## PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

## **NEW/RENEWAL ISSUE**

## **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

In the opinion of Harris Beach PLLC, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings, and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the School District with its covenants relating to certain requirements contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the accuracy of certain representations made by the School District, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. However, interest on the Notes held by certain corporations that are subject to the Federal corporate alternative minimum tax is included in the computation of "adjusted financial statement income" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that under existing statutes interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). No opinion is expressed regarding other Federal or State tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

The Notes will be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

# \$9,175,000 MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS \$9,175,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2024 (the "Notes")

Dated: August 14, 2024

Due: June 26, 2025

The Notes are general obligations of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, Ontario County, New York (the "District" or "School 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 "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW", herein.

The Notes are <u>not</u> subject to redemption prior to maturity. At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be issued as registered book-entry form notes or in registered certificated form, registered in the name of the purchaser. If such Notes are issued as registered in certificated form, principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable in Federal Funds. In such case, the Notes will be issued as registered in the name of the purchaser with a single note certificate being issued for those Notes bearing interest at the same rate in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate.

Alternatively, if the Notes are issued in registered book-entry 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. Individual purchases will be issued in book-entry-only form, in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof as may be determined by such successful bidder(s). 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 Harris Beach PLLC, Pittsford, New York, Bond Counsel to the School 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 may be agreed upon on or about August 14, 2024.

ELECTRONIC BIDS for the Notes must be submitted via Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible via www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com on August 1, 2024 by no later than 10:45 A.M., Eastern Time, pursuant to the Notice of Sale. Bids may also be submitted by facsimile at (315) 930-2354. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. Once the bids are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or via facsimile to the School District, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms provided in the Notice of Sale.

## July 26, 2024

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 EVENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE. SEE "APPENDIX-C, UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF CERTAIN EVENTS" HEREIN.

# MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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FISCAL ADVISORS & MARKETING, INC. School District Municipal Advisor No person has been authorized by the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District.

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# OFFICIAL STATEMENT

#### of the

# MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

## **Relating To**

# \$9,175,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2024

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices, has been prepared by the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, Ontario County, New York (the "School District" or "District", "County", and "State", respectively) in connection with the sale by the District of \$9,175,000 principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, 2024 (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 of the Notes when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the School District and the holder thereof.

Holders of any series of notes or bonds of the School 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 School District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the School 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 School District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the School District subject to such taxation by the School 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"). 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 School 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 School 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.

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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 <u>Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for</u> 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 <u>Flushing National Bank</u> (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 <u>Flushing National Bank</u> (1976) Court noted, the term "faith and credit" in its context is "not qualified in any way". Indeed, in <u>Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp.</u>, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977) the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct constitutional mandate. In <u>Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.</u>, 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 <u>Quirk</u>, 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 <u>Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.</u>, 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 District and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes 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 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 "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Notes are dated August 14, 2024 and mature, without option of prior redemption, on June 26, 2025. The Notes will be issued in either (i) registered certificated form registered in the name of the purchaser, with a single note certificate being issued for those Notes bearing interest at the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate, or (ii) at the option of the purchaser(s), as registered book-entry form, and, if so issued, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of DTC, which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

If the Notes are registered in the name of the purchaser, principal and interest on the Notes shall be payable at the office of the School District Clerk, Shortsville, New York, who will act as Paying Agent for the Notes.

## **No Optional Redemption**

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

#### **Purpose of Issue**

On February 9, 2022, the qualified voters of the District approved a proposition authorizing a capital improvement project consisting of the construction of alterations, renovations and improvements to the District's existing buildings and facilities (the "Capital Project") at a maximum estimated cost of \$11,900,000 including the expenditure of \$2,006,811 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund. The Notes are being issued pursuant to a bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on June 8, 2022 authorizing the issuance of \$9,893,189 serial bonds and bond anticipation notes to finance the Capital Project.

The proceeds of the Notes, along with \$78,189 available funds of the District, will partially redeem and renew \$8,903,189 bond anticipation notes issued on August 16, 2023 and maturing on August 15, 2024 and provide \$350,000 of new monies for the aforementioned purpose.

#### **BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM**

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

Principal and interest 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; (2) THE PAYMENT 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; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (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 Notes are issued in registered book-entry form, 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, as may be determined by such successful bidder(s). Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable at the office of the School District Clerk, Shortsville, New York, or at the election of the District, at the 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 School District, centralized in 1950, covers an area of approximately 25 square miles north of the City of Canandaigua and approximately 30 miles south-east of the City of Rochester. The School District comprises a portion of the Towns of Farmington, Hopewell, and Manchester.

The School District is located in the heart of the Finger Lakes Region and is primarily a rural community. Light manufacturing within the School District, in addition to widely diversified industries of the Rochester area, provide employment for many School District residents.

Hospital, banking and utility facilities are available to the residents of the School District, either within the School District or in nearby areas. Police protection is provided by the Ontario County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police. Fire protection is provided by several volunteer fire departments.

The School District is crossed by major highways, including State Route #96 and U.S. Route #21. The New York State Thruway Exit #43 is located near the geographic center of the School District and provides easy access to the Finger Lakes, Lake Ontario and the Cities of Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo and Albany. Railroad facilities are provided by Conrail and Amtrak. Airline services are provided by the Rochester and Syracuse International Airports.

Institutions of higher education in the surrounding area include Finger Lakes Community College in Canandaigua, Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva and several colleges in the Cities of Rochester and Syracuse.

Recreational activities in the area include skiing, swimming, camping, boating, theatre, summer concerts and professional and college sports.

Source: District Officials.

## Population

The 2022 estimated population of the District is 5,940. (Source: 2022 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

#### **Five Largest Employers**

The following are the larger employers within and in close proximity to the District.

		Estimated Number
Name	<u>Type</u>	of Employees
Manchester-Shortsville School District	Public Education	174
Red Jacket Education Center	Public Education	135
Rochester Insulated Glass, Inc.	Manufacturing	54
McDonalds	Restaurant	53
Bliss Shurfine Markets	Retail	52

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 includes the District, are the Towns of Farmington, Hopewell and Manchester (the "Towns") and the County. The figures set below with respect to the 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 County are necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	Per Capita Income			Median Family Income			
	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>	<u>2018-2022</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	2016-2020	<u>2018-2022</u>	
Towns of:							
Farmington	\$ 25,276	\$ 36,266	\$ 39,097	\$ 66,743	\$ 75,111	\$ 95,170	
Hopewell	23,239	27,332	36,836	63,180	76,075	97,321	
Manchester	22,147	30,755	36,165	60,145	75,163	83,558	
County of:							
Ontario	28,950	37,044	43,046	69,877	83,153	97,331	
State of:							
New York	30,948	40,898	47,173	67,405	87,270	100,846	

Note: 2019-2023 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 2018-2022 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 Ontario. The information set forth below with respect to the County is included for informational purposes only. It should not be implied from the inclusion of such data in this Official Statement that the County is necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

				Ann	ual Aver	age				
	201	7	2018	2	019	2020	)	2021	2022	2023
Ontario County	4.59	%	3.9%	3	.9%	7.0%		4.3%	3.1%	3.3%
New York State	4.79	%	4.1%	3	.9%	9.8%		7.1%	4.3%	4.2%
2024 Monthly Figures										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>			
Ontario County	4.2%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%	3.3%	3.2%	N/A			
New York State	4.3%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%	4.3%	N/A			

Note: Unemployment rates for July 2024 are unavailable at the time of this Official Statement

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

#### Form of School Government

The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education, the policy-making body of the School District, which consists of seven members with overlapping five-year terms so that as nearly as possible, an equal number are elected to the Board each year. Each Board member must be a qualified voter of the School District and no Board member may hold certain other School District offices or positions while serving on the Board of Education. During the annual reorganization meeting, which is held in July of each year, the President and the Vice President are selected by election amongst the Board members. The Board also appoints a District Clerk and District Treasurer during this meeting.

The Board of Education appoints the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Official who serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Offices of the District and the education system. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to enforce all provisions of law and all rules and regulations relating to the management of the schools and other educational, social and recreational activities under the direction of the Board of Education. Certain financial functions of the District are also the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Official.

The Board of Education is vested with various powers and duties as set forth in the Education Law, including. The adoption of annual budgets (subject to voter approval), the levy of real property taxes for the support of education, the appointment of such employees as may be necessary, and other duties reasonably required to fulfill the responsibilities provided by the law.

#### **Budgetary Procedures and Recent Budget Votes**

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education annually prepares or causes to be prepared, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. A public hearing on such budget is held not less than seven days and not more than fourteen days prior to the vote. The Board of Education causes notice of such public hearing to be published four times beginning seven weeks prior to the vote. After the public hearing, but not less than six days prior to the budget vote, the District must mail a school budget notice to all qualified voters which contains the total budget amount, the dollar and percentage increase or decrease in the proposed budget (or contingency budget) as compared to the current budget, the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index, the estimated property tax levy, the basic STAR exemption impact and the date, time and place of the vote.

After the budget hearing and subsequent notice, a referendum upon the question of the adoption of the budget is held on the third Tuesday in May each year. All qualified District residents are eligible to participate.

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, 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 "School District Tax Cap"), then a majority vote is required for approval. If the proposed budget requires a tax levy that exceeds the School District 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 School District Tax Cap 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 3rd 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 2023-2024 fiscal year was adopted by qualified voters on May 16, 2023 by a vote of 193 to 57. The District's adopted budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011. The budget called for a total tax levy increase of 1.99%, which was below the District's tax levy limit of 4.61%.

The budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was adopted by qualified voters on May 21, 2024 by a vote of 271 to 81. The District's adopted budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011. The budget called for a total tax levy of 2.38%, which was below the District's tax levy limit of 4.27%.

#### **Investment Policy**

Pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, the School 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 School District; (6) obligations of a New York public corporation which are made lawful investments by the School 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 School District moneys held in certain reserve funds established pursuant to law, obligations issued by the School 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 School District's current policy to invest in: (1) obligations of the State of New York; (2) obligations of the United States Government, or any obligations for which principal and interest are fully guaranteed by the United States Government; (3) time deposit accounts places in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the account is collateralized as required by law; (4) transaction accounts (demand deposits) both interest bearing and non-interest bearing that do not require notice of withdrawal placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the account is collateralized as required by law; (5) certificates of deposit placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York providing the Certificates are collateralized as required by law; and (6) securities purchased pursuant to a repurchase agreement whereby one party purchases securities from a second party and the second party agrees to repurchase those same securities on a specific future date at an agreed rate of return.

The District Treasurer and/or School Business Official, as designated by the School District, is authorized to contract for the purchase of investments directly, including through a repurchase agreement, from an authorized trading partner.

The District is not authorized to invest in reverse repurchase agreements or similar derivative-type investments.

#### State Aid

The District receives financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. In its adopted budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, approximately 58.55% of the revenues of the District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a "sound basic education" to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever.

In addition to the amount of State aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program.

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 (See also "MARKET AND RISK FACTORS").

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 School 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.

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

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 and 2021 to 2023 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State's fiscal year of April 1. Since the 2010-11 State fiscal year, the State budget has been generally adopted on or before April 1, with the exception of the 2016-17 State budget which was not adopted until April 9, 2017 and the State's 2023-24 Budget which was not adopted until May 3, 2023. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

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

#### Federal Aid Received by the State

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, 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.

Since March 2020, the State has been awarded over \$14 billion in Federal education COVID response funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 ("CRRSA"); and the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act. These funds are supporting the ability of local educational agencies to address the impact that COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in the State. The District has been allocated \$1,814,797 under ARP and \$718,658 under CRRSA. The District has received \$1,676,573.93 ARP funds and \$718,658 CRRSA funds to date.

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 ("Building Aid"). 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.

Building Aid is paid over fifteen years for reconstruction work, twenty years for building additions, or thirty years for new building construction. Building Aid for a specific building project is eligible to begin eighteen months after State Commissioner of Education approval date, for that project, and is paid over the previously described timeframe, assuming all necessary building aid forms are filed with the State in a timely manner. The Building Aid received is equal to the assumed debt service for that project, which factors in the bond percent, times the building aid ratio that is assigned to the District, and amortized over the predefined timeframe. 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 2024-2025 preliminary building aid ratios, the District expects to receive State Building Aid of approximately 88.1% of 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

School district fiscal year (2020-2021): Due to the anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget was 3.7% lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but was offset in part with increased Federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support was offset by approximately \$1.1 billion in funding provided to the State through the Federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these Federal funds, State aid in the school district fiscal year 2020-2021 was approximately \$27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4%. The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continued prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provided over \$200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including \$1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and \$10 million for a Student Mental Health program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflected then current projections of the tenyear average growth in State personal income. 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 came in below 99% of estimates or if actual disbursements exceeded 101% of estimates. Pursuant to that provision, in October, 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of Federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by \$1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. With these federal funds, State aid totaled \$27.9 billion in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4% from the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department ("SED") advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received and the State released all of the withheld funds prior to June 30, 2021.

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): The State's 2021-22 Enacted 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 included the use of \$13 billion of federal funds for emergency relief, along with the Governor's Emergency Education Relief, which included, 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 were allocated to expand full-day kindergarten programs. Under the budget, school districts were 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. Under the budget, local governments also received full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding, and full restoration of \$10.3 million in proposed Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) aid cuts, where applicable.

School district fiscal year (2022-2023): The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget included \$31.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year. This represented an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2 percent compared to the 2021-22 school year, and included a \$1.5 billion or 7.7 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget also included \$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, was 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 allocated \$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 increased 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.

School district fiscal year (2023-2024): The State's 2023-24 Enacted Budget included \$34.5 billion for school aid, an increase of \$3.1 billion or 10%, which is the highest level of State aid to date. The States 2023-24 Budget also provided a \$2.6 billion increase in Foundation Aid, fully funding the program for the first time in history. The State's 2023-24 Enacted Budget provided \$134 million to increase access to free school meals. An additional \$20 million in grant funding established new Early College High School and Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs. An investment of \$10 million over two years in competitive funding for school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, and community colleges was made to promote job readiness. An additional \$150 million was used to expand high-quality full-day prekindergarten, resulting in universal prekindergarten to be phased into 95% of the State.

School district fiscal year (2024-2025): The State's 2024-25 Enacted Budget provides \$35.9 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2024-25 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$1.3 billion compared to the 2023-24 school year and includes a \$934 million or 3.89 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State's 2024-25 Enacted Budget maintains the "save harmless" provision, which currently ensures a school district receives at least the same amount of Foundation Aid as it received in the prior year. The State's 2024-25 Enacted Budget also authorizes a comprehensive study by the Rockefeller Institute and the State Department of Education to develop a modernized school funding formula.

### State Aid Litigation

In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity v. New York* ("CFE") 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 *CFE* 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.

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 CFE 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 Hochul announced that New York State reached an agreement to settle and discontinue the NYSER 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 such funding. 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 CFE 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 2022, the Executive and Legislature agreed to fully fund Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget and enacted this commitment into law. A breakdown of currently anticipated Foundation Aid funding is available below:

- 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.

The foundation aid formula is being reviewed for potential revisions. Any revisions to the formula could result in less State aid to the District.

## **State Aid Revenues**

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the below completed fiscal years.

Fiscal Year	Total State Aid	Total Revenues	Percentage of Percentage of Total Revenues <u>Consisting of State Aid</u>
2018-2019	\$ 9,205,250	\$ 17,677,256	52.07%
2019-2020	9,615,200	18,365,959	52.35
2020-2021	9,924,805	19,056,556	52.08
2021-2022	11,413,362	20,511,758	55.64
2022-2023	12,330,317	21,330,317	57.24
2023-2024 (Budgeted)	13,318,437	22,323,392	59.66
2023-2024 (Unaudited)	13,928,524	24,252,522	57.43
2024-2025 (Budgeted)	13,453,886	22,980,031	58.55

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year through and including the 2022-2023 fiscal year and the unaudited figures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the budget of the District for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. The 2023-2024 estimates figures are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates, and the audited results may vary therefrom This table is not audited.

# **School Facilities**

Name	Grades	Capacity	Year(s) Built/Additions
Elementary School	K-5	700	1969, '05
Middle/High School	6-12	700	1964, '05
Bus Garage			1969, '90

Source: District officials.

## **Enrollment Trends**

	Actual		Projected
School Year	Enrollment	School Year	Enrollment
2019-20	811	2024-25	750
2020-21	805	2025-26	750
2021-22	756	2026-27	755
2022-23	749	2027-28	755
2023-24	753	2028-29	760

Source: District officials.

## Employees

The School District employs approximately 162 full and approximately 4 part-time employees. The number of employees represented by unions, the names of the collective bargaining agents and the contract expiration dates are as follows:

		Contract
<u>Number</u>	<u>Union</u>	Expiration Date
88	Red Jacket Teachers' Association	June 30, 2027
78	Civil Service Employees' Association	June 30, 2026

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 the unaudited figures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and budgeted figures for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year	ERS	<u>TRS</u>
2018-2019	\$ 185,529	\$ 577,584
2019-2020	176,734	586,799
2020-2021	194,824	515,586
2021-2022	181,109	584,023
2022-2023	175,664	644,753
2023-2024 (Budgeted)	231,158	626,122
2023-2024 (Unaudited)	236,183	597,519
2023-2024 (Budgeted)	234,597	712,697

Note: The 2023-2024 estimates figures are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates, and the audited results may vary therefrom

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 not have early retirement incentive programs for its employees.

<u>Historical Trends and Contribution Rates</u>. 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 (2020-2021 to 2024-2025) is shown below:

<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
14.6%	9.53%
16.2	9.80
11.6	10.29
13.1	9.76
15.2	10.02 (1)
	14.6% 16.2 11.6 13.1

<sup>(1)</sup> Estimated rate. The estimated employer contribution rate is expected to be adopted by the Retirement Board at its July 31, 2024 meeting.

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 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 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.

<u>Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option</u>: The 2013-14 State Budget included a provision that provided 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 State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget, which was signed into law as Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, includes a provision that allows 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 are permitted to pay into such reserve fund during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District established a TRS reserve fund in June 2019 and began funding the reserve.

## **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

<u>Healthcare Benefits</u>. It should 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.

<u>OPEB</u>. OPEB refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits, and, 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.

<u>GASB 75.</u> 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. 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.

<u>Summary of Changes from the Last Valuation</u>. The District contracted with Questar BOCES to calculate its first actuarial valuation under GASB 75. The following outlines the changes to the Total OPEB Liability during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2023, by source.

Balance beginning at:	July 1, 2021		J	uly 1, 2022
	\$	2,465,441	\$	3,174,401
Changes for the year:				
Service cost		161,019		215,311
Interest on total OPEB liability		54,831		118,298
Changes in Benefit Terms		-		-
Differences between expected and actual experience		458,124		-
Changes in Assumptions or other inputs		211,958		(22,239)
Benefit payments		(176,972)	_	(96,757)
Net Changes	\$	708,960	\$	214,613
Balance ending at:	Ju	ine 30, 2022	Ju	ine 30, 2023
	\$	3.174.401	\$	3.389.014

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

Under GASB 75, an actuarial valuation is required every 2 years for all plans, however, the Alternative Measurement Method continues to be available for plans with less than 100 members.

#### **Other Information**

The statutory authority for the power to spend money for the object or purpose, or to accomplish the object 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, 2023 and is attached hereto as "APPENDIX – D". 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 school 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.

#### Unaudited Results for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024:

The District expects to conclude the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 with an unappropriated unreserved fund balance of approximately \$919,201. Summary unaudited projected information for the General Fund for the period ending June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Projected Revenues:	\$	24,252,522
Projected Expenditures:		21,888,328
Projected Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures:	<u>\$</u>	2,364,194
Total General Fund Balance at June 30, 2023:	\$	8,505,422
Total Projected General Fund Balance at June 30, 2024:	\$	10,869,616

Note: These projections are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates and the audited results may vary therefrom.

Source: District officials.

#### 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 1, 2021. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether District officials properly and transparently used capital project resources.

# Key Findings:

Officials did not properly or transparently use capital project resources. As a result, voters were not afforded the opportunity to ratify or reject the Board's decisions or have assurance that officials obtained services at the best cost.

- Officials added another project phase totaling approximately \$1.2 million and completed \$149,000 in additional work that was not presented to and approved by the voters.
- The Board did not competitively bid four change orders totaling \$244,000, as required.
- Officials did not follow their procurement policy and seek competition for project related professional services totaling more than \$1 million.

## Key Recommendations:

- Present future capital project plans transparently to voters.
- Competitively bid change orders exceeding the statutory bid limit.
- Procure professional services in accordance with District policy.

A copy of the complete report can be found by visiting the Audits of Local Governments section of the Office of the State Comptroller website.

There are no other State Comptroller audits of the District currently in progress or pending release at this time.

Source: Website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller. Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

## 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 to fiscal stress" or "no designation". Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of "no designation." This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity's financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The classification of the District for the three most recent available fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending In	Stress Designation	Fiscal Score
2023	No Designation	20.0
2022	No Designation	10.0
2021	No Designation	20.0

Source: Website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller. Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

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# TAX INFORMATION

## **Taxable Assessed Valuation**

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u> Towns of:	<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Farmington	\$ 69,440,779		\$ 70,040,434	\$ 5	70,781,467	\$ 70,491,367	\$ 103,981,461
Hopewell	17,133,108		19,665,141		20,186,951	20,180,103	20,483,414
Manchester	 196,064,838		196,680,010		231,269,612	 233,321,575	 232,818,446
Total Assessed Values	\$ 282,638,725	_	\$ 286,385,585	\$ 5	322,238,030	\$ 323,993,045	\$ 357,283,321
State Equalization Rates							
Towns of:							
Farmington	100.00%		100.00%		95.00%	88.00%	100.00%
Hopewell	95.00%		100.00%		100.00%	90.00%	82.00%
Manchester	 91.00%	_	88.00%		100.00%	 93.00%	 85.00%
Total Taxable Full Valuation	\$ 302,931,495	_	\$ 313,205,586	\$ 5	325,963,370	\$ 353,409,577	\$ 402,865,288

## Tax Rate Per \$1,000 (Assessed)

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2020	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Towns of:					
Farmington	\$ 24.98	\$ 24.95	\$ 25.24	\$ 25.13	\$ 19.89
Hopewell	26.30	24.95	23.97	24.57	24.13
Manchester	27.45	28.35	23.97	23.77	23.27

## **Tax Collection Procedure**

Taxes are payable to the School District Tax Collector during the month of September without penalty. Payments made during October carry a penalty of 2%. Taxes paid prior to November 2nd carry a 3% penalty. On November 15th, all unpaid taxes are turned over to the County Treasurer's Office for relevy on County/Town tax rolls.

The County reimburses the School District for all unpaid taxes in April of the year following the year of levy, and the School District is thus assured of 100% collection of its annual levy.

## **Tax Collection Record**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Total Tax Levy <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7,567,587	\$ 7,815,804	\$ 7,815,804	\$ 7,815,804	\$ 7,971,338
Amount Uncollected (2)	452,065	407,604	346,627	342,301	367,851
% Uncollected	5.97%	5.22%	4.43%	4.38%	4.61%

<sup>(1)</sup> The District receives 100% of its tax levy each year. See "Tax Collection Procedure" herein.

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## **Real Property Tax Revenues**

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the last five completed fiscal years, the unaudited results for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and adopted budgeted figures for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years comprised of Real Property Taxes and Tax Items.

			Percentage of
			Total Revenues
	Total Real Property	Total	Consisting of
Fiscal Year	Taxes and Tax Items	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Real Property Tax</u>
2018-2019	\$ 7,466,434	\$ 17,615,355	42.39%
2019-2020	7,593,076	18,365,959	41.34
2020-2021	7,840,020	19,056,556	41.14
2021-2022	7,838,475	20,511,758	38.21
2022-2023	7,837,405	21,540,754	36.38
2023-2024 (Budgeted)	7,995,838	22,323,392	35.82
2023-2024 (Unaudited)	8,047,781	24,252,522	33.18
2024-2025 (Budgeted)	8,161,056	22,980,031	35.51

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2018-2019 fiscal year through and including the 2022-2023 fiscal year and the unaudited figures for the 2023-2024 fiscal year and the adopted budgets of the District for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 fiscal years. The 2023-2024 estimates figures are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates, and the audited results may vary therefrom. This table is not audited.

#### Larger Taxpayers 2023 Assessment Roll for 2023-2024 Tax Roll

Name	<u>Type</u>	Taxable Assessed Valuation
Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation	Utility	\$33,527,410
Manchester-Mink MHP	Mobile Home Park	9,338,600
Lake Country MHP, LLC	Mobile Home Park	4,015,800
Village of Newark	Municipal (Water Plant)	3,071,700
RIG Associates	Processing	2,699,200
Malches Manchester Mart	Gas Station	3,291,200
New York State Electric & Gas	Utility	2,406,418
Apartments, LLC Clover	Apartments	1,929,500
The Ritz MHP	Mobile Home Park	1,917,100
Golf Links	Recreational	1,850,500

The larger taxpayers listed above have a total assessed valuation of \$64,047,428 that represents 17.9% of the tax base of the School District.

As of the date of this Official Statement, the District does not currently have any pending or outstanding tax certioraris that are known to have a material impact on the District.

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 \$93,200 or less in 2023-2024 and \$98,700 or less in 2024-2025, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a "full value" exemption of the first \$81,400 of the full value of a home for the 2023-2024 school year and the first \$84,000 of the full value of a home for the 2024-2025 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 2019-20 Enacted State Budget made several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes were intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption was lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit. The amount received for the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 or less have the option to select the credit or the exemption.

The 2020-21 Enacted State Budget further modified the STAR program. Under such legislation, property owners with property tax delinquencies greater than one year are not eligible for the Basic STAR exemption or the Basic STAR credit. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemptions and credits are not impacted by this program; they may continue to receive STAR benefits even if their property taxes are delinquent. While former Governor Cuomo had issued various Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that temporarily precluded the State Tax Department from disallowing STAR exemptions or credits, the most recent of such Executive Orders expired on July 5, 2021.

The 2022-23 Enacted State Budget provided \$2.2 billion in State funding for a new one-year property tax relief credit, the Homeowner Tax Rebate Credit, for eligible low- and middle-income households, as well as eligible senior households. Under this program, basic STAR exemption and credit beneficiaries with incomes below \$250,000 and Enhanced STAR recipients are eligible for the property tax rebate where the benefit is a percentage of the homeowners' existing STAR benefit.

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

<u>TownS of:</u>	<b>Enhanced Exemption</b>	<b>Basic Exemption</b>	<b>Date Certified</b>
Farmington	\$ 84,430	\$ 31,110	4/9/2024
Hopewell	84,000	30,000	4/9/2024
Manchester	84,000	30,000	4/9/2024

\$1,224,277 of the District's \$7,971,338 school tax levy for 2023-24 fiscal year was exempt by the STAR Program. The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State by January 2024.

Approximately \$999,999 of the District's \$8,161,056 school tax levy for 2024-25 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 2025.

#### **Additional Tax Information**

Real property located in the School District is assessed by the towns.

Senior citizens' exemptions are offered to those who qualify.

Total assessed valuation of the School District is approximately: residential-70%, agricultural-6%, commercial-5%, vacant-11% and other-8%.

The estimated total annual property tax bill of a \$100,000 market value residential property located in the School District is approximately \$2,211 including County, Town, School District and Fire District Taxes.

## TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor. 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, the latter four of which are indirectly affected by applicability to their respective City.)

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 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 are 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 can 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 is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation, applicable to the Notes.

See "State Aid" for a discussion of the New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. State of New York case which includes a challenge to the supermajority requirements regarding school district property tax increases.

An additional real property tax rebate program applicable solely to school districts was enacted by Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015, signed into law by the Governor on June 26, 2015. The program began in 2016 and was fully phased in in 2019 and includes continued tax cap compliance.

See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT – Budgetary Procedures and Recent Budget Votes" herein for additional information regarding the District's Tax Levy.

Municipalities, school districts and independent special districts must provide certification of compliance with the requirements of the new provisions to certain state officials in order to render their real property taxpayers eligible for the personal income tax credit.

#### STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS

#### **Constitutional Requirements**

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

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

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

<u>Payment and Maturity</u>. 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. 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.

<u>Debt Limit</u>. The 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 District and subject to certain enumerated deductions and exclusions set forth in the Local Finance Law. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined.

## **Statutory Procedure**

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

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of bonds.

Each bond resolution usually authorizes the construction, reconstruction, 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 an object or 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 with in 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 estoppel procedure is recommended by Bond Counsel and has been undertaken by District. The School District has complied with such procedure with respect to the indebtedness to be evidenced by the Notes.

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

Statutory law in the State also permits the District to issue bond anticipation notes to be issued in anticipation of the issuance of serial bonds, which may be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in the reduction of the total amount of such notes outstanding, commencing no later than two years from the date of the first issuance date of such notes and provided that such renewals do not exceed five years beyond the original date of the issuance of such notes. (See "Payment and Maturity" under "Constitutional Requirements" herein, and "Details of Outstanding Indebtedness" herein).

In general, the Local Finance Law contains provisions providing the District with the power to issue certain other short-term general obligation indebtedness, including revenue and tax anticipation notes and budget notes (see "Details of Outstanding Indebtedness" herein).

## **Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	2023	<u>2024</u>
Bonds	\$ 2,905,000	\$ 10,205,000	\$ 9,375,000	\$ 8,520,000	\$ 7,635,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	7,255,000	0	0	8,500,000	8,903,189
Energy Performance Contract	1,344,900	1,150,000	1,035,000	920,000	800,000
Total Debt Outstanding	<u>\$ 11,504,900</u>	<u>\$ 11,355,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,410,000</u>	\$ <u>17,940,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,338,189</u>

Note: The bond amounts shown above do not include advance refunded bonds outstanding where applicable.

#### **Details of Outstanding Indebtedness**

The following table sets forth the indebtedness of the District evidenced by bonds and notes as of July 26, 2024.

Type of Indebtedness	Maturity	Amount
Bonds	2024-2036	\$ 7,635,000
Bond Anticipation Notes Capital Project	August 15, 2024	<u>8,903,189</u> <sup>(1)</sup>
	Total Indebtedness	<u>\$ 16,538,189</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> To be partially redeemed and renewed by the Notes along with \$78,189 of available funds of the District.

#### **Debt Statement Summary**

Summary of Indebtedness, Debt Limit and Net Debt-Contracting Margin as of July 26, 2024:					
Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property Debt Limit 10% thereof	\$	402,865,288 40,286,528			
Inclusions:					
Bonds\$ 7,635,000					
Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs):					
Total Inclusions prior to issuance of the Notes 16,538,189					
Less: BANs being redeemed from appropriations					
Add: New money proceeds of the Notes					
Total Net Inclusions after issuance of the Notes	<u>\$ 16,810,000</u>				
Exclusions:					
State Building Aid <sup>(1)</sup>					
Total Exclusions	<u>\$</u> 0				
Total Net Indebtedness after issuance of the Notes	<u>\$</u>	16,810,000			
Net Debt-Contracting Margin	<u>\$</u>	23,476,528			
The percent of debt contracting power exhausted is		41.73%			

- (1) Based on 2024-25 preliminary building aid estimates, the District anticipates State Building aid of 88.1% for debt service on State Education Department approved expenditures from July 1, 2004 to the present. 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 in relation to the outstanding bonds.
- Note: The State Constitution does not provide for the inclusion of tax anticipation or revenue anticipation notes in the computation of the net indebtedness of the District.

#### **Bonded Debt Service**

A schedule of bonded debt service may be found in "APPENDIX – B" to this Official Statement.

#### **Capital Project Plans**

On February 9, 2021, the qualified voters of the District approved a capital project at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$11,900,000. The cost of the project will be financed by the expenditure of \$2,006,811 from the District's existing capital reserve fund with the balance thereof being raised by a tax levy upon the taxable property of the School District. The District issued \$8,500,000 bond anticipation notes on August 17, 2022 as the first borrowing for the Capital Project. On August 16, 2023, the District issued \$8,903,189 bond anticipation notes, which along with \$640,000 available funds of the District, redeemed and renewed \$8,500,000 bond anticipation notes which matured on August 17, 2023 and provided \$1,043,189 of new monies as the second borrowing for the Capital Project. The Notes are being issued along with \$78,189 available funds of the District to partially redeem and renew the bond anticipation notes maturing August 15, 2024 and provide \$350,000 new monies for the Capital Project.

The District is in the preliminary stages of planning its next capital project and expects to put a referendum to the voters in December 2024. It is anticipated the project will be approximately \$5-8 million consisting of renovations and reconstruction to District buildings and facilities.

There are presently no other capital projects authorized and unissued by the District.

## **Cash Flow Borrowings**

The School District has not issued Tax and/or Revenue Anticipation Notes for the last five fiscal years and does not expect to issue such notes in the foreseeable future.

## **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 of the respective municipalities.

	Status of	Gross		Net	District	Applicable
<u>Municipality</u>	Debt as of	Indebtedness <sup>(1)</sup>	Exclusions <sup>(2)</sup>	Indebtedness	<u>Share</u>	Indebtedness
County of:						
Ontario	6/28/2024	\$ 16,745,757 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 90,000	\$ 16,655,757	3.07%	\$ 511,332
Town of:						
Farmington	12/31/2021	5,440,000 (4)	_ (5	5,440,000	6.53%	355,232
Hopewell	12/31/2021	2,089,658 (4)	_ (5	2,089,658	7.45%	155,680
Manchester	12/31/2021	2,672,705 (4)	_ (5	2,672,705	52.62%	1,406,378
Village of:						
Manchester	5/31/2022	609,002 (4)	_ (5	609,002	100.00%	609,002
Shortsville	5/31/2022	365,000 (4)	_ (5	365,000	100.00%	365,000
					Total:	\$ 3,402,623

<sup>(1)</sup> Outstanding bonds and bond anticipation notes of the respective municipality. Not adjusted to include subsequent issuances, if any, from the date of the status of indebtedness stated in the table above for each respective municipality.

<sup>(2)</sup> Water debt, sewer debt and budgeted appropriations as applicable to the respective municipality. Water Indebtedness excluded pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5B of the New York State Constitution. Sewer Indebtedness excluded pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5E of the New York State Constitution, as further prescribed under section 124.10 of the Local Finance Law. Appropriations are excluded pursuant to Section 136.00 of the Local Finance Law.

<sup>(3)</sup> Gross indebtedness, exclusions, and net-indebtedness sourced from available annual financial information & operating data filings and/or official statements of the respective municipality.

<sup>(4)</sup> Gross indebtedness sourced from local government data provided by the State Comptroller's office for the most recent fiscal year such data is available for the respective municipality.

<sup>(5)</sup> Information regarding excludable debt not available.

## **Debt Ratios**

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of July 26, 2024:

		Per	Percentage of
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Capita</u> (a)	Full Value <sup>(b)</sup>
Net Indebtedness <sup>(c)</sup> \$	16,810,000	\$ 2,829.97	4.17%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness <sup>(d)</sup>	20,212,623	3,402.80	5.02

<sup>(a)</sup> The 2022 estimated population of the District is 5,940. (See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT – District Population" herein.)

<sup>(b)</sup> The District's full value of taxable real estate for 2024 is \$402,865,288. (See "TAX INFORMATION – Taxable Assessed Valuations" herein.)

<sup>(c)</sup> See "Debt Statement Summary" for calculation of Net Indebtedness herein.

<sup>(d)</sup> Estimated net overlapping indebtedness is \$3,402,623. (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 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. 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 District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the 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 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 District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the District.

Authority to File For Municipal Bankruptcy. The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as the Counties, Cities, Towns and Villages, 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 <u>not</u> 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 <u>not</u> 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 District indebtedness is past due. The District has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and interest on any indebtedness.

# 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 District as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the 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 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 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 District, in any year, the District may be affected by a delay, until sufficient taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the District. (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 District, could have an impact upon the market price of the Notes. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (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.

<u>Cybersecurity</u>. 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.

## TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Harris Beach PLLC, Bond Counsel to the District, based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings and court decisions and assuming compliance by the District with certain covenants and the accuracy of certain representations, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Bond counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax on individuals. However, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), imposes a federal corporate alternative minimum tax equal to 15 percent of the "adjusted financial statement income" of corporations (other than S corporations, regulated investment companies and real estate investment trusts) having an average annual "adjusted financial statement income" for the 3-taxable-year period ending with the tax year that exceeds \$1,000,000,000. Interest on tax-exempt obligations such as the Notes is included in the computation of a corporation's "adjusted financial statement income".

The Code also imposes various limitations, conditions and other requirements which must be met at and subsequent to the date of issue of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes will be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Included among these requirements are restrictions on the investment and use of proceeds of the Notes and in certain circumstances, payment of amounts in respect of such proceeds to the Federal government. Failure to comply with the requirement of the Code may cause interest on the Notes to be includable in gross income for purposes of federal income tax, possibly from the date of issuance of the Notes. In the Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate of the District to be executed in connection with the issuance of the Notes, the District will covenant to comply with certain procedures and it will make certain representations and certifications, designed to assure satisfaction of the requirements of the Code in respect to the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with such covenants and the accuracy, in all material respects, of such representations and certificates.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that ownership of the Notes, and the accrual or receipt of interest thereon, may have collateral federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations, certain foreign corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry such obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisors as to any possible collateral consequences of their ownership of the Notes and their accrual or receipt of interest thereon. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral federal income tax consequences.

The District will designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, including The City of New York.

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 and delivery of the Notes may affect the tax status of interest on the Notes.

No assurance can be given that any future legislation or governmental actions, including amendments to the Code or State income tax laws, regulations, administrative rulings, or court decisions, will not, directly or indirectly, cause interest on the Notes to be subject to federal, State or local income taxation, or otherwise prevent Bondholders from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. Further, no assurance can be given that the introduction or enactment of any such future legislation, or any judicial decision or action of the Internal Revenue Service or any State taxing authority, including, but not limited to, the promulgation of a regulation or ruling, or the selection of the Notes for audit examination or the course or result of an audit examination of the Notes or of obligations which present similar tax issues, will not affect the market price, value or marketability of the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

All summaries and explanations of provisions of law do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions.

ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE NOTES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CODE AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING OR HOLDING THE NOTES.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the authorization and issuance of the Notes will be covered by the approving legal opinion of Harris Beach PLLC, Pittsford, New York, Bond Counsel to the District. Such legal opinion will state that in the opinion of Bond Counsel (i) the Notes have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the District, all the taxable 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 "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein);

provided, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Notes may be limited by any applicable existing or future bankruptcy, insolvency or other law (State or Federal) affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights; (ii) under existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings and court decisions, interest on the Notes is excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum taxes imposed on individuals, however, interest on the Notes held by certain corporations that are subject to the Federal alternative minimum tax is included in the computation of "adjusted financial statement income" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on such corporations; (iii) interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York); and (iv) based upon Bond Counsel's examination of law and review of the arbitrage and use of proceeds certificate executed by the President of the Board of Education of the District pursuant to Section 148 of the Code and the regulations thereunder, the facts, estimates and circumstances as set forth in said arbitrage certificate are sufficient to satisfy the criteria which are necessary under Section 148 of the Code to support the conclusion that the Notes will not be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of said section, and no matters have come to Bond Counsel's attention which makes unreasonable or incorrect the representations made in said arbitrage certificate. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding Federal or State income tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

Such legal opinions will also state that in the opinion of Bond Counsel (i) in rendering the opinions expressed therein, Bond Counsel has assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by Bond Counsel which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and has not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and Bond Counsel also has assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and such certifications thereof; (ii) the scope of Bond Counsel's 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 therein; (iii) the opinions expressed therein 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 District together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the District to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same respectively become due and payable; (iv) reference should be made to the Official Statement for factual information which, in the judgment of the District, would materially affect the ability of the District to pay such principal and interest; and (v) while Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the Official Statement, Bond Counsel has not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, no opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel as to whether the 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 the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

#### LITIGATION

The School District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The School District does not believe, however, that such suits, individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the School 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.

#### 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 an Undertaking to Provide Notice of Certain Events, a description of which is attached hereto as "APPENDIX – C."

## **Historical Compliance**

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

#### 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. 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 District to the Municipal Advisor are partially contingent on the successful closing of the Notes.

## **CUSIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS**

It is anticipated that CUSIP (an acronym that refers to Committee on Uniform Security Identification Procedures) identification numbers will be printed on the Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes will be paid for by the District provided, however; the District assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charge that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

#### RATING

The Notes are <u>not</u> rated. The purchaser(s) of the Notes may choose to request that a rating be assigned after the sale at the expense of the purchaser(s) pending the approval of the District and applicable rating agency, 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. (See "APPENDIX – C" herein).

The District does not currently have an underlying rating from S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") nor Moody's Investor Services.

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 forwardlooking 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 forwardlooking statements.

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Harris Beach PLLC, Pittsford, 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 updates to dated website information.

The District's contact information is as follows: Mr. Timothy Burns, School Business Administrator, Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, 1506 Route 21, Shortsville, New York 14548, Phone (585) 289-3964, Fax: (585) 289-6660, Email: timothy.burns@redjacket.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., telephone number (315) 752-0051, or at www.fiscaladvisors.com and www.fiscaladvisorsauction.com

# MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dated: July 26, 2024

JAMES SIMMONS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

# GENERAL FUND

# **Balance Sheets**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u> Cash and Cash Equivalents Receivables Prepaid Items Due from Other Funds	\$ 5,930,133 1,003,389 389,487 725,482	\$ 7,072,894 942,473 178,539 439,335	\$ 5,648,691 1,613,425 171,333 219,003	\$ 7,019,550 2,312,983 171,383 794,038	\$ 6,800,909 2,428,994 179,643 1,063,450
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,048,491	\$ 8,633,241	\$ 7,652,452	\$ 10,297,954	\$ 10,472,996
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS					
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,300
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	\$ 8,048,491	\$ 8,633,241	\$ 7,652,452	\$ 10,297,954	\$ 10,618,296
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND <u>FUND BALANCES</u>					
Accounts Payable Accrued Liabilities Due to Other Funds Due to Teachers' Retirement System Due to Employees' Retirement System Other Liabilities Compensated Absences Unearned Revenue TOTAL LIABILITIES DEFERRED INFLOWS	\$ 75,039 100,985 84,968 666,806 46,749 - 5,558 15,937 996,042	\$ 213,734 59,802 72,965 550,688 48,071 - - - - 945,260	\$ 48,163 193,032 84,290 561,963 60,876 92,941 - - - 1,041,265	\$ 179,115 34,146 66,287 669,606 54,098 89,314 - 1,950 1,094,516	\$ 53,597 90,470 73,138 755,476 71,581 32,010 2,100 1,078,372
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ -	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>	\$ 1,221,437	\$ 1,034,502
FUND BALANCES Nonspendable Restricted Assigned Unassigned TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 389,487 5,610,366 329,704 722,892 7,052,449	\$ 178,539 6,346,406 404,136 758,900 7,687,981	\$ 171,333 5,471,942 155,130 812,782 6,611,187	\$ 171,383 6,257,865 688,441 864,312 7,982,001	\$ 179,643 7,303,734 128,749 893,296 8,505,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 8,048,491	\$ 8,633,241	\$ 7,652,452	\$ 10,297,954	\$ 10,618,296

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

# GENERAL FUND

# **Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes & Tax Items	\$ 7,466,434	\$ 7,593,076	\$ 7,840,020	\$ 7,838,475	\$ 7,837,405
Charges for Services Use of Money & Property	349,359 268,201	376,750 290,671	401,345 230,227	457,028 235,009	555,008 436,623
Sale of Property and	200,201	290,071	230,227	233,007	450,025
Compensation for Loss	53,283	71,827	118,924	108,844	28,778
Miscellaneous	188,388	328,400	311,904	355,704	281,823
Interfund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues from State Sources	9,227,299	9,615,200	9,924,805	11,413,362	12,330,317
Revenues from Federal Sources	62,391	90,035	229,331	103,336	70,800
Total Revenues	\$ 17,615,355	\$ 18,365,959	\$ 19,056,556	\$ 20,511,758	\$ 21,540,754
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	75,000	75,000	75,000	-	58,275
Total Revenues and Other Sources	17,690,355	18,440,959	19,131,556	20,511,758	21,599,029
EXPENDITURES	\$ 2.067.989	¢ 0 1 47 244	\$ 2,192,896	\$ 2.643.989	\$ 3.974.137
General Support Instruction	\$ 2,067,989 9,834,294	\$ 2,147,344 9,854,636	\$ 2,192,896 9,644,970	\$ 2,643,989 10,026,140	\$ 3,974,137 10,341,637
Pupil Transportation	727,695	731,914	707,079	884,455	991,716
Community Services	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	3,330,894	3,240,271	3,267,334	3,492,043	3,711,820
Debt Service	1,008,013	1,206,675	1,758,006	1,518,925	1,407,913
Total Expenditures	\$ 16,968,885	\$ 17,180,840	\$ 17,570,285	\$ 18,565,552	\$ 20,427,223
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	622,070	624,587	2,638,065	575,392	648,385
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	17,590,955	17,805,427	20,208,350	19,140,944	21,075,608
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over					
Expenditures	99,400	635,532	(1,076,794)	1,370,814	523,421
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FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	6,953,049	7,052,449	7,687,981	6,611,187	7,982,001
Prior Period Adjustments (net)					
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 7,052,449	\$ 7,687,981	\$ 6,611,187	\$ 7,982,001	\$ 8,505,422

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:		2023		2024	2025
	Adopted	Modified		Adopted	Adopted
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
REVENUES	<b>• •</b> • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		* <b>= - - - -</b>		
Real Property Taxes & Tax Items	\$ 7,839,804	\$ 7,839,804	\$ 7,837,405	\$ 7,995,838	\$ 8,161,056
Charges for Services	327,117	327,117	555,008	552,117	602,117
Use of Money & Property Sale of Property and	250,000	250,000	436,623	-	-
Compensation for Loss	48,000	48,000	28,778		
Miscellaneous	233,000	233,000	281,823	356,000	762,972
Interfund Revenues	255,000	255,000	201,023	550,000	102,912
Revenues from State Sources	12,831,170	12,831,170	12,330,317	13,318,437	13,453,886
Revenues from Federal Sources	28,712	28,712	70,800	51,000	
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Total Revenues	\$ 21,557,803	\$ 21,557,803	\$ 21,540,754	\$ 22,273,392	\$ 22,980,031
Other Sources:					
Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 688,441	\$ 688,441	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Appropriated reserves	-	546,609	-	-	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	50,000	50,000	58,275	50,000	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	22,296,244	22,842,853	21,599,029	22,323,392	22,980,031
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	\$ 3,904,069	\$ 4,238,597	\$ 3,974,137	\$ 2,833,455	\$ 3,147,561
Instruction	11,629,048	11,317,234	10,341,637	11,700,744	12,163,561
Pupil Transportation	1,091,698	1,083,951	991,716	1,106,935	1,060,452
Community Servies		-,	-		-,
Employee Benefits	4,095,596	3,970,289	3,711,820	4,194,558	4,380,367
Debt Service	1,475,833	1,547,913	1,407,913	2,387,700	2,093,090
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,196,244	\$ 22,157,984	\$ 20,427,223	\$ 22,223,392	\$ 22,845,031
Other Uses: Interfund Transfers	100.000	(04.000	C 40 205	100.000	125 000
interiund Transfers	100,000	684,869	648,385	100,000	135,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	22,296,244	22,842,853	21,075,608	22,323,392	22,980,031
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over					
Expenditures	-	-	523,421	-	-
FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			7,982,001		
Prior Period Adjustments (net)					
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,505,422	\$ -	\$ -

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

Fiscal Year Ending						
June 30th	 Principal		Interest		Total	
2025	\$ 640,000	\$	345,650	\$	985,650	
2026	670,000		318,200		988,200	
2027	705,000		288,500		993,500	
2028	735,000		257,000		992,000	
2029	765,000		223,838		988,838	
2030	810,000		189,000		999,000	
2031	615,000		151,800		766,800	
2032	645,000		121,050		766,050	
2033	680,000		88,800		768,800	
2034	705,000		54,800		759,800	
2035	630,000		26,600		656,600	
2036	 35,000		1,400		36,400	
TOTALS	\$ 7,635,000	\$	2,066,638	\$	9,701,638	

# BONDED DEBT SERVICE

Note: The totals above do not include Energy Performance Contracts.

### CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING

Fiscal Year Ending	2021A DASNY						2015 Reconstruction - DASNY Bond					
June 30th	Principal		Interest		Total		Principal Interest			Total		
2025	\$ 455,000	\$	303,000	\$	758,000	\$	185,000	\$	42,650	\$	227,650	
2026	480,000		284,800		764,800		190,000		33,400		223,400	
2027	505,000		260,800		765,800		200,000		27,700		227,700	
2028	530,000		235,550		765,550		205,000		21,450		226,450	
2029	555,000		209,050		764,050		210,000		14,788		224,788	
2030	590,000		181,300		771,300		220,000		7,700		227,700	
2031	615,000		151,800		766,800		-		-		-	
2032	645,000		121,050		766,050		-		-		-	
2033	680,000		88,800		768,800		-		-		-	
2034	705,000		54,800		759,800		-		-		-	
2035	630,000		26,600		656,600		-		-		-	
2036	 35,000		1,400		36,400		-		-		-	
TOTALS	\$ 6,425,000	\$	1,918,950	\$	8,343,950	\$	1,210,000	\$	147,688	\$	1,357,688	

### UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF CERTAIN EVENTS

At the time of delivery of the Notes, the District will deliver to the purchasers an executed Undertaking to Provide Notices of Certain Events, which will provide as follows:

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
- (1) 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 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 (1) 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.

For the purpose of events (o) and (p) identified above, "financial obligation" means. a (I) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or source of pay for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii), but shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB 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 reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the aforedescribed 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 Certain Events" to this effect shall be provided to the purchaser(s) at closing.

The District may amend the Undertaking to Provide Notice of Certain Events upon a change in circumstances provided that (a) the Undertaking to Provide Notice of Certain Events, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of this offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances and (b) in the opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel selected by the Issuer, the amendment does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Notes.

**APPENDIX - D** 

# MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

JUNE 30, 2023

Such Audited Financial Report and opinions 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.

# **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For Year Ended June 30, 2023



BUSINESS ADVISORS AND CPAS

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Education Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, New York

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### **Opinions**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, New York, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, New York, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Manchester-Shortsville Central School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

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

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

# **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, schedule of changes in District's total OPEB liability and related ratio, schedule of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of District contributions, and budgetary comparison information on pages 4-13 and 51-55 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Manchester-Shortsville Central School District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information as listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information as listed in the table of contents and schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 6, 2023 on our consideration of Manchester-Shortsville Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Manchester-Shortsville Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rochester, New York September 6, 2023

Mongel, Metzger, Barn & Co. LLP

#### **Manchester - Shortsville Central School District**

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

### For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

The following is a discussion and analysis of the School District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This section is a summary of the School District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions, and/or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the School District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

#### **Financial Highlights**

At the close of the fiscal year, the total assets plus deferred outflows (what the District owns) exceeded its total liabilities plus deferred inflows (what the District owes) by \$37,454,932 (net position) an increase of \$200,388 from the prior year.

As of the close of the fiscal year, the School District's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$3,431,941, a decrease of \$7,154,339 in comparison with the prior year.

General revenues which include Property Taxes, State and Federal Aid, Investment Earnings, Compensation for Loss, Miscellaneous accounted for \$21,293,720 or 88% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of Charges for services, Operating Grants and Contributions, and Capital Grants and Contributions accounted for \$2,788,219 or 12% of total revenues.

### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

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

### Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The *governmental* activities of the School District include instruction, pupil transportation, cost of food sales, general administrative support, community service, and interest on long-term debt.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on the pages immediately following this section as the first two pages of the basic financial statements.

### Fund Financial Statements

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. All of the funds of the School District can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

*Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the School District's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The School District maintains six individual governmental funds: General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund, Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund and the capital projects fund which are reported as major funds. Data for the special aid fund, the school lunch fund, the miscellaneous special revenue fund, and the debt service fund and are aggregated into a single column and reported as non-major funds.

The School District adopts and voters approve an annual budget for its General Fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund within the basic financial statements to demonstrate compliance with the budget.

The *Fiduciary Funds* are used to account for assets held by the School District in an agency capacity which accounts for assets held by the School District on behalf of others. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of these funds are *not* available to support the School District's programs.

The financial statements for the governmental and fiduciary funds can be found in the basic financial statement section of this report.

Major Feature of the District-Wide and Fund Financial Statements							
	Government-Wide	Fund Financi	al Statements				
	Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds				
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as special education, scholarship programs, and building maintenance	Instances in which the School District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as student activities monies				
Required financial statements	Statement of net position Statement of activities	Balance sheet Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	Statement of fiduciary net position statement of changes in fiduciary net position				
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus				
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short- term and long-term	Generally, assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can.				
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid				

# Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found following the basic financial statement section of this report.

### **Government-Wide Statements**

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

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position and how it has changed. Net position, the difference between the District's assets plus deferred outflow of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflow of resources, is one way to measure the District's financial health or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively. Additional non-financial factors such as changes in the District's property tax base and the condition of the school buildings and facilities must also be considered to assess the District's overall health.

All of the District's services are reported in the government-wide financial statements as governmental activities. Most of the District's basic services are included here, such as regular and special education, transportation and administration. Property taxes, federal and state aid, and investment earnings finance most of these activities.

### Financial Analysis of the School District As A Whole

### Net Position

The District's combined net position was more on June 30, 2023, than they were the year before, increasing by 1% to \$37,454,932 as shown in table below:

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			Total
	Governmen	tal Activities	Variance
ASSETS:	2023	2022	
Current and Other Assets	\$ 13,864,575	\$ 18,851,844	\$ (4,987,269)
Capital Assets	46,304,109	38,810,206	7,493,903
Total Assets	\$ 60,168,684	\$ 57,662,050	\$ 2,506,634
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$ 5,321,312	\$ 4,898,963	\$ 422,349
LIABILITIES:			
Long-Term Debt Obligations	\$ 16,504,766	\$ 15,318,570	\$ 1,186,196
Other Liabilities	9,879,998	1,151,768	8,728,230
Total Liabilities	\$ 26,384,764	\$ 16,470,338	\$ 9,914,426
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 1,650,300	\$ 8,836,131	\$ (7,185,831)
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 29,969,033	\$ 28,791,914	\$ 1,177,119
Restricted For,			
Capital Reserve	4,242,585	3,366,761	875,824
Other Purposes	4,306,940	3,606,524	700,416
Unrestricted	(1,063,626)	1,489,345	(2,552,971)
<b>Total Net Position</b>	\$ 37,454,932	\$ 37,254,544	\$ 200,388

### Key Variances

- Current and Other Assets decreased \$4,987,269 as a result of TRS and ERS went from an asset to a liability
- Capital Assets increased \$7,493,903 as a result of Capital Project completion being Capitalized
- Other Liabilities increased \$8,728,230 as a result of \$8,500,000 BAN and accrued interest for the BAN

The District's financial position is the product of many factors.

By far, the largest component of the School District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The School District uses these capital assets to provide services to the students and consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the School District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

There are two restricted net asset balances, Capital Reserves and Other Purposes. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, which is a deficit of \$1,063,626.

### **Changes in Net Position**

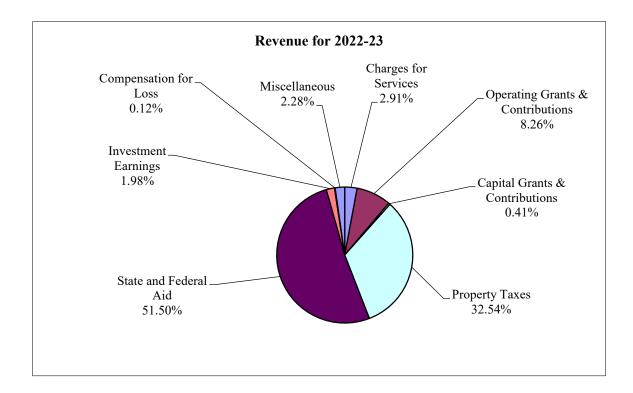
The District's total revenue increased 4% to \$24,081,939. State and federal aid 51% and property taxes 33% accounted for most of the District's revenue. The remaining 16% of the revenue comes from operating grants, capital grants, charges for services, investment earnings, compensation for loss, and miscellaneous revenues.

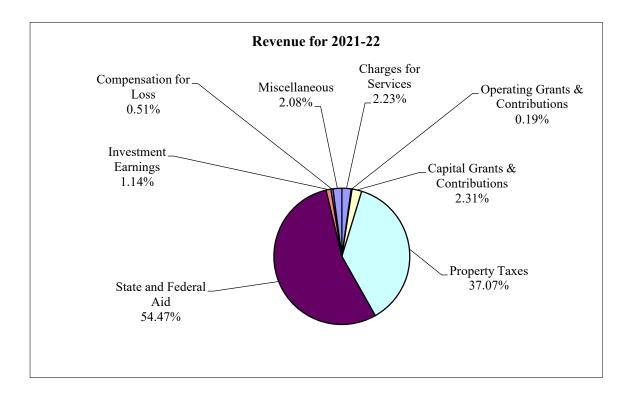
The total cost of all the programs and services increased 20% to \$23,881,551. The District's expenses are predominately related to education and caring for the students (Instruction) 68%. General support which included expenses associated with the operation, maintenance and administration of the District accounted for 19% of the total costs. See table below:

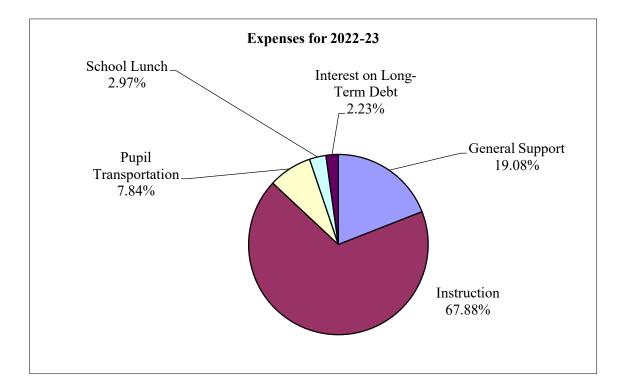
					Total	
	 Government	al Ac		<u>Variance</u>		
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>			
<u>REVENUES:</u>						
<u>Program -</u>						
Charges for Service	\$ 701,733	\$	471,316	\$	230,417	
Operating Grants & Contributions	1,988,015		2,039,211		(51,196)	
Capital Grants & Contributions	 98,471		487,448		(388,977)	
Total Program	\$ 2,788,219	\$	2,997,975	\$	(209,756)	
<u>General -</u>						
Property Taxes	\$ 7,837,405	\$	7,838,475	\$	(1,070)	
State and Federal Aid	12,401,117		11,516,698		884,419	
Investment Earnings	477,096		240,934		236,162	
Compensation for Loss	28,778		108,844		(80,066)	
Miscellaneous	549,324		441,291		108,033	
Total General	\$ 21,293,720	\$	20,146,242	\$	1,147,478	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 24,081,939	\$	23,144,217	\$	937,722	
EXPENSES:						
General Support	\$ 4,555,669	\$	3,041,070	\$	1,514,599	
Instruction	16,211,078		14,208,591		2,002,487	
Pupil Transportation	1,873,048		1,653,095		219,953	
School Lunch	708,169		631,210		76,959	
Interest	533,587		340,204		193,383	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 23,881,551	\$	19,874,170	\$	4,007,381	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$ 200,388	\$	3,270,047			
NET POSITION, BEGINNING						
OF YEAR	 37,254,544	33	3,984,497.00			
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$ 37,454,932	\$	37,254,544			

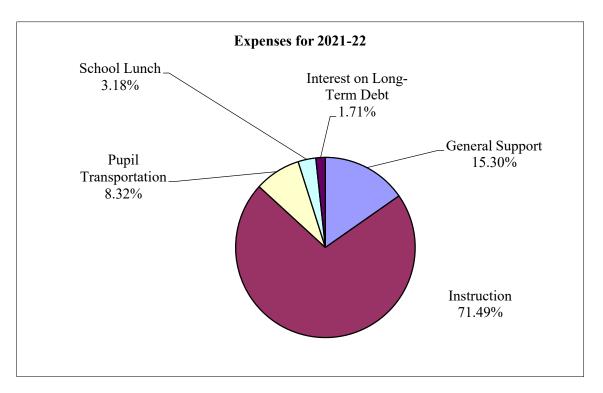
### Key Variances

- State and Federal Aid increased \$884,419 as a result of large increase in foundation aid
- General Support increased \$1,514,599 as a result of parking lot construction paid out of general fund
- Instruction increased \$2,002,487 as a result of increase staffing and contractual expenses using ARP money









# **Financial Analysis of the School District's Funds**

The financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$3,431,941 which is less than last year's ending fund balance of \$10,586,280.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the current year, the total fund balance of the General Fund was \$8,505,422. Fund balance for the General Fund increased by \$523,421 compared with the prior year. See table below:

					Total	
<b>General Fund Balances:</b>		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<b>Variance</b>		
Nonspendable	\$	179,643	\$ 171,383	\$	8,260	
Restricted		7,303,734	6,257,865		1,045,869	
Assigned		128,749	688,441		(559,692)	
Unassigned		893,296	 864,312		28,984	
<b>Total General Fund Balances</b>	\$	8,505,422	\$ 7,982,001	\$	523,421	

# **General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The difference between the original budget and the final amended budget was \$1,235,050. This change is attributable to \$688,441 of carryover encumbrances from the 2021-22 school year, \$494,841 for bus purchases, and \$51,768 for liability reserve expense.

The key factors for budget variances in the general fund are listed below along with explanations for each.

Expenditure Items:	Budget Variance Original Vs. Amended	Explanation for Budget Variance
General Support	\$334,528	Additional paving, and security upgrade project
		Decrease in number of students attending BOCES
Instructional	(\$311,814)	programs
		Transfer for purchases of Buses and Special Aid not
Transfer-Out	\$584,869	originally budgeted.

Revenue Items:	Budget Variance Amended Vs. Actual	Explanation for Budget Variance
Charges for Services	\$227,891	BOCES paying for a portion on new pavement
Use of Money and Property	\$186,623	Additional Interest in 22-23 School Year
State Sources	(\$500,853)	Less State Aid received than budgeted
	Budget Variance Amended Vs.	
Expenditure Items:	Actual	Explanation for Budget Variance
General Support	\$167,196	General Cost more than initial budget but not as much as Amended Budget
Instructional	\$948,129	Instructional Costs less than budgeted
Employee Benefits	\$254,452	Benefit cost less than budgeted

# **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

# **Capital Assets**

The change in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, is reflected below:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Capital Assets:		
Land	\$ 51,600	\$ 51,600
Work in Progress	8,898,419	13,062,579
Buildings and Improvements	34,531,276	23,006,274
Machinery and Equipment	2,267,673	 2,124,681
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	\$ 45,748,968	\$ 38,245,134
Lease Assets:		
Equipment	\$ 555,141	\$ 565,072
Grand Total	\$ 46,304,109	\$ 38,810,206

More detailed information can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

# Long-Term Debt

At year end, the District had \$16,504,766 in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt outstanding as follows:

<u>Type</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Serial Bonds	\$ 8,520,000	\$ 9,375,000
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,358,309	1,552,353
Lease Liability	3,467	4,933
Energy Performance Contract	920,000	1,035,000
OPEB	3,389,014	3,174,401
Net Pension Liability	1,803,357	-
Retainage	347,353	-
Compensated Absences	163,266	176,883
<b>Total Long-Term Obligations</b>	\$ 16,504,766	\$ 15,318,570

More detailed information can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

# **Factors Bearing on the District's Future**

- Increase Bus and Facility Costs due to Electric bus Mandate
- Increase Benefit Costs
- Increase Special Education Cost
- Expiring Contracts/Higher Recently Settled Contracts
- Utility Costs

# **Contacting the School District's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide the District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to the following:

Manchester-Shortsville Central School District 1506 Route 21 Shortsville, New York 14548

# Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2023

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,235,175
Accounts receivable	3,434,112
Inventories	15,645
Prepaid items	179,643
Capital Assets:	
Land	51,600
Work in progress	8,898,419
Other capital assets (net of depreciation)	37,354,090
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 60,168,684
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows of resources	\$ 5,321,312
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 56,765
Accrued liabilities	429,936
Unearned revenues	34,118
Due to other governments	112
Due to teachers' retirement system	755,476
Due to employees' retirement system	71,581
Bond anticipation notes payable	8,500,000
Other Liabilities	32,010
Long-Term Obligations:	,
Due in one year	1,588,692
Due in more than one year	14,916,074
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 26,384,764
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ 1,650,300
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 29,969,033
Restricted For:	φ 22,709,035
Capital reserves	4,242,585
Other purposes	4,306,940
Unrestricted	(1,063,626)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 37,454,932
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# **Statement of Activities**

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

					Prog	ram Revenue	s		ŀ	et (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
						Operating		Capital		
				narges for		Frants and		ants and	G	overnmental
<u>Functions/Programs</u>		<b>Expenses</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>C</u> (	ontributions	Con	<u>tributions</u>		<u>Activities</u>
Primary Government -	*									
General support	\$	4,555,669	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(4,555,669)
Instruction		16,211,078		555,008		1,478,104		98,471		(14,079,495)
Pupil transportation		1,873,048		-		-		-		(1,873,048)
School lunch		708,169		146,725		509,911		-		(51,533)
Interest		533,587				-		-		(533,587)
<b>Total Primary Government</b>	\$	23,881,551	\$	701,733	\$	1,988,015	\$	98,471	\$	(21,093,332)
	Gene	eral Revenues:								
	Pro	perty taxes							\$	7,837,405
	Sta	te and federal a	id							12,401,117
	Inv	estment earning	gs							477,096
	Co	mpensation for	loss							28,778
	Mis	scellaneous								549,324
	Т	otal General <b>F</b>	Reven	ues					\$	21,293,720
	Cha	anges in Net Po	sition						\$	200,388
Net Position, Beginning of Year								37,254,544		
	Net	t Position, End	of Ye	ear					\$	37,454,932

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

#### **Balance Sheet**

**Governmental Funds** 

June 30, 2023

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS			General <u>Fund</u>		Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>		Nonmajor wernmental <u>Funds</u>	Go	Total overnmental <u>Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u> -		¢	6 000 000	<i>•</i>	1.044.005	¢	1 5 (5 001	¢	10 005 155
Cash and cash equivalents		\$	6,800,909	\$	1,866,385	\$	1,567,881	\$	10,235,175
Receivables			2,428,994		585,919		419,199		3,434,112
Inventories			-		-		15,645		15,645
Due from other funds			1,063,450		-		524,910		1,588,360
Prepaid items			179,643	-	-		-		179,643
TOTAL ASSETS		\$	10,472,996	\$	2,452,304	\$	2,527,635	\$	15,452,935
Deferred Outflows -									
Deferred outflows of resources		\$	145,300	\$	-	\$	-	\$	145,300
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUT	FLOWS	\$	10.618,296	\$	2,452,304	\$	2,527,635	\$	15,598,235
				+	_,,	-	_,,,	-	
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS, A Liabilities -	ND FUND BAI	ANCES	5						
Accounts payable		\$	53,597	\$	-	\$	3,168	\$	56,765
Accrued liabilities		Ŷ	90,470	Ŷ	-	Ψ	2,900	Ŷ	93,370
Notes payable - bond anticipation notes			-		8,500,000		2,700		8,500,000
Due to other funds			73,138		396,560		1,118,662		1,588,360
Due to other governments					570,500		1,110,002		1,500,500
Due to TRS			755,476				112		755,476
Due to ERS			71,581						71,581
Other liabilities			32,010						32,010
Unearned revenue			2,100		_		32,018		34,118
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$	1,078,372	\$	8,896,560	\$	1,156,860	\$	11,131,792
IOTAL LIADILITIES		φ	1,070,372	φ	0,070,500	ψ	1,130,000	Ψ	11,131,772
<b>Deferred Inflows</b> -									
Deferred inflows of resources		\$	1,034,502	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,034,502
Fund Balances -									
		\$	179,643	\$		\$	15,645	\$	105 299
Nonspendable Restricted		φ	7,303,734	φ	-	φ	1,245,791	φ	195,288
					100,000				8,549,525
Assigned			128,749 893,296		,		109,339		338,088
Unassigned		¢		¢	(6,544,256)	¢	1 270 775	\$	(5,650,960)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERREI	INFLOWS	\$	8,505,422	\$	(6,444,256)	\$	1,370,775	Ф	3,431,941
AND FUND BALANCES	INFLOWS	\$	10,618,296	\$	2,452,304	\$	2,527,635		
	Amounts report Statement of N		-						
	Capital assets/ri	ght to us	e assets used in	govern	mental activities	are no	t financial resou	rces	
	and therefore an								46,304,109
	Interest is accru but not in the fu		tstanding bonds	in the	statement of net	positio	n		(336,566)
	The following l	ong-term	obligations are	not due	e and payable in	the			
	current period a	nd there	fore are not repo	orted in	the government	al funds	3:		
	Serial bonds	payable	-		-				(8,520,000)
	Leases payab								(3,467)
	Retainage								(347,353)
	OPEB								(3,389,014)
	Compensated	l absence	es						(163,266)
	Unamortized								(1,358,309)
	Energy perfo								(920,000)
	Deferred out								4,438,031
	Deferred out	-							737,981
	Net pension								(1,803,357)
	Deferred infl	•	sion						(525,821)
	Deferred infl								(89,977)
	Net Position of			ies				\$	37,454,932
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

**Governmental Funds** 

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

REVENUES		General <u>Fund</u>		Capital Projects <u>Fund</u>		Nonmajor wernmental <u>Funds</u>	Go	Total overnmental <u>Funds</u>
Real property taxes and tax items	\$	7,837,405	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,837,405
Charges for services	Ŷ	555,008	Ŷ	-	Ŷ	-	Ŷ	555,008
Use of money and property		436,623		-		40,473		477,096
Sale of property and compensation for loss		28,778		-		-		28,778
Miscellaneous		281,823		-		146,971		428,794
State sources		12,330,317		98,471		207,267		12,636,055
Federal sources		70,800		-		1,780,748		1,851,548
Sales		-		-		146,725		146,725
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	21,540,754	\$	98,471	\$	2,322,184	\$	23,961,409
EXPENDITURES								
General support	\$	3,974,137	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,974,137
Instruction		10,341,637		-		1,277,368		11,619,005
Pupil transportation		991,716		494,841		50,797		1,537,354
Employee benefits		3,711,820		-		283,995		3,995,815
Debt service - principal		971,466		-		-		971,466
Debt service - interest		436,447		-		-		436,447
Cost of sales		-		-		322,205		322,205
Other expenses		-		-		339,159		339,159
Capital outlay		-		8,040,690		-		8,040,690
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	20,427,223	\$	8,535,531	\$	2,273,524	\$	31,236,278
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES								
OVER EXPENDITURES	\$	1,113,531	\$	(8,437,060)	\$	48,660	\$	(7,274,869)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers - in	\$	58,275	\$	594,841	\$	441,020	\$	1,094,136
Transfers - out		(648,385)		(395,751)		(50,000)		(1,094,136)
Premium on obligations issued		-		-		120,530		120,530
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)	\$	(590,110)	\$	199,090	\$	511,550	\$	120,530
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$	523,421	\$	(8,237,970)	\$	560,210	\$	(7,154,339)
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING								
OF YEAR		7,982,001		1,793,714		810,565		10,586,280
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$	8,505,422	\$	(6,444,256)	\$	1,370,775	\$	3,431,941
(See accompanying notes to financial statements)		17						

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

# MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to Statement of Activities For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES - TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	\$	(7,154,339)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The following are the amounts by which capital outlays and additions of assets in excess depreciation in the current period:		
Capital Outlay\$ 7,970,942Additions to Assets, Net936,174Leases Asset Additions, Net20,285Depreciation\Amortization(1,433,498)		7,493,903
Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term obligations in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term obligations in the Statement of Net Position. The following details these items as they effect the governmental activities:		
Debt Repayments\$971,466Unamortized Bond Premium194,044		1,165,510
In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.		(291,184)
The Retainage liability does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.		(347,353)
The net OPEB liability does not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, is not reported as an expenditure in the governmental funds.		(306,259)
(Increase) decrease in proportionate share of net pension asset/liability reported in the Statement of Active do not provide for or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues or expenditures in the governmental funds	vities	
Teachers' Retirement System Employees' Retirement System		(141,580) (231,927)
In the Statement of Activities, vacation pay, teachers' retirement incentive and judgments and claims are measured by the amount accrued during the year. In the governmental funds, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount actually paid. The following provides the differences of these items as presented in the governmental activities:		
Compensated Absences		13,617
CHANGE IN NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	200,388
(See accompanying notes to financial statements) 18		

# MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORF Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2023

ASSETS	ustodial F <u>unds</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,100
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 64,100
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals, organizations and other governments	\$ 64,100
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 64,100

# Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Custodial		
	<b>Funds</b>		
ADDITIONS			
Library taxes	\$	248,185	
Miscellaneous		104,889	
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$	353,074	
DEDUCTIONS Student activity Library taxes	\$	94,726 248,185	
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$	342,911	
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$	10,163	
NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR		53,937	
NET POSITION, END OF YEAR	\$	64,100	

### Notes To The Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2023

### I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, New York (the District) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

### A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

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

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units* and GASB Statement 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

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

### 1. Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The extraclassroom activity funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The extraclassroom activity funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions, and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the extraclassroom activity funds can be found at the District's business office. The District accounts for assets held as an agency for various student organizations in an agency fund.

# B. Joint Venture

The District is a component of the Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Cayuga, and Wayne Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). The BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under §1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of §1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (§1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under §119-n(a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment as defined in Education Law, Section 1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed \$3,729,866 for BOCES administrative and program costs.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$1,082,985.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

# C. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>

# 1. <u>Districtwide Statements</u>

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital specific grants.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# 2. Fund Statements

The fund statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category (governmental and fiduciary) are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The District reports the following governmental funds:

### a. <u>Major Governmental Funds</u>

<u>**General Fund</u>** - This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.</u>

<u>**Capital Projects Fund</u>** - Used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.</u>

**b.** <u>Nonmajor Governmental</u> - The other funds which are not considered major are aggregated and reported as nonmajor governmental funds as follows:

c.

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

<u>School Lunch Fund</u> - Used to account for transactions of the District's lunch, breakfast and milk programs.

**Debt Service Fund** - This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations for governmental activities.

<u>Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund</u> – used to account for and report those revenues that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes.

**c.** <u>Fiduciary</u> - Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used.

<u>**Custodial Funds</u>** - These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds.</u>

# D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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

The fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within one year after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

# E. <u>Property Taxes</u>

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1, and become a lien on August 10, 2022. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to November 3, 2022.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the County(ies) in which the District is located. The County(ies) pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County(ies) for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

# F. <u>Restricted Resources</u>

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

# G. Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowing. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditures and revenues to provide financing or other services.

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

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

Refer to Note VII for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures, and revenues activity.

# H. <u>Estimates</u>

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

# I. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

New York State Law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and Districts.

# J. <u>Receivables</u>

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts, when applicable.

In addition, the District will report a receivable relating to a lease arrangement. The receivable is recorded at the present value of the future payments and recognized over the life of the lease.

No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

# K. Inventory and Prepaid Items

Inventories of food and/or supplies for school lunch are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or, in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the District-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amounts is recorded at the time of purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A non-spendable fund balance for these non-liquid assets (inventories and prepaid items) has been recognized to signify that a portion of fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

### L. <u>Capital Assets</u>

In the District-wide financial statements, capital assets are accounted for at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets. The range of estimated useful lives by type of assets is as follows:

	Cap	italization	Depreciation	Estimated
<u>Class</u>	<u>Tł</u>	<u>reshold</u>	<b>Method</b>	<u>Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$	50,000	SL	15-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	\$	5,000	SL	5-25 Years

The investment in infrastructure type assets have not been segregated for reporting purposes since all costs associated with capital projects are consolidated and reported as additions to buildings and improvements.

# M. <u>Right To Use Assets</u>

The District-wide financial statements, right-to-use-assets are reported within the major class of the underlying asset and valued at the future minimum lease payment. Amortization is between 5 and 10 years based on the contract terms and/or estimated replacement of the assets.

# N. <u>Unearned Revenue</u>

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenue arises when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized.

### O. <u>Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources</u>

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenses/expenditure) until then.

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

# P. Vested Employee Benefits

### 1. <u>Compensated Absences</u>

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

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

Certain District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the District-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end.

In the funds statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

# Q. Other Benefits

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

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health coverage to retired employees in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement. Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits may be shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

### R. <u>Short-Term Debt</u>

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that a BAN issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

# S. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the district-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other postemployment benefits payable and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the funds financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

### T. Equity Classifications

### 1. <u>District-Wide Statements</u>

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

**a.** <u>Net Investment in Capital Assets</u> - consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

**b.** <u>Restricted Net Position</u> - reports net position when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

On the Statement of Net Position the following balances represent the restricted for other purposes:

	Total
Workers' Compensation	\$ 180,347
Unemployment Costs	469,420
Retirement Contribution - TRS	574,319
Retirement Contribution - ERS	729,554
Insurance	38,232
Scholarships	584,822
Other Restricted Miscellaneous	23,619
Repair	299,561
Debt	637,350
Liability	502,457
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	267,259
<b>Total Net Position - Restricted for</b>	
Other Purposes	\$ 4,306,940

**c.** <u>Unrestricted Net Position</u> - reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the District. The reported deficit of \$1,063,626 at year end is the result of full implantation of GASB #75 regarding retiree health obligations.

# 2. <u>Fund Statements</u>

In the fund basis statements there are five classifications of fund balance:

**a.** <u>Nonspendable Fund Balance</u> – Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance includes:

	<u>Total</u>
Inventory in School Lunch	\$ 15,645
Prepaid Items	 179,643
Total Nonspendable Fund Balance	\$ 195,288

**b.** <u>**Restricted Fund Balances**</u> – Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the general fund are classified as restricted fund balance. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

**<u>Capital Reserve</u>** - According to Education Law §3651, must be used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve; the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditures may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. The Reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under restricted fund balance. Year end balances are as follows:

			Total
Name	Maximum	Total Funding	Year to Date
of Reserve	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Provided</b>	<b>Balance</b>
2017 Capital Reserve	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,086,182
Bus Reserve	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,388,285	\$ 1,156,403
2023 Capital Reserve	\$ 8,000,000	\$ -	\$ -

**<u>Reserve for Debt Service</u>** - According to General Municipal Law §6-1, the Reserve for Debt Service must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of the sale. Also, earnings on project monies invested together with unused proceeds are reported here.

**Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve** - According to General Municipal Law §6-p, must be used for the payment of accrued employee benefits due to an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.

**Insurance Reserve** - According to General Municipal Law §6-n, must be used to pay liability, casualty and other types of losses, except losses incurred for which the following types of insurance may be purchased: life, accident, health, annuities, fidelity and surety, credit, title residual value and mortgage guarantee. In addition, this reserve may not be used for any purpose for which a special reserve may be established pursuant to law (for example, for unemployment compensation insurance). The reserve may be established by Board action, and funded by budgetary appropriation, or such other funds as may be legally appropriated. There is no limit on the amount that may be accumulated in the Insurance Reserve, however, the annual contribution to this reserve may not exceed the greater of \$33,000 or 5% of the budget. Settled or compromised claims up to \$25,000 may be paid from the reserve without judicial approval.

**Liability Reserve** - According to General Municipal Law §1709(8)(c), must be used to pay for property loss and liability claims incurred. Separate funds for property loss and liability claims are required, and this reserve may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or \$15,000, whichever is greater.

**<u>Repair Reserve</u>** - According to General Municipal Law §6-d, must be used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education, without voter approval, may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years.

**<u>Retirement Contribution Reserve</u>** - According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board.

<u>**Teachers' Retirement Reserve**</u> – General Municipal Law §6r was amended to include a Teachers' Retirement Reserve (TRS) sub-fund. The reserve has an annual funding limit of 2% of the prior year TRS salaries and a maximum cumulative total balance of 10% of the previous year's TRS salary.

<u>Unemployment Insurance Reserve</u> - According to General Municipal Law §6m, must be used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. **Workers' Compensation Reserve** - According to General Municipal Law §6-j, must be used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget.

Total

Restricted fund balances include the following:

	lotal
<u>General Fund -</u>	
Workers' Compensation	\$ 180,347
Unemployment Costs	469,420
Retirement Contribution - ERS	729,554
Retirement Contribution - TRS	574,319
Insurance	38,232
Repair	299,561
Liability	502,457
Capital Reserves	4,242,585
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	267,259
Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	
Scholarships	584,822
Other Restricted Miscellaneous	23,619
<u>Debt Service Fund -</u>	
Debt Service	637,350
<b>Total Restricted Fund Balance</b>	\$ 8,549,525

The District appropriated \$50,000 from the debt service reserve to support the 2023-2024 budget.

**c.** <u>**Committed</u></u> - Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the school districts highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2023.</u>** 

**d.** <u>Assigned Fund Balance</u> – Includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as assigned fund balance. Encumbrances represent purchase commitments made by the District's purchasing agent through their authorization of a purchase order prior to year-end. The District assignment is based on the functional level of expenditures.

Management has determined significant encumbrances for the General Fund to be \$32,500 significant encumbrances for the Capital Fund to be \$16,500 and significant encumbrances for the Special Aid Fund to be \$4,500. The District reports the following significant encumbrances:

<u>General Fund -</u>	
General Support	\$ 97,264
<u>Capital Projects Fund -</u>	
Capital Improvements	\$ 3,184,884
<u> Special Aid Fund -</u>	
Instructional	\$ 72,687

Assigned fund balances include the following:

	<u>Total</u>
General Fund - Encumbrances	\$ 128,749
Capital Projects	100,000
School Lunch Fund - Year End Equity	109,339
<b>Total Assigned Fund Balance</b>	\$ 338,088

e. **Unassigned Fund Balance** – Includes all other general fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the school district and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the District's budget for the general fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the general fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

#### 3. **Order of Use of Fund Balance**

The District's policy is to apply expenditures against nonspendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance, and unassigned fund balance at the end of the fiscal year. For all funds, nonspendable fund balances are determined first and then restricted fund balances for specific purposes are determined. Any remaining fund balance amounts for funds other than the general fund are classified as restricted fund balance. In the general fund, the remaining amounts are reported as unassigned. Assignments of fund balance cannot cause a negative unassigned fund balance.

#### U. <u>New Accounting Standards</u>

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2023, the District implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement No. 91, Conduit Debt Obligations.

GASB has issued Statement No. 93, Replacement of Interbank Offered Rates, Paragraph 11b.

GASB has issued Statement No. 96, Subscription Based Information Technology.

GASB has issued Statement No. 99, Omnibus 2022 (leases, PPPs, and SBITAs).

#### V. <u>Future Changes in Accounting Standards</u>

GASB has issued Statement No. 100, Accounting for Changes and Error Corrections-an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 62, which will be effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2023.

GASB has issued Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, which will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2023.

The District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

#### II. <u>Changes in Accounting Principles</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA)*. The implementation of the statement changes the reporting for SBITAs. There was no financial statement impact for the implementation for the Statement.

#### III. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

By its nature as a local government unit, the District is subject to various federal, state and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the District's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over District resources follows.

#### A. <u>Budgets</u>

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the General Fund.

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget.

Appropriations established by adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) which may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restriction, if the Board approves them because of a need which exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. During the 2022-23 fiscal year, the budget was increased by \$1,235,050 as follows: \$688,441 of prior year carryover encumbrances, \$494,841 in bus purchases and \$51,768 for liability reserve expense.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital projects fund expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District's voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

#### B. Encumbrances

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

### C. <u>Deficit Fund Balance – Capital Projects Fund</u>

The Capital Projects Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$6,444,256 at June 30, 2023, which is a result of bond anticipation notes which are used as a temporary means of financing capital projects. These proceeds are not recognized as revenue but merely serve to provide cash to meet expenditures. This results in the creation of a fund deficit which will remain until the notes are replaced by permanent financing (i.e., bonds, grants-in-aid, or redemption from current appropriations).

### IV. Cash and Cash Equivalents

<u>Credit Risk</u> – In compliance with the State Law, District investments are limited to obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America, obligations of the State, time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit issued by a bank or trust company located in, and authorized to do business in, the State, and obligations used by other municipalities and authorities within the State.

<u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u> – To promote competition in rates and service costs, and to limit the risk of institutional failure, District deposits and investments are placed with multiple institutions. The District's investment policy limits the amounts that may be deposited with any one financial institution.

<u>Interest Rate Risk</u> – The District has an investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates.

The District's aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	\$ -
Collateralized within Trust Department or Agent	 4,216,467
Total	\$ 4,216,467

Restricted cash represents cash where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$8,549,525 within the governmental funds and \$64,100 in the fiduciary funds.

#### V. Investment Pool

The District participates in a multi-municipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 5-G, §119-O, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. The investments are highly liquid and are considered to be cash equivalents.

Total investments of the cooperative as of year-end are \$6,300,832, which consisted of \$1,883,319 in repurchase agreements, \$3,628,019 in U.S. Treasury Securities, \$150,590 in FDIC insured deposits, and \$638,904 in collateralized bank deposits, with various interest rates and due dates.

The following amounts are included as unrestricted and restricted cash:

	Bank		Carrying	Type of
<u>Fund</u>	Amount		Invesment	
General	\$ 5,416,432	\$	5,416,432	CLASS
Debt Service	299,064		299,064	CLASS
Capital	115,188		115,188	CLASS
Misc. Special Revenue	470,148		470,148	CLASS
Total	\$ 6,300,832	\$	6,300,832	

#### VI. <u>Receivables</u>

**A.** Receivables at June 30, 2023 for individual major funds and nonmajor funds, including the applicable allowances for uncollectible accounts, are as follows:

	Governmental Activities									
		General	]	Projects	Ν	onmajor				
<b>Description</b>		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Fund</u>		<b>Funds</b>		<u>Total</u>		
Lease Receivable	\$	1,034,502	\$	-			\$	1,034,502		
Due From State and Federal		260,609		585,919		419,199		1,265,727		
Due From Other Governments		1,133,883		-				1,133,883		
<b>Total Receivables</b>	\$	2,428,994	\$	585,919	\$	419,199	\$	3,434,112		

District management has deemed the amounts to be fully collectible.

**B.** <u>Lease Receivable</u> - The District has entered into a lease of their classroom space which matures in the year 2028. The future principal and interest collections are as follows:

Year	]	<u>Principal</u>	]	nterest
2024	\$	193,294	\$	31,706
2025		199,870		25,130
2026		206,669		18,331
2027		213,699		11,300
2028		220,970		4,030
Total	\$	1,034,502	\$	90,497

#### VII. Interfund Receivables, Payables, Revenues and Expenditures

Interfund Receivables, Payables, Revenues and Expenditures at June 30, 2023 were as follows:

		Interfund								
	R	eceivables	P	ayables	F	Revenues	<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Fund	\$	1,063,450	\$	73,138	\$	58,275	\$	648,385		
Capital Projects Fund		-		396,560		594,841		395,751		
Non-major Funds		524,910		1,118,662		441,020		50,000		
Total	\$	1,588,360	\$	1,588,360	\$	1,094,136	\$	1,094,136		

Interfund receivables and payables between governmental activities are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues. All interfund payables are not necessarily expected to be repaid within one year.

Transfers are used to finance certain special aid programs, support capital project expenditures, school lunch programs and debt service expenditures.

### VIII. Capital Assets and Lease Assets

### A. <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset balances and activity were as follows:

	Balance					Balance		
Type		<u>07/01/22</u>		<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>06/30/23</u>		
Governmental Activities:								
Capital Assets that are not Depreciated -								
Land	\$	51,600	\$	-	\$ -	\$	51,600	
Work in progress		13,062,579		8,388,043	 12,552,203		8,898,419	
Total Nondepreciable	\$	13,114,179	\$	8,388,043	\$ 12,552,203	\$	8,950,019	
Capital Assets that are Depreciated -				_				
Buildings and Improvements	\$	43,400,531	\$	12,482,455	\$ -	\$	55,882,986	
Machinery and equipment		3,503,873		519,451	 53,629		3,969,695	
Total Depreciated Assets	\$	46,904,404	\$	13,001,906	\$ 53,629	\$	59,852,681	
Less Accumulated Depreciation -				_				
Buildings and Improvements	\$	20,394,257	\$	957,453	\$ -	\$	21,351,710	
Machinery and equipment		1,379,192		360,371	 37,541		1,702,022	
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	21,773,449	\$	1,317,824	\$ 37,541	\$	23,053,732	
Total Capital Assets Depreciated, Net				_				
of Accumulated Depreciation	\$	25,130,955	\$	11,684,082	\$ 16,088	\$	36,798,949	
<b>Total Capital Assets</b>	\$	38,245,134	\$	20,072,125	\$ 12,568,291	\$	45,748,968	

### B. <u>Lease Assets</u>

A summary of the lease asset activity is as follows:

<u>Type</u> Lease Assets:		Balance 7/1/2022	<u>A</u>	dditions	Ī	<u>Deletions</u>		Balance <u>6/30/2023</u>		
Equipment Less Accumulated Amortization -	\$	897,220	\$	129,130	\$	(108,845)	\$	917,505		
Equipment <i>Total Lease Assets, Net</i>	<u>\$</u>	332,148 565,072	\$ \$	115,674 <b>13,456</b>	\$ \$	(85,458) (23,387)	\$ \$	362,364 <b>555,141</b>		
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C. Other capital assets (net of depreciation and amortization:

Depreciated Capital Assets (net)	\$ 36,798,949
Amortized Lease Assets (net)	 555,141
Total Other Capital Assets (net)	\$ 37,354,090

**D.** Depreciation/Amortization expense for the period was charged to functions/programs as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	De	epreciation	Am	<u>ortization</u>	<u>Total</u>		
General Government Support	\$	109,879	\$	-	\$	109,879	
Instruction		842,674		115,674		958,348	
Pupil Transportation		52,856		-		52,856	
School Lunch		312,415		-		312,415	
Total	\$	1,317,824	\$	115,674	\$	1,433,498	

### IX. <u>Short-Term Debt</u>

Transactions in short-term debt for the year are summarized below:

		Interest	Bal	lance						Balance
	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	7/1/	/2022	1	<b>Additions</b>	Del	etions	(	6/30/2023
BAN	8/17/2023	4.00%	\$	-	\$	8,500,000	\$		\$	8,500,000

Short-term interest expense for the year totaled \$295,611.

### X. Long-Term Debt Obligations

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	Balance <u>7/1/2022</u>	4	Additions	Deletions	Balance <u>6/30/2023</u>	_	ue Within <u>Dne Year</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
<b>Bonds and Notes Payable -</b>							
Serial Bonds	\$ 9,375,000	\$	-	\$ 855,000	\$ 8,520,000	\$	885,000
Lease liability	4,933		-	1,466	3,467		1,478
Unamortized Bond Premium	1,552,353		-	194,044	1,358,309		194,044
Energy Performance Contracts	1,035,000		-	115,000	920,000		120,000
<b>Total Bonds and Notes Payable</b>	\$ 11,967,286	\$	-	\$ 1,165,510	\$ 10,801,776	\$	1,200,522
<u>Other Liabilities -</u>							
Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$	1,803,357	\$ -	\$ 1,803,357	\$	-
OPEB	3,174,401		214,613	-	3,389,014		-
Retainage	-		347,353	-	347,353		347,353
Compensated Absences	176,883		-	13,617	163,266		40,817
<b>Total Other Liabilities</b>	\$ 3,351,284	\$	2,365,323	\$ 13,617	\$ 5,702,990	\$	388,170
Total Long-Term Obligations	\$ 15,318,570	\$	2,365,323	\$ 1,179,127	\$ 16,504,766	\$	1,588,692

The General Fund has typically been used to liquidate long-term liabilities such as compensated absences.

Existing serial and statutory bond obligations:

<u>Description</u> Serial Bonds -	Original <u>Amount</u>	Issue <u>Date</u>	Final <u>Maturity</u>	Interest <u>Rate</u>	O	Amount utstanding 5/30/2023
Construction	\$ 2,410,000	2015	2030	3.0%-3.5%	\$	1,385,000
Construction	\$ 1,590,000	2017	2024	1.0%-2.0%		270,000
Construction	\$ 7,700,000	2021	2036	4.0%-5.0%		6,865,000
<b>Total Serial Bonds</b>					\$	8,520,000
Energy Performance C	<u>Contract -</u>					
Construction	\$ 1,714,506	2015	2030	2.75%	\$	920,000
Leases -						
Equipment	\$ 7,874	2021	2026	0.79%	\$	3,467

The following is a summary of debt service requirements:

		Serial	Bone	onds Energy Performance Contract				Lea	ases			
Year	]	<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>	F	Principal	]	Interest	Pr	incipal	Int	terest
2024	\$	885,000	\$	377,400	\$	120,000	\$	25,300	\$	1,478	\$	22
2025		640,000		345,650		125,000		22,000		1,490		10
2026		670,000		318,200		130,000		18,562		499		-
2027		705,000		288,500		130,000		14,988		-		-
2028		735,000		257,000		135,000		11,413		-		-
2029-33		3,515,000		774,487		280,000		11,550		-		-
2034-36		1,370,000		82,800		-		-		-		-
Total	\$	8,520,000	\$	2,444,037	\$	920,000	\$	103,813	\$	3,467	\$	32

In prior years, the District defeased certain general obligations and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the District's financial statements. \$270,000 of bonds outstanding are considered defeased.

Interest on long-term debt for June 30, 2023 was composed of:

Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year Total Long-Term Interest Expense	¢	40,955 <b>237,976</b>
Less: Amortized bond premium		(194,044)
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year		(45,382)
Interest Paid	\$	436,447

#### XI. Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

The following is a summary of the deferred inflows/outflows of resources:

	Deferred <u>Outflows</u>	Deferred <u>Inflows</u>
Pension	\$ 4,438,031	\$ 525,821
Leases	-	1,034,502
EPC	145,300	-
OPEB	737,981	89,977
Total	\$ 5,321,312	\$ 1,650,300

#### XII. Pension Plans

#### A. <u>General Information</u>

The District participates in the New York State Teacher's Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (ERS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The 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.

#### B. <u>Provisions and Administration</u>

A 10 member Board of Trustees of the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board administers TRS. TRS provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the system, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to NYSTRS, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, New York 12211-2395 or by referring to the TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report, which can be found on the System's website at <u>www.nystrs.org</u>.

ERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. NYSRSSL govern obligations of employers and employees to contribute, and benefits to employees. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to NYSERS, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244 or by referring to the ERS Comprehensive Annual Report, which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php.

#### C. Funding Policies

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010 who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31. The District paid 100% of the required contributions as billed by the TRS and ERS for the current year and each of the two preceding years.

The District's share of the required contributions, based on covered payroll paid for the District's year ended June 30, 2023:

<b>Contributions</b>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>		
2023	\$ 176,223	\$	755,476	

#### D. <u>Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred</u> Inflows of Resources related to Pensions

At June 30, 2023, the District reported the following asset/(liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset/(liability) was measured as of March 31, 2023 for ERS and June 30, 2022 for TRS. The total pension asset/(liability) used to calculate the net pension asset/(liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset/(liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the TRS and ERS Systems in reports provided to the District.

		ERS		TRS
Measurement date	Ma	rch 31, 2023	Jur	ne 30, 2022
Net pension assets/(liability)	\$	(1,134,100)	\$	(669,257)
District's portion of the Plan's total				
net pension asset/(liability)		0.005%		0.035%

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized pension expenses of \$425,633 for ERS and \$824,043 for TRS. At June 30, 2023 the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources			Deferred Inflows of Resources				
		ERS		TRS		ERS		TRS
Differences between expected and								
actual experience	\$	120,791	\$	701,297	\$	31,850	\$	13,411
Changes of assumptions		550,792		1,298,246		6,087		269,596
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan								
investments		-		864,744		6,663		-
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and								
proportionate share of contributions		77,798		75,224		10,897		187,317
Subtotal	\$	749,381	\$	2,939,511	\$	55,497	\$	470,324
District's contributions subsequent to the								
measurement date		71,581		677,558		-		-
Grand Total	\$	820,962	\$	3,617,069	\$	55,497	\$	470,324

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	ERS		<u>TRS</u>
2023	\$ -	\$	465,312
2024	171,286		237,187
2025	(42,536)		(118,133)
2026	248,365		1,691,798
2027	316,769		198,345
Thereafter	 -		(5,322)
Total	\$ 693,884	\$	2,469,187
		-	

#### E. <u>Actuarial Assumptions</u>

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

	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2022	June 30, 2021
Interest rate	5.90%	6.95%
Salary scale	4.40%	5.18%-1.95%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2015- March 31, 2020 System's Experience	July 1, 2015- June 30, 2020 System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.90%	2.40%
COLA's	1.50%	1.30%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020 System experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2021. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on plan member experience adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2021.

The long term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of March 31, 2023 are summarized as follows:

Long Term Expected Rate of Return							
	ERS	<u>TRS</u>					
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022					
<u>Asset Type -</u>							
Domestic equity	4.30%	6.50%					
International equity	6.85%	7.20%					
Global equity	0.00%	6.90%					
Private equity	7.50%	9.90%					
Real estate	4.60%	6.20%					
Opportunistic portfolios	5.38%	0.00%					
Real assets	5.84%	0.00%					
Bonds and mortgages	0.00%	0.60%					
Cash	0.00%	-0.30%					
Private debt	0.00%	5.30%					
Real estate debt	0.00%	2.40%					
High-yield fixed income securities	0.00%	3.30%					
Domestic fixed income securities	0.00%	1.10%					
Global fixed income securities	0.00%	0.00%					
Short-term	0.00%	0.00%					
Credit	5.43%	0.00%					

The real rate of return is net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.5% for ERS and 2.4% for TRS.

#### F. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 5.90% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### G. <u>Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption</u>

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.90% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentagepoint lower (4.90% for ERS and 5.95% for TRS) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.90% for ERS and 7.95% for TRS) than the current assumption :

<u>ERS</u> Employer's proportionate share of the net pension	1% Decrease (4.90%)	Current Assumption <u>(5.90%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(6.90%)</u>
asset (liability)	\$ (2,740,633)	\$ (1,134,100)	\$ 208,345
TRS Employer's proportionate	1% Decrease ( <u>5.95%)</u>	Current Assumption <u>(6.95%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(7.95%)</u>
share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (6,170,865)	\$ (669,257)	\$ 3,957,559

#### H. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

	(In Tho	usands)
	ERS	TRS
Measurement date	March 31, 2023	June 30, 2022
Employers' total pension liability	\$ 232,627,259	\$ 133,883,473
Plan net position	211,183,223	131,964,582
Employers' net pension asset/(liability)	\$ (21,444,036)	\$ (1,918,891)
Ratio of plan net position to the employers' total pension asset/(liability)	90.78%	98.60%

#### I. <u>Payables to the Pension Plan</u>

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 amounted to \$71,581.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2023 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2023 amounted to \$755,476.

#### XIII. Postemployment Benefits

#### A. <u>General Information About the OPEB Plan</u>

*Plan Description* – The District's defined benefit OPEB plan, provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general and public safety employees of the District. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

*Benefits Provided* – The District provides healthcare and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms* – At June 30, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	10
Active Employees	70
Total	80

#### B. <u>Total OPEB Liability</u>

The District's total OPEB liability of \$3,389,014 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.65 percent
Salary Increases	2.4 percent, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.65 percent
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Initial rate of 6.40% decreasing to ultimate rate of 3.80% over over 55 years
Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related Costs	Varies depending on contract

The discount rate was based on a yield or index rate for 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds.

Mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Headcount-weighted Mortality Table for Teaching Positions and PubG-2010 Headcount-Weighted Mortality Table for Non-Teaching positions with scale MP-2021 as appropriate.

#### C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

\$ 3,174,401
\$ 215,311
118,298
(22,239)
 (96,757)
\$ 214,613
\$ 3,389,014
\$ \$ \$ \$

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65 percent) than the current discount rate:

			]	Discount		
	1%	Decrease		Rate	10	% Increase
	(	2.65%)		<u>(3.65%)</u>		<u>(4.65%)</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$	3,725,951	\$	3,389,014	\$	3,077,152

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

			Н	lealthcare				
	1%	6 Decrease	Cost	<b>Trend Rates</b>	10	<b>%</b> Increase		
		(5%		(6%		(7%)		
	D	ecreasing	D	ecreasing	Decreasing			
		<u>to 2.8%)</u>		<u>to 3.8%)</u>	<u>to 4.8%)</u>			
Total OPEB Liability	\$	2,889,009	\$	3,389,014	\$	3,993,927		

### D. <u>OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources</u> Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$403,016. At June 30, 2023, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	red Outflows Resources	_	red Inflows Resources
Differences between expected and			
actual experience	\$ 418,493	\$	28,032
Changes of assumptions	319,488		61,945
Total	\$ 737,981	\$	89,977

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

<u>Year</u>	
2024	\$ 69,407
2025	69,407
2026	69,407
2027	69,407
2028	77,362
Thereafter	 293,014
Total	\$ 648,004

#### XIV. <u>Risk Management</u>

#### A. <u>General Information</u>

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to injuries to employees, theft, damages, natural disasters, etc. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past two years.

#### B. <u>Workers' Compensation</u>

The District incurs costs related to the Wayne-Finger Lakes Area School Workers' Compensation Plan (Plan) sponsored by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, of Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Cayuga and Wayne Counties and its component districts. The Plan's objectives are to furnish workers' compensation benefits to participating districts at a significant cost savings. Membership in the Plan may be offered to any component district of the Ontario, Seneca, Yates, Cayuga, and Wayne Counties BOCES with the approval of the Board of Directors. Voluntary withdrawal from the Plan may be effective only once annually on the last day of the Plan year as may be established by the Board of Directors. Notice of the Intention to Withdraw must be given in writing to the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer not less than one year prior to the end of the Plan year.

Plan membership is currently comprised of the Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and twenty-two districts. If a surplus of participants' assessments exists after the close of a Plan year, the Board may retain from such surplus an amount sufficient to establish and maintain a claim contingency fund. Surplus funds in excess of the amount transferred to or included in such contingency fund shall be applied in reduction of the next annual assessment or to the billing of Plan participants. All monies paid to the Treasurer by participants shall be commingled and administered as a common fund. No refunds shall be made to a participant and no assessments shall be charged to a participant other than the annual assessment. However, if it appears to the Board of Directors that the liabilities of the Plan will exceed its cash assets, after taking into account any "excess insurance", the Board shall determine the amount needed to meet such deficiency and shall assess such amount against all participants pro-rata per enrollee.

The Plan purchases, on an annual basis, stop-loss insurance to limit its exposure for claims paid.

The Plan establishes a liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments of losses and related claim adjustment expenses. However, because actual claims costs depend on complex factors, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Such claims are based on the ultimate cost of claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled and claims that have been incurred but not reported. Adjustments to claims liabilities are charged or credited to expenses in the periods in which they are made. During the year ended June 30, 2023, the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District incurred premiums or contribution expenditures totaling \$88,688.

The Plan is audited on an annual basis and is available at the BOCES administrative offices. The most recent audit available for the year ended June 30, 2022, revealed that the Plan is not fully funded. The District has established a workers' compensation reserve which totals \$180,347 as of June 30, 2023.

### C. <u>Unemployment</u>

District employees are entitled to coverage under the New York State Unemployment Insurance Law. The District has elected to discharge its liability to the New York State Unemployment Insurance Fund (the Fund) by the benefit reimbursement method, a dollar-for-dollar reimbursement to the fund for benefits paid from the fund to former employees. The District has established a self-insurance fund to pay these claims. There were \$7,697 in claim and judgment expenditures of this program for the 2022-23 fiscal year. The balance of the fund at June 30, 2023 was \$469,420 and is recorded in the General Fund as an Unemployment Insurance Reserve. In addition, as of June 30, 2023, no loss contingencies existed or were considered probable or estimable for incurred but not reported claims payable.

#### D. <u>Health Care Plan</u>

The District has established a Section 105 Health Care Plan for any regularly employed full-time certified employees represented by the Faculty Association, any regularly employed full-time certificated and/or classified employees represented by the Administrators' agreement. The sole purpose of the Plan is to provide employees with certain health care and medical expense benefits in addition to the basic hospital coverage.

The Plan stipulates the specific employer contributions to be made annually for each eligible employee.

As of June 30, 2023 the accumulated balance of the Plan recorded in the General Fund which was available for benefits totaled \$32,067.

#### XV. Commitments and Contingencies

#### A. Litigation

No pending litigation as of June, 30 2023.

### B. Grants

The District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and Federal Governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds. Based on prior years' experience, the District's administration believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

#### XVI. <u>Tax Abatement</u>

The County of Ontario IDA, and the District enter into various property tax abatement programs for the purpose of Economic Development. As a result the District property tax revenue was reduced \$6,721. The District received payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) payment totaling \$6,281 to help offset the property tax reduction.

#### XVII. Subsequent Event

On August 16,2023 the District borrowed a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$8,903,189 at 4.5% which matures August 15, 2024.

## Required Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Schedule of Changes in District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratio For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

		ТОТ	AL	OPEB LIABI	LITY	Y								
		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>								
Service cost	\$ 215,311		\$ 215,311		\$	161,019		135,128	\$	126,322	\$	127,987	\$	124,259
Interest		118,298		54,831		54,711		78,019		67,999		64,959		
Differences between expected														
and actual experiences		-		458,124		-		(47,364)		-		63,911		
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		(22,239)	(22,239) 211,958 10,394			231,264		(91,485)		-				
Benefit payments		(96,757)		(176,972)	(176,972)		(150,922)			(130,141)		(180,514)		
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	\$	214,613	3 \$ 708,960 \$		50,529	\$ 237,319		\$	(25,640)	\$	72,615			
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	\$	3,174,401	\$	2,465,441	\$	2,414,912	\$	2,177,593	\$	2,203,233	\$	2,130,618		
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$	3,389,014	\$	3,174,401	\$	2,465,441	\$	2,414,912	\$	2,177,593	\$	2,203,233		
Covered Employee Payroll	\$	4,318,406	\$	4,318,406	\$	4,188,353	\$	4,188,353	\$	4,743,643	\$	4,743,643		
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered														
Employee Payroll		78.48%		73.51%		58.86%		57.66%		45.91%		46.45%		

10 years of historical information is not available, and will be added each year subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is present.

### Required Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	NYSERS Pension Plan													
~	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>					
Proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	0.0053%	0.0046%	0.0041%	0.004265%	0.004230%	0.0040851%	0.0040162%	0.0039%	0.0040%					
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$ 1,134,100	\$ (372,457)	\$ 4,051	\$ 1,129,397	\$ 299,709	\$ 131,846	\$ 377,370	\$ 618,318	\$ 127,996					
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,703,528	\$ 1,383,733	\$ 1,461,747	\$ 1,474,675	\$ 1,430,110	\$ 1,408,599	\$ 1,400,782	\$ 1,213,767	\$ 1,417,825					
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	66.574%	-26.917%	0.277%	76.586%	20.957%	9.360%	26.940%	50.942%	9.028%					
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	90.78%	103.65%	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%					
			NY	STRS Pension P	lan									
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>					
Proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	0.0349%	0.0321%	0.0333%	0.034432%	0.034586%	0.0335%	0.0324%	0.0335%	0.0330%					
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$ 669,257	\$ (5,565,284)	\$ 920,044	\$ (894,539)	\$ (625,410)	\$ (254,546)	\$ 347,006	\$ (3,474,398)	\$ (3,562,379)					
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,584,625	\$ 6,125,561	\$ 5,471,962	\$ 5,698,448	\$ 5,776,937	\$ 5,722,048	\$ 5,367,712	\$ 5,077,653	\$ 5,019,084					
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	10.164%	-90.853%	16.814%	-15.698%	-10.826%	-4.449%	6.465%	-68.425%	-70.977%					
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	98.60%	113.20%	97.80%	102.20%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%					

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(See Independent Auditors' Report)

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

#### MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

#### Schedule of District Contributions

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

NYSERS Pension Plan															
		<u>2023</u>		2022		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	2017	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$	176,223	\$	202,905	\$	192,650	\$	185,641	\$	186,795	\$ 201,032	\$ 197,065	\$ 174,422	\$	235,850
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(176,223)		(202,905)		(192,650)	_	(185,641)		(186,795)	(201,032)	 (197,065)	(174,422)		(235,850)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Covered-employee payroll	\$	1,703,528	\$	1,383,733	\$	1,461,747	\$	1,474,675	\$	1,430,110	\$ 1,408,599	\$ 1,400,782	\$ 1,213,767	\$	1,417,825
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		10.34%		14.66%		13.18%		12.59%		13.06%	14.27%	14.07%	14.37%		16.63%

NYSTRS Pension Plan															
		<u>2023</u>		2022		<u>2021</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>		<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contributions	\$	755,476	\$	669,606	\$	561,963	\$	550,688	\$	666,806	\$ 616,155	\$ 674,314	\$ 714,709	\$	931,526
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution		(755,476)		(669,606)		(561,963)		(550,688)		(666,806)	(616,155)	(674,314)	(714,709)		(931,526)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Covered-employee payroll	\$	6,584,625	\$	6,125,561	\$	5,471,962	\$	5,698,448	\$	5,776,937	\$ 5,722,048	\$ 5,367,712	\$ 5,077,653	\$	5,019,084
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		11.47%		10.93%		10.27%		9.66%		11.54%	10.77%	12.56%	14.08%		18.56%

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## Required Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual - General Fund

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	- 8		Amended <u>Budget</u>				er (Under) Revised <u>Budget</u>	
REVENUES								
Local Sources -								
Real property taxes	\$	7,815,804	\$	6,615,415	\$	6,615,415	\$	-
Real property tax items		24,000		1,224,389		1,221,990		(2,399)
Charges for services		327,117		327,117		555,008		227,891
Use of money and property		250,000		250,000		436,623		186,623
Sale of property and								
compensation for loss		48,000		48,000		28,778		(19,222)
Miscellaneous		233,000		233,000		281,823		48,823
State Sources -								
Basic formula		12,756,836		12,756,836		9,044,309		(3,712,527)
Lottery aid		-		-		2,145,168		2,145,168
BOCES		-		-		1,063,599		1,063,599
Textbooks		59,888		59,888		44,562		(15,326)
All Other Aid -								
Computer software		14,446		14,446		25,919		11,473
Library loan		-		-		4,687		4,687
Other aid		-		-		2,073		2,073
Federal Sources		28,712		28,712		70,800		42,088
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	21,557,803	\$	21,557,803	\$	21,540,754	\$	(17,049)
Other Sources -								
Transfer - in	\$	50,000	\$	50,000	\$	58,275	\$	8,275
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER								
SOURCES	\$	21,607,803	\$	21,607,803	\$	21,599,029	\$	(8,774)
Appropriated reserves	\$	-	\$	546,609				
Prior year encumbrances	\$	688,441	\$	688,441				
TOTAL REVENUES AND								
<b>APPROPRIATED RESERVES/</b>								
FUND BALANCE	\$	22,296,244	\$	22,842,853				

#### **Required Supplementary Information**

#### MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance -

Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual - General Fund

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Amended <u>Budget</u>	Current Year's <u>Expenditures</u>		<u>Encumbrances</u>		encumbered <u>Balances</u>
EXPENDITURES							
General Support -							
Board of education	\$ 23,035	\$ 27,834	\$	20,120	\$	-	\$ 7,714
Central administration	215,573	227,723		226,923		-	800
Finance	412,792	415,798		412,987		-	2,811
Staff	79,961	129,098		113,008		-	16,090
Central services	2,888,192	3,124,433		2,887,392		97,264	139,777
Special items	284,516	313,711		313,707		-	4
Instructional -							
Instruction, administration and improvement	769,536	811,042		752,785		-	58,257
Teaching - regular school	4,982,880	5,001,401		4,626,866		23,306	351,229
Programs for children with							
handicapping conditions	3,607,102	3,216,963		2,964,059		114	252,790
Occupational education	487,121	487,121		435,547		-	51,574
Teaching - special schools	40,000	49,447		49,447		-	-
Instructional media	842,015	848,156		766,484		-	81,672
Pupil services	900,394	903,104		746,449		4,048	152,607
Pupil Transportation	1,091,698	1,083,951		991,716		-	92,235
Employee Benefits	4,095,596	3,970,289		3,711,820		4,017	254,452
Debt service - principal	1,110,000	1,111,466		971,466		-	140,000
Debt service - interest	365,833	436,447		436,447		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 22,196,244	\$ 22,157,984	\$	20,427,223	\$	128,749	\$ 1,602,012
Other Uses -							
Transfers - out	\$ 100,000	\$ 684,869	\$	648,385	\$	-	\$ 36,484
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND							
OTHER USES	\$ 22,296,244	\$ 22,842,853	\$	21,075,608	\$	128,749	\$ 1,638,496
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$	523,421			
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	 7,982,001	 7,982,001		7,982,001			
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 7,982,001	\$ 7,982,001	\$	8,505,422			

Note to Required Supplementary Information:

A reconciliation is not necessary since encumbrances are presented in a separate column on this schedule.

## Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Schedule of Change From Adopted Budget To Final Budget And The Real Property Tax Limit For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

### CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET:

Adopted budget	\$ 21,607,803
Prior year's encumbrances	688,441
Original Budget	\$ 22,296,244
Budget revisions -	
Bus Purchase	494,841
Liability reserve expense	51,768
FINAL BUDGET	\$ 22,842,853

#### SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION:

2023-24 voter approved expenditure budget		\$ 22,332,392
Unrestricted fund balance:		
Assigned fund balance	\$ 128,749	
Unassigned fund balance	893,296	
Total Unrestricted fund balance	\$ 1,022,045	
Less adjustments:		
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	\$ 128,749	
Total adjustments	\$ 128,749	
General fund fund balance subject to Section 1318 of		
Real Property Tax Law		 893,296
ACTUAL PERCENTAGE		4.00%

#### Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND Schedule of Project Expenditures For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

				Expenditures		Methods of Financing						
	Original	Revised	Prior	Current		Unexpended		Local	State			Fund
Project Title	Appropriation	Appropriation	<u>Years</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Obligations</b>	Sources	Sources	<b>Transfers</b>	<u>Total</u>	<b>Balance</b>
Improvements 2014	\$ 3,156,000	\$ 3,156,000	\$ 3,133,154	\$-	\$ 3,133,154	\$ 22,846	\$ 2,410,000	\$ 746,000	\$-	\$ (22,846)	\$ 3,133,154	\$ -
Improvements 2018	12,000,000	12,000,000	11,626,205	9,164	11,635,369	364,631	7,700,000	4,300,000	-	(364,631)	11,635,369	-
Improvements 2021	11,900,000	11,900,000	718,012	7,833,055	8,551,067	3,348,933	-	2,006,811	-	-	2,006,811	(6,544,256)
100k Project Improvements	100,000	100,000	91,726	-	91,726	8,274	-	100,000	-	(8,274)	91,726	-
21-22 Capital Outlay	100,000	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	-	-	100,000	-	-	100,000	-
Smart Schools Bond Act	710,607	710,607	560,304	98,471	658,775	51,832	-	-	658,775	-	658,775	-
2022-2023 Buses	496,000	496,000	-	494,841	494,841	1,159	-	494,841	-	-	494,841	-
2022-2023 Capital Outlay TOTAL	100,000 \$ 28,562,607	100,000 <b>\$ 28,562,607</b>	<u>-</u> \$ 16,129,401	\$ 8,535,531	\$ 24,664,932	100,000 \$ 3,897,675		100,000 \$ 7,847,652	\$ 658,775	\$ (395,751)	100,000 <b>\$ 18,220,676</b>	100,000 \$ (6,444,256)

# Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds

### June 30, 2023

				Special						Total	
		Special		enue Funds School		cellaneous		Debt	Nonmajor		
		Aid		Lunch	Spec	ial Revenue		Service	Go	vernmental	
		<b>Fund</b>		<b>Fund</b>		<b>Fund</b>		<b>Fund</b>		<b>Funds</b>	
ASSETS											
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	488,072	\$	172,303	\$	608,441	\$	299,065	\$	1,567,881	
Receivables		391,405		27,794		-		-		419,199	
Inventories		-		15,645		-		-		15,645	
Due from other funds		53,753		82,872		-		388,285		524,910	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	933,230	\$	298,614	\$	608,441	\$	687,350	\$	2,527,635	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
<u>Liabilities</u> -	<b></b>		<i>•</i>	2 4 60	¢		<i>•</i>		<b>•</b>	2.1.60	
Accounts payable	\$	-	\$	3,168	\$	-	\$	-	\$	3,168	
Accrued liabilities		2,690		210		-		-		2,900	
Due to other funds		901,841		166,821		-		50,000		1,118,662	
Due to other governments		-		112		-		-		112	
Unearned revenue		28,699		3,319		-		-		32,018	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	933,230	\$	173,630	\$	-	\$	50,000	\$	1,156,860	
Fund Balances -											
Nonspendable	\$	-	\$	15,645	\$	-	\$	-	\$	15,645	
Restricted		-		-		608,441		637,350		1,245,791	
Assigned		-		109,339	_			-		109,339	
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	-	\$	124,984	\$	608,441	\$	637,350	\$	1,370,775	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND											
FUND BALANCES	\$	933,230	\$	298,614	\$	608,441	\$	687,350	\$	2,527,635	

### Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Nonmajor Governmental Funds

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Special enue Funds						Total
	 Special Aid	School Lunch			Debt Service		Nonmajor Governmental	
	Fund	Fund		Fund		Fund		<b>Funds</b>
REVENUES								
Use of money and property	\$ -	\$ 616	\$	17,319	\$	22,538	\$	40,473
Miscellaneous	-	29,282		117,689		-		146,971
State sources	198,017	9,250		-		-		207,267
Federal sources	1,280,087	500,661		-		-		1,780,748
Sales	 -	 146,725		-		-		146,725
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,478,104	\$ 686,534	\$	135,008	\$	22,538	\$	2,322,184
EXPENDITURES								
Instruction	\$ 1,277,368	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	1,277,368
Pupil transportation	50,797	-		-		-		50,797
Employee benefits	203,483	80,512		-		-		283,995
Cost of sales	-	322,205		-		-		322,205
Other expenses	-	253,978		85,181		-		339,159
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,531,648	\$ 656,695	\$	85,181	\$	-	\$	2,273,524
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES								
OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (53,544)	\$ 29,839	\$	49,827	\$	22,538	\$	48,660
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
Transfers - in	\$ 53,544	\$ -	\$	-	\$	387,476	\$	441,020
Transfers - out	-	-		-		(50,000)		(50,000)
Premium on obligations issued	-	-		-		120,530		120,530
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING								
SOURCES (USES)	\$ 53,544	\$ -	\$	-	\$	458,006	\$	511,550
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 29,839	\$	49,827	\$	480,544	\$	560,210
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING								
OF YEAR	 	95,145		558,614		156,806		810,565
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ -	\$ 124,984	\$	608,441	\$	637,350	\$	1,370,775

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## Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK Net Investment in Capital Assets/ Right to Use Assets For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

Capital assets/ right to use assets, net		\$ 46,304,109
Deduct:		
Bond payable	\$ 8,520,000	
Capital leases	3,467	
Energy performance contract	920,000	
Assets purchased with short-term financing	6,544,256	
Retainage payable	 347,353	
		 16,335,076
Net Investment in Capital Assets/ Right to Use Assets		\$ 29,969,033

## Supplementary Information MANCHESTER - SHORTSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

For The Year Ended June 30, 2023

<u>Grantor / Pass - Through Agency</u> <u>Federal Award Cluster / Program</u>	Assistance Listing <u>Number</u>	Pass-Through Agency <u>Number</u>	Total <u>Expenditures</u>		
U.S. Department of Education:					
Passed Through NYS Education Department -					
Special Education Cluster IDEA -					
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	0032-23-0669	\$	212,525	
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173	0033-23-0669		4,594	
ARP - Special Education - Grants to					
States (IDEA, Part B)-COVID-19	84.027	5532-22-0669		39,472	
ARP - Special Education - Preschool					
Grants (IDEA Preschool)-COVID-19	84.173	5533-22-0669		1,765	
Total Special Education Cluster IDEA			\$	258,356	
Education Stabilization Fund -					
CRRSA - ESSER 2-COVID-19	84.425D	5891-21-2195		322,740	
ARP Homeless II-COVID-19	84.425W	5218-21-2195		5,817	
ARP - ESSER 3-COVID-19	84.425U	5880-21-2195		143,534	
ARP - SLR Summer Enrichment-COVID-19	84.425U	5882-21-2195		726	
ARP - Full Day UPK Expansion 4YR Old-COVID-19	84.425U	5870-22-9179		37,238	
ARP - Full Day UPK Expansion 4YR Old-COVID-19	84.425U	5870-23-9179		103,672	
ARP - SLR Learning Loss-COVID-19	84.425U	5884-21-2195		185,772	
ARP - Afterschool-COVID-19	84.425U	5883-21-2195		12,480	
Total Education Stabilization Fund			\$	811,979	
Title IIA - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	0147-22-2195		6,460	
Title IIA - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grant	84.367	0147-23-2195		24,537	
Title IV - Student Support and Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-22-2195		400	
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Title I - Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-23-2195		150,064	
Total U.S. Department of Education			\$	1,261,796	
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</u> <u>Passed Through NYS Education Department (Child Nutrition Ser</u> <u>Child Nutrition Cluster</u> -	<u>vices) -</u>				
National School Lunch Program	10.555	006910	\$	346,355	
National School Lunch Program-Non-Cash				,	
Assistance (Commodities)	10.555	006910		38,908	
National School Breakfast Program	10.553	006910		114,142	
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			\$	499,405	
Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	10.649	006910		1,256	
Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant	10.579	0005-22-0002		18,291	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			\$	518,952	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$	1,780,748	

(See Independent Auditors' Report)



#### Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

#### **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Education Manchester-Shortsville Central School District, New York

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 6, 2023.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

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

Mongel, Metzger, Barn & Co. LAP

Rochester, New York September 6, 2023