

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

NEW/RENEWAL ISSUE

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that 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). Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

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

\$6,161,600



SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DELAWARE, CHENANGO AND OTSEGO COUNTIES, NEW YORK GENERAL OBLIGATIONS

\$6,161,600 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021

(the "Notes")

Dated: August 5, 2021

Due: August 5, 2022

The Notes are general obligations of the Sidney Central School District, Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties, New York (the "School District" or "District"), all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. See "NATURE OF OBLIGATION" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein. The Notes will be issued without the option of prior redemption.

At the option of the purchaser, the Notes will be issued in (i) registered certificated form registered in the name of the successful bidder or (ii) registered book-entry-only form registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC").

If the Notes are issued as registered in the name of the purchaser, principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable in Federal Funds at the office of the District Clerk. A single note certificate will be issued for Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate.

If the Notes are issued in book-entry-only form, such notes will be delivered to DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for a necessary odd denomination which is or includes \$6,600. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the District to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. (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 Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York. 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 with the purchaser(s), or about August 5, 2021.

ELECTRONIC BIDS for the Notes must be submitted on Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible via www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com, on July 26, 2021 by no later than 10:45 A.M. ET. Bids may also be submitted by facsimile at (315) 930-2354. No other form of electronic bidding services will be accepted. No phone bids will be accepted. Once the bids are communicated electronically via Fiscal Advisors Auction or via facsimile to the District, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms provided in the Notice of Sale for the Notes.

July 21, 2021

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

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DELAWARE, CHENANGO, AND OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

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No person has been authorized by Sidney 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 Sidney Central School District.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
OF THE
SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELAWARE, CHENANGO AND OTSEGO COUNTIES, NEW YORK
RELATING TO
\$6,161,600 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices, has been prepared by the Sidney Central School District, Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties, New York (the "School District" or "District", "County", and "State", respectively) in connection with the sale by the District of \$6,161,600 principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021 (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.

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

NATURE OF OBLIGATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

"A pledge of the City's faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the City's revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the City's "faith and credit" is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the City's general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, "faith" and "credit" are used and they are not tautological. That is what the words say and this is what the courts have held they mean... So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the City's power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted... While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded".

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

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

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

In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in New York State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

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

THE NOTES

Description of the Notes

The Notes are general obligations of the District, and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York (State Constitution, Art. VIII, Section 2: Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the 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 "NATURE OF OBLIGATION" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Notes will be dated August 5, 2021 and will mature August 5, 2022. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

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

No Optional Redemption

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Purpose of Issue

The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution and Status of the State of New York, including the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, pursuant to a bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on July 12, 2019, authorizing an \$8.5 million capital project which includes various reconstruction and improvements to District buildings and facilities with \$500,000 capital fund money and \$8,000,000 bonds and notes. \$1,970,000 of the Notes, along with \$30,000 available funds of the District, will renew \$2,000,000 bond anticipation notes maturing on August 6, 2021 and provide \$4,000,000 of new monies for the aforementioned purpose.

The Notes are also being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law and a bond resolution of the School District adopted on July 10, 2018 authorizing the issuance of \$2,490,000 obligations for the purchase of school buses. \$191,600 of the Notes are being issued, along with \$292,800 available funds of the District to partially redeem and renew a \$484,400 portion of the \$2,000,000 bond anticipation notes maturing August 6, 2021 for the purchase of buses.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

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

DTC, 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 principal and interest 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 ON THE NOTES; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

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

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

Certificated Notes

If the book-entry form is initially chosen by the purchaser(s) of the Notes, DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the District may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only system transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is utilized by a purchaser(s) of the Notes upon issuance and later discontinued, the following provisions will apply:

The Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for a necessary odd denomination which is or includes \$6,600. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable at a principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York to be named as fiscal agent by the District. The Notes will remain not subject to redemption prior to their stated final maturity date.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Information

The District is located in the south central sector of New York State, approximately 40 miles east of the City of Binghamton and 20 miles north of the Pennsylvania border, and serves portions of Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties. Major highways of service to the District include U.S. Route #88 and State highways #7 and #8. The District is also served by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad (freight) and Greyhound Bus Lines.

The District is residential, agricultural and industrial in nature. Major industrial employers in the Village of Sidney include ACCO Brands USA LLC, which makes desk calendars and other paper products at this location and employs approximately 495 people, and Amphenol Corporation which employs 999 people and makes electrical components. During the COVID – 19 pandemic, ACCO Brands USA LLC has been forced to furlough and lay off employees. It is unknown at this time whether the employees will be hired back at a later date.

Police protection is provided by the Sidney Police Department, assisted by the Delaware County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police. A volunteer fire department provides fire protection and ambulance service.

Source: District officials.

Population

The current estimated population of the District is 7,022. (Source: 2019 U.S. Census Bureau estimate.)

Selected Wealth and Income Indicators

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

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>			<u>Median Family Income</u>		
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2015-2019</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2015-2019</u>
Towns of:						
Franklin	\$ 12,119	\$ 17,477	\$ 30,491	\$ 30,679	\$ 44,519	\$ 65,850
Guilford	10,946	15,536	27,591	30,213	40,801	60,824
Masonville	10,646	14,933	27,551	29,659	36,406	62,941
Sidney	11,619	16,335	24,234	29,114	35,351	62,055
Unadilla	11,519	16,908	26,666	30,327	40,556	62,805
Walton	11,242	16,779	25,142	29,632	41,464	108,132
Counties of:						
Chenango	11,830	16,427	27,708	30,388	39,711	62,662
Delaware	11,180	17,357	27,701	28,554	39,695	64,686
Otsego	11,657	16,806	28,849	30,466	41,110	69,382
State of:						
New York	16,501	23,389	39,326	39,741	51,691	84,385

Note: 2016-2020 American Community Survey estimates are not available as of the date of this Official Statement.

Source: 2000 U.S. Census Bureau Report, and 2006-2010 and 2015-2019 5-Year American Community Survey estimates.

Larger Employers

The larger employers located within the area in and around the District include:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Amphenol Corporation	Electrical Components	999
ACCO Brands USA LLC	Desk Calendars	495
Sidney Central School District	Education	203
Sidney Federal Credit Union	Finance	171
Huff Ice Cream	Food	70
UNALAM	Laminated Products	45
Village of Sidney	Municipal	40

Note: The list and the figures provided above are based on information prior to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: District officials.

Unemployment Rate Statistics

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

	<u>Annual Averages</u>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Delaware County	6.6%	6.0%	5.6%	5.5%	4.8%	4.5%	7.2%
Chenango County	6.3	5.5	5.1	5.3	4.7	4.3	6.9
Otsego County	5.8	5.4	5.0	5.0	4.3	4.1	7.2
New York State	6.3	5.2	4.9	4.6	4.1	3.8	10.0

	<u>2020-2021 Monthly Figures</u>												
	<u>2020</u>									<u>2021</u>			
	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun.</u>	<u>Jul.</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>
Delaware County	9.7%	9.1%	9.9%	7.4%	5.0%	4.7%	5.0%	5.8%	6.6%	6.9%	6.5%	5.2%	4.4%
Chenango County	8.8	8.3	9.3	7.1	4.7	4.6	4.9	5.8	6.3	6.8	6.3	5.1	4.2
Otsego County	9.4	9.4	10.0	7.5	5.1	5.1	5.3	6.0	6.7	6.9	6.2	5.1	4.3
New York State	15.7	14.8	14.8	11.6	9.9	8.3	8.3	8.5	9.4	9.7	8.4	7.7	7.0

Note: Unemployment rates for June 2021 are not available as of the date of this Official Statement. Unemployment drastically increased starting in mid-March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, although it has since begun to decrease. See “COVID-19” herein.

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

Form of School Government

The Board of Education, which is the policy-making body of the District, consists of seven members with overlapping five-year terms so that, as nearly as possible, an equal number is elected to the Board each year. Each Board member must be a qualified voter of the District and no Board member may hold certain other district offices or positions while serving on the Board of Education. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members.

Budgetary Procedures

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 (“Chapter 97”), beginning with the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year, if the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that does not exceed the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation (the “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 School 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 third Tuesday in June, or adopt a contingency budget (which would provide for ordinary contingent expenses, including debt service) that levies a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy).

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

Recent Budget Vote Results

The school district budget vote for the 2020-21 fiscal year was originally scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, however, annual school budget votes across the State were postponed until June 16, 2020 under an Executive Order from Governor Andrew Cuomo that extended and expanded restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19. The 2020-2021 budget was approved by the qualified voters by a vote of 538 to 131. The District’s budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year remained within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011. The budget called for a tax levy increase of 1.81%, which is within the District tax levy limit of 3.371%.

The budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was adopted by qualified voters on May 18, 2021 by a vote of 116 to 12. The budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year called for a tax levy increase of 1.23% which was less than the District’s maximum allowable tax levy increase of 2.76% for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Investment Policy

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

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

General Municipal Law and the District policy do not permit the District to enter into reverse repurchase agreements or make other derivative type investments.

State Aid

The District receives financial assistance from the State. In its adopted budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year, approximately 72% of the revenues of the District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. If the State should not adopt its budget in a timely manner, in any year, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid.

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

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.

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 the adoption of the State budget. 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.

Federal aid received by the State.

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

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for other health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the new administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the Federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to Federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

Building Aid

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

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. Since the gross indebtedness of the District is within the debt limit, the District is not required

to apply for a Building Aid Estimate. Based on 2021-22 preliminary building aid ratios, the District expects to receive State building aid of approximately 94.7% 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:

State aid to school districts within the State has declined in some recent years before increasing again in more recent years.

School District Fiscal Year (2016-2017): The State 2016-17 Enacted Budget included a school aid increase of \$991 million over 2015-16, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to full funding of expense based aids (\$408 million), the budget also included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and an \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The bulk of the remaining increase included \$100 million in Community Schools Aid, an aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. The funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

School District Fiscal Year (2017-2018): The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget increased State aid to education by \$1.1 billion, including a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid, bringing the total amount of State aid to education to \$25.8 billion or an increase of 4.4%. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d. The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget allows the Governor to reduce aid to school districts mid-year if receipts from the federal government are less than what was expected. The Legislature then will have 90 days to approve the Governor's plan.

School District Fiscal Year (2018-2019): The State 2018-19 Enacted Budget included nearly \$1 billion in additional education funding, representing a 3.9% increase over 2017-18. Approximately \$859 million of that increase is comprised of traditional public school aid, including increased Foundation Aid and full-funding of expense-based aids. Formula-based school aid now stands at \$26.03 billion statewide, a 3.4% increase over the last year. The State 2018-19 Enacted Budget included an increase of \$618 million in Foundation Aid for school districts. Foundation Aid totaled nearly \$17.8 billion statewide. For the seventh consecutive year, the Foundation Aid increase was distributed using a one year, off formula methodology. The State 2018-19 Enacted Budget guaranteed that all school districts received an increase in Foundation Aid over their 2017-18 levels. \$50 million of the Foundation Aid increase was "set aside" for certain school districts to fund community schools. The State 2018-19 Enacted Budget fully funded all expense-based aid for 2018-19, including building, transportation, BOCES and special education aid. These categories serve as State reimbursements for school district expenses made in the prior year, based on school district-specific aid ratios. A total of \$240 million was approved for increases in all expense-based aids in 2018-19. The State 2018-19 Enacted Budget allows the Governor to reduce aid to school districts mid-year if receipts from the federal government were less than what was expected.

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

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

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

State Aid Litigation

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

After further litigation, on appeal in 2006, the Court of Appeals held that \$1.93 billion of additional funds for the New York City schools – as initially proposed by the Governor and presented to the Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education – was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms in the wake of The Campaign for Fiscal Equity decision included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid for school districts in the State into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. The stated purpose of foundation aid is to prioritize funding distribution based upon student need. As a result of the Court of Appeals ruling schools were to receive \$5.5 billion increase in foundation aid over a four fiscal year phase-in covering 2007 to 2011.

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

A case related to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York was heard on appeal on May 30, 2017 in New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights v. State of New York (“NYSER”) and a consolidated case on the right to a sound basic education. The NYSER lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the original decision in the Court of Appeals in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case, and asks the Court of Appeals to require the State to develop new methodologies, formulas and mechanisms for determining State aid, to fully fund the foundation aid formula, to eliminate the supermajority requirement for voter approval of budgets which increase school district property tax levies above the property tax cap limitation, and related matters. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiffs’ causes of action were properly dismissed by the earlier Appellate Division decision except insofar as two causes of action regarding accountability mechanisms and sufficient State funding for a “sound basic education” as applicable solely to the school districts in New York City and Syracuse. The Court emphasized its previous ruling in the CFE case that absent “gross education inadequacies”, claims regarding State funding for a “sound basic education” must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein.

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State Aid Revenues

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Total State Aid</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid</u>
2015-2016	\$ 24,331,767	\$ 17,229,639	70.81%
2016-2017	24,782,219	17,364,039	70.07
2017-2018	24,833,622	17,910,748	72.12
2018-2019	27,253,636	19,335,872	70.95
2019-2020	25,260,726	18,185,064	71.99
2020-2021 (Unaudited)	25,632,271	18,210,445	71.05
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	26,312,917	18,923,980	71.92

⁽¹⁾ General fund only.

Note 2020-2021 unaudited projections are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates and the audited results may vary therefrom.

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2015-2016 through 2019-2020 fiscal years, unaudited financials for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the adopted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

District Facilities

The District currently operates the following facilities:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year(s) Built/Additions</u>
Sidney Elementary ⁽¹⁾	Pre-K-6	633	1969, '71, '03
Sidney Middle School ⁽¹⁾	7-8	152	1950, '77, '03
Sidney High School ⁽¹⁾	9-12	299	1958, '77, '04

⁽¹⁾ Includes Special Education.

Source: District officials.

Enrollment Trends

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Actual Enrollment</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2016-2017	1,078	2021-2022	1,093
2017-2018	1,084	2022-2023	1,093
2018-2019	1,110	2023-2024	1,093
2019-2020	1,085	2024-2025	1,093
2020-2021	1,029	2025-2026	1,093

Note: The enrollment figures for the 2020-2021 fiscal year were impacted by pre-kindergarten not being offered due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: District officials

Employees

The District employs a total of approximately 204 full-time employees. Employees are represented by various unions as follows:

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
108	Sidney Teachers' Association	June 30, 2022
80	Sidney School Related Personnel Association	June 30, 2022
9	Sidney Administrators' Association	June 30, 2022
7	Non-Representative	Not Applicable

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 fiscal years and budgeted figures for the 2021-2022 fiscal year are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2016-2017	\$ 200,578	\$ 839,714
2017-2018	317,737	833,627
2018-2019	234,840	832,141
2019-2020	342,725	654,283
2020-2021 (Unaudited)	326,869	675,947
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	375,000	710,000

Source: District records.

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 does not currently have any early retirement incentive programs.

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

A chart of average ERS and TRS rates as a percent of payroll (2017 to 2021) is shown below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2016-17	15.5%	11.72%
2017-18	15.3	9.80
2018-19	14.9	10.62
2019-20	14.6	8.86
2020-21	14.6	9.53

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law. The amendments empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003 and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete. Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

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

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

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

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

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

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget, which was signed into law as Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, includes a provision that will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding the cost of TRS contributions, as a sub-fund of retirement contribution reserve funds presently authorized for amounts payable to the ERS by a school district. School districts will be permitted to pay into such reserve fund during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District has established such a fund and has funded it in the amount of \$315,812. The District may contribute additional funds but the amount has not been determined as of the date of this Official Statement.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

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

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

OPEB. OPEB refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits, disability benefits and OPEB consist primarily of health care benefits, and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Until now, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements.

GASB 75. In 2015, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") released new accounting standards for public Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") plans and participating employers. These standards, GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* ("GASB 75"), have substantially revised the valuation and accounting requirements previously mandated under GASB Statements No. 43 and 45. The implementation of this statement requires school districts 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, school districts could amortize the OPEB liability over a period of years, whereas GASB 75 requires school districts to report the entire OPEB liability on the statement of net position.

The District contracted with Questar III BOCES to calculate its actuarial valuation under GASB 75. The following outlines the changes to the Total OPEB Liability during the below fiscal years, by source.

	Balance beginning at June 30:	2018	2019
<u>Changes for the year:</u>		<u>\$ 8,301,508</u>	<u>\$ 6,553,218</u>
Service cost		356,812	315,833
Interest		251,904	231,215
Differences between expected and actual experience		(450,605)	-
Changes in assumptions or other inputs		(1,481,735)	367,061
Changes of benefit terms		102,210	-
Benefit payments		<u>(526,876)</u>	<u>(530,415)</u>
Net Changes		<u>\$ (1,748,290)</u>	<u>\$ 383,694</u>
	Balance ending at June 30:	2019	2020
		<u>\$ 6,553,218</u>	<u>\$ 6,936,912</u>

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.

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

In April 2015, the State Comptroller announced legislation to create an optional investment pool to help the State and local governments fund retiree health insurance and other post-employment benefits. The proposed legislation would allow the following:

- Authorize the creation of irrevocable OPEB trusts, not part of the New York State Common Retirement Fund, so that New York state and its local governments can, at their option, help fund their OPEB liabilities;
- Establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the state and participating eligible local governments;

- Designate the president of the Civil Service Commission as the trustee of the state's OPEB trust and the governing boards as trustee for local governments; and
- Allow school districts to transfer certain excess reserve balances to an OPEB trust once it is established.

Under the State Comptroller's proposal, there were no restrictions on the amount a government can deposit into the trust. The proposed legislation was not enacted into law. It is not possible to predict whether the Comptroller's proposed legislation will be reintroduced or enacted if introduced.

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, 2020 and may be found attached hereto as "APPENDIX – D" to this Official Statement. 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 is required to issue 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. The District is currently in full compliance with GASB Statement No. 34.

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

Unaudited Results for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

The District expects to end the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 with an unassigned fund balance of \$1,842,909.

Summary unaudited information for the General Fund for the period ending June 30, 2021 is as follows:

Revenues:	\$	25,629,199
Expenditures:		<u>24,913,107</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures:	\$	<u><u>716,902</u></u>
Total Fund Balance at June 30, 2020:	\$	7,926,285
Total Estimated Fund Balance at June 30, 2021:	\$	8,642,377

The audited report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is expected to be available on or about October 12, 2021.

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

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 March 13, 2020. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether the Board and District officials properly managed fund balance for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. The period was extended back to July 1, 2015 to analyze the tax certiorari reserve and trends of unused appropriated fund balance.

Key Findings:

- As of June 30, 2019, the unemployment insurance reserve and tax certiorari reserve balances of \$381,484 and \$563,862, respectively, were excessive.
- The District's reported fund balances exceeded its statutory limit in all three fiscal years. After adding back unused appropriated fund balances each year and the excessive tax certiorari reserve balance as of June 30, 2019, the District's recalculated surplus fund balance exceeded the statutory limit each of the last three fiscal years, ranging from 4.7 percentage points to 8.9 percentage points over the limit.
- The Board and District officials did not develop multiyear financial plans or establish targeted funding levels for reserves.

Key Recommendations:

- Review reserve fund balances and reduce them to reasonable levels, as appropriate, in accordance with applicable statutes.
- Reduce surplus fund balance in a manner that benefits District taxpayers.
- Develop multiyear financial plans and establish optimal or targeted funding levels for reserves.

The District provided a complete response to the State Comptroller's office on February 27, 2020. A copy of the complete report and response can be found via the website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

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

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

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System

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

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

The reports of the State Comptroller for the past three fiscal years of the District are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending In</u>	<u>Stress Designation</u>	<u>Fiscal Score</u>
2020	No Designation	0.0
2019	No Designation	10.0
2018	No Designation	20.0

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

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

TAX INFORMATION

Taxable Assessed Valuations

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Towns of:					
Sidney	\$ 202,163,957	\$ 201,035,722	\$ 201,493,808	\$ 194,655,434	\$ 194,189,050
Franklin	2,705,225	2,726,128	2,719,777	2,674,753	2,677,556
Masonville	83,166,811	83,202,303	83,517,723	83,916,141	84,583,523
Walton	5,512	51,900 ⁽¹⁾	51,900	47,700	47,700
Unadilla	27,202,004	27,630,891	27,687,630	27,680,648	27,738,118
Guilford	12,990,455	12,965,327	13,017,104	13,008,729	13,021,654
Total Assessed Values	<u>\$ 328,233,964</u>	<u>\$ 327,612,271</u>	<u>\$ 328,487,942</u>	<u>\$ 321,983,405</u>	<u>\$ 322,257,601</u>

State Equalization Rates

Towns of:					
Sidney	82.45%	85.50%	85.50%	81.35%	74.00%
Franklin	96.00%	99.00%	90.50%	89.00%	87.50%
Masonville	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	93.92%
Walton	26.60%	100.00% ⁽¹⁾	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Unadilla	65.00%	65.00%	64.00%	67.48%	68.00%
Guilford	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%
Total Taxable Full Valuation	<u>\$ 386,040,992</u>	<u>\$ 376,611,757</u>	<u>\$ 378,519,200</u>	<u>\$ 380,279,851</u>	<u>\$ 409,663,269</u>

⁽¹⁾ Significant change due to revaluation.

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 (Assessed)

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Towns of:					
Sidney	\$ 19.09	\$ 18.61	\$ 18.51	\$ 19.47	\$ 20.22
Franklin	16.39	16.07	17.49	17.79	17.10
Masonville	15.74	15.91	15.83	15.84	15.93
Walton	59.17	15.91 ⁽¹⁾	15.83	15.84	14.96
Unadilla	24.21	24.48	24.73	23.47	22.01
Guilford	15.74	15.91	15.83	15.84	15.27

⁽¹⁾ Significant change due to revaluation.

Tax Collection Procedure

Tax payments are due on the first five to seven days of September. There is no penalty charge for the first thirty days after taxes are due, but a 2% penalty is charged for the next 30 days. On or about November 15th, uncollected taxes are returnable to the respective Counties for collection. The District receives this amount from said Counties prior to the end of the District's fiscal year, thereby assuring 100% tax collection annually.

Tax Levy and Tax Collection Record

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 6,075,250	\$ 5,991,960	\$ 5,991,960	\$ 6,021,920	\$ 6,130,917
Amount Uncollected ⁽¹⁾	616,713	632,409	624,971	762,207	786,903
% Uncollected	10.15%	10.55%	10.43%	12.66%	12.83%

⁽¹⁾ The District receives 100% of its tax levy each year. See "Tax Collection Procedures" herein.

Real Property Tax Revenues

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

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total Real Property Taxes & Tax Items</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Tax</u>
2015-2016	\$ 24,331,767	\$ 6,117,441	25.14%
2016-2017	24,782,219	6,116,570	24.68
2017-2018	24,833,622	6,035,655	24.30
2018-2019	27,253,636	6,033,502	22.14
2019-2020	25,260,726	6,060,550	23.99
2020-2021 (Unaudited)	25,629,199	6,130,917	23.92
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	26,312,917	6,206,327	23.59

(1) General fund only.

Note 2020-2021 unaudited projections are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates and the audited results may vary therefrom.

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2015-2016 through 2019-2020 fiscal years, unaudited financials for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the adopted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

Larger Taxpayers 2020 Tax Roll for 2020-21

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>
NYS Electric & Gas Corp	Utility	\$ 13,445,100
State of New York	Government	8,884,400
ACCO Brands USA LLC (Mead)	Industrial	7,453,100
Mt. Upton Properties	Real Estate	4,943,194
Seritage KMT Finance LLC	Commercial	3,517,800
Clark Trading Corporation	Commercial	2,785,500
Meadow Crest Mobile Home Park	Multiple Residence	2,448,529
Sidwood LLC	Real Estate	2,281,900
Meadow Valley Park, Inc.	Real Estate	2,255,002
Citizens Tele Co of NY	Utility	2,181,000
Sidney Federal Credit Union	Financial Services	2,149,300

The eleven larger taxpayers listed above have a total estimated full valuation of \$52,344,825, which represents 12.78% of the tax base of the District for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The District does not have any pending or outstanding tax certioraris that are known or reasonably expected to have a material impact on the finances of the District.

Additional Tax Information

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

Senior citizens' exemptions are offered to those who qualify.

Total assessed valuation of the District is estimated to be categorized as follows: Agricultural-2%, Residential-53%, Industrial-4%, Commercial-15% and Other-26%.

The estimated total annual property tax bill of a \$75,000 market value residential property located in the District is approximately \$2,250 including County, Town, School District and Fire District taxes.

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. Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 has “converted” STAR to a personal income tax credit instead of a property tax exemption for all new homeowners who purchased their home after August 1, 2015.

Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities (“STAR Adjusted Gross Income”) of \$88,050 or less in 2020-21 and \$90,550 or less in 2021-22, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$68,700 for the 2020-21 school year and \$70,700 for the 2021-22 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$250,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a STAR credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence.

The 2019-20 Enacted State Budget made several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit. The amount 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 Executive Budget withholds STAR benefits to taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of their school taxes and lowers the income limit for the exemption to \$200,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit.

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

<u>Towns of:</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
Sidney	\$ 52,320	\$ 22,200	4/9/2021
Franklin	70,700	30,000	4/9/2021
Masonville	66,400	28,180	4/9/2021
Walton	70,700	30,000	4/9/2021
Unadilla	40,080	20,400	4/9/2021
Guilford	69,290	29,400	4/9/2021

\$985,231 of the District’s \$6,130,917 school tax levy for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was exempt by the STAR Program. The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2021.

\$937,298 of the District’s \$6,206,327 school tax levy for the 2021-22 fiscal year is expected to be exempt by the STAR Program. The District anticipates receiving full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January, 2022.

TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW

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

On February 20, 2013, the New York State United Teachers ("NYSUT") and several individuals filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court in Albany County seeking a declaratory judgment and a preliminary injunction that the Tax Levy Limitation Law is unconstitutional as it applies to public school districts. On September 23, 2014, a justice of the New York State Supreme Court dismissed each of NYSUT's causes of action but granted NYSUT's motion to amend the complaint. NYSUT subsequently served a second amended complaint seeking a preliminary injunction and challenging the Tax Levy Limitation Law as violative of the Education Article of the New York State Constitution, the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses and the First Amendment. On March 16, 2015, a New York State Supreme Court Justice denied NYSUT's motion for a preliminary injunction and dismissed all causes of action contained in NYSUT's second amended complaint. NYSUT appealed the decision to continue its challenge to the constitutionality of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. On May 5, 2016, the Appellate Division upheld the lower court dismissal, noting that while the State is required to provide the opportunity of a sound basic education, the Constitution "does not require that equal educational offerings be provided to every student", and further noted "the legitimate government interest of restraining crippling property tax increases". An appeal by NYSUT was dismissed on October 20, 2016 by the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, on the ground that no substantial constitutional question was directly involved and thereafter leave to appeal was denied on January 14, 2017 by the Court of Appeals. See also "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.

Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015 ("Chapter 20") introduced a new real property tax rebate program that provides state-financed tax rebate checks and credits to taxpayers who are eligible for the STAR exemption in the years 2016-2019. For 2016, eligible taxpayers who resided outside New York City but within the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District ("MCTD") received \$130, and eligible taxpayers who resided outside the MCTD received \$185. Credits in 2017-2019 varied based on a taxpayer's personal income level and STAR tax savings; the program was fully phased in during 2019. Under Chapter 20 the eligibility of real property taxpayers in each year depends on the school district's compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limitation Law. For taxpayers other than those living in one of the "Big 4" cities only the compliance of the school district in which the taxpayer resides is relevant. Municipal compliance with the Tax Levy Limitation Law is only required in the case of the "Big 4" cities that have fiscally dependent school districts. In such cases, the joint school/city levy must remain in compliance with the Tax Levy Limitation Law.

While the provisions of Chapter 20 do not directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, and Chapter 20 does provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain with the tax cap limits established by the Tax Levy Limitation Law.

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

STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

The New York State Constitution and Local Finance Law limit the power of the School 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 School District and the Notes, include the following:

Purpose and Pledge. The School 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 School 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.

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid within three fiscal year periods, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute. The School District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its Notes.

Statutory Procedure

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

Debt Limit. The School District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose authorized by the legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the School District and subject to certain enumerated deductions and exclusions set forth in the Local Finance Law. The constitutional method for determining average full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization ratio) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Office of Real Property Services.

The School District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds, and notes in anticipation of the bonds. No down payment is required in connection with the issuance of District obligations.

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

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

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for a purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or
- (2) There has not been substantial compliance with the provisions of law which should have been complied within the authorization of such obligations

and an action contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication or,

- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

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

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

The School District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the School District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted.

Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30th:</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Bonds	\$ 16,950,000	\$ 14,415,000	\$ 21,880,000	\$ 20,150,000	\$ 17,750,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>11,250,000</u>	<u>11,932,077</u>	<u>2,627,200</u>	<u>2,484,400</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	<u>\$ 21,950,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,665,000</u>	<u>\$ 33,812,077</u>	<u>\$ 22,777,200</u>	<u>\$ 20,234,400</u>

⁽¹⁾ The District issued serial bonds through the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) on June 17, 2019 to permanently finance \$11,498,077 bond anticipation notes that matured July 10, 2019. As of June 30, 2019, both the serial bonds and bond anticipation notes were outstanding.

Details of Outstanding Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the indebtedness of the District as of July 21, 2021:

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Bonds</u>	2021-2033	\$ 17,750,000
<u>Bond Anticipation Notes</u>		
Capital Project and Purchase of School Buses	August 6, 2021	<u>2,484,400</u> ⁽¹⁾
Total Indebtedness		<u>\$ 20,234,400</u>

⁽¹⁾ To be redeemed at maturity along with \$322,800 available funds of the District.

Debt Statement Summary

Summary of Indebtedness, Debt Limit and Net Debt-Contracting Margin as of July 21, 2021:

Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property	\$ 409,663,269
Debt Limit – 10% thereof	40,966,327
<u>Inclusions:</u>	
Bonds.....	\$ 17,750,000
Principal of this Issues.....	<u>6,161,600</u>
Total Inclusions.....	<u>\$ 23,911,600</u>
<u>Exclusions:</u>	
State Building Aid ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Exclusions.....	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total Net Indebtedness	<u>\$ 23,911,600</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin	<u>\$ 17,054,727</u>
The percent of debt contracting power exhausted is	58.37%

⁽¹⁾ Based on preliminary 2021-2022 building aid estimates, the District anticipates State Building aid of 94.7% 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.

Cash Flow Borrowings

The District has not found it necessary to issues revenue anticipation or tax anticipation notes in the past and does not anticipate issuing either in the foreseeable future.

Capital Project Plans

On May 15, 2018, the District voters approved the issuance of \$2,490,000 for the purchase of school buses and other vehicles. The District issued \$434,000 bond anticipation notes on August 7, 2018 to mature August 7, 2019 for this purpose. A \$627,200 portion of the \$2,627,200 bond anticipation notes issued on August 7, 2019, along with \$86,800 available funds of the District, partially redeemed and renewed the bonds anticipation notes that matured August 7, 2019 and provided \$280,000 new money for the purchase of school buses. On August 6, 2020, the District issued \$2,484,400 bond anticipation notes, of which \$484,400 were issued, along with \$142,800 available funds of the District, to partially redeem and renew a \$627,200 portion of the \$2,627,200 bond anticipation notes that matured August 7, 2020 for the purchase of buses. \$191,600 of the Notes are being issued, along with \$292,800 available funds of the District to partially redeem and renew a \$484,400 portion of the \$2,000,000 bond anticipation notes maturing August 6, 2021 for the purchase of buses.

On May 21, 2019, the District voters approved a \$8,500,000 capital project for upgrades in the elementary building including the 5th and 6th grade classrooms and corridors, elementary cafeteria, and site work throughout the District campus. \$8,000,000 of the funding of the project will come from the issuance of bonds and notes with \$500,000 of capital fund monies. A \$2,000,000 portion of the \$2,627,200 bond anticipation notes issued August 7, 2019 were issued as the first borrowing for this project. \$2,000,000 of the \$2,484,400 bond anticipation notes issued August 6, 2020 were issued to renew in full a \$2,000,000 portion of the \$2,627,200 bond anticipation notes that matured August 7, 2020. \$1,970,000 of the Notes, along with \$30,000 available finds of the District, will renew \$2,000,000 bond anticipation notes maturing on August 6, 2021 and provide \$4,000,000 of new monies for the capital project. The proceeds of future borrowings for this project will be pursuant to construction cash flow needs.

Other than as listed above, the District does not currently have any authorized and unissued indebtedness.

Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

In addition to the District, the following political subdivisions have the power to issue bonds and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District. The estimated outstanding indebtedness of such political subdivisions is as follows:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Status of Debt as of</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Exclusions</u> ⁽²⁾	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Applicable Indebtedness</u>
County of:						
Chenango	12/31/2019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.52%	\$ -
Delaware	12/31/2019	7,470,000	-	7,470,000	5.58%	416,826
Otsego	12/31/2019	3,462,747	2,796,080	666,667	0.88%	5,867
Town of:						
Sidney	12/31/2019	-	-	-	85.92%	-
Masonville	12/31/2019	124,900	-	124,900	80.12%	100,070
Franklin	12/31/2019	-	-	-	1.37%	-
Unadilla	12/31/2019	197,457	-	197,457	20.50%	40,479
Guilford	12/31/2019	899,784	34,784	865,000	8.05%	69,633
Walton	12/31/2019	-	-	-	0.01%	-
Village of:						
Sidney	5/31/2020	-	-	-	100.00%	-
Total:						<u>\$ 632,874</u>

⁽¹⁾ Bonds and bond anticipation notes. Not adjusted to include subsequent bond sales, if any.

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

Source: Comptroller's Special Report on Municipal Affairs for Local Finance Years Ended in 2019 and 2020.

Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of July 21, 2021:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> ^(a)	<u>Percentage of Full Value</u> ^(b)
Net Indebtedness ^(c)	\$ 23,911,600	\$ 3,405.24	5.84%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness ^(d)	24,544,474	3,495.37	5.99

(a) The 2019 estimated population of the District is 7,022. (See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT – Population" herein.)

(b) The District's full value of taxable real estate for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is \$409,663,269. (See "TAX INFORMATION – Taxable Assessed Valuations" herein.)

(c) See "Debt Statement Summary" herein for the calculation of Net Indebtedness.

(d) Estimated net overlapping indebtedness is \$632,874. (See "Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness" herein.)

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

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

State Aid Intercept for School Districts. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Notes. The covenant between the State of New York and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the notes and bonds issued by the school districts in the State for school purposes provides that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b, or amend or modify the same so as to limit, impair or impede the rights and remedies granted thereby.

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

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State teachers retirement system, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on bonds shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds. If any of such successive allotments, apportionments or payments of such State Aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds pursuant to said Section 99-b.

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

Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgments out of certain funds or the proceeds of a tax levy. In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the School District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the School District.

Authority to File for Municipal Bankruptcy. The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not be made so applicable in the future.

Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision. There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. See "General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision" herein.

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

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

No Past Due Debt. No principal of or interest on School District indebtedness is past due.

MARKET AND RISK FACTORS

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

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

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

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

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

Cybersecurity

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

COVID-19

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District’s financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property taxes or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the spread of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, has spread globally, including to the United States, and has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to affect economic growth worldwide. The current outbreak has caused the federal government to declare a national state of emergency. The State has also declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses. Schools and non-essential businesses have been allowed to reopen under guidelines issued by the State. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it are expected to negatively impact the State’s economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time. Similarly, the degree of the impact to the District’s operations and finances is extremely difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, including uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, and (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The continued spread of the outbreak could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and intends to take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See “State Aid”, “State Aid History” and “State Aid – School District Fiscal Year (2020-2021)” herein).

TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (“Bond Counsel”), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”) and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel are set forth in “APPENDIX – D”.

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

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

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

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

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes are subject to the approving legal opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel expects to deliver an opinion at the time of issuance of the Notes substantially in the form set forth in "APPENDIX – D" hereto.

LITIGATION

The District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The 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 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 Material Event Notices, a description of which is attached hereto as "APPENDIX – C".

Historical Compliance

Other than as described below, the District is in compliance, in all material respects, within the last five years with all previous undertakings made pursuant to the Rule 15c2-12.

The District had an interest payment due on its 2015 bond issue on March 1, 2017. Due to clerical oversight, the payment was not made until March 3, 2017. A Material Event Notice and failure to file notice was not filed to the MSRB's EMMA website until July 18, 2018.

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

If the Notes are issued in book-entry-only format, 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 not rated. The purchaser(s) of the Notes may choose to have a rating completed after the sale at the expense of the purchaser(s) pending the approval of the District, including any fees to be incurred by the District, as such rating action will result in a material event notification to be posted to EMMA which is required by the District's Continuing Disclosure Undertakings. (See "APPENDIX – C", attached hereto).

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") has assigned their underlying rating of "A+" with a stable outlook to the District's outstanding bonds. The rating reflects only the view of S&P and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from S&P, Public Finance Ratings, 55 Water Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10041, Phone: (212) 438-2118.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Statements in this official statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, which are based on the District management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District's management and staff. Because the statements are based on expectations about future events and economic performance and are not statements of fact, actual results may differ materially from those projected. Important factors that could cause future results to differ include legislative and regulatory changes, changes in the economy, and other factors discussed in this and other documents that the District's files with the repositories. When used in District documents or oral presentation, the words "anticipate", "estimate", "expect", "objective", "projection", "forecast", "goal", or similar words are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, 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.

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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

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dated: July 21, 2021

KERRI GREEN
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER

GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheets

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 2,407,034	\$ 1,939,685	\$ 224,065	\$ 970,916	\$ 2,955,270
Restricted Cash	4,862,267	4,840,635	4,842,295	4,022,020	4,754,742
Taxes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Governments	1,561,669	1,334,158	1,415,137	1,713,428	1,534,813
Due from Other Funds	2,071,405	2,762,047	3,486,706	3,128,225	289,611
Account Receivables	68,281	126,888	185,883	41,616	16,307
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 10,970,656</u>	<u>\$ 11,003,413</u>	<u>\$ 10,154,086</u>	<u>\$ 9,876,205</u>	<u>\$ 9,550,743</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ 153,156	\$ 710,381	\$ 83,579	\$ 42,381	\$ 37,739
Accrued Liabilities	24,468	38,729	215,274	30,354	6,582
Due to Other Funds	1,037,559	58,967	429	921,763	165,004
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	1,046,528	916,025	833,627	914,313	742,216
Due to Employees' Retirement System	79,023	70,373	80,190	78,494	81,849
Accrued Interest on Bond Anticipation Notes	-	-	-	-	47,218
Deferred Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Overpayments	1,474,187	1,535,135	1,337,533	240,275	240,275
Accrued Interest on Bond Anticipation Notes	192,744	70,000	234,400	275,854	303,575
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>4,007,665</u>	<u>3,399,610</u>	<u>2,785,032</u>	<u>2,503,434</u>	<u>1,624,458</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restricted	4,862,267	4,840,635	4,842,295	4,022,020	4,754,742
Assigned	911,354	1,331,048	1,256,962	1,507,262	1,270,588
Unassigned	1,189,370	1,432,120	1,269,797	1,843,489	1,900,955
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	<u>6,962,991</u>	<u>7,603,803</u>	<u>7,369,054</u>	<u>7,372,771</u>	<u>7,926,285</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 10,970,656</u>	<u>\$ 11,003,413</u>	<u>\$ 10,154,086</u>	<u>\$ 9,876,205</u>	<u>\$ 9,550,743</u>

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

GENERAL FUND

Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 4,850,935	\$ 4,843,192	\$ 4,876,831	\$ 4,816,223	\$ 4,843,909
Real Property Tax Items	1,268,756	1,274,249	1,239,739	1,219,432	1,189,593
Charges for Services	221,403	196,678	217,863	226,179	289,046
Use of Money & Property	172,612	159,018	229,277	181,361	186,545
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	40,029	11,080	7,509	22,508	6,519
Miscellaneous	402,116	600,203	844,496	425,470	1,350,481
Interfund Revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Revenues from State Sources	16,350,143	17,229,639	17,364,039	17,910,748	19,335,872
Revenues from Federal Sources	38,980	17,708	2,465	31,701	51,671
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 23,344,974</u>	<u>\$ 24,331,767</u>	<u>\$ 24,782,219</u>	<u>\$ 24,833,622</u>	<u>\$ 27,253,636</u>
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	600,000	-	500,000	850,000	850,000
Appropriated Reserves	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>23,944,974</u>	<u>24,331,767</u>	<u>25,282,219</u>	<u>25,683,622</u>	<u>28,103,636</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	\$ 4,546,989	\$ 4,326,081	\$ 4,243,779	\$ 4,493,089	\$ 4,435,816
Instruction	10,975,440	10,681,674	11,003,918	11,706,908	11,870,717
Pupil Transportation	878,350	805,618	832,523	1,198,443	762,480
Community Services	19,427	17,422	11,269	10,084	8,639
Employee Benefits	4,864,497	4,585,733	4,610,649	4,904,192	4,971,945
Debt Service	2,987,983	3,035,517	3,439,269	3,505,655	3,269,035
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 24,272,686</u>	<u>\$ 23,452,045</u>	<u>\$ 24,141,407</u>	<u>\$ 25,818,371</u>	<u>\$ 25,318,632</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	-	-	500,000	100,000	1,966,287
Tax Certiorari	-	-	-	-	-
BAN's Redeemed from Appropriations	-	-	-	-	815,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>24,272,686</u>	<u>23,452,045</u>	<u>24,641,407</u>	<u>25,918,371</u>	<u>28,099,919</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(327,712)</u>	<u>879,722</u>	<u>640,812</u>	<u>(234,749)</u>	<u>3,717</u>
FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	6,410,981	6,083,269	6,962,991	7,603,803	7,369,054
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 6,083,269</u>	<u>\$ 6,962,991</u>	<u>\$ 7,603,803</u>	<u>\$ 7,369,054</u>	<u>\$ 7,372,771</u>

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

GENERAL FUND

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

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	2020			2021	2022
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 4,843,276	\$ 4,953,782	\$ 4,949,886	\$ 5,062,779	\$ 5,269,029
Real Property Tax Items	1,205,129	1,094,623	1,110,664	1,094,623	972,971
Charges for Services	247,816	247,816	166,570	101,250	99,280
Use of Money & Property	147,220	147,220	192,402	188,220	141,082
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	10,000	10,000	20,833	10,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	268,335	268,335	592,281	349,567	400,587
Interfund Revenues	100,000	100,000	-	-	-
Revenues from State Sources	18,865,897	18,865,897	18,185,064	19,011,953	18,964,696
Revenues from Federal Sources	38,000	38,000	43,026	38,000	460,272
Total Revenues	\$ 25,725,673	\$ 25,725,673	\$ 25,260,726	\$ 25,856,392	\$ 26,312,917
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	850,000	850,000	50,000	676,072	150,000
Appropriated from Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,507,264	2,007,264	-	1,250,000	1,250,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	28,082,937	28,582,937	25,310,726	27,782,464	27,712,917
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	\$ 4,773,249	\$ 4,910,824	\$ 4,143,730	\$ 4,835,581	\$ 4,769,667
Instruction	13,070,092	12,782,817	11,290,577	12,722,915	12,590,355
Pupil Transportation	906,001	976,812	711,088	1,013,910	1,225,540
Community Services	11,000	11,000	6,073	10,500	10,500
Employee Benefits	5,787,250	5,836,139	4,812,178	5,720,000	5,641,500
Debt Service	3,182,268	3,114,155	2,884,163	3,467,058	3,362,855
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,729,860	\$ 27,631,747	\$ 23,847,809	\$ 27,769,964	\$ 27,600,417
Other Sources and Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	150,000	663,000	621,255	12,500	112,500
Carryover Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-
BANs Redeemed from Appropriations	203,077	288,190	288,148	-	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	28,082,937	28,582,937	24,757,212	27,782,464	27,712,917
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	553,514	-	-
FUND BALANCE					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	7,372,771	-	-
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,926,285	\$ -	\$ -

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

APPENDIX - B
Sidney CSD

BONDED DEBT SERVICE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 2,365,000	\$ 794,000.00	\$ 3,159,000.00
2023	2,205,000	691,250.00	2,896,250.00
2024	1,810,000	600,100.00	2,410,100.00
2025	1,380,000	519,400.00	1,899,400.00
2026	1,445,000	450,400.00	1,895,400.00
2027	1,515,000	384,350.00	1,899,350.00
2028	1,585,000	308,600.00	1,893,600.00
2029	1,675,000	232,800.00	1,907,800.00
2030	1,210,000	152,800.00	1,362,800.00
2031	940,000	92,300.00	1,032,300.00
2032	845,000	64,100.00	909,100.00
2033	775,000	38,750.00	813,750.00
TOTALS	\$ 17,750,000	\$ 4,328,850.00	\$ 22,078,850.00

CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2012 Refunding of 2004 & 2005 Series Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 90,150.00	\$ 1,260,150.00
2023	955,000	43,350.00	998,350.00
2024	490,000	14,700.00	504,700.00
TOTALS	\$ 2,615,000	\$ 148,200.00	\$ 2,763,200.00

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2016 DASNY			2021 Refunding		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 495,000	\$ 246,050.00	\$ 741,050.00	\$ 95,000	\$ 31,500.00	\$ 126,500.00
2023	520,000	221,300.00	741,300.00	95,000	30,550.00	125,550.00
2024	550,000	195,300.00	745,300.00	100,000	25,800.00	125,800.00
2025	575,000	167,800.00	742,800.00	105,000	20,800.00	125,800.00
2026	605,000	139,050.00	744,050.00	105,000	15,550.00	120,550.00
2027	630,000	115,000.00	745,000.00	110,000	10,300.00	120,300.00
2028	660,000	83,500.00	743,500.00	115,000	4,800.00	119,800.00
2029	695,000	50,500.00	745,500.00	125,000	2,500.00	127,500.00
2030	315,000	15,750.00	330,750.00	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 5,045,000	\$ 1,234,250.00	\$ 6,279,250.00	\$ 850,000	\$ 141,800.00	\$ 991,800.00

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2019 DASNY		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2022	\$ 605,000	\$ 426,300.00	\$ 1,031,300.00
2023	635,000	396,050.00	1,031,050.00
2024	670,000	364,300.00	1,034,300.00
2025	700,000	330,800.00	1,030,800.00
2026	735,000	295,800.00	1,030,800.00
2027	775,000	259,050.00	1,034,050.00
2028	810,000	220,300.00	1,030,300.00
2029	855,000	179,800.00	1,034,800.00
2030	895,000	137,050.00	1,032,050.00
2031	940,000	92,300.00	1,032,300.00
2032	845,000	64,100.00	909,100.00
2033	775,000	38,750.00	813,750.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,240,000	\$ 2,804,600.00	\$ 12,044,600.00

MATERIAL EVENT NOTICES

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

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

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.

With respect to event (l) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the 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 government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District.

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

The District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Note; 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 aforescribed notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Note 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 Note (including holders of beneficial interests in the Note). The right of holders of the Note 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 Note nor entitle any holder of the Note to recover monetary damages.

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

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

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**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELAWARE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

JUNE 30, 2020

Such 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Education
Sidney Central School District

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sidney Central School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

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

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 12, and other Required Supplementary Information, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sidney Central School District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information, as listed in the Table of Contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the New York State Education Department and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplemental information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 13, 2020, on our consideration of the Sidney 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 the Sidney Central School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Sidney Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP

October 13, 2020

Utica, New York

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

(Continued)

The Sidney Central School District's discussion and analysis of financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. This should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

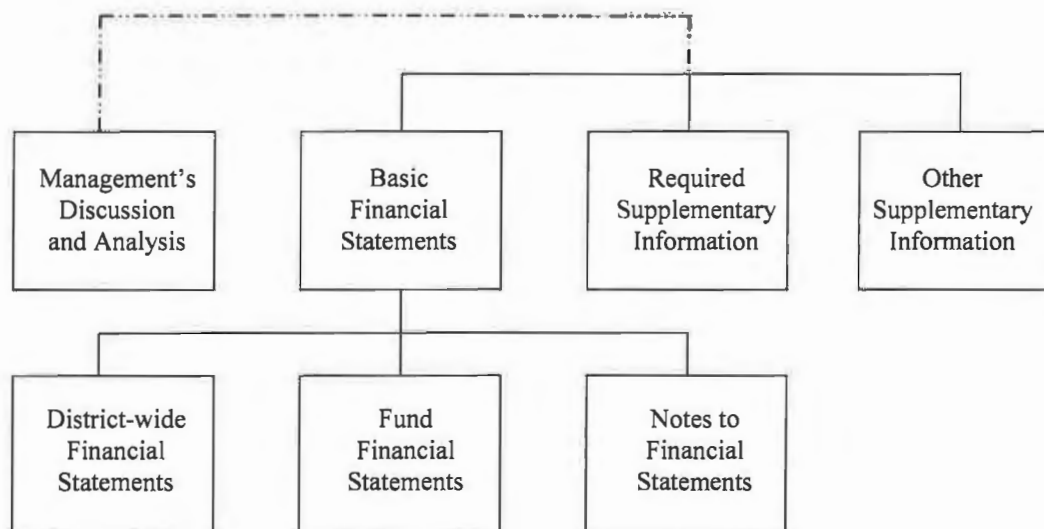
1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2020 are as follows:

- The District's total net position, as reflected in the District-wide financial statements, increased by \$1,197,100.
- The District's expenses for the year, as reflected in the District-wide financial statements, totaled \$26,621,520. This amount was offset by \$207,939 in program charges for services and \$1,642,602 by operating grants. General revenues of \$25,968,079 amounts to 93.3% of total revenues.
- State and federal revenue decreased by \$855,878 to \$18,531,665 in 2020 from \$19,387,543 in 2019.
- The General Fund's total fund balance, as reflected in the fund financial statements on pages 15 and 17, increased by \$553,514 to \$7,926,285. This was due to an excess of revenues compared to expenditures based on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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



**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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A. District-wide Financial Statements

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

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

The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows and outflows, with the difference reported as net position. Increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

The Statement of Activities

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

B. Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, not the District as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District also uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the District are reported in the governmental funds and the fiduciary funds.

These statements utilize the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period that they become measurable and available. It recognizes expenditures in the period that they become measurable, funded through available resources and payable within a current period.

Governmental Funds

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

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

The District maintains five individual governmental funds, General Fund, School Lunch Fund, Special Aid Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund, each of which is considered to be a major fund and is presented separately in the fund financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in its capacity as agent or trustee. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. The fiduciary activities have been excluded from the District's District-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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3. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

A. Net Position

The District's total net position increased by \$1,197,100 between fiscal year 2020 and 2019. A summary of the District's Statement of Net Position for June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 13,419,047	\$ 21,985,969	\$ (8,566,922)	(39.0%)
Capital Assets, (Net of Depreciation)	<u>50,239,321</u>	<u>50,364,695</u>	<u>(125,374)</u>	(0.2%)
Total Assets	<u>63,658,368</u>	<u>72,350,664</u>	<u>(8,692,296)</u>	(12.0%)
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>5,755,565</u>	<u>5,018,049</u>	<u>737,516</u>	14.7%
Current and Other Liabilities	6,640,894	14,599,722	(7,958,828)	(54.5%)
Non-Current Liabilities	<u>31,004,072</u>	<u>32,328,406</u>	<u>(1,324,334)</u>	(4.1%)
Total Liabilities	<u>37,644,966</u>	<u>46,928,128</u>	<u>(9,283,162)</u>	(19.8%)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,277,195</u>	<u>3,145,913</u>	<u>131,282</u>	4.2%
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	26,783,279	25,149,648	1,633,631	6.5%
Restricted	4,936,904	4,177,001	759,903	18.2%
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(3,228,411)</u>	<u>(2,031,977)</u>	<u>(1,196,434)</u>	(58.9%)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 28,491,772</u>	<u>\$ 27,294,672</u>	<u>\$ 1,197,100</u>	4.4%

Current and Other Assets decreased by \$8,566,922, as compared to the prior year. The decrease is primarily due to cash being held in escrow related to an issued DASNY bond in the prior year that was subsequently used to pay off bond anticipation notes.

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$125,374, as compared to the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to depreciation expense exceeding capital asset additions for the year. Note 6 to the financial statements provides additional information.

Deferred Outflows of Resources increased by \$737,516, as compared to the prior year. The increase is primarily due to the change in retirement system and OPEB deferred outflows due to changes in assumptions and earnings on plan investments.

Current and Other Liabilities decreased by \$7,958,828, as compared to the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$9,304,877, offset by an increase in the net pension liability in the amount of \$1,717,971.

Non-current liabilities decreased by \$1,324,334, as compared to the prior year. This decrease is primarily the result of bond repayments of \$1,730,000.

Deferred Inflows of Resources increased by \$131,282, as compared to the prior year. This increase is primarily due to the change in the retirement system and OPEB deferred inflows.

The net investment in capital assets is calculated by subtracting the amount of outstanding debt used for construction from the total cost of all asset acquisitions, net of accumulated depreciation. The total cost of these acquisitions includes expenditures to purchase land, construct and improve buildings and purchase vehicles, equipment and furniture to support District operations.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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The restricted net position at June 30, 2020 was \$4,936,904, which represents the amount of the District's reserves and other restricted amounts in the General, Capital, and Debt Service Funds.

B. Changes in Net Position

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

Revenues	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Change
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 207,939	\$ 348,136	\$ (140,197)	(40.27%)
Operating & Capital Grants	1,642,602	2,653,410	(1,010,808)	(38.09%)
General Revenues				
Property Taxes and STAR	6,060,550	6,033,502	27,048	0.4%
State and Federal Sources	18,531,665	19,387,543	(855,878)	(4.41%)
Other	1,375,864	2,140,648	(764,784)	(35.73%)
Total Revenues	<u>27,818,620</u>	<u>30,563,239</u>	<u>(2,744,619)</u>	<u>(8.98%)</u>
Expenses				
General Support	5,170,438	5,609,730	(439,292)	(7.83%)
Instruction	18,416,645	18,438,088	(21,443)	(0.12%)
Pupil Transportation	1,147,034	1,058,111	88,923	8.4%
Community Service	9,837	12,878	(3,041)	(23.61%)
Debt Service-Unallocated Interest	1,040,698	831,267	209,431	25.2%
Food Service Program	836,868	796,681	40,187	5.0%
Total Expenses	<u>26,621,520</u>	<u>26,746,755</u>	<u>(125,235)</u>	<u>(0.47%)</u>
Total Change in Net Position	<u>\$ 1,197,100</u>	<u>\$ 3,816,484</u>	<u>\$ (2,619,384)</u>	

The District's revenues decreased by 8.98% in 2020 or \$2,744,619. The major factors that contributed to the decrease were:

- State and Federal aid decreased by \$855,878, primarily due to a decrease in building aid in the amount of \$1,170,357.
- Operating and Capital Grants decreased by \$1,010,808 due to SMART School Bond Act funds revenue received in the prior year.
- Decrease in Other Revenue of \$764,784 due to increased refunds of prior year expenses in the prior year due primarily to a decrease in the amount of estimated building aid received as an overpayment since the final building cost reports were filed and accepted by New York State during the prior year.

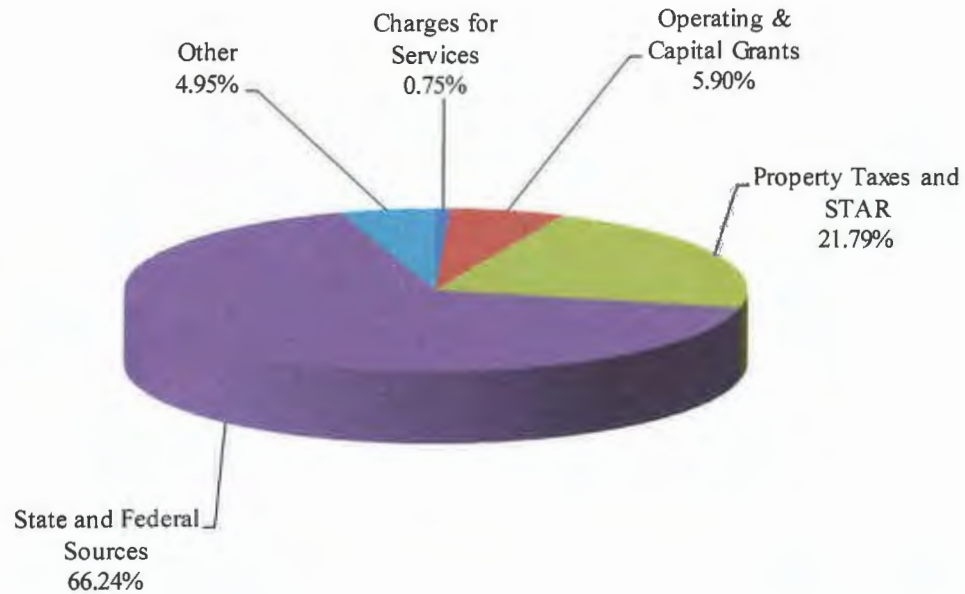
The District's expenditures year over year remained fairly consistent.

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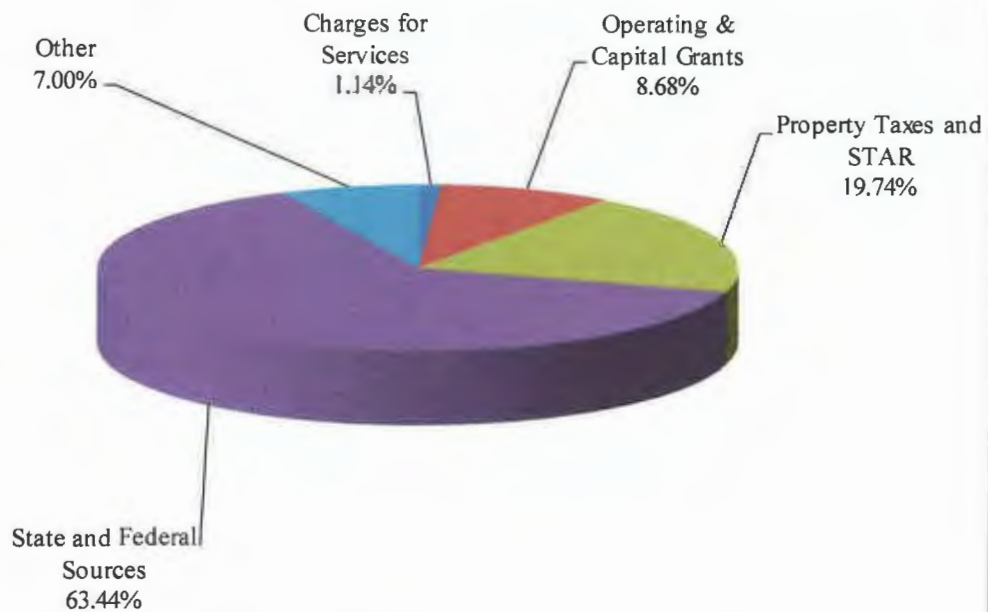
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A graphic display of the distribution of revenues for the two years follows:

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020



For the Year Ended June 30, 2019



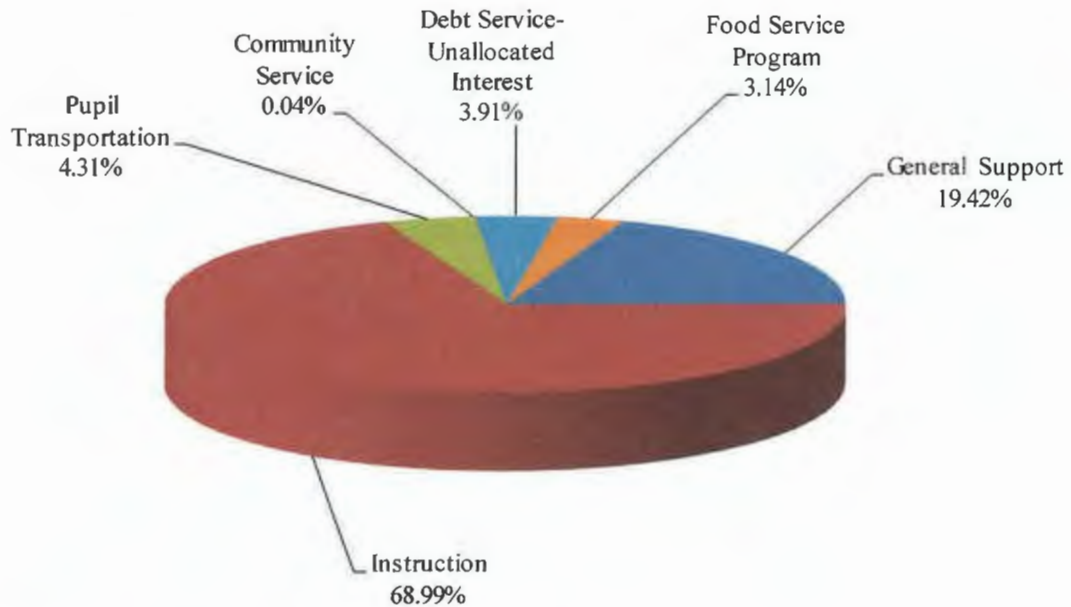
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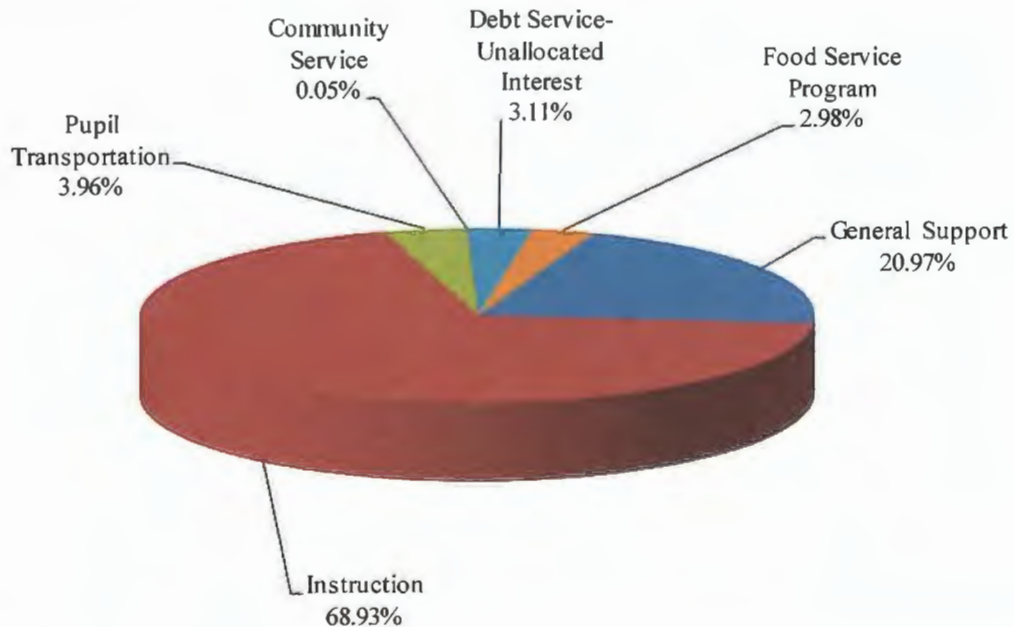
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A graphic display of the distribution of expenses for the two years follows:

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020



For the Year Ended June 30, 2019



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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4. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

At June 30, 2020, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$7,700,297 which is an increase of \$436,265 compared to the prior year. This increase is due to an excess of revenues over expenditures for the year primarily, in the general fund. A summary of the change in fund balance by fund is as follows:

	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)
General Fund			
Restricted Funds			
Retirement Contribution Reserve	\$ 1,659,725	\$ 1,354,483	\$ 305,242
Property Loss Reserve	116,005	115,923	82
Liability Reserve	646,864	639,865	6,999
Tax Certiorari Reserve	564,116	563,862	254
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	722,241	806,360	(84,119)
Capital Reserve	500,000		500,000
Repairs Reserve	160,067	160,043	24
Unemployment Insurance Reserve	385,724	381,484	4,240
Total Restricted Funds	<u>4,754,742</u>	<u>4,022,020</u>	<u>732,722</u>
Assigned			
General Support	20,200	40,069	(19,869)
Instruction	388	12,133	(11,745)
Pupil Transportation		219	(219)
Appropriated for Subsequent Year's Budget	<u>1,250,000</u>	<u>1,454,841</u>	<u>(204,841)</u>
Total Assigned	<u>1,270,588</u>	<u>1,507,262</u>	<u>(236,674)</u>
Unassigned			
Reserve for Tax Reduction	57,072	57,072	
Unassigned	<u>1,843,883</u>	<u>1,786,417</u>	<u>57,466</u>
Total Unassigned	<u>1,900,955</u>	<u>1,843,489</u>	<u>57,466</u>
Total General Fund	<u>7,926,285</u>	<u>7,372,771</u>	<u>553,514</u>
School Lunch Fund			
Nonspendable	66,270	21,021	45,249
Assigned	<u>92,034</u>	<u>137,283</u>	<u>(45,249)</u>
Total School Lunch Fund	<u>158,304</u>	<u>158,304</u>	
Special Aid Fund			
Assigned	<u>64,809</u>	<u>127,944</u>	<u>(63,135)</u>
Debt Service Fund			
Restricted	<u>175,690</u>	<u>150,676</u>	<u>25,014</u>
Capital Projects Fund			
Restricted	6,472	4,305	2,167
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>(631,263)</u>	<u>(545,663)</u>	<u>(85,600)</u>
Total Capital Project Fund	<u>(624,791)</u>	<u>(541,358)</u>	<u>(83,433)</u>
 Total Fund Balance - All Funds	 <u>\$ 7,700,297</u>	 <u>\$ 7,264,032</u>	 <u>\$ 436,265</u>

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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5. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

A. 2019-2020 Budget

The District's General Fund adopted budget for the year ended June 30, 2020, was \$28,030,516. This is an increase of \$332,365 compared to the prior years adopted budget.

The budget was funded through a combination of revenues and designated fund balance. The majority of this funding source was \$4,843,276 in estimated property taxes and State Aid in the amount of \$18,865,897.

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

The General Fund's unassigned fund balance is the component of total fund balance that is the residual of prior years' excess revenues over expenditures, net of transfers to reserves and designations to fund the subsequent year's budget. It is this balance that is commonly referred to as the "fund balance". The change in this balance demonstrated through a comparison of the actual revenues and expenditures for the year compared to budget follows:

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,843,529
Revenues and Transfers under Budget	(1,264,947)
Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Transfers under Budget	3,805,095
Increase in Appropriations from Voter Proposition	(500,000)
Net Increase in Restricted Funds	(732,722)
Appropriated for June 30, 2021 Budget	<u>(1,250,000)</u>
Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,900,955</u></u>

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance

The \$1,843,529 shown in the table is the portion of the District's June 30, 2019, fund balance that was retained as unassigned. This was 6.37% of the District's 2019-2020 approved operating budget.

Revenues and Transfers Under Budget

The 2019-2020 budget for revenues and transfers was \$26,575,673. The actual revenues and transfers received for the year were \$25,310,726. The actual revenue and other financing sources over the estimated or budgeted revenue was \$1,264,947. This variance contributes directly to the change to the unassigned portion of the General Fund fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Other Financing Uses Under Budget

The 2019-2020 budget for expenditures, encumbrances, and other financing uses was \$28,082,937. The actual expenditures, encumbrances, and other financing uses were \$24,757,212. The final budget was under expended by \$3,805,095. This under expenditure contributes to the change to the unassigned portion of the General Fund balance from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

Net Increase in Restricted Funds

The School District's restricted funds in the General Fund increased by \$732,722, through transfers and expenditures approved by the Board of Education.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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Appropriated Fund Balance

The District has chosen to use \$1,250,000 of its available June 30, 2020, fund balance to partially fund its 2020-2021 approved operating budget.

Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance

Based upon the summary changes shown in the above table, the District will begin the 2020-2021 fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$1,900,955. This is an increase of \$5,046 compared to the unassigned balance from the prior year. The unassigned fund balance subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law was 6.64% of the District's approved 2020-2021 operating budget.

6. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

A. Capital Assets

At June 30, 2020, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, including land, buildings and improvements and equipment. The net decrease in capital assets is due to depreciation expense exceeding capital additions for the year ended June 30, 2020. A summary of the District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation at June 30, 2020 and 2019, is as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	Increase (Decrease)
Land	\$ 75,482	\$ 75,482	\$
Construction in Progress	715,921	122,008	593,913
Buildings and Improvements	47,539,254	48,333,581	(794,327)
Furniture, Equipment, and Vehicles	<u>1,908,664</u>	<u>1,833,624</u>	<u>75,040</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 50,239,321</u>	<u>\$ 50,364,695</u>	<u>\$ (125,374)</u>

B. Debt Administration

At June 30, 2020, the District had total bonds payable of \$20,150,000. A summary of the outstanding bonds at June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	Increase (Decrease)
2/25/2010	2.0%-4.25%	\$ 985,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ (90,000)
6/15/2012	1.75%-5.0%	3,745,000	4,850,000	(1,105,000)
9/1/2015	1.75%	85,000	165,000	(80,000)
6/15/2016	4.0%-5.0%	5,520,000	5,970,000	(450,000)
6/17/2019	3.0%-5.0%	<u>9,815,000</u>	<u>9,820,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>
Total		<u>\$ 20,150,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,880,000</u>	<u>\$ (1,730,000)</u>

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7. ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

The District appropriated \$1,250,000 of the June 30, 2020 fund balance to the 2020 - 2021 budget.

The voters passed the 2020-2021 budget in June of 2020 with total appropriations of \$27,782,464, a decrease of \$248,052 from the prior year.

The economic climate and financial status of the State of New York brings uncertainty of the state sustaining and/or increasing State Aid in the future for the School District. Costs will continue to escalate in the areas of medical insurance and retirement contributions, making it more difficult to contain costs. The School District will be attempting to negotiate changes in health insurance plans to minimize increases. It has established reserves to offset significant increases in retirement costs. Additionally, it has worked to purchase electricity and fuel in the least expensive manner.

8. CONTACTING THE DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Business Office at:

**Sidney Central School District
95 West Main Street
Sidney, New York 13838**

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 5,146,302
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,930,432
Due From	
Other Governments	1,996,248
Fiduciary Funds	7
Other Receivables	77,989
Inventory	66,270
Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share	1,201,799
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	<u>50,239,321</u>
Total Assets	<u>63,658,368</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred Outflows - Pensions	5,392,568
Deferred Outflows - OPEB	<u>362,997</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>5,755,565</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$ <u>69,413,933</u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 55,631
Retainage Payable	30
Accrued Liabilities	51,418
Due To	
Teachers' Retirement System	742,216
Employees' Retirement System	87,131
Accrued Interest on Bond Anticipation Note	47,218
Bond Anticipation Notes	2,627,200
Overpayments and Collections in Advance	240,275
Unearned Revenue	400,466
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share	2,389,309
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Bonds Payable	2,360,000
Premium on Bond	104,027
Due in More Than One Year	
Bonds Payable	17,790,000
Premium on Bond	2,587,502
Other Postemployment Benefits	6,936,912
Compensated Absences	<u>1,225,631</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>37,644,966</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred Inflows- OPEB	1,449,254
Deferred Inflows - Pensions	<u>1,827,941</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,277,195</u>
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	<u>40,922,161</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	26,783,279
Restricted	4,936,904
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(3,228,411)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>28,491,772</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows, and Net Position	\$ <u>69,413,933</u>

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of These Financial Statements.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
General Support	\$ 5,170,438	\$	\$	\$ (5,170,438)
Instruction	18,416,645	166,570	882,758	(17,367,317)
Pupil Transportation	1,147,034			(1,147,034)
Community Service	9,837			(9,837)
Debt Service - Unallocated Interest	1,040,698			(1,040,698)
Food Service	836,868	41,369	759,844	(35,655)
Total Functions/Programs	<u>\$ 26,621,520</u>	<u>\$ 207,939</u>	<u>\$ 1,642,602</u>	<u>(24,770,979)</u>
General Revenues				
Real Property Taxes				4,949,886
STAR and Other Real Property Tax Items				1,110,664
Use of Money and Property				218,766
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss				(3,298)
State and Federal Sources				18,531,665
Miscellaneous				<u>1,160,396</u>
Total General Revenues				<u>25,968,079</u>
Change in Net Position				1,197,100
Net Position, Beginning of Year				<u>27,294,672</u>
Net Position, End of Year				<u>\$ 28,491,772</u>

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2020

	General	School Lunch	Special Aid	Debt Service	Capital	Total
Assets						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,955,270	\$ 22,815	\$ 172,330	\$	\$ 1,995,887	\$ 5,146,302
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,754,742			175,690		4,930,432
Due From						
Other Governments	1,534,813	107,826	353,609			1,996,248
Other Funds	289,611	165,004				454,615
Other Receivables	16,307	2,061	42,821		16,800	77,989
Inventory		66,270				66,270
Total Assets	<u>\$ 9,550,743</u>	<u>\$ 363,976</u>	<u>\$ 568,760</u>	<u>\$ 175,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,687</u>	<u>\$ 12,671,856</u>
Liabilities						
Payables						
Accounts Payable	\$ 37,739	\$	\$ 7,644	\$	\$ 10,248	\$ 55,631
Retainage Payable					30	30
Accrued Liabilities	6,582	6,627				13,209
Due To						
Other Funds	165,004	193,763	95,841			454,608
Teachers' Retirement System	742,216					742,216
Employees' Retirement System	81,849	5,282				87,131
Accrued Interest on Bond Anticipation Note	47,218					47,218
Short-Term Notes Payables						
Bond Anticipation Note					2,627,200	2,627,200
Overpayments and Collections in Advance	240,275					240,275
Unearned Revenue	<u>303,575</u>		<u>400,466</u>			<u>704,041</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,624,458</u>	<u>205,672</u>	<u>503,951</u>		<u>2,637,478</u>	<u>4,971,559</u>
Fund Balance						
Nonspendable		66,270				66,270
Restricted	4,754,742			175,690	6,472	4,936,904
Assigned	1,270,588	92,034	64,809			1,427,431
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>1,900,955</u>				<u>(631,263)</u>	<u>1,269,692</u>
Total Fund Balance (Deficit)	<u>7,926,285</u>	<u>158,304</u>	<u>64,809</u>	<u>175,690</u>	<u>(624,791)</u>	<u>7,700,297</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 9,550,743</u>	<u>\$ 363,976</u>	<u>\$ 568,760</u>	<u>\$ 175,690</u>	<u>\$ 2,012,687</u>	<u>\$ 12,671,856</u>

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

Total Governmental Fund Balances \$ 7,700,297

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

Revenues that do not provide current financial resources that are recognized in the Statement of Net Position but not the fund financial statements.

State Aid 303,575

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

Original Cost of Capital Assets 77,120,207
Accumulated Depreciation (26,880,886)
50,239,321

Proportionate share of net pension asset/liability reported in the Statement of Activities 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.

Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share 1,201,799
Deferred Outflows - Pensions 5,392,568
Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share (2,389,309)
Deferred Inflows - Pensions (1,827,941)
2,377,117

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

Bonds Payable (20,150,000)
Unamortized Premiums on Bonds (2,691,529)
Accrued Interest on Bonds Payable (38,209)
Other Post Employment Liabilities (6,936,912)
Deferred Outflows - OPEB 362,997
Deferred Inflows - OPEB (1,449,254)
Compensated Absences Payable (1,225,631)
(32,128,538)

Total Net Position \$ 28,491,772

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	General	School Lunch	Special Aid	Debt Service	Capital	Total
Revenues						
Real Property Taxes	\$ 4,949,886	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,949,886
STAR and Other Real Property Tax Items	1,110,664					1,110,664
Charges for Services	166,570					166,570
Use of Money and Property	192,402	76		25,014	1,274	218,766
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	20,833					20,833
Miscellaneous	592,281	1,034	567,081			1,160,396
State Aid	18,185,064	62,227	119,672			18,366,963
Federal Aid	43,026	697,617	763,086			1,503,729
School Lunch Sales		41,369				41,369
Total Revenues	<u>25,260,726</u>	<u>802,323</u>	<u>1,449,839</u>	<u>25,014</u>	<u>1,274</u>	<u>27,539,176</u>
Expenditures						
General Support	4,143,730				691,746	4,835,476
Instruction	11,290,577		1,257,663			12,548,240
Pupil Transportation	711,088		23,942		281,109	1,016,139
Community Service	6,073					6,073
Food Service Program		622,584				622,584
Employee Benefits	4,812,178	188,787	193,576			5,194,541
Debt Service - Principal	1,730,000					1,730,000
Debt Service - Interest	1,154,163					1,154,163
Total Expenditures	<u>23,847,809</u>	<u>811,371</u>	<u>1,475,181</u>		<u>972,855</u>	<u>27,107,216</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>1,412,917</u>	<u>(9,048)</u>	<u>(25,342)</u>	<u>25,014</u>	<u>(971,581)</u>	<u>431,960</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)						
BANs Redeemed from Appropriations	(288,148)				288,148	
Transfers from Other Funds	50,000	9,048	12,207		600,000	671,255
Transfers to Other Funds	(621,255)		(50,000)			(671,255)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>(859,403)</u>	<u>9,048</u>	<u>(37,793)</u>		<u>888,148</u>	
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>553,514</u>		<u>(63,135)</u>	<u>25,014</u>	<u>(83,433)</u>	<u>431,960</u>
Fund Balance (Deficit), Beginning of Year	<u>7,372,771</u>	<u>158,304</u>	<u>127,944</u>	<u>150,676</u>	<u>(541,358)</u>	<u>7,268,337</u>
Fund Balance (Deficit), End of Year	<u>\$ 7,926,285</u>	<u>\$ 158,304</u>	<u>\$ 64,809</u>	<u>\$ 175,690</u>	<u>\$ (624,791)</u>	<u>\$ 7,700,297</u>

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**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND
EXPENDITURES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Net Changes in Fund Balance - Total Governmental Funds	\$	431,960
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Capital Outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities, those costs are shown in the statement of net position and allocated over their useful lives as depreciation expense in the statement of activities. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the period.

Depreciation Expense	(1,031,609)	
Loss on Sale	(24,131)	
Capital Outlays	<u>930,366</u>	(125,374)

Bond proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayments of bond principal is an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

Amortized Premium	104,027	
Repayment of Bond Principal	<u>1,730,000</u>	1,834,027

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds.

Deferred State Aid	<u>303,575</u>	303,575
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Certain expenses in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in Accrued Interest on Serial Bonds	9,438	
Change in Other Postemployment Benefits Liability	(383,694)	
Change in Deferred Inflows/Outflows - OPEB	551,994	
Change in Compensated Absences	<u>(125,999)</u>	51,739

Changes in the proportionate share of the net pension asset/liability reported in the Statement of Activities 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.

Retirement Systems	<u>(1,298,827)</u>	<u>(1,298,827)</u>
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Change in Net Position Governmental Activities	\$	<u>1,197,100</u>
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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
June 30, 2020

	<u>Agency</u>
Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$ 225,946
Receivables	<u>678</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 226,624</u></u>
Liabilities	
Due to Other Funds	\$ 7
Agency Liabilities	176,292
Extraclassroom Activity Balances	<u>50,325</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 226,624</u></u>

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Sidney Central School District (the School District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as they apply to governmental units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Certain significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the School District are described below:

Reporting Entity

The School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The School 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 School District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

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

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the School District. The School District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the School 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 description of certain entities included in the School District's reporting entity.

Extraclassroom Activity Funds

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

Joint Venture

The School District is a component district in the Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego Board of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES). A 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 district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, §1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Basis of Presentation

(a) District-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the School 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.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School 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 and depreciation expense for the year, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the expenditures 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.

(b) Fund Financial Statements

The fund statements provide information about the School 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 funds of the School District are displayed as major funds. The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: This is the School District's primary operating fund used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds: These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. There are two classes of special revenue funds:

Special Aid Fund: This fund accounts for and reports the proceeds of Federal and State grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

School Lunch Fund: This fund is used to account for and report transactions of the School District's lunch and breakfast programs.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for and reports financial resources that are restricted to expenditures for principal and interest. Debt service funds should be used to report resources if legally mandated.

Capital Project Fund: This fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

(c) Fiduciary Funds

This fund is used to account for and report fiduciary activities. Fiduciary activities are those in which the School 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 School District, and are not available to be used. There are two potential classes of fiduciary funds:

Private Purpose Trust Funds: These funds are used to account for and report trust arrangements in which principal and income provides annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the School District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits. Currently the District has no funds in this class.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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 School 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 governmental fund 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 School 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, other postemployment benefits, 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.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses 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, useful lives of long-lived assets, and other postemployment benefit liability.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The School 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 date of acquisition. New York State law governs the School District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the 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.

Property Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to October 31. The County of Delaware subsequently enforces uncollected real property taxes. The County pays an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the County for enforcement to the School District no later than the following April 1.

Receivables

Receivables are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Deferred Outflows of Resources

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 (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions not included in pension expense. The second item is related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) reported on the District-wide Statement of Net Position and represents the effect of differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions during the year. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized in OPEB expense over the next several years.

Interfund Transactions

The operations of the School District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The School 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.

The amounts reported on the Statement of Net Position for due to and due from other funds represents amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for amounts due to and due from within the same fund type. A detailed description of the individual transactions during the year are shown in Note 13 to the financial statements.

Inventories

The inventories of food and/or supplies in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or, in the case of surplus food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Government's assigned value which approximates market. A reserve for inventory has been recognized to indicate that this does not constitute available spendable resources.

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

Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost for acquisitions subsequent to July 1, 2002. For assets acquired prior to July 1, 2002 estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

The School District uses capitalization thresholds of \$2,000, (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts). The School District uses the straight-line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements:

Buildings and Improvements	40 Years
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles	5-15 Years

Deferred Inflows of Resources

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. The District has two items that qualifies for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability or asset and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is related to other postemployment benefits (OPEB) reported on the District-wide Statement of Net Position and represents the effect of differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions during the year. These amounts are deferred and will be recognized in OPEB expense over the next several years.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Vested Employee Benefits – Compensated Absences

The School District employees are granted vacation leave in varying amounts. In the event of termination or upon retirement, an employee is entitled to certain payments for the accumulated days as provided in contractual agreements.

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

Payment of vacation and sick leave is dependent upon many factors; therefore, timing of future payments is not readily determinable. However, management believes that sufficient resources will be made available for the payments of vacation leave, sick leave, and compensated absences when such payment becomes due.

In the fund statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources.

Short-Term Debt

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 BAN's issued for capital purposes to be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue.

Other Benefits

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

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides postemployment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits for retired employees and their survivors. Collective bargaining agreements determine if District employees are 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 postemployment benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. Other postemployment benefit costs are measured and disclosed using the accrual basis of accounting (see Note 11).

Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the School District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incidence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenues is removed and revenues are recorded.

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, judgments, 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.

Equity classifications

(a) District-Wide Financial Statements

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

Net Investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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

Unrestricted net position – reports all other resources that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District.

(b) Fund Statements

The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints:

Non-spendable

This category includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category consists of the inventories in the School Lunch Fund.

Restricted Resources

This category 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. Generally, the District's policy is to use restricted resources only when appropriated by the Board of Education. When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, the School District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements. The School District has established the following restricted fund balances:

- ***Retirement Contribution Reserve***

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for financing retirement contributions to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. This reserve is established by Board resolution and is funded by budgetary appropriation and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. 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. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund. Effective April 1, 2019, a Board may adopt a resolution establishing a sub-fund for contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. During a fiscal year, the Board may authorize payment into the sub-fund of up to 2% of the total covered salaries paid during the preceding fiscal year, not to exceed a total of 10%. The sub-fund is separately administered, but must comply with all the existing provisions of General Municipal Law §6-r. The Board passed a resolution in June 2019 to establish the Retirement Contribution sub-fund for TRS contributions.

- ***Property Loss and Liability Reserve***

Property Loss Reserve and Liability Reserves (Education Law §1709(8)(c)) are used to pay for property loss and liability claims incurred. Separate funds for property loss and liability claims are required, and these reserves may not in total exceed 3% of the annual budget or \$15,000, whichever is greater. These reserves are accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Tax Certiorari Reserve***

Tax Certiorari Reserve (Education Law §3651.1-a) is used to pay anticipated judgments and claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. Voter approval is not required provided that the monies held do not exceed the anticipated needs of the School District. If no voter approval is obtained, then any excess resources must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after deposit of these monies. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability***

Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability is used to reserve funds for the payment of accrued employee benefit due an employee upon termination of the employee's service. This reserve may be established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

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- ***Reserve for Repairs***

Repair Reserve (GML §6-d) is 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. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- ***Unemployment Insurance Reserve***

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

- ***Reserve for Capital Projects***

Capital reserve (Education law §3651) is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects 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. Total expenditures over the life of each capital reserve may not exceed the voter approved maximum. Funds may be transferred to other reserves only with voter approval. The reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

- In June 2020, the Board and voters established a capital reserve fund to reserve up to \$1 million for the purpose of capital improvements. The reserve was established with a probable term of ten years. The fund can be used to offset the local share of future capital project work. This proposition only establishes the capital reserve fund and does not obligate the district to fund it at any specific level at any time. The district will determine the level at which it is funded based on current and future financial conditions. As of June 30, 2020, the District has funded \$500,000 into this reserve.

- ***Capital Project Fund***

This fund is used to account for and report the financial resources that are restricted by a voter approved proposition for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

- ***Debt Service Fund***

This fund is used to account for and report the financial resources that are restricted to pay debt service. The funds include unused debt proceeds and interest and earnings on the temporary investment of debt proceeds.

Unrestricted Resources

When an expenditure is incurred, for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the School District considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless School District has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

- ***Committed*** - 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 School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2020.
- ***Assigned*** - Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by (a) the Board of Education or (b) the designated official, such as the District's Purchasing Agent, to which the Board has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. All encumbrances, other than Capital Fund, are classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the applicable fund. The amount appropriated for the subsequent year's budget of the General Fund is also classified as Assigned Fund Balance in the General Fund.

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- **Unassigned** – Includes all other fund resources that do not meet the definition of the above two classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the School District. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance in the respective fund. The unassigned also includes:

- **Tax Reduction Reserve**

Tax Reduction Reserve (Education Law §1604(36), 1709 (37)) is gradually used to reduce real property taxes over a period not to exceed ten years. The Board of Education, without voter approval, has established this reserve with proceeds from the sale of a building with no outstanding debt. Funds may be expended without voter approval. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

(c) Order of Use of Fund Balance

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for the purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, (e.g. expenditures related to reserves) the Board will assess the current financial condition of the School District and then determine the order of expenditures to which the fund balance classification will be charged.

Future Changes in Accounting Standards

- GASB Statement No. 84 – Fiduciary Activities Effective for the year ended June 30, 2021
- GASB Statement No. 87 – Leases Effective for the year ended June 30, 2022

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

2. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic resource management focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resource management focus of the governmental funds.

Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds Compared To Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the School District's governmental funds differ from "net position" of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the additional long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes In Fund Balance Compared To Statement of Activities

Differences between the governmental funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of six broad categories.

(a) Long-Term Revenue Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available," whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

(b) Capital Related Differences

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

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(c) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

(d) Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset/liability and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

(e) Employee Benefit Allocation

Expenditures for employee benefits are not allocated to a specific function on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Equity based on the requirements of New York State. These costs have been allocated based on total salary for each function.

(f) OPEB Differences

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and differences between the District's contributions and OPEB expense.

3. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Fund Balance Limitations

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 School 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. At June 30, 2020, the School District's General Fund unassigned fund balance is 6.64% of the 2020-2021 budget.

NYS Real Property Tax Cap

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 established a property tax levy limit (generally referred to as the tax cap) that restricts the amount of property taxes local governments including school districts can levy. The tax levy for the 2019-2020 school year was in compliance with the NYS Tax Cap Limit.

Statutory Debt Limit

At June 30, 2020, the School District was in compliance with the statutory debt limit.

Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting

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

The voters of the School District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the General Fund.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the 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 encumbered. 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 restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year.

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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. The budget and actual comparison for the Special Revenue Funds (if any) reflects budgeted and actual amounts only for funds with legally authorized (appropriated) budgets.

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project funds 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.

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 assigned 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.

4. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District's policy for custodial credit risk and New York State statutes govern the School District's investment policies, as discussed previously in these notes. GASB directs that deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are either:

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

As of June 30, 2020, the School District had bank balances of \$10,467,884 of which \$500,000 was fully insured by the FDIC. The balance of \$9,967,884 was exposed to credit risk and collateralized by securities held by an agent of the pledging financial institution in the School District's name.

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents

Restricted cash and cash equivalents in the General Fund represents the following:

Reserve for Retirement Contribution	1,659,725
Reserve for Property Loss	116,005
Reserve for Liabilities	646,864
Reserve for Tax Certiorari	564,116
Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	722,241
Reserve for Capital	500,000
Reserve for Repairs	160,067
Reserve for Unemployment Insurance	385,724
Total Reserves	<u>\$ 4,754,742</u>

Restricted cash and cash equivalents of \$175,690 in the Debt Service Fund is restricted for future debt service.

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5. PARTICIPATION IN BOCES

During the year, the School District was billed \$5,160,634 for BOCES' administrative and program costs. Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES' administrative office at 6678 County Road 32, Norwich, New York 13815.

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District issued no debt on behalf of BOCES. However, during 2007, the BOCES issued \$47,755,000 in Revenue Lease Bonds with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY). These bonds will be repaid by the component districts of the BOCES as a lease payment included in the administrative budget of the BOCES over the term of the bonds. During 2020, \$2,410,000 in principal payments were made and the outstanding balance at June 30, 2020, was \$23,725,000. The Bonds were refinanced through DASNY in June 2015, to reduce the debt service expenditures over the remaining life of the bonds.

6. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2020, is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land	\$ 75,482	\$	\$	\$ 75,482
Construction in Progress	122,008	593,913		715,921
Total	197,490	593,913		791,403
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	68,317,238			68,317,238
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles	7,859,604	336,453	184,491	8,011,566
Total	76,176,842	336,453	184,491	76,328,804
Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	19,983,657	794,327		20,777,984
Furniture, Equipment and Vehicles	6,025,980	237,282	160,360	6,102,902
Total	26,009,637	1,031,609	160,360	26,880,886
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	50,167,205	(695,156)	24,131	49,447,918
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 50,364,695</u>	<u>\$ (101,243)</u>	<u>\$ 24,131</u>	<u>\$ 50,239,321</u>

Depreciation expense of \$1,031,609 is charged as follows:

<u>Function/Program</u>	
General Support	\$ 313,524
Instruction	660,071
Pupil Transportation	57,772
School Lunch	242
Total Depreciation	<u>\$ 1,031,609</u>

7. BUILDING LEASE

The School District, as lessor, leases a building to Broome DDSO for use as a regional office day habilitation program for adults, for monthly payments of \$9,012. During the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District received \$108,147 in lease revenue. The term of the lease is on a month to month basis. The School District also leased classroom space to a BOCES during the 2019-2020 school year.

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8. SHORT-TERM DEBT

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

The following is a summary of the BANs outstanding at June 30, 2020:

<u>Payable From/Description</u>	<u>Date of Original Issue</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Interest Rate (%)</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount</u>
Capital Fund					
BAN Capital Improvements	07/27/18	\$ 11,498,077	07/10/19	1.87-3.00%	\$
BAN Buses	08/07/19	2,627,200	08/07/20	2.00%	2,627,200
Total					<u>\$ 2,627,200</u>

Changes in the School District's short-term outstanding debt for the year ended June 30, 2020, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities				
BAN Capital Improvements/Buses	<u>\$ 11,498,077</u>	<u>\$ 2,627,200</u>	<u>\$ 11,498,077</u>	<u>\$ 2,627,200</u>

Interest costs for short-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2020, was as follows:

Interest Paid	\$ 284,586
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year	(275,854)
Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year	47,218
Total Interest Expense on Short-Term Debt	<u>\$ 55,950</u>

9. NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Noncurrent liability balances and activity are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2020:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Bonds Payable					
Serial and Statutory Installment Bonds	\$ 21,880,000	\$	\$ 1,730,000	\$ 20,150,000	\$ 2,360,000
Unamortized Premium on Bond	2,795,556		104,027	2,691,529	104,027
Other Liabilities					
Compensated Absences	1,099,632	125,999		1,225,631	
OPEB Liability	6,533,218	914,109	530,415	6,936,912	
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>\$ 32,328,406</u>	<u>\$ 1,040,108</u>	<u>\$ 2,364,442</u>	<u>\$ 31,004,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,464,027</u>

Serial Bonds

The School District borrows money in order to acquire land or equipment, construct buildings, or make improvements. This enables the cost of these capital assets to be borne by the present and future taxpayers receiving the benefit of the capital assets. The long-term liabilities are full faith and credit debt of the local government. The provision to be made in the General Fund's future budgets for capital indebtedness represents the amount exclusive of interest, authorized to be collected in future years from taxpayers and others for liquidation of the long-term liabilities. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal and/or interest on the Bonds, 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 Bonds.

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Details relating to general obligation (serial) bonds of the School District outstanding at June 30, 2020, are summarized as follows:

Payable from/Description	Date of Original Issue	Original Amount	Date of Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding Amount
General Fund					
2011 Refunding	02/25/10	4,645,000	06/05/29	2.00-4.25	\$ 985,000
2012 Refunding	06/15/12	12,860,000	06/15/24	1.75-5.00	3,745,000
2015 Serial Bond Buses	09/01/15	390,000	09/01/20	1.75	85,000
2016 Serial Bond Construction	06/15/16	6,920,000	06/15/30	4.00-5.00	5,520,000
2019 DASNY	06/17/19	9,820,000	06/15/33	3.00-5.00	9,815,000
Total					<u>\$ 20,150,000</u>

Principal and interest payments due on serial bonds debt is as follows:

For the Year Ending June 30,	Serial Bonds & Statutory Installment Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 2,360,000	\$ 911,713	\$ 3,271,713
2022	2,370,000	798,525	3,168,525
2023	2,210,000	693,100	2,903,100
2024	1,815,000	602,950	2,417,950
2025	1,385,000	523,050	1,908,050
2026-2030	7,450,000	1,547,513	8,997,513
2031-2033	<u>2,560,000</u>	<u>195,150</u>	<u>2,755,150</u>
Total	<u>\$ 20,150,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,272,001</u>	<u>\$ 25,422,001</u>

Interest expense on the District-wide financial statements is calculated as follows:

Interest Paid	\$ 1,098,213
Less: Interest Accrued in the Prior Year	(47,647)
Less: Amortization of Bond Premium	(104,027)
Plus: Interest Accrued in the Current Year	<u>38,209</u>
Total Interest Expense on Long-Term Debt	<u>\$ 984,748</u>

Prior-Year Defeasance of Debt

In prior years, the School District defeased certain general obligation bonds of which the proceeds were used to purchase United States government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the bonds. As a result, the bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the District's financial statements. At June 30, 2020, \$4,865,000 of defeased bonds were still outstanding.

Debt Limit

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

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Serial Bond Premium

In 2016 and 2019 the District issued serial bonds for \$7,310,000 and \$9,820,000, respectively. The serial bonds were issued at premiums of \$1,456,372 and \$1,651,265, respectively. While these amounts were recognized as revenue in the Debt Service Fund, they are considered unearned revenue on the District-wide financial statements. The premiums are being amortized until the bonds mature. Interest revenue amortized for the year ending June 30, 2020 was \$104,027, and the remaining unamortized balance is reported as a deferred bond premium in the amount of \$2,691,529.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences represent vacation and sick time that has been earned by the School District employees but not used as of June 30, 2020.

10. PENSION PLANS

A. New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

(a) *Plan Description*

The School District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The system 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. The Comptroller is an elected official determined in a direct statewide election and serves a four year term. Thomas P. DiNapoli has served as Comptroller since February 7, 2007. In November, 2018, he was elected for a new term commencing January 1, 2019. System benefits are established under the provisions of the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (RSSL). 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 School District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System maintains records and accounts, and prepares financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized when due. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable. Investments are recognized at fair value. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

(b) *Contributions*

The System is noncontributory for employees who joined prior to July 28, 1976. For employees who joined after July 27, 1976, and prior to January 1, 2010, employees contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership. Employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, but prior to April 1, 2012, are required to contribute 3% of their annual salary for their entire working career. Employees who joined on or after April 1, 2012 must contribute at a specific percentage of earnings (between 3 and 6%) for their entire career. Under the authority of the RSSL, the Comptroller certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. All required contributions for the NYSERS fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, were paid.

The required contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 307,713
2019	\$ 315,096
2020	\$ 342,147

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(c) Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported a liability of \$2,389,309 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of March 31, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2019. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS System in a report provided to the School District.

At June 30, 2020, the School District's proportion was .0090229%, which was a decrease of .000452% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized pension expense of \$799,786. At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	\$ 140,621
Change of assumptions	41,542	48,109
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on		
Pensions plan investments		1,224,876
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions		
and proportionate share of contributions	83,056	49,747
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		87,131
Total	<u>\$ 124,598</u>	<u>\$ 1,550,484</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset/liability in the year ended June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:

2021	\$ 215,441
2022	\$ 339,629
2023	\$ 435,343
2024	\$ 348,342

(d) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability at March 31, 2020 was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2019, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2020.

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2019 valuation were as follows:

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Investment rate of return (net of investment expense, including inflation)	6.80%
Salary scale	4.20%
Cost of Living Adjustment	1.30%
Inflation rate	2.50%

Annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2019 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015.

The long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of 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 arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of March 31, 2020 are summarized below.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	36.00%	4.05%
International equity	14.00%	6.15%
Private equity	10.00%	6.75%
Real estate	10.00%	4.95%
Absolute return strategies	2.00%	3.25%
Opportunistic portfolio	3.00%	4.65%
Real assets	3.00%	5.95%
Bonds and mortgages	17.00%	0.75%
Cash	1.00%	0.00%
Inflation-indexed bonds	4.00%	0.50%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

(e) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension asset/liability was 6.8%. 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 System's 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 asset/liability.

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

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.8 percent, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.8 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.8 percent) than the current rate:

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	1% Decrease (5.8%)	Current Assumption (6.8%)	1% Increase (7.8%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability (assets)	\$ 4,385,057	\$ 2,389,309	\$ 551,217

(g) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued ERS financial report.

(h) Payables to the Pension Plan

The School District has recorded an amount due to ERS in amount of \$87,131 at June 30, 2020. This amount represents the three months of the School District's fiscal year that will be covered in the ERS 2020-2021 billing cycle and has been recorded as a liability in the current year.

B. New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

(a) Plan Description

The School District participates in the New York Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. The system provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits.

The TRS was created and exists pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Education Law. TRS is administered by the system and governed by a ten member board to provide these benefits to teachers employed by participating employers in the State of New York, excluding New York City. The System provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the New York State Law and may be amended only by the Legislature with the Governor's approval. Benefit provisions vary depending on date of membership and membership class (6 tiers). The System's financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized when due. Benefit payments are recognized when due and payable. Investments are recognized at fair value. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains basic financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. For additional plan information please refer to the NYSTRS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the TRS website located at www.nystrs.org or obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395.

(b) Contributions

Pursuant to Article 11 of the New York State Education Law, employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate adopted annually by the Retirement Board. Tier 3 and Tier 4 members who have less than 10 years of service or membership are required by law to contribute 3% of salary to the System. Tier 5 members are required by law to contribute 3.5% of salary throughout their active membership. Tier 6 members are required by law to contribute between 3% and 6% of salary throughout their active membership in accordance with a schedule based upon salary earned. Pursuant to Article 14 and Article 15 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, those member contributions are used to help fund the benefits provided by the System. However, if a member dies or leaves covered employment with less than 5 years of credited service for Tiers 3 and 4, or 10 years of credited service for Tiers 5 and 6, the member contributions with interest calculated at 5% per annum are refunded to the employee or designated beneficiary. Eligible Tier 1 and Tier 2 members may make member contributions under certain conditions pursuant to the provisions of Article 11 of the Education Law and Article 11 of the Retirement and Social Security Law. Upon termination of membership, such accumulated member contributions are refunded. At retirement, such accumulated member contributions can be withdrawn or are paid as a life annuity.

The required employer contributions for the current year and two preceding years were:

	Amount
2018	\$ 738,799
2019	\$ 820,001
2020	\$ 649,459

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(c) Pension Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2020, the School District reported an asset of \$1,201,799 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018. The School District's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined.

At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was .046258 percent, which was a decrease of .000024 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the School District recognized a pension expense of \$1,496,420. At June 30, 2020, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 89,368	\$ 814,428
Changes of assumptions	553,578	2,270,358
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Pensions plan investments	963,781	
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	96,616	107,839
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date		649,459
Total	<u>\$ 1,703,343</u>	<u>\$ 3,842,084</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date, if any, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension asset. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2020	\$ 553,899
2021	\$ 44,688
2022	\$ 551,929
2023	\$ 346,869
2024	\$ 32,216
Thereafter	\$ (40,319)

(d) Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension asset at June 30, 2019 measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension asset to June 30, 2019.

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation were as follows:

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Investment Rate	
of Return	7.10 % compounded annually, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.
Salary scale	Rates of increase differ based on service.
	They have been calculated based upon recent NYSTRS member experience.

Service	Rate
5	4.72%
15	3.46%
25	2.37%
35	1.90%

Projected COLAs	1.3% compounded annually.
Inflation rate	2.2%

Annuitant mortality rates are based on plan member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries Scale MP2014, applied on a generational basis. Active member mortality rates are based on plan member experience.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2018 valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.

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

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of the valuation date of June 30, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return*
Domestic equity	33.0%	6.3%
International equity	16.0%	7.8%
Global Equity	4.0%	7.2%
Real estate	11.0%	4.6%
Private equity	8.0%	9.9%
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0%	1.3%
Global fixed income securities	2.0%	0.9%
Private Debt	1.0%	6.5%
High-yield fixed income securities	1.0%	3.6%
Mortgages	7.0%	2.9%
Short-term	1.0%	0.3%
	<u>100.0%</u>	

* Real rates of return are net of the long-term inflation assumption of 2.2% for 2019.

(e) Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension (asset)/liability was 7.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from school districts will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan

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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.

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

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

	1%	Current	1%
	Decrease	Assumption	Increase
	<u>(6.10%)</u>	<u>(7.10%)</u>	<u>(8.10%)</u>
Proportionate share of			
the net pension liability (assets)	\$ 5,424,794	\$ (1,201,799)	\$ (6,760,762)

(g) Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TRS financial report.

(h) Payables to the Pension Plan

The employer portion of the amount included in due to TRS was \$649,459. This amount was recorded in the General Fund at June 30, 2020 and represents the contribution for the 2019-20 fiscal year that will be made in 2020-21 and has been accrued as an expenditure in the current year.

11. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE BENEFITS

(a) Plan Description and Benefits Provided

The School District offers eligible actives, retirees, and some dependents' medical coverage in a fully-insured indemnity medical plan administered by Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Currently, there are 241 current and former employees participating in the District's Other Postemployment Benefit (OPEB) plan. The Plan provides for continuation of medical insurance benefits for certain retirees and their spouses and can be amended by action of the School District subject to applicable collective bargaining and employment agreements as follows:

Eligibility	All active employees and retirees who reach age 55 with a minimum of 7-20 years of service to the District, depending on bargaining group.
Benefit Cost Sharing	The School District pays 50-100% of the plan premium.
Spouse Cost Sharing	Not covered by most employee groups. The School District pays 50-100% of the plan premium in cases where they are covered.
Surviving Spouse Cost Sharing	Surviving spouse pays full cost.

(b) Schedule of Required Contributions

The OPEB plan is currently unfunded.

(c) Employees covered by benefit terms

At June 30, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	Total
Active plan members	206
Retirees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	35
Total	241

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(d) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

All actuarial methods are chosen to be consistent with the requirements of GASB 75 and are effective July 1, 2017. All actuarial assumptions are chosen to be consistent with the requirements of GASB 75 and Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOPs). Whenever possible, actual plan experience is factored into the setting of actuarial assumptions. Rates based on independent, published sources are used as noted, without audit.

All active employees eligible to participate in any OPEB benefit plan offered by the employer are included in this valuation. Retirees and surviving spouses currently enrolled in an OPEB plan offered by the employer are included in the valuation. Retirees who have opted out or otherwise waived all coverage are not included in the valuation unless explicitly stated otherwise.

All amortizable amounts are amortized on a straight-line basis over the average years to expected retirement for active employees.

The July 1, 2018 Actuarial Valuation directly calculated the July 1, 2018 Total OPEB Liability (TOL). The July 1, 2018 TOL was increased by service cost and interest and decreased by benefit payments to estimate the TOL as of June 30, 2020. The TOL as of June 30, 2020 was also adjusted to reflect any material plan changes after the valuation, if applicable.

Significant methods and assumptions were as follows:

Actuarial Valuation Date	July 1, 2018
Measurement Date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level Percentage of Salary
Discount Rate	2.21%
Inflation Rate	2.6%
Mortality	RP-2014 Adjusted to 2006 Total Dataset Mortality Table projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2016
Retirement Rates and Termination	Based on experience under the NYS and Local Retirement System and NYS Teacher's Retirement System
Per Capita Claim Costs	Based on total projected claims by age and gender
Participation Rate	100% of Future Retirees will Elect the Benefit
Spousal Coverage	80% Married Retirees, Male 3 Years Older Than Female

Medical care costs are assumed to increase in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Medical Trend</u>
2021	6.10%
2022	5.50%
2023	5.00%
2024	4.50%

The long-term bond rate used of 2.21% is based on the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Index as of June 30, 2020.

The salary scale reflects the rate at which payroll amounts are expected to increase over time for purposes of attributing liabilities under the Entry Age Normal, Level Percentage of Salary actuarial cost method.

(e) Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

The following outlines the changes to the Total OPEB Liability during the fiscal year, by source.

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Beginning at June 30, 2019:	\$ 6,553,218
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	315,833
Interest	231,215
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	367,061
Benefit payments	<u>(530,415)</u>
Net Changes:	<u>383,694</u>
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 6,936,912</u>

(f) Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The discount rate assumption can have a profound impact on total liabilities. The following exhibit demonstrates the effect a 1% change in the discount rate assumption would have on liabilities.

	1% Decrease (1.21%)	Current Assumption (2.21%)	1% Increase (3.21%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 7,472,640	\$ 6,936,912	\$ 6,429,418

(g) Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates

Healthcare costs can be subject to considerable volatility over time. The following exhibit demonstrates the effect on liabilities of a 1% change in the healthcare cost trend rates.

	1% Decrease (5.1%-3.1%)	Current Assumption (6.1%-4.1%)	1% Increase (7.1%-5.1%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 6,068,474	\$ 6,936,912	\$ 7,973,947

(h) OPEB Expense

The OPEB Expense reflects the costs to the OPEB plan incurred during the year, including the service cost, interest cost, immediate recognition of the impact of all plan provision changes, and the amortization of gains and losses due to experience or changes in the assumptions.

Calculation of the OPEB Expense

Service cost	\$ 315,833
Interest cost	231,215
Amortization of differences between expected and actual experience	<u>(184,933)</u>
Total OPEB Expense	<u>\$ 362,115</u>

(i) Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The following deferrals of outflows and inflows were reported during the fiscal year.

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 47,635	\$ 337,953
Changes of assumptions	<u>315,362</u>	<u>1,111,301</u>
Total	<u>\$ 362,997</u>	<u>\$ 1,449,254</u>

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

Year ended June 30:	<u>Amount</u>
2021	\$ (184,933)
2022	(184,933)
2023	(184,933)
2024	(184,933)
2025	(184,933)
Thereafter	(161,592)

12. FUND BALANCE

(a) The following is a summary of the change in General Fund restricted fund balance during the year ended June 30, 2020:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases/ Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund			
Retirement Contribution	1,354,483	\$ 305,242	\$ 1,659,725
Property Loss	115,923	82	116,005
Liability	639,865	6,999	646,864
Tax Certiorari	563,862	254	564,116
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	806,360	(84,119)	722,241
Capital		500,000	500,000
Repairs	160,043	24	160,067
Unemployment Insurance	381,484	4,240	385,724
	<u>\$ 4,022,020</u>	<u>\$ 732,722</u>	<u>\$ 4,754,742</u>

(b) The following is the disaggregation of the fund balance that is reported in summary on the Governmental Fund's Balance Sheet at June 30, 2020:

	<u>General</u>	<u>School Lunch</u>	<u>Special Aid</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nonspendable	\$	\$ 66,270	\$	\$	\$	\$ 66,270
Restricted						
Repair Reserve	160,067					160,067
Liability Reserve	646,864					646,864
Unemployment Reserve	385,724					385,724
Property Loss Reserve	116,005					116,005
Retirement Contribution Reserve	1,659,725					1,659,725
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	722,241					722,241
Capital Reserve	500,000					500,000
Tax Certiorari Reserve	564,116					564,116
Debt Service Fund				175,690		175,690
Capital Project Fund					6,472	6,472
Total Restricted	<u>4,754,742</u>			<u>175,690</u>	<u>6,472</u>	<u>4,936,904</u>
Assigned						
Instruction			64,809			64,809
School Lunch Fund		92,034				92,034
Encumbrances	20,588					20,588
Appropriated for Subsequent Year's Budget	<u>1,250,000</u>					<u>1,250,000</u>
Total Assigned	<u>1,270,588</u>	<u>92,034</u>	<u>64,809</u>			<u>1,427,431</u>
Unassigned (Deficit)						
Reserve for Tax Reduction	57,072					57,072
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>1,843,883</u>				<u>(631,263)</u>	<u>1,212,620</u>
Total Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>1,900,955</u>				<u>(631,263)</u>	<u>1,269,692</u>
Total Fund Equity (Deficit)	<u>\$ 7,926,285</u>	<u>\$ 158,304</u>	<u>\$ 64,809</u>	<u>\$ 175,690</u>	<u>\$ (624,791)</u>	<u>\$ 7,700,297</u>

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13. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Fund	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivables	Payables	Revenues	Expenditures
General	\$ 289,611	\$ 165,004	\$ 50,000	\$ 621,255
School Lunch	165,004	193,763	9,048	
Special Aid		95,841	12,207	50,000
Capital Fund			600,000	
Trust and Agency		7		
Total	<u>\$ 454,615</u>	<u>\$ 454,615</u>	<u>\$ 671,255</u>	<u>\$ 671,255</u>

- All interfund payables are expected to be repaid within one year.
- Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.
- The School District transferred \$50,000 from the Special Aid Fund to the General Fund for special program activities.
- The School District transferred \$600,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Fund for the local share of a capital project.
- The School District transferred \$9,048 and \$12,207 from the General Fund to the School Lunch and Special Aid fund respectively for program deficits.

14. RISK MANAGEMENT

General Information

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and other risks. 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.

Risk Financing and Related Insurance

(a) Health Insurance Plan

The Sidney Central School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. School District administers and participates in the Catskill Area Schools Employee Benefit Plan (CASEBP) consisting of 19 other governmental entities for their health coverage. Entities joining the plans must remain members for a minimum of one year; a member may withdraw from the plans after that time by submitting a notice of withdrawal 30 days prior to the plans' year end. Plan members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the plans' assets were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the plan's liabilities. The plans use a reinsurance agreement to reduce its exposure to large losses on insured events. Reinsurance permits recovery of a portion of losses from the reinsurer, although it does not discharge the liability of the plan as direct insurer of the risks reinsured. The plans establish 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 expense in the periods in which they are made. The Consortiums are shared-risk public entity risk pools whereby each entity pays annual premiums as follows: Health Consortium - Monthly premium from individual members based on the type of coverage selected. Premiums paid to the Health Consortium totaled \$2,868,984 for the year ended June 30 2020. Paid claims are accounted for in the aggregate with individual entity activity not being tracked separately.

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(b) Other Risks

The School District continues to maintain commercial insurance policies for all other risks of loss such as general liability.

15. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

Construction Commitments

At June 30, 2020, the School District had various construction commitments outstanding on a district wide capital project. The total voter authorization for the project was \$8,500,000. At June 30, 2020, the School District has expended \$715,921 of the total capital project authorization. The remaining commitment is contingent on the contractor's performance and will be funded through state building aid and/or permanent financing.

Potential Grantor Liability

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

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration for the General Fund, special revenue funds, and capital projects funds. At June 30, 2020, certain amounts which were previously restricted, committed, or assigned for specific purposes have been encumbered in the governmental funds. The General Fund encumbrances are reflected as part of the assigned fund balance. The Capital Projects Fund had no outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2020. The other encumbrances are not reflected on the fund financial statements because the assignment would result in a negative unassigned fund balance.

16. FUND DEFICITS

Capital Fund

The District's Capital Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$624,791 at June 30, 2020. The deficit will be eliminated when the current appropriations are made or financed with long term debt.

17. NET POSITION DEFICIT

The District-wide net position had an unrestricted deficit at June 30, 2020 of \$3,228,411. The deficit is the result of GASB Statement 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," which requires the recognition of an unfunded liability of \$6,936,912 at June 30, 2020. Since New York State provides no mechanism for funding the liability, the subsequent accruals are expected to increase the deficit in subsequent years.

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In July 2020, New York State Division of the Budget began approving General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) payments to school districts at 80% of the otherwise scheduled amounts. All or a portion of these withholds are currently temporary, but may be converted to permanent reductions depending on the size and timing of new unrestricted Federal aid to be received, if any. The financial statements as of June 30, 2020 have been adjusted accordingly.

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget Variance With Actual
Revenues				
Local Sources				
Real Property Taxes	\$ 4,843,276	\$ 4,953,782	\$ 4,949,886	\$ (3,896)
STAR and Other Real Property Tax Items	1,205,129	1,094,623	1,110,664	16,041
Charges for Services	247,816	247,816	166,570	(81,246)
Use of Money and Property	147,220	147,220	192,402	45,182
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	10,000	10,000	20,833	10,833
Miscellaneous	268,335	268,335	592,281	323,946
Interfund Revenues	100,000	100,000		(100,000)
State Aid	18,865,897	18,865,897	18,185,064	(680,833)
Federal Aid	38,000	38,000	43,026	5,026
Total Revenues	25,725,673	25,725,673	25,260,726	(464,947)
Other Financing Sources				
Transfers from Other Funds	850,000	850,000	50,000	(800,000)
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,507,264	2,007,264		(2,007,264)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 28,082,937	\$ 28,582,937	25,310,726	\$ (3,272,211)
Expenditures				
General Support				
Board of Education	\$ 54,950	\$ 64,380	46,734	\$ 17,646
Central Administration	254,551	248,507	224,458	24,049
Finance	408,755	387,080	342,133	44,947
Staff	311,480	317,952	213,473	104,479
Central Services	2,996,513	3,145,905	2,600,410	525,295
Special Items	747,000	747,000	716,522	30,478
Total General Support	4,773,249	4,910,824	4,143,730	746,894
Instruction				
Instruction, Administration, and Improvement	936,550	884,718	745,643	139,075
Teaching - Regular School	6,475,387	6,363,254	5,698,686	664,181
Programs for Children With Special Needs	2,992,384	2,900,884	2,509,818	391,066
Occupational Education	658,000	658,000	656,651	1,349
Teaching - Special School	500	500		500
Instructional Media	920,037	996,287	844,810	151,477
Pupil Services	1,087,234	979,174	834,969	144,205
Total Instruction	13,070,092	12,782,817	11,290,577	1,491,853
Pupil Transportation	906,001	976,812	711,088	265,724
Community Services	11,000	11,000	6,073	4,927
Employee Benefits	5,787,250	5,836,139	4,812,178	1,023,961
Debt Service - Principal	1,965,000	1,730,000	1,730,000	
Debt Service - Interest	1,217,268	1,384,155	1,154,163	229,992
Total Expenditures	27,729,860	27,631,747	23,847,809	3,763,351
Other Financing Uses				
BANs Redeemed from Appropriations	203,077	288,190	288,148	
Transfers to Other Funds	150,000	663,000	621,255	41,745
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 28,082,937	\$ 28,582,937	24,757,212	\$ 3,805,096
Net Change in Fund Balance			553,514	
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			7,372,771	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 7,926,285	

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

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

The budget is 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.

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN THE DISTRICTS TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	2020 *	2019 *	2018 *
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 315,833	\$ 356,812	\$ 320,650
Interest on Total OPEB Liability	231,215	251,904	249,099
Change in Plan Terms		102,210	
Change in Assumptions and Inputs	367,061	(1,481,735)	
Differences between expected and actual experience		(450,605)	62,368
Benefit payments	(530,415)	(526,876)	(621,922)
Net change in total OPEB Liability	<u>383,694</u>	<u>(1,748,290)</u>	<u>10,195</u>
 Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	 <u>6,553,218</u>	 <u>8,301,508</u>	 <u>8,291,313</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 6,936,912</u>	<u>\$ 6,553,218</u>	<u>\$ 8,301,508</u>
 Covered payroll	 \$ 9,109,718	 \$ 9,109,718	 \$ 9,173,887
 Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	 76.15%	 71.94%	 90.49%

* 10 years of historical information will not be available upon implementation. An additional year of historical information will be added each year subsequent to the year of implementation until 10 years of historical data is available.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information:

The District does not have net assets accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 to pay OPEB benefits. The District currently contributes enough money to the plan to satisfy current obligations on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Changes of Assumptions: Discount rate decreased from 3.50% to 2.21%. Medical Trend Rate remained unchanged at 6.1% - 4.1% over 57 years.

Actuarial Assumptions: The actuarial methods and assumptions used to calculate the total OPEB liability are described in Note 11 to the financial statements.

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

ERS Pension Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years										
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 342,147	\$ 315,096	\$ 307,713	\$ 279,601	\$ 361,221	\$ 313,653	\$ 388,477	\$ 395,280	\$ 290,520	\$ 227,612
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>342,147</u>	<u>315,096</u>	<u>307,713</u>	<u>279,601</u>	<u>361,221</u>	<u>313,653</u>	<u>388,477</u>	<u>395,280</u>	<u>290,520</u>	<u>227,612</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
School District's Covered-ERS Employee Payroll	\$ 2,449,172	\$ 2,379,442	\$ 2,231,886	\$ 1,948,422	\$ 2,052,242	\$ 1,999,795	\$ 2,128,325	\$ 2,148,494	\$ 2,052,134	\$ 2,059,766
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	13.97%	13.24%	13.79%	14.35%	17.60%	15.68%	18.25%	18.40%	14.16%	11.05%

TRS Pension Plan Last 10 Fiscal Years										
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 649,459	\$ 820,001	\$ 738,799	\$ 838,621	\$ 972,623	\$ 1,248,377	\$ 1,153,093	\$ 814,705	\$ 688,903	\$ 550,954
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	<u>649,459</u>	<u>820,001</u>	<u>738,799</u>	<u>838,621</u>	<u>972,623</u>	<u>1,248,377</u>	<u>1,153,093</u>	<u>814,705</u>	<u>688,903</u>	<u>550,954</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
School District's Covered-TRS Employee Payroll	\$ 7,330,237	\$ 7,721,290	\$ 7,538,765	\$ 7,155,469	\$ 7,335,015	\$ 7,152,793	\$ 7,095,955	\$ 6,880,956	\$ 6,200,746	\$ 6,391,581
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.45%	16.25%	11.84%	11.11%	8.62%

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET/LIABILITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

ERS Pension Plan

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension asset/liability	0.0090229%	0.0094751%	0.0083728%	0.0077509%	0.0083706%	0.0076579%	0.0076579%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (2,389,309)	\$ (671,338)	\$ (270,228)	\$ (728,291)	\$ (1,343,509)	\$ (258,704)	\$ (346,052)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,449,172	\$ 2,379,442	\$ 2,231,886	\$ 1,948,422	\$ 2,052,242	\$ 1,999,795	\$ 2,128,325
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	-97.56%	-28.21%	-12.11%	-37.38%	-65.47%	-12.94%	-16.26%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	86.40%	96.27%	98.24%	94.7%	90.7%	97.9%	97.2%

TRS Pension Plan

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's Proportion of the net pension asset/liability	0.046258%	0.046282%	0.045213%	0.044236%	0.047408%	0.048038%	0.046976%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ 1,201,799	\$ 836,895	\$ 343,665	\$ (473,785)	\$ 4,924,213	\$ 5,351,129	\$ 309,220
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,721,290	\$ 7,538,765	\$ 7,155,469	\$ 7,335,015	\$ 7,152,793	\$ 7,095,955	\$ 6,880,956
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	15.56%	11.10%	04.80%	-06.46%	68.84%	75.41%	04.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension asset/liability	102.20%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%	100.70%

* Information is only presented for years available

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULES OF CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO REVISED BUDGET
AND SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Change from Adopted Budget to Revised Budget

Adopted Budget	\$ 28,030.516
Add: Prior Year's Encumbrances	<u>52,421</u>
Original Budget	<u>28,082.937</u>
Add: Voter Approved Proposition for Local Share of Capital Project	<u>500.000</u>
Final Budget	<u>\$ 28,582.937</u>

Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law Limit Calculation

2020-21 Voter-Approved Expenditure Budget \$ 27,782.464

Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance Allowed (4% of 2020-21 Budget) \$ 1,111.299

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law :

Unrestricted fund balance:

Assigned fund balance	\$ 1,270,588
Unassigned fund balance	<u>1,900,955</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>3,171,543</u>

Less:

Appropriated fund balance	1,250,000
Tax Reduction Reserve	57,072
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	<u>20,587</u>
Total adjustments	<u>1,327,659</u>

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law \$ 1,843.884

Actual Percentage 6.64%

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

PROJECT TITLE	Original Authorization	Revised Authorization	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance	Methods of Financing		Total	Fund Balance (Deficit) June 30, 2020
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total		Proceeds of Obligations	Local Sources		
Capital Improvements - District Wide 2019	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 122,008	\$ 593,913	\$ 715,921	\$ 7,784,079	\$	\$ 702,622	\$ 702,622	\$ (13,299)
District Wide - 2019 Local	100,000	100,000	45,534		45,534	54,466		45,534	45,534	
District Wide - 2020 Local	100,000	100,000		97,833	97,833	2,167		100,000	100,000	2,167
Buses - 2015	390,000	385,695	385,695		385,695		390,000		390,000	4,305
Buses - 2019	434,000	434,000	423,655		423,655	10,345		86,800	86,800	(336,855)
Buses - 2020	<u>290,345</u>	<u>290,345</u>		<u>281,109</u>	<u>281,109</u>	<u>9,236</u>				<u>(281,109)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 9,814,345</u>	<u>\$ 9,810,040</u>	<u>\$ 976,892</u>	<u>\$ 972,855</u>	<u>\$ 1,949,747</u>	<u>\$ 7,860,293</u>	<u>\$ 390,000</u>	<u>\$ 934,956</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,956</u>	<u>\$ (624,791)</u>

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SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS
June 30, 2020

Capital Assets, Net	\$ 50,239,321
Add:	
Capital Fund Cash	1,995,887
Other Receivables	<u>16,800</u>
	<u>2,012,687</u>
Deduct:	
Unamortized Premium	2,691,529
Bond Anticipation Notes	2,627,200
Serial Bonds Payable	<u>20,150,000</u>
	<u>25,468,729</u>
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ <u>26,783,279</u>

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Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Board of Education
Sidney Central School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Sidney Central School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 13, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sidney 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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 school 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 school district's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

D'Arcangelo + Co., LLP

October 13, 2020

Utica, New York

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Board of Education
Sidney Central School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Sidney Central School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020. Sidney Central School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Sidney Central School District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Sidney Central School District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Sidney Central School District's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Sidney Central School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Sidney Central School District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Sidney Central School District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major Federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major Federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sidney Central School District's internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP

October 13, 2020

Utica, New York

SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Current Year Expenditures	Expenditures to Subrecipients
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
(Passed Through the State Education Department of the State of New York- Pass-Through Grantor No. 082001-04-0000)				
Food Donation (Noncash)	10.555	N/A	\$ 52,103	
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	94,868	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	508,588	
National Snack Program	10.555	N/A	18,206	
Summer Food Service Program	10.559	N/A	23,852	
Total Cash Assistance Subtotal			<u>645,514</u>	
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture (Total Nutrition Cluster)			<u>697,617</u>	
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>				
(Passed Through the State Education Department of the State of New York)				
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (Part A of ESEA)	84.010	0021-20-0620	352,263	
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (Part A of ESEA)	84.010	0021-18-0620	12,192	
Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies (Part A of ESEA)	84.010	0021-19-0620	25,807	
Total			<u>390,262</u>	
Special Education - Grants to States (IDEA, Part B)	84.027	0032-20-0165	292,859	
Special Education - Preschool Grants (IDEA Preschool)	84.173	0033-20-0165	6,862	
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)			<u>299,721</u>	
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants (Title II, Part A)	84.367	0147-20-0620	25,963	
Title V Rural And Low Income Schools	84.358	0006-19-0620	21,011	
Rural Education Achievement Program	84.424	0204-20-0620	26,129	
Total U.S Department of Education			<u>763,086</u>	
<u>Total Federal Financial Assistance</u>			<u>\$ 1,460,703</u>	

See Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and Independent Auditor's Report.

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards represents all Federal awards administered by the Sidney Central School District. The School District's organization is defined in Note 1 to the School District's financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The expenditures in the accompanying schedule are presented on an accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

2. FOOD DONATION

Nonmonetary assistance is reported in the schedule at fair market value of the food commodities received. At June 30, 2020, the School District had food commodities totaling \$23,535 in inventory.

3. INDIRECT COST RATE

The School District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

**SIDNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – FEDERAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2020**

Summary of Auditor's Results

(d)(1)(i)	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any material control weakness conditions reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(ii)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iii)	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any material internal control weakness conditions reported for major Federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(iv)	Were there any other significant deficiencies reported for major Federal programs?	No
(d)(1)(v)	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unmodified
(d)(1)(vi)	Are there any reportable findings under 2 CFR Section 200.516(a)	No
(d)(1)(vii)	Major Programs (list):	<u>U.S. Department of Education</u> IDEA Cluster CFDA# 84.027 IDEA 611 CFDA# 84.173 IDEA 619 (Preschool)
(d)(1)(viii)	Dollar Threshold: Type A\B Programs	Type A: > \$ 750,000 Type B: all others
(d)(1)(ix)	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

Findings - Financial Statements Audit

None noted in the current year.

Findings and Questioned Costs - Major Federal Award Programs Audit

None noted in the current year.

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION

August 5, 2021

Sidney Central School District
Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties
State of New York

Re: Sidney Central School District, Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties, New York
\$6,161,600 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of a \$6,161,600 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021 (the "Obligation"), of the Sidney Central School District, Delaware, Chenango and Otsego Counties, New York (the "Obligor"), dated August 5, 2021, numbered 1, of the denomination of \$6,161,600, bearing interest at the rate of ___% per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing August 5, 2022.

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;
- (2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including particularly Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code");
- (3) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Obligation that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligation not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Obligation to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes (the "Arbitrage Certificate"); and
- (4) a certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, a statement that compliance with such covenants is not prohibited by, or violative of, any provision of local or special law, regulation or resolution applicable to the Obligor.

We also have examined a certified copy of proceedings of the finance board of the Obligor and other proofs authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Obligation, including the form of the Obligation. In rendering the opinions expressed herein we have assumed (i) the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings, including factual information, expectations and statements contained therein, examined by us which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and (ii) compliance by the Obligor with the covenants contained in the Arbitrage Certificate. We also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and the certifications thereof.

In our opinion:

- (a) The Obligation has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitutes a valid and legally binding general obligation of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligation and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligation: (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and (ii) may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.
- (b) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligation; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of such covenants may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.
- (c) Interest on the Obligation is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Interest on the Obligation is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Obligation.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Obligation) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents.

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

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Obligations has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions 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 Obligor, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the Obligor to pay the principal of or interest on the Obligation as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligation for factual information which, in the judgment of the Obligor, could materially affect the ability of the Obligor to pay such principal and interest. While we have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, we have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the Obligor, in connection with the sale of the Obligation, 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.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP