027	775,000	264,000	1,039,000
2028	815,000	225,250	1,040,250
2029	855,000	184,500	1,039,500
2030	900,000	141,750	1,041,750
2031	945,000	96,750	1,041,750
2032	990,000	49,500	1,039,500
TOTALS	\$ 17,025,000	\$ 3,746,150	\$ 20,771,150

Note: The above debt statement summary does not include energy performance contracts outstanding, which are subject to appropriation but do not involve a pledge of faith and credit of the District, and therefore do not technically constitute indebtedness of the District.

CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2013 BOCES Project			2017G DASNY Refunding of 2011A		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 575,000	\$ 35,100	\$ 610,100	\$ 1,675,000	\$ 345,250	\$ 2,020,250
2023	595,000	17,850.00	612,850.00	1,755,000	272,850.00	2,027,850.00
2024	-	-	-	1,840,000	188,000.00	2,028,000.00
2025	-	-	-	1,930,000	96,500.00	2,026,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 52,950	\$ 1,222,950	\$ 7,200,000	\$ 902,600	\$ 8,102,600

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2017 DASNY		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 615,000	\$ 426,300	\$ 1,041,300
2023	645,000	395,550.00	1,040,550.00
2024	670,000	369,750.00	1,039,750.00
2025	705,000	336,250.00	1,041,250.00
2026	740,000	301,000.00	1,041,000.00
2027	775,000	264,000.00	1,039,000.00
2028	815,000	225,250.00	1,040,250.00
2029	855,000	184,500.00	1,039,500.00
2030	900,000	141,750.00	1,041,750.00
2031	945,000	96,750.00	1,041,750.00
2032	990,000	49,500.00	1,039,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,655,000	\$ 2,790,600	\$ 11,445,600

COMPUTATIONS OF FULL VALUATION

Using Regular State Equalization Rates

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Taxable Assessed Valuation					
City of: Fulton	\$ 342,839,467	\$ 344,775,938	\$ 343,465,264	\$ 341,018,831	\$ 344,607,453
Towns of: Granby	156,391,196	170,258,344 ⁽¹⁾	170,384,299	171,431,598	171,369,444
Minetto	4,303,988	4,309,962	4,306,855	4,266,681	4,273,291
Oswego	2,521,794	2,573,336	2,530,419	2,549,607	2,554,967
Palermo	2,275,964	2,280,277	2,267,724	2,252,432	2,262,046
Scriba	3,148,888	3,252,412	3,320,362	3,361,022	3,400,745
Volney	239,766,137	240,721,756	242,004,135	244,598,615	275,944,889
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 751,247,434	\$ 768,172,025	\$ 768,279,058	\$ 769,478,786	\$ 804,412,835

State Equalization Rates

City of: Fulton	100.00%	100.00%	97.00%	97.00%	86.06%
Towns of: Granby	95.00%	100.00% ⁽¹⁾	100.00%	94.00%	93.00%
Minetto	100.00%	100.00%	97.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Oswego	96.00%	96.00%	96.00%	95.00%	92.00%
Palermo	100.00%	100.00%	97.00%	92.00%	92.00%
Scriba	86.20%	100.00%	93.30%	91.00%	90.00%
Volney	100.00%	100.00%	97.00%	94.00%	92.50%

Taxable Full Valuation

City of: Fulton	\$ 342,839,467	\$ 344,775,938	\$ 354,087,901	\$ 351,565,805	\$ 400,426,973
Towns of: Granby	164,622,312	170,258,344 ⁽¹⁾	170,384,299	182,374,040	184,268,219
Minetto	4,303,988	4,309,962	4,440,057	4,266,681	4,273,291
Oswego	2,626,869	2,680,558	2,635,853	2,683,797	2,777,138
Palermo	2,275,964	2,280,277	2,337,860	2,448,296	2,458,746
Scriba	3,653,002	3,252,412	3,558,802	3,693,431	3,778,606
Volney	239,766,137	240,721,756	249,488,799	260,211,293	298,318,799
Total Full Valuation	\$ 760,087,739	\$ 768,279,247	\$ 786,933,570	\$ 807,243,342	\$ 896,301,772

Using Special State Equalization Ratios

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Special Equalization Ratios					
City of: Fulton	97.72%	96.45%	85.27%	84.74%	84.43%
Towns of: Granby	91.29%	93.60%	92.53%	91.21%	89.71%
Minetto	96.73%	100.16%	99.98%	99.67%	99.33%
Oswego	95.93%	95.05%	91.68%	90.89%	90.48%
Palermo	96.05%	91.73%	91.29%	90.26%	89.78%
Scriba	89.24%	89.80%	87.59%	87.30%	87.80%
Volney	96.74%	93.15%	90.64%	90.18%	90.45%
Taxable Full Valuation					
City of: Fulton	\$ 350,838,587	\$ 357,465,980	\$ 402,797,307	\$ 402,429,586	\$ 408,157,590
Towns of: Granby	171,312,516	181,899,940	184,139,521	187,952,635	191,026,022
Minetto	4,449,486	4,303,077	4,307,717	4,280,808	4,302,115
Oswego	2,628,786	2,707,350	2,760,056	2,805,157	2,823,792
Palermo	2,369,562	2,485,857	2,484,088	2,495,493	2,519,543
Scriba	3,528,561	3,621,840	3,790,800	3,849,968	3,873,286
Volney	247,845,914	258,423,785	266,994,853	271,233,771	305,080,032
Total Full Valuation	\$ 782,973,411	\$ 810,907,830	\$ 867,274,342	\$ 875,047,417	\$ 917,782,380

MATERIAL EVENT NOTICES

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the District has agreed to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Notes are outstanding, to the EMMA system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any other entity designated or authorized by the Commission to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
- (d) in the case of credit enhancement, if any, provided in connection with the issuance of the Notes, unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
- (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Note, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes
- (g) modifications to rights of Note holders, if material
- (h) note calls, if material and tender offers
- (i) defeasances
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Note
- (k) rating changes
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District
- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into 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
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
- (o) incurrence of a "financial obligation" (as defined by the Rule) of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect noteholders, if material; and
- (p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Event (c) is included pursuant to a letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated September 19, 1995. However, event (c) is not applicable, since no "debt service reserves" will be established for the Notes.

With respect to event (d) the District does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Notes.

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

With respect to events (o) and (p), the term “financial obligation” means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term “financial obligation” shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with the Rule.

The District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Notes; but the District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

The District has agreed to provide, or cause to be provided, during the period in which the Notes are outstanding in a timely manner, to EMMA or any other entity designated or authorized by the SEC to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, notice of its failure to provide the afordescribed material event notices, if any, on or before the date specified.

The District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the afordescribed notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule. The District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described under this heading is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (including holders of beneficial interests in the Notes). The right of holders of the Notes to enforce the provisions of the undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the District’s obligations under its material event notices undertaking and any failure by the District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Notes nor entitle any holder of the Notes to recover monetary damages.

The District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the District; provided that the District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

An "Undertaking to Provide Notice of Material Events" to this effect shall be provided to the purchaser(s) at closing.

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**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF FULTON
OSWEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

The Audited Financial Statements, including opinion, were prepared as of date thereof and have not been reviewed and/or updated in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.

The District's independent auditor has not been engaged to perform, and has not performed, since the date of its report included herein, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. The District's independent auditor also has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

July 21, 2022

City School District of the City of Fulton
129 Curtis Street
Fulton, New York 13069

Re: City School District of the City of Fulton
\$13,590,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 CUSIP No.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of \$13,590,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 (the "Notes") of the City School District of the City of Fulton, County of Oswego, State of New York (the "District"). The Notes are dated July 21, 2022 and are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including the Education Law and Local Finance Law, resolutions of the District and a Certificate of Determination dated on or before July 21, 2022 of the President of the Board of Education relative to the form and terms of the Notes.

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

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. The President of the Board of Education of the District, in executing the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate, has certified 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 that interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. We have examined such Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate of the District delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, and, in our opinion, such certificate contains provisions and procedures under which such requirements can be met.

In our opinion, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code, and is excluded from adjusted gross income for purposes of New York State and New York City personal income taxes. Interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. We have not undertaken to determine or to inform any person, whether any such actions are taken or omitted or events do occur or any other matters come to our attention after the date hereof. Our engagement with respect to the Notes has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this opinion. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate, including without limitation covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes or adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and the City of New York. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Notes and the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against New York municipal corporations such as the School District. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, or waiver provisions contained in the foregoing documents.

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Notes has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. The opinions expressed herein are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the School District, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the School District to pay the principal of or interest on the Notes as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement for factual information, which, in the judgment of the School District would materially affect the ability of the School District to pay such principal and interest. We have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained in the Official Statement and, accordingly, no opinion is expressed by us as to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Notes, has made any untrue statement of a material fact, or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

We have examined the first executed Note of each said issue and, in our opinion, the form of said Note and its execution are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

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