

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**NEW ISSUES**

**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 individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate 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.*

**\$7,625,000**

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA  
OTSEGO AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, NEW YORK**



**GENERAL OBLIGATIONS**

**CUSIP BASE #: 682726**

**\$7,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series B**  
(the "Series B Notes")

**Dated: August 20, 2025**

**Due: July 24, 2026**

**&**

**\$625,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series C**  
(the "Series C Notes")

(collectively referred to herein as the "Notes")

**Dated: August 20, 2025**

**Due: August 20, 2026**

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

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be issued as registered notes registered in the name of the purchaser. If such Notes are issued as registered in the name of the purchaser, principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable in Federal Funds at maturity at such bank(s) or trust company(ies) located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be selected by the successful bidder(s). In such case, the Notes will be issued as registered in the name of the purchaser in denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof, as may be determined by such successful bidder(s).

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

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of respective legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, Bond Counsel, 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 agreed upon with the purchaser(s), on or about August 20, 2025.

**ELECTRONIC BIDS for the Notes must be submitted via Fiscal Advisors Auction website ("Fiscal Advisors Auction") accessible via [www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com](http://www.FiscalAdvisorsAuction.com) on August 5, 2025 until 11:00 A.M., Eastern Time, pursuant to the respective Notice of Sale. 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 respective Notice of Sale for the Notes.**

THE DISTRICT DEEMS THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO BE FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12, 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 RESPECTIVE 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.

# CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA OTSEGO AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, NEW YORK

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**  
**of the**  
**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA**  
**OTSEGO AND DELAWARE COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

**Relating To**  
**\$7,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series B**  
**&**  
**\$625,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series C**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices, has been prepared by the City School District of the City of Oneonta, Otsego and Delaware Counties, New York (the "School District" or "District", "Counties", and "State", respectively) in connection with the sale by the School District of \$7,000,000 principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series B (the "Series B Notes") and \$625,000 principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series C (the "Series C Notes") (collectively referred to herein as the "Notes").

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

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

**NATURE OF OBLIGATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THE NOTES

### Description of the Notes

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

The Series A Notes are dated August 20, 2025 and mature, without option of prior redemption, on July 24, 2026. The Series B Notes are dated August 20, 2025 and mature, without option of prior redemption, on August 20, 2026.

The Notes will be issued in either (i) registered in the name of the purchaser, in denominations of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof with principal and interest payable in Federal Funds at such bank(s) or trust company(ies) located and authorized to do business in the State as may be selected by such successful bidder(s); or (ii) as registered notes, and, if so issued, registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee of DTC, which will act as the securities depository for the Notes. See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

## **No Optional Redemption**

The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

## **Purpose of Issue – Series B Notes**

The Series B Notes are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law and a bond resolution of the District dated October 25, 2023 authorizing a \$30,450,000 capital project and the issuance of obligations therefore, to pay the cost of construction of improvements to District facilities, including site work as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and other improvements. On May 21, 2024 the District voters approved the utilization of \$2,000,000 capital reserve monies for the project, reducing the maximum obligations to be issued to \$28,450,000.

The proceeds of the Series B Notes will provide new monies for the aforementioned purpose.

## **Purpose of Issue – Series C Notes**

The Series C Notes are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law and a bond resolution of the District dated March 19, 2025 authorizing \$625,000 for the purchase of school buses and vehicles.

The proceeds of the Series C Notes will provide new monies for the purchase of buses and vehicles.

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

If this option is chosen, the Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes. 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 series of notes 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, in turn, is owned by a number of Direct Participants of DTC and Members of the National Securities Clearing Corporation, Government Securities Clearing Corporation, MBS Clearing Corporation, and Emerging Markets Clearing Corporation, (NSCC, GSCC, MBSCC, and EMCC, also subsidiaries of DTCC), as well as by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC, and the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has Standard & Poor’s highest rating: AAA. 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](http://www.dtcc.com).

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 Securities 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.

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 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 or the School District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment, principal and interest to DTC is the responsibility of the School 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 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.

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DO 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 THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES.

### **Certificated Notes**

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



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

## THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

### General Information

The District includes all of the City and Town of Oneonta and portions of the Towns of Davenport, Laurens, Maryland and Milford, and has a land area of approximately 61.9 square miles. The U.S. Census estimates reports the population of the City as 15,679 in 2024.

Major highways serving the School District include State Routes 23, 28 and Interstate 88, which traverses northeast to southeast providing easy access to the Cities of Albany and Binghamton. Air transportation is provided by the Albany and Binghamton Airports. Other modes of transportation include the Adirondack-Pine Hill Trailways and Greyhound buses, Oneonta Public Transit buses and the Otsego Express (countywide buses).

The major economic activities within the area surrounding the District are retail related. Two institutions of higher learning, Hartwick College and the State University of New York at Oneonta ("SUNY Oneonta"), also contribute to the local economy. Total enrollment at SUNY Oneonta is 4,859 students and full-time enrollment at Hartwick is 1,099 students.

Source: District officials.

### Population

The current estimated population of the District is 21,137. (Source: 2023 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

### Larger Employers

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>	
Bassett Healthcare	Hospital	5,000	*
Springbrook	Human Services Agency	1,400	
SUNY College at Oneonta	Public College	1,150	
New York Central Mutual Fire Insurance Company	Insurance	800	
County of Otsego	Public Sector	500	
Hartwick College	Private College	400	
Wal-Mart	Retail	315	
The Arc Otsego	Human Services Agency	260	
Cooperstown All Star Village	Seasonal Baseball Camp	200	Full Time
		125	Part Time
Corning, Inc.	Laboratory Products	184	
City of Oneonta	Public Sector	175	
Community Bank, N.A.	Bank	150	
Opportunities for Otsego	Community Action Agency	150	
Mold-A-Matic (MAMCO)	Plastics	90	
Custom Electronics, Inc.	Electrical Products	90	
Burt Rigid Box, Inc.	Manufacturing	75	
Astrocom Electronics	Electronics	50	
Cooperstown Dreams Park	Seasonal Baseball Camp	200	full time
		400	part time

\* Includes locations in the District and in close proximity to the District.

Source: District officials.

## Economic Activity

In July 2016, Empire State Development announced that a grant for \$10 million was awarded to the City of Oneonta in the first round of the State's competitive Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).

### *Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Project:*

- \$2.66 million to support the renovation of existing downtown buildings. Grants totaling \$2.335 million have been awarded to forty (40) downtown businesses for new signage and improved facades, and to create nearly thirty (30) new year-round, market-rate housing units in the upper floors.
- \$1.47 million was awarded for the construction of a 73,500 square foot, four story, mixed-use building completed in 2023, which includes sixty-four (64) apartment units and the Hartwick Grain Innovation Center, an educational facility developed in conjunction with Hartwick College. To assist in the Grain Center, the City also received a grant of \$180,000 from Empire State Development
- \$570,000 was invested in the branding and marketing effort for the City including the fabrication and installation of new wayfinding signs in the downtown. The selected design firm created new marketing materials, developed a marketing strategy, and designed wayfinding signage.
- The Market Street Transportation Improvement Project is under construction with anticipated completion in September 2025. This project is located south of the City's Main Street, and is being developed with the goal to activate Market Street as a vibrant and active part of the City. The overall Project includes the following:
  - A \$2.5 million DRI fund, and more than \$9 million in New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) funding, has been established for a new intermodal Transit Hub, and the demolition of the City's downtown parking garage. The Transit Hub project is estimated to be \$10 million.
  - Projects that provide an improved pedestrian experience connecting Main Street and Market Street have been funded with \$211,000 of DRI funds. This work included improvements to the interior walkway, and a new elevator within the indoor public walkway, between Water Street and Main Street as part of the Springbrook building renovations located in the Ford Building on Main Street. The Springbrook project, with the assistance of a \$885,000 DRI grant, is completed and will provide twenty-four (24) new residential units.
  - A \$2.25 million Market Street streetscape improvement project funded by a DRI Empire State Development (ESD) grant to benefit traffic and provide improved pedestrian-oriented features is being constructed.
  - The City was awarded a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Municipal Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Infrastructure Grant Program grant of \$299,546 for installation of ZEV charging stations within the parking lot at 47 Market Street.

### *Recent Economic Development projects include:*

- The City was awarded a \$477,000 grant to demolish a building at 27 Market Street in coordination with the Market Street development; the building was demolished in 2023 and is ready for development.
- The City was awarded a \$900,000 RESTORE NY grant for renovations of 14-18 Dietz Street, multi-use building which will create three (3) commercial spaces and four (4) new upper-floor housing units. This project also has received a \$275,000 DRI grant for the upper-floor housing.
- The City assisted Social Eats Project 607 with obtaining an \$100,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) award for furniture/fixtures/equipment and working capital for this new public benefit café. This project was completed in 2023
- The City obtained a \$500,000 New York Main Street Stabilization Grant to replace the roof and roof drainage system on the Oneonta Theatre originally built in 1897. Future plans are to restore the theatre to its original purpose of providing arts and entertainment to the community. Unfortunately, the owners of the Oneonta Theater decided not to proceed with the project and the grant funds, less the City's minimal administrative costs, will be de-obligated
- The City is dedicated to maintaining its existing water and wastewater infrastructure with the following major projects:
  - The City has been awarded a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant and a zero-percent (0%), thirty-year (30) loan from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for the wastewater treatment plant phase II work to further enhance the treatment processes. The City obtained a \$2,300,000 Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). With the \$1,476,500 BIL grant, this results in total grants of \$3,776,500 and a \$1,476,500 BIL loan for this \$5,253,000 project.
  - Water Treatment Plant Upgrade estimated at \$8,072,625 with a \$3m grant award from the WIIA, a \$2m grant from BIL, and a \$3,072,625 zero-percent (0%), thirty-year loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) which will provide water system improvements, including at the water treatment plant, as well as various distribution systems. This project is in the design phase.

- Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System Improvements-Phase 2 project has been submitted for listing on the annual DWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP) for a total project cost of \$10,833,000. The City will be seeking WIIA, BIL, and DWSRF grants and low-interest rate loan funding.
- The City was awarded a \$1.2 million BIL grant to conduct a study to identify remaining Lead-Water services within the City's system with an expected completion date of late 2025. Lead Water Lines Replacement-Known Locations project has been submitted for listing on the IUP for a total project costs of \$1,445,000. The City will be seeking WIIA, BIL, and DWSRF grants and low-interest rate loan funding.
- The City received a \$205,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Program for Lead Water Lateral Replacements to benefit low and moderate-income homeowners. The City is currently seeking applications from homeowners. Unfortunately, homeowners and landlords with properties with lead laterals were either not eligible for the program, or simply were not interested in participating. The City was able to replace lead laterals for four (4) homes and de-obligated the remaining funds of \$161,995.14.

The City also provides an excellent public transit system to its citizenry. The City has an excellent history of being awarded grants to fund the transit system. As mentioned above, \$9 million of grant funds have been awarded for a new Transit Hub. The City has also been awarded over \$1 million from the CARES Act to assist in the revenue losses due to COVID-19.

- The City has historically benefited from grant awards from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the NYSDOT for its Albert S. Nader Regional Airport. The current major airport grants are as follows: NYSDOT awarded an \$800,000 grant to replace the Airport's existing fuel farm; the City received a FAA grant in the amount of \$1,605,350 for the Airport Reconstruct Terminal Apron Pavement, Taxiway Lighting-Construction project, and the FAA and NYSDOT provided \$900,000 for the replacement and relocation of the Airport's Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS). There are a number of other FAA/State grants for the airport, such as obstruction removal, pavement management, security, and taxiway design.
- The City has a minor league baseball park and has been awarded \$1 million for renovations, and the City is awaiting receipt of the grant funds from NYS.
- Currently the City is involved in an Otsego County Regional Compost Facility and was awarded a \$420,000 grant for the project which is completed. The compost facility is in operation.
- The Community Development Block Grants have been a consistent source of grants to assist the City's homeowners and business owners. The City received a \$213,000 Microenterprise grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in 2024 to assist very small new and existing businesses in the City. All funds have been allocated. The City intends to submit a renewal request this summer for an additional \$300,000 which, if obtained, will be awarded to more businesses through 2027. *Since 2010, the City has obtained eight (8) Microenterprise grants and made seventy-three (73) awards for a total of nearly \$1.5 million in grants to assist the City's microbusinesses, more than 50% of which are still in business today.*
- The City was awarded a \$72,000 grant to complete a joint Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan with the Town of Oneonta. The planning effort is nearly complete and will result in the City and Town having clear identities as Susquehanna River Basin communities, and will enhance connections with the river and its tributaries through improved pedestrian and bike connections and development that enhances the riverfront, and will ensure the resiliency of the areas along the waterfront.
- The City was awarded a \$297,000 Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA) grant to develop an area-wide plan for redevelopment of the City's Opportunity Area.
- The City was awarded a \$135,000 New York State Department of State Smart Growth Grant in 2024 to update the City's comprehensive plan.
- The City was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Tree Planning in Disadvantaged Communities with Ash Tree Loss Program. The project installed twelve (12) apple trees to create the Swart-Wilcox House Museum orchard, and forty-five (45) street trees in the River Street neighborhoods, and is completed.
- The City completed a housing-condition survey funded with a \$50,000 CDBG grant. The data collected from this project will assist the City with prioritizing future housing programs.
- The City received a \$500,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Program for renovations to single-family, owner-occupied homes to benefit low and moderate-income homeowners. The City has awarded a number of grants to homeowners and continues to seek applications.
- The City completed a building study of the City-owned Armory to determine its future uses and renovation costs. The project was funded with a \$39,891 CDBG grant.
- NYS Department of Transportation (DOT) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant for a \$7.615m total project with a grant award of \$5m. This project is a joint venture with the Town of Oneonta. This will provide pedestrian and bicycle access, lighting, and traffic calming on Lettis/Foster Highway with the goal to transform the highway into a boulevard. The City also obtained a \$1,667,000 grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Climate Smart Communities program, reducing the City share to \$627k and the Town share to \$320k.

- The City is pursuing local foundation grants for financing assistance for a Quint fire truck.
  - USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Program has secured \$1,905,000 loan assistance for a Quint fire truck.

Source: City of Oneonta Continuing Disclosure Statement dated June 30, 2025.

### Selected Wealth and Income Indicators

Per capita income statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest areas for which such statistics are available, which includes the District, are the Counties, the City and the Towns listed below. The figures set below with respect to such Towns, City 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, City or the Counties are necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>			<u>Median Family Income</u>		
	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>	<u>2019-2023</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>	<u>2019-2023</u>
Counties of:						
Otsego	\$ 22,902	\$ 30,223	\$ 36,506	\$ 56,797	\$ 71,686	\$ 84,415
Delaware	22,928	28,139	35,996	53,590	65,755	76,474
City of:						
Oneonta	18,084	22,716	28,183	53,766	65,726	82,337
Towns of:						
Davenport	20,610	28,734	37,204	52,472	66,403	68,047
Laurens	22,873	30,966	37,663	56,731	63,284	89,097
Maryland	22,248	32,031	33,252	49,967	60,977	76,429
Milford	23,948	37,512	52,615	49,244	64,417	71,750
Oneonta	26,659	32,995	43,886	68,308	88,919	81,603
State of:						
New York	30,948	40,898	49,520	67,405	87,270	105,060

Note: 2020-2024 American Community Survey data is unavailable as of the date of this Official Statement.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006-2010, 2016-2020 and 2019-2023 American Community Survey data.

### Unemployment Rate Statistics

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

	<u>Annual Average</u>						
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Otsego County	4.4%	4.1%	7.0%	4.7%	3.7%	4.0%	4.1%
Delaware County	4.7	4.4	6.9	4.7	3.7	3.9	4.0
New York State	4.1	3.9	9.8	7.1	4.3	4.1	4.3

	<u>2025 Monthly Figures</u>						
	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>
Otsego County	5.3%	5.4%	4.8%	3.5%	3.1%	N/A	N/A
Delaware County	4.9	5.2	4.6	3.4	3.1	N/A	N/A
New York State	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.7	3.5	N/A	N/A

Note: Unemployment rates for June and July 2025 are unavailable as of the date of this Official Statement.

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

## **Form of School Government**

The Board of Education, which is the policy-making body of the School District, consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members. The President of the Board is the chief fiscal officer of the School District.

The duties of the administrative officers of the School District are to implement the policies of the Board of Education and supervise the operation of the school system.

## **Investment Policy**

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

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the School District's current policy to invest in: (1) Savings Accounts or Money Market Accounts of designated banks authorized to do business in New York State, (2) Certificates of Deposit issued by a bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State, (3) Demand Deposit in a bank or trust company located in and authorized to do business in New York State, (4) Direct obligations of New York State, (5) Repurchase Agreements involving the purchase and sale of direct obligations of the United States (Direct Treasury Obligations only: T-Bills, Notes or Bonds) and (6) revenue anticipation notes or tax anticipation notes of other school districts (with the approval of the State Comptroller).

## **Budgetary Procedures**

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education annually prepares or causes to be prepared a tentative budget of the District for the ensuing fiscal year. This tentative budget must be completed at least fourteen days before the annual District meeting at which it is to be presented. Copies are available upon request to taxpayers within the District, fourteen days preceding such meeting and at each such meeting. The Board must also give notice that a copy of the tentative budget may be obtained at each schoolhouse within the District.

The Board of Education causes a notice to be published stating the time, date, place and purpose of the annual or district meeting. At least forty-five days must elapse between the first publication of such notice and the date specified for such meeting. The meeting must be held at the time and place specified but it may be adjourned to permit voting on the following day. If the qualified voters at the annual or District meeting approve the tentative budget, the Board of Education, by resolution adopts the tentative budget as the budget of the District for the ensuing year.

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 District to exceed the School District Tax Cap to be exceeded also must receive at least 60% voter approval.

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

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

## *Recent Budget Vote Results*

The budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year was approved by the qualified voters on May 21, 2024 with a vote of 263 to 62. The District's budget for 2024-25 remained within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011. The budget called for a total tax levy increase of 3.945%, which was below the District tax levy limit of 4.096%.

The budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year was approved by the qualified voters on May 20, 2025 with a vote of 270 to 97. The District's budget for 2025-26 remained within the Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011. The budget called for a total tax levy increase of 2.73%, which was within the District tax levy limit of 2.73%.

## **State Aid**

The District receives financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. In its adopted budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, approximately 45.29% of the revenues of the District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a "sound basic education" to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever.

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

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

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

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

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State's fiscal year of April 1. With the exception of the State's fiscal year 2025-26 Enacted Budget (which was adopted on May 9, 2025, twenty-eight (28) days after the April 1 deadline, the State's fiscal year 2024-25 Enacted Budget (which was adopted on April 22, 2024, twenty-one (21) days after the April 1 deadline) and the State's fiscal year 2023-24 Enacted Budget (which was adopted on May 2, 2023, thirty-one (31) days after the April 1 deadline), the State's budget has been adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter for over ten (10) years. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

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

### *Federal aid received by the State.*

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

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.

President Trump signed an executive order that directs the Secretary of Education to take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the U.S. Department of Education. The executive order aims to minimize the federal role in education but stops short of completely closing the Department as this would require 60 votes in the U.S. Senate. President Trump also indicated his preference that critical functions, like distributing Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding, would be the responsibility of other federal agencies. The impact that the executive order will have on the State and school districts in the State is unknown at this time.

### *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.

Building Aid is paid over fifteen years for reconstruction work, twenty years for building additions, or thirty years for new building construction. Building Aid for a specific building project is eligible to begin eighteen months after State Commissioner of Education approval date, for that project, and is paid over the previously described timeframe, assuming all necessary building aid forms are filed with the State in a timely manner. The building aid received is equal to the assumed debt service for that project, which factors in the bond percent, times the building aid ratio that is assigned to the District, and amortized over the predefined timeframe. The building aid ratio is calculated based on a formula that involves the full valuation per pupil in the District compared to a State-wide average.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. Since the gross indebtedness of the District is within the debt limit, the District is not required to apply for a Building Aid Estimate. Based on 2025-26 preliminary building aid ratios, the District expects to receive State building aid of approximately 78.4% of debt service on State Education Department approved expenditures from July 1, 2004 to the present.

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

### *State aid history:*

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

*School district fiscal year (2022-2023):* The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget provides \$31.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2 percent compared to the 2021-22 school year, and includes a \$1.5 billion or 7.7 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget also programs \$14 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, is designed to assist public schools to reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget allocates \$100 million over two years for a new State matching fund for school districts with the highest needs to support efforts to address student well-being and learning loss. In addition, the State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget increases federal funds by \$125 million to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2022-23 school year.

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

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

*School district fiscal year (2025-2026):* The State's 2025-26 Budget includes approximately \$37 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2025-2026 school year, an estimated year-to-year funding increase of \$1.7 billion. The State's 2025-26 Budget provides an estimated \$26.3 billion in Foundation Aid, a year over year increase of \$1.42 billion and includes a 2% minimum increase in Foundation Aid to all school districts. The State's 2025-26 Budget also makes a number of alterations to the Foundation Aid formula to more accurately reflect low-income student populations and provide additional aid to low-wealth school districts.

Provisions in the State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget grant the State Budget Director the authority to withhold all or some of the amounts appropriated therein, including amounts that are to be paid on specific dates prescribed in law or regulation (such as State Aid) if, on a cash basis of accounting, a "general fund imbalance" has or is expected to occur in fiscal year 2025-26. Specifically, the State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget provides that a "general fund imbalance" has occurred, and the State Budget Director's powers are activated, if any State fiscal year 2025-26 quarterly financial plan update required by Subdivision 4 of Section 23 of the New York State Finance Law reflects, or if at any point during the final quarter of State fiscal year 2025-26 the State Budget Director projects, that estimated general fund receipts and/or estimated general fund disbursements have or will vary from the estimates included in the State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget financial plan required by sections 22 and 23 of the New York State Finance Law results in a cumulative budget imbalance of \$2 billion or more. Any significant reductions or delays in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

### *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.

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 *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* case that absent “gross education inadequacies”, claims regarding state funding for a “sound basic education” must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein. On October 14, 2021 Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York State has reached an agreement to settle and discontinue the *New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights v. New York State* case, following through on the State’s commitment to fully fund the current Foundation Aid formula to New York’s school districts over three years and ending the State’s prior opposition to providing this much-needed funding to our students. The litigation, which has been ongoing since 2014, sought to require New York State to fully fund the Foundation Aid formula that was put into place following the historic *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* cases, and had been previously opposed by the State. Foundation Aid was created in 2007, and takes school district wealth and student need into account to create an equitable distribution of state funding to schools. However, New York State has never fully funded Foundation Aid. The new settlement requires New York State to phase-in full funding of Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget. In the FY 2022 Enacted State Budget approved in April, the Executive and Legislature agreed to fully fund Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget and enshrined this commitment into law. A breakdown of currently anticipated Foundation Aid funding is available on the following page:

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- FY 2022: \$19.8 billion, covering 30% of the existing shortfall
- FY 2023: Approximately \$21.3 billion, covering 50% of the anticipated shortfall
- FY 2024: Approximately \$23.2 billion, eliminating the anticipated shortfall, and funding the full amount of Foundation Aid for all school districts
- FY 2025: Funding the full amount of Foundation Aid for all school districts
- FY 2026: \$26.3 billion in Foundation Aid, a year over year increase of \$1.42 billion and a 2% minimum increase in Foundation Aid to all school districts

The State’s 2025-26 Budget also makes a number of alterations to the Foundation Aid formula to more accurately reflect low-income student populations and provide additional aid to low-wealth school districts.

## State Aid Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the below completed fiscal years and the current budgeted figures comprised of State aid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues <sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Total State Aid <sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid</u>
2019-2020	\$ 39,465,582	\$ 16,418,535	41.60%
2020-2021	42,950,770	17,662,126	41.12
2021-2022	41,125,278	17,463,418	42.46
2022-2023	42,016,359	18,112,951	43.11
2023-2024	44,493,641	19,606,790	44.07
2024-2025 (Budgeted)	45,161,901	20,215,290	44.76
2024-2025 (Unaudited)	46,218,226	19,972,033	43.21
2025-2026 (Budgeted)	47,610,056	21,563,901	45.29

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

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year, unaudited financials for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and adopted budgets of the District for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years. The unaudited numbers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates and the audited results may vary therefrom. This table is not audited.

## District Facilities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year(s) Built/Additions</u>
Greater Plains School	K-5	594	1965
Riverside School	K-5	432	1965
Valleyview School	K-5	395	1956, '92
Middle School	6-8	785	1976, '85
High School	9-12	1,012	1964, '76, '97
Center Street School	District Office	372	1895, '90, '06

Source: District officials.

## Enrollment Trends

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2020-21	1,629	2025-26	1,675
2021-22	1,584	2026-27	1,675
2022-23	1,644	2027-28	1,665
2023-24	1,651	2028-29	1,655
2024-25	1,680	2029-30	1,655

Source: District officials.

## Employees

The School District employs a total of approximately 315 full-time employees. Employees are represented by various unions as follows:

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
233	Oneonta Teachers' Association	June 30, 2027
45	CSEA Employees' Association	June 30, 2028
15	Oneonta City Schools' Clerical Association	June 30, 2026
7	Oneonta Principals' Association	June 30, 2027
15	Non-Union/Confidential	N/A

Source: District officials.

## Status and Financing of Employee Pension Benefits

Substantially all employees of the School 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 System 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. The Retirement Systems are non-contributory with respect to members working ten or more years. All members (other than those in Tier V and VI, as described below) 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 law became effective for new ERS and TRS hires on January 1, 2010. The legislation created a new Tier V pension level, the most significant reform of the State's pension system in more than a quarter-century. Key components of Tier V include:

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

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

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actual contributions for the last five years, the budgeted figures for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2019-2020	\$ 383,089	\$ 1,322,437
2020-2021	411,371	1,279,526
2021-2022	402,363	1,341,355
2022-2023	296,379	1,441,232
2023-2024	378,917	1,583,366
2024-2025 (Budgeted)	481,559	1,693,231
2024-2025 (Unaudited Actual)	430,967	1,658,391
2025-2026 (Budgeted)	515,000	1,751,398

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 offer early retirement incentive programs for its employees.

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

A chart of average ERS and TRS rates as a percent of payroll (2021-22 to 2025-26) is shown below:

<u>State Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2021-22	16.2%	9.80%
2022-23	11.6	10.29
2023-24	13.1	9.76
2024-25	15.2	10.11
2025-26	16.5	9.59*

\*Estimated.

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

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

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

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

The District 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 not established a TRS reserve fund.

## **Other Post-Employment Health 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 District's to report OPEB liabilities, OPEB expenses, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources related to OPEB. GASB Statement No. 75 replaced GASB Statement 45, which also required the District to calculate and report a net OPEB obligation. However, under GASB 45 districts could amortize the OPEB liability over a period of years, whereas GASB 75 requires districts to report the entire OPEB liability on the statement of net position.

The District contracted with Capital Region BOCES to calculate its actuarial valuation under GASB 75 for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and 2024. The following outlines the changes to the Total OPEB Liability during the past two fiscal years, by source.

	Balance beginning at:	July 1, 2022	July 1, 2023
		\$ 76,908,631	\$ 72,669,974
<u>Changes for the year:</u>			
Service cost		2,406,093	2,108,331
Interest		2,753,758	3,033,229
Differences between expected and actual experience		730,864	(5,341,994)
Changes of benefit terms		-	42,490
Changes in assumptions or other inputs		(7,052,736)	28,366,245
Benefit payments		(3,076,636)	(2,696,297)
Net Changes		\$ (4,238,657)	\$ 25,512,004
	Balance ending at:	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
		\$ 72,669,974	\$ 98,181,978

Source: Audited financial statements. The above tables are not audited.

The aforementioned liability is recognized and disclosed in accordance with GASB 75 standards in the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

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

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

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

## Other Information

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

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

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

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

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

## Financial Statements

The District retains independent Certified Public Accountants. The last audit report covers the period ending June 30, 2024. A copy of the report is attached to this Continuing Disclosure Statement as “APPENDIX – D”. Certain financial information of the District can be found attached as appendices to the Official Statement.

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

Beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003 the District 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 in compliance with Statement No. 34.

### *Unaudited Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025*

The District expects to conclude the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 with an unappropriated unreserved fund balance of approximately \$2,566,826. Summary unaudited projected information for the General Fund for the period ending June 30, 2025 is as follows:

Projected Revenues:	\$ 46,218,226
Projected Expenditures:	<u>44,750,015</u>
Projected Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,468,211</u>
Total Fund Balance at June 30, 2024:	\$ 5,610,043
Total Projected General Fund Balance at June 30, 2025:	\$ 6,578,254

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

Source: District officials.

## New York State Comptroller Report of Examination

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

The District has no State Comptrollers audits released in the last five years and none currently in progress or pending release.

Note: Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

## The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System

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

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each school district’s ST-3 report filed with the State Education Department annually, and each municipality’s annual report filed with the State Comptroller. Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a school district or municipality is in “Significant Fiscal Stress”, in “Moderate Fiscal Stress,” as “Susceptible 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>
2024	No Designation	0.0
2023	No Designation	0.0
2022	No Designation	0.0

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

Note: Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

## TAX INFORMATION

### Taxable Valuations

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<b><u>Assessed Valuation</u></b>					
City of: Oneonta	\$ 497,791,375	\$ 499,340,211	\$ 501,589,103	\$ 502,629,180	\$ 501,227,730
Towns of: Davenport	33,848,674	34,461,342	34,950,991	36,518,995	36,921,848
Laurens	7,381,349	7,373,534	7,384,699	7,537,335	7,591,399
Maryland	900	762	762	761	767
Milford	62,994,195	62,951,004	61,021,091	61,137,301	61,258,828
Oneonta	471,791,282	475,265,469	476,520,574	494,683,218	493,904,869
<b>Total Assessed Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 1,073,807,775</b>	<b>\$ 1,079,392,322</b>	<b>\$ 1,081,467,220</b>	<b>\$ 1,102,506,790</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,905,441</b>

### State Equalization Rates

City of: Oneonta	100.00%	100.00%	92.00%	81.00%	77.00%
Towns of: Davenport	71.33%	71.60%	60.58%	54.30%	51.20%
Laurens	96.00%	90.00%	79.02%	75.14%	70.50%
Maryland	100.00%	100.00%	97.00%	84.00%	78.00%
Milford	100.00%	97.00%	87.00%	82.50%	78.00%
Oneonta	99.00%	94.00%	88.00%	78.00%	72.00%

### Full Valuation

City of: Oneonta	\$ 497,791,375	\$ 499,340,211	\$ 545,205,547	\$ 620,529,852	\$ 650,945,104
Towns of: Davenport	47,453,630	48,130,366	57,693,944	67,254,134	72,112,984
Laurens	7,688,905	8,192,816	9,345,354	10,031,055	10,767,942
Maryland	900	762	786	906	983
Milford	62,994,195	64,897,942	70,139,185	74,105,819	78,536,959
Oneonta	476,556,851	505,601,563	541,500,652	634,209,254	685,978,985
<b>Total Full Valuation</b>	<b>\$ 1,092,485,855</b>	<b>\$ 1,126,163,660</b>	<b>\$ 1,223,885,468</b>	<b>\$ 1,406,131,021</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,342,957</b>

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

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
City of: Oneonta	\$ 20.22	\$ 19.69	\$ 19.83	\$ 20.26	\$ 20.82
Towns of: Davenport	28.35	27.50	30.12	30.23	31.33
Laurens	21.06	21.88	18.25	26.59	22.74
Maryland	20.22	19.69	18.81	19.55	20.56
Milford	20.22	20.30	20.97	19.89	20.56
Oneonta	20.42	20.95	20.73	21.05	22.27

## Tax Collection Procedure

Taxes are due and payable on September 1st of each year. There is no penalty if paid through September 30th and a 2% penalty if paid from October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Following October 31<sup>st</sup>, all uncollected taxes are returned to the respective County of Otsego and County of Delaware tax enforcement officers who are required to enforce collection of such unpaid taxes, with an additional 7% charge of the principal and interest added thereto.

The Counties of Otsego and Delaware pay the School District the total amount outstanding. At the end of April, both entities pay the School District any remaining unpaid taxes, thereby assuring 100% tax collection in that fiscal year.

## Tax Levy and Tax Collection Record

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30:</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Tax Levy	\$ 22,091,425	\$ 22,176,861	\$ 22,294,864	\$ 23,116,968	\$ 24,028,931
Uncollected	1,201,527	1,172,876	1,271,062	1,682,117	1,757,169
% Uncollected	5.44%	5.29%	5.70%	7.28%	7.31%

(1) See "Tax Collection Procedure" herein.

## Real Property Tax Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the below completed fiscal years and budgeted figures comprised of Real Property Taxes.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Total Real Property Taxes &amp; Tax Items</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Tax</u>
2019-2020	\$ 39,465,582	\$ 22,014,568	55.78%
2020-2021	42,950,770	22,518,235	52.42
2021-2022	41,125,278	22,785,598	55.41
2022-2023	42,016,359	22,901,443	54.51
2023-2024	45,161,901	23,428,508	52.66
2024-2025 (Budgeted)	45,161,901	24,350,048	53.92
2024-2025 (Unaudited)	46,218,226	24,329,164	52.64
2025-2026 (Budgeted)	47,610,056	25,099,281	52.72

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

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2019-2020 fiscal year through the 2023-2024 fiscal year, unaudited financials for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and adopted budgets of the District for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years. The unaudited numbers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year are based upon certain current assumptions and estimates and the audited results may vary therefrom. This table is not audited.

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## Larger Taxpayers 2024 Tax Roll for 2024-2025

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
NYSEG	Utility	\$ 30,756,556
CSL Heritage	Home for the Aged	14,500,000
H.E.G Properties, LLC	Apartments/Commercial	13,004,700
Route 23 Associates	Shopping Mall	11,990,900
VF Oneonta LLC	Real Estate/Retail	11,833,000
Norfolk Southern	Railroad	9,250,086
SS Realty LLC	Retail	8,508,700
Emmons Farms Corporation	Apartments/Commercial	7,107,800
MTL LLC	Hotel	5,900,000
Rainbow Hotel Group Inc.	Hotel	5,600,000

The larger taxpayers listed above have a total assessed valuation of \$118,451,742 which represents 10.76% of the tax base of the School District.

As of the date of this Official Statement, the District does not have any pending or outstanding tax certioraris that are known or believed to have a material impact on the District. The District has a reserve for potential tax certiorari liability.

Source: District Tax Rolls.

### Additional Tax Information

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

Senior citizens' exemptions are offered to those who qualify.

Total assessed valuation of the School District is estimated to be categorized as follows:

Residential: 65%, Commercial: 28%, Industrial: 1%, Public Service: 5%, and Green Space/Other: 1%.

The estimated total annual property tax bill of a \$100,000 market value residential property located in the School District is approximately \$4,000 including County, Town, City and School 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. 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 \$98,700 or less in the 2024-2025 school year, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$84,000 of the full value of a home for the 2024-2025 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$250,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a STAR credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence.

The 2019-2020 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 was lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit. The amount received for the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 or less have the option to select the credit or the exemption.

The 2020-2021 State Budget further modified the STAR program. Under such legislation, property owners with property tax delinquencies greater than one year are not eligible for the Basic STAR exemption or the Basic STAR credit. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemptions and credits are not impacted by this program; they may continue to receive STAR benefits even if their property taxes are delinquent.

The 2022-2023 State Budget provided \$2.2 billion in State funding for a new one-year property tax relief credit, the Homeowner Tax Rebate Credit, for eligible low- and middle-income households, as well as eligible senior households. Under this program, basic STAR exemption and credit beneficiaries with incomes below \$250,000 and Enhanced STAR recipients are eligible for the property tax rebate where the benefit is a percentage of the homeowners' existing STAR benefit.

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

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>	<u>Date Certified</u>
City of Oneonta	\$ 66,300	\$ 23,100	4/10/2025
Town of Davenport	44,080	15,360	4/10/2025
Town of Laurens	60,700	21,150	4/10/2025
Town of Maryland	67,160	23,400	4/10/2025
Town of Milford	67,160	23,400	4/10/2025
Town of Oneonta	61,990	21,600	4/10/2025

\$1,458,279 of the District's \$24,028,931 school tax levy for the 2024-2025 fiscal year was exempt by the STAR Program. The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2025.

Approximately \$1,400,000 of the District's \$24,685,551 school tax levy for the 2025-2026 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 2026.

### **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. It was set to expire on June 15, 2020, however, recent legislation has made it permanent. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a school district cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the CPI, over the amount of the prior year's tax levy. Certain adjustments are permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases due to changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. A school district can exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the voters of such school district first approve a tax levy by at least 60% affirmative vote of those voting to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. Tax levies that do not exceed the limitation will only require approval by at least 50% of those voting. In the event that the voters reject a tax levy and the district does not go out for a second vote, or if a second vote is likewise defeated, Chapter 97 provides that the tax levy for the new fiscal year may not exceed the tax levy for the prior fiscal year.

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

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

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

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

## **STATUS OF INDEBTEDNESS**

### **Constitutional Requirements**

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

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

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

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid within three fiscal year periods, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute; unless substantially level or declining annual debt service is utilized, no installment may be more than fifty percent in excess of the smallest prior installment. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its notes.

### **Statutory Procedure**

In general, the State Legislature has, by the enactment of the Local Finance Law, authorized the powers and procedure for the 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. 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 District and subject to certain enumerated deductions such as State aid for building purposes. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Board of Real Property Services. The Legislature also is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

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

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the 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 District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

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

#### Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

<u>Fiscal Years Ending June 30<sup>th</sup>:</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Bonds	\$ 20,233,471	\$ 18,247,520	\$ 16,327,640	\$ 13,992,473	\$ 12,935,555
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0	4,730,000
Revenue Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>2,642,195</u>	<u>2,478,750</u>	<u>2,309,556</u>	<u>2,134,316</u>	<u>1,952,846</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	<u>\$ 22,875,666</u>	<u>\$ 20,726,300</u>	<u>\$ 18,637,196</u>	<u>\$ 16,126,789</u>	<u>\$ 19,618,401</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> The District entered into a \$2,800,000 Energy Performance Contract (EPC) lease on January 15, 2019 with principal payments due January 15, 2021-2034. Does not constitute general obligation debt but does count toward the debt limit. See "Other Obligations" herein.

#### Details of Outstanding Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the indebtedness of the District evidenced by bonds and notes as of July 30, 2025.

<u>Type of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Bonds</u>	2025-2037	\$ 12,865,555
<u>Bond Anticipation Notes</u>		
Capital Improvement Project	June 26, 2026	<u>4,730,000</u>
	Total	<u>\$ 17,595,555</u>

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## Debt Statement Summary

Summary of Indebtedness, Debt Limit and Net Debt-Contracting Margin as of July 30, 2025:

Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property .....	\$ 1,498,342,957
Debt Limit 10% thereof .....	149,834,295

### Inclusions:

Bonds.....	\$ 12,865,555	
Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs):.....	<u>4,730,000</u>	
Total Inclusions prior to issuance of the Notes .....	<u>17,595,555</u>	
Less: BANs being redeemed from appropriations .....	-	
Add: New money proceeds of the Notes .....	<u>7,625,000</u>	
Total Net Inclusions after issuance of the Notes .....		<u>\$ 25,220,555</u>

### Exclusions:

State Building Aid <sup>(1)</sup> .....	\$ 0	
Total Exclusions .....		<u>\$ 0</u>

Total Net Indebtedness <u>after issuance of the Notes</u> .....	<u>\$ 25,220,555</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin .....	<u>\$ 124,613,740</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
The percent of debt contracting power exhausted is .....	16.83% <sup>(2)</sup>

- <sup>(1)</sup> Based on preliminary 2025-2026 building aid estimates, the District anticipates State Building aid of 78.4% 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.
- <sup>(2)</sup> 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. Energy Performance Contract debt does not constitute general obligation debt but does count toward the debt limit. The District remains within its debt limit after taking into account the outstanding balance of the Energy Performance Contract debt outstanding. See “Other Obligations” herein.

## Bonded Debt Service

A schedule of bonded indebtedness may be found as “APPENDIX – B” to this Official Statement.

## Capital Project Plans

On December 19, 2023, the District voters approved a \$30,450,000 capital improvement project consisting of improvements to District facilities, including site work, roofing as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, and other improvements. On May 21, 2024 the District voters approved the utilization of \$2,000,000 capital reserve monies for the project, reducing the maximum obligations to be issued to \$28,450,000. The District currently has \$4,730,000 bond anticipation notes outstanding and maturing June 26, 2026 for this project. The Series A Notes are being issued to provide new monies for this capital project. Additional borrowings for the project will be pursuant to approval from the State Education Department and as construction cash flow needs warrant.

On May 20, 2025 the District voters approved a \$625,000 proposition for the purchase of buses and a student transportation van. The Series B Notes are being issued to provide new money to finance such purchase.

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

## Cash Flow Borrowing

Historically, the District does not issue tax anticipation notes. The District has not issued revenue anticipation notes since the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The District does not currently anticipate issuing either tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes, nor budget deficiency notes in the foreseeable future.

## Other Obligations

In January 2019, the District entered into an Energy Performance Contract Lease in the amount of \$2,800,000 at an interest rate of 3.555% to finance energy efficiency improvements. The District will make payments through January, 2034. Below is a schedule of such payments by fiscal year.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>			
<b>Ending June 30th</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Total</b>
2026	\$ 187,921	\$ 69,423.66	\$ 257,344.96
2027	194,602	62,743.06	257,344.96
2028	201,520	55,824.96	257,344.96
2029	208,684	48,660.92	257,344.95
2030	216,103	41,242.21	257,344.96
2031	223,785	33,559.75	257,344.95
2032	231,741	25,604.19	257,344.96
2033	239,979	17,365.80	257,344.95
2034	248,510	8,834.55	257,344.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,952,846</b>	<b>\$ 363,259.09</b>	<b>\$ 2,316,104.60</b>

## Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

In addition to the District, the following political subdivisions have the power to issue obligations and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District.

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Status of Debt as of</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Exclusions</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Applicable Indebtedness</u>
County of:						
Otsego	12/31/2023	\$ - <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	21.72%	\$ -
Delaware	6/28/2024	3,485,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	-	3,485,000	0.83%	28,926
City of:						
Oneonta	6/30/2025	23,839,303 <sup>(4)</sup>	13,273,746	10,565,557	100.00%	10,565,557
Town of:						
Davenport	12/31/2023	- <sup>(3)</sup>	- <sup>(5)</sup>	-	21.12%	-
Laurens	12/31/2023	- <sup>(3)</sup>	- <sup>(5)</sup>	-	4.95%	-
Maryland	12/31/2023	77,199 <sup>(3)</sup>	- <sup>(5)</sup>	77,199	0.01%	8
Milford	12/31/2023	249,475 <sup>(3)</sup>	- <sup>(5)</sup>	249,475	22.57%	56,307
Oneonta	12/31/2023	6,679,500 <sup>(3)</sup>	- <sup>(5)</sup>	6,679,500	99.30%	6,632,744
<b>Total:</b>						<b>\$ 17,283,540</b>

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

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

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

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

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

## Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of July 30, 2025.

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Per Capita</u> <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>Percentage of Full Value</u> <sup>(b)</sup>
Net Indebtedness <sup>(c)</sup> .....	\$ 25,220,555	\$ 1,193.19	1.68%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness <sup>(d)</sup> .....	42,504,095	2,010.89	2.84

(a) The estimated population of the District is 21,137. (See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT – Population" herein.)

(b) The District's full value of taxable real estate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year is \$1,498,342,957. (See "TAX INFORMATION – Taxable Assessed Valuations" herein.)

(c) See "Debt Statement Summary".

(d) Estimated net overlapping indebtedness is \$17,283,540. (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. The School District has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and interest on any indebtedness.

## **MARKET AND RISK FACTORS**

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

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



The District relies in part on State aid to fund its operations. There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget, the State's ability to borrow funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, in any year, the impact to the State's economy and financial condition due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak and other circumstances, including State fiscal stress. In several recent years, the 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. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefore. Should the District fail to receive State aid expected from the State in the amounts or at the times expected, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such monies or by a reduction in State aid, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing on account of the uncollected State aid. (See also "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - State Aid").

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

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.

Federal Policy Risk. Federal policies on trade, immigration, and other topics can shift dramatically from one administration to another. From time to time, such shifts can result in reductions to the State's level of federal funding for a variety of social services, health care, public safety, transportation, public health, and other federally funded programs. There can be no prediction of future changes in federal policy or the potential impact on any related federal funding that the State may or may not receive in the future.

## **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 individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. A complete copy of the proposed forms of opinion of Bond Counsel are set forth in "APPENDIX – E & F".

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To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Notes is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Notes (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Notes), the difference constitutes “original issue discount,” the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Notes which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and exempt from State of New York personal income taxes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Notes is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Notes accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Notes on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Notes to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Notes. Owners of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes with original issue discount, including the treatment of owners who do not purchase such Notes in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Notes is sold to the public.

Notes purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount higher than their principal amount payable at maturity (or, in some cases, at their earlier call date) (“Premium Notes”) will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the Premium Notes, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, the amount of tax-exempt interest received, and an owner’s basis in a Premium Note, will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to such owner. Owners of Premium Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable bond premium in their particular circumstances.

Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that the amount treated as interest on the Notes and excluded from gross income will depend upon the taxpayer’s election under Internal Revenue Notice 94-84. Notice 94-84, 1994-2 C.B. 559, states that the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) is studying whether the amount of the stated interest payable at maturity on short-term debt obligations (i.e., debt obligations with a stated fixed rate of interest which mature not more than one year from the date of issue) that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes should be treated (i) as qualified stated interest or (ii) as part of the stated redemption price at maturity of the short-term debt obligation, resulting in treatment as accrued original issue discount (the “original issue discount”). The Notes will be issued as short-term debt obligations. Until the IRS provides further guidance with respect to tax-exempt short-term debt obligations, taxpayers may treat the stated interest payable at maturity either as qualified stated interest or as includable in the stated redemption price at maturity, resulting in original issue discount as interest that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, taxpayers must treat the amount to be paid at maturity on all tax-exempt short-term debt obligations in a consistent manner. Taxpayers should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes if the taxpayer elects original issue discount treatment.

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. 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.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Bond Counsel's judgment as to the proper treatment of the Notes for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the District, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The District has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Notes ends with the issuance of the Notes, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the District or the owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Notes in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, owners would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of tax-exempt bonds is difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the District legitimately disagrees, may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Notes for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of bonds presenting similar tax issues may affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Notes, and may cause the District or the owners to incur significant expense.

Payments on the Notes generally will be subject to U.S. information reporting and possibly to "backup withholding." Under Section 3406 of the Code and applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, a non-corporate owner of Notes may be subject to backup withholding with respect to "reportable payments," which include interest paid on the Notes and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of the Notes. The payor will be required to deduct and withhold the prescribed amounts if (i) the payee fails to furnish a U.S. taxpayer identification number ("TIN") to the payor in the manner required, (ii) the IRS notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect, (iii) there has been a "notified payee underreporting" described in Section 3406(c) of the Code or (iv) the payee fails to certify under penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to withholding under Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Code. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against an owner's federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Certain owners (including among others, corporations and certain tax-exempt organizations) are not subject to backup withholding. The failure to comply with the backup withholding rules may result in the imposition of penalties by the IRS.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

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

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’s Annual Financial Information and Operating Data (“AFIOD”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 was required to be filed to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) no later than December 27, 2022 (180 days after the fiscal year end) but was not filed until January 3, 2023. The District’s audited financial statements were filed timely on December 20, 2022. A failure to file notice was made to EMMA on January 10, 2023.

## **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 municipal advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a municipal advisory and consulting organization and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing, or trading municipal securities or any other negotiated instruments. The Municipal Advisor has 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. The fees to be paid by the District to the Municipal Advisor are partially contingent on the successful closing of the Notes.

## **CUSIP IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS**

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

## **RATING**

The Notes are not rated. The purchaser(s) of the Notes may choose to have a rating completed after the sale pending the approval of the District and at the expense of the purchaser(s), 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” herein.).

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC (“S&P”) has assigned its underlying rating of “A” with a stable outlook to the District’s outstanding serial bonds. A rating reflects only the view of the rating agency assigning such rating and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained from such rating agency. Any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services, Public Finance Ratings, 55 Water Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10041, Phone: (212) 553-0038, Fax: (212) 553-1390.

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

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

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.

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

The District's contact information is as follows: Kellie Renwick, Business Manager, City School District of the City of Oneonta, 31 Center Street, Oneonta, New York 13820, Phone: (607) 433-8200 x1305, Fax: (607) 433-8290, Email: [Kellie.Renwick@oneontacsd.org](mailto:Kellie.Renwick@oneontacsd.org).

This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered by the President of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Oneonta.

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA**

**Dated: July 30, 2025**

**SUSAN KURKOWSKI**  
**PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND**  
**CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER**

**GENERAL FUND**

**Balance Sheets**

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2020</u>	<u>20201</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 4,120,839	\$ 4,103,214	\$ 5,265,679	\$ 2,466,202	\$ 3,806,409
Restricted Cash	753,367	663,637	1,277,481	3,575,297	1,460,426
Prepaid Expenditures	-	-	8,200	168,587	736,575
State and Federal Aid Receivable	1,627,663	2,401,805	1,337,773	1,417,497	1,732,557
Accounts Receivable	156,095	203,458	-	-	-
Other Receivables, net	-	-	112,432	74,107	222,456
Due from Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	757,773	959,569	1,574,971	1,662,395	742,455
Due from Private Purpose Trust fund	-	-	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 7,415,737</u>	<u>\$ 8,331,683</u>	<u>\$ 9,576,536</u>	<u>\$ 9,364,085</u>	<u>\$ 8,700,878</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>					
Accounts Payable / Accrued Liabilities	\$ 982,420	\$ 1,072,679	\$ 717,432	\$ 576,418	\$ 844,318
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	1,380,616	1,460,943	1,600,954	1,729,535	1,833,822
Due to Employees' Retirement System	100,356	109,136	111,331	110,427	135,968
Deferred Revenues	419,678	145,955	109,443	109,443	109,443
Unearned Revenue	863	-	-	-	-
Payroll Liabilities	-	13,636	17,060	8,619	10,976
Due from Other Governments	-	400,000	202,620	-	-
Due to Other Funds	127,311	17,167	-	111,686	156,308
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ 3,011,244</u>	<u>\$ 3,219,516</u>	<u>\$ 2,758,840</u>	<u>\$ 2,646,128</u>	<u>\$ 3,090,835</u>
<u>FUND EQUITY</u>					
Nonspendable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,200	\$ 168,587	\$ 736,575
Restricted	753,367	663,637	1,277,481	3,575,297	1,460,426
Assigned	1,217,969	1,141,482	2,761,803	1,032,688	1,115,717
Unassigned	2,433,157	3,307,048	2,770,212	1,941,385	2,297,325
<b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 4,404,493</u>	<u>\$ 5,112,167</u>	<u>\$ 6,817,696</u>	<u>\$ 6,717,957</u>	<u>\$ 5,610,043</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES and FUND EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 7,415,737</u>	<u>\$ 8,331,683</u>	<u>\$ 9,576,536</u>	<u>\$ 9,364,085</u>	<u>\$ 8,700,878</u>

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

**GENERAL FUND**

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

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Real Property Taxes & Items	\$ 22,014,568	\$ 22,518,235	\$ 22,785,598	\$ 22,901,443	\$ 23,428,508
Charges for Services	288,840	317,507	331,450	416,951	390,639
Use of Money & Property	98,833	97,681	102,096	221,344	371,294
Sale of Property and					
Compensation for Loss	9,579	9,216	30,347	3,281	6,156
Miscellaneous	450,702	300,200	313,350	274,607	632,748
Revenues from State Sources	16,418,535	16,239,500	17,463,418	18,112,951	19,606,790
Revenues from Federal Sources	176,638	458,904	99,019	85,782	57,506
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 39,457,695</u>	<u>\$ 39,941,243</u>	<u>\$ 41,125,278</u>	<u>\$ 42,016,359</u>	<u>\$ 44,493,641</u>
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	<u>7,887</u>	<u>25,000</u>			
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>\$ 39,465,582</u>	<u>\$ 39,966,243</u>	<u>\$ 41,125,278</u>	<u>\$ 42,016,359</u>	<u>\$ 44,493,641</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Support	\$ 3,758,439	\$ 3,512,253	\$ 3,656,662	\$ 3,948,334	\$ 4,129,082
Instruction	20,729,113	20,188,988	20,094,326	20,472,820	22,664,809
Pupil Transportation	1,246,075	875,269	1,255,103	1,614,614	1,895,804
Community Services	756	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	10,337,668	10,772,530	10,541,641	10,534,664	11,173,198
Debt Service	3,393,714	3,599,529	3,762,017	3,732,086	3,647,980
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 39,465,765</u>	<u>\$ 38,948,569</u>	<u>\$ 39,309,749</u>	<u>\$ 40,302,518</u>	<u>\$ 43,510,873</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	<u>110,000</u>	<u>310,000</u>	<u>110,000</u>	<u>1,813,580</u>	<u>2,090,682</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 39,575,765</u>	<u>\$ 39,258,569</u>	<u>\$ 39,419,749</u>	<u>\$ 42,116,098</u>	<u>\$ 45,601,555</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(110,183)</u>	<u>707,674</u>	<u>1,705,529</u>	<u>(99,739)</u>	<u>(1,107,914)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	Fund Balance - Er	#VALUE!	5,112,167	6,817,696	6,717,957
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>#VALUE!</u>	<u>#VALUE!</u>	<u>\$ 6,817,696</u>	<u>\$ 6,717,957</u>	<u>\$ 5,610,043</u>

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

**GENERAL FUND**

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

Fiscal Years Ending June 30:	<b>2024</b>			<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Adopted Budget	Modified Budget	Actual	Adopted Budget	Adopted Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Real Property Taxes & Items	\$ 23,427,105	\$ 23,408,076	\$ 23,428,508	\$ 24,350,048	\$ 25,099,281
Charges for Services	241,500	241,500	390,639	229,500	540,000
Use of Money & Property	135,430	135,430	371,294	214,563	200,874
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	7,000	7,000	6,156	7,000	5,000
Miscellaneous	110,500	142,817	632,748	110,500	151,000
Revenues from State Sources	19,358,950	19,345,662	19,606,790	20,215,290	21,563,901
Revenues from Federal Sources	30,000	30,000	57,506	35,000	50,000
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 43,310,485</u>	<u>\$ 43,310,485</u>	<u>\$ 44,493,641</u>	<u>\$ 45,161,901</u>	<u>\$ 47,610,056</u>
Other Sources:					
Interfund Transfers	-	-	25,318	-	100,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>\$ 43,310,485</u>	<u>\$ 43,310,485</u>	<u>\$ 44,518,959</u>	<u>\$ 45,161,901</u>	<u>\$ 47,710,056</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Support	\$ 4,029,373	\$ 4,288,112	\$ 4,129,082	\$ 4,335,306	\$ 5,522,964
Instruction	23,058,322	23,217,138	22,664,809	24,527,444	24,955,174
Pupil Transportation	1,510,942	1,901,005	1,895,804	2,048,585	1,880,867
Community Services	-	-	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	11,856,071	11,284,945	11,173,198	12,358,848	13,590,452
Debt Service	3,639,777	3,647,980	3,647,980	2,731,718	2,950,599
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 44,094,485</u>	<u>\$ 44,339,180</u>	<u>\$ 43,510,873</u>	<u>\$ 46,001,901</u>	<u>\$ 48,900,056</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	116,000	2,116,000	2,116,000	110,000	110,000
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 44,210,485</u>	<u>\$ 46,455,180</u>	<u>\$ 45,626,873</u>	<u>\$ 46,111,901</u>	<u>\$ 49,010,056</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(900,000)</u>	<u>(3,144,695)</u>	<u>(1,107,914)</u>	<u>(950,000)</u>	<u>(1,300,000)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>					
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	-	-	6,717,957	-	-
Appropriated Reserves	-	2,182,714	-	-	150,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	900,000	961,981	-	950,000	1,150,000
Prior Period Adjustments (net)	-	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,610,043</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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



**APPENDIX - B**  
**Oneonta City School District**

**BONDED DEBT SERVICE**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 1,510,555	\$ 597,483.19	\$ 2,108,038.19
2027	1,535,000	524,426.00	2,059,426.00
2028	1,555,000	453,916.13	2,008,916.13
2029	1,585,000	381,178.50	1,966,178.50
2030	1,385,000	307,228.38	1,692,228.38
2031	1,165,000	244,997.00	1,409,997.00
2032	1,090,000	190,600.00	1,280,600.00
2033	1,145,000	136,256.25	1,281,256.25
2034	1,205,000	79,162.50	1,284,162.50
2035	700,000	30,850.00	730,850.00
2036	30,000	2,700.00	32,700.00
2037	30,000	1,350.00	31,350.00
TOTALS	\$ 12,935,555	\$2,950,147.94	\$ 15,885,702.94

**APPENDIX - B1**  
**Oneonta City School District**

**CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2013 Refunding of 2000, 2002 & 2005			2015 DASNY		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 70,000	\$ 13,575.00	\$ 83,575.00	\$ 320,000	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 397,000.00
2027	75,000	11,400.00	86,400.00	340,000	61,000.00	401,000.00
2028	75,000	9,150.00	84,150.00	355,000	44,000.00	399,000.00
2029	80,000	6,775.00	86,775.00	375,000	26,250.00	401,250.00
2030	85,000	4,143.75	89,143.75	195,000	7,500.00	202,500.00
2031	85,000	1,381.25	86,381.25	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 470,000	\$ 46,425.00	\$ 516,425.00	\$ 1,585,000	\$ 215,750.00	\$ 1,800,750.00

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2017 Reconstruction of Pool			2024 Buses		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 35,000	\$ 6,739.00	\$ 41,739.00	\$ 55,555	\$ 17,075.94	\$ 72,630.94
2027	35,000	5,713.50	40,713.50	65,000	9,562.50	74,562.50
2028	40,000	4,688.00	44,688.00	70,000	7,031.25	77,031.25
2029	40,000	3,516.00	43,516.00	75,000	4,312.50	79,312.50
2030	40,000	2,344.00	42,344.00	75,000	1,453.13	76,453.13
2031	40,000	1,172.00	41,172.00	-	-	-
TOTALS	\$ 230,000	\$ 24,172.50	\$ 254,172.50	\$ 340,555	\$ 39,435.31	\$ 379,990.31

**APPENDIX - B2**  
**Oneonta City School District**

**CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2020 Buses			2021 Buses		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 55,000	\$ 530.75	\$ 55,530.75	\$ 50,000	\$ 750.00	\$ 50,750.00
2027	-	-	-	50,000	250.00	50,250.00
TOTALS	\$ 55,000	\$ 530.75	\$ 55,530.75	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 101,000.00

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2021 Capital Project			2022 Capital Project		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 795,000	\$ 453,300.00	\$ 1,248,300.00	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,675.00	\$ 33,675.00
2027	835,000	413,550.00	1,248,550.00	20,000	12,800.00	32,800.00
2028	875,000	371,800.00	1,246,800.00	25,000	11,925.00	36,925.00
2029	920,000	328,050.00	1,248,050.00	25,000	10,831.25	35,831.25
2030	965,000	282,050.00	1,247,050.00	25,000	9,737.50	34,737.50
2031	1,015,000	233,800.00	1,248,800.00	25,000	8,643.75	33,643.75
2032	1,065,000	183,050.00	1,248,050.00	25,000	7,550.00	32,550.00
2033	1,120,000	129,800.00	1,249,800.00	25,000	6,456.25	31,456.25
2034	1,175,000	73,800.00	1,248,800.00	30,000	5,362.50	35,362.50
2035	670,000	26,800.00	696,800.00	30,000	4,050.00	34,050.00
2036	-	-	-	30,000	2,700.00	32,700.00
2037	-	-	-	30,000	1,350.00	31,350.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,435,000	\$ 2,496,000.00	\$ 11,931,000.00	\$ 310,000	\$ 95,081.25	\$ 405,081.25

**APPENDIX - B3**  
**Oneonta City School District**

**CURRENT BONDS OUTSTANDING**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	2022 Buses			2023 Buses		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2026	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,468.75	\$ 55,468.75	\$ 60,000	\$ 9,368.75	\$ 69,368.75
2027	50,000	3,281.25	53,281.25	65,000	6,868.75	71,868.75
2028	50,000	1,093.75	51,093.75	65,000	4,228.13	69,228.13
2029	-	-	-	70,000	1,443.75	71,443.75
TOTALS	\$ 150,000	\$ 9,843.75	\$ 159,843.75	\$ 260,000	\$ 21,909.38	\$ 281,909.38

## 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 Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the School 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 Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any other entity designated or authorized by the SEC 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 securities, 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 securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Note
- (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 Notes
- (k) rating changes
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District
- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
- (o) incurrence of a "financial obligation" (as defined by the Rule) of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which affect noteholders, if material; and
- (p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

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

With respect to event (d) the School 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 School 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 School 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 School 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 School 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 School District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Note; but the School District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

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

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the aforementioned notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Note within the meaning of the Rule. The School 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 School District’s obligations under its material event notices undertaking and any failure by the School 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 School 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 School District; provided that the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

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

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**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ONEONTA**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

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

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
Year Ended June 30, 2024



# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education of the  
Oneonta City School District:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the Oneonta City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Oneonta City School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the Oneonta City School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### Basis for Opinions

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

### 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.

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

## Auditor's Responsibility

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

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

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

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information and the schedule of changes in the total OPEB liability, the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/liability, and District contributions on pages M1-M9 and 50-54 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government 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 an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Oneonta City School District's basic financial statements as a whole. The other supplementary information comprises additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the New York State Education Department. The other supplementary information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2024, on our consideration of the Oneonta City 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 this report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on 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 Oneonta City School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.*

Claverack, New York  
October 21, 2024

**ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)**  
**June 30, 2024**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Oneonta City School District offers readers of the District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Please review it in conjunction with the District's financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Net position on the districtwide financial statements decreased from (\$21,209,165) from the prior year to (\$31,528,863) from last year.
- As of the close of this fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$9,699,087, an increase of \$1,365,584 in comparison with the prior year.

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This Management's Discussion and Analysis narrative (required supplemental information) is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

1. Districtwide Financial Statements
2. Fund Financial Statements
3. Notes to the Financial Statements

In addition to these statements, this report also includes required supplemental information and other supplemental information.

Our auditor has provided assurance in the independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. A different degree of assurance is being provided by the auditor regarding the supplemental information identified below. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each part in the financial statements.

### **Financial Statements**

#### **Required Supplemental Information (Part A)** **Management's Discussion & Analysis (MD&A)**

### **Basic Financial Statements**

<b>Districtwide Financial Statements</b>	<b>↔</b>	<b>Fund Financial Statements</b>
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### **Notes to the Basic Financial Statements**

#### **Required Supplemental Information (Part B)**

##### **General Fund Budget to Actual Schedule**

##### **Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

##### **District's Proportionate Share of Pension Asset/Liability**

##### **District Contributions**

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##### **General Fund Budget & Fund Balance Information**

##### **Capital Project Funds Schedule of Project Expenditures**

##### **Schedule of Net Investment in Capital and Intangible Assets**

### **DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. certain federal/state grants earned but not yet received, unused vacation/sick leave, and proceeds from Revenue Anticipation Notes and related interest).

All of the District's services are reported in the districtwide financial statements as *governmental activities*, including general support, instruction, pupil transportation, community services, and school lunch. Property taxes, state/federal aid, and investment earnings finance most of these activities. Additionally, all capital and debt financing activities are reported here.

### **DISTRICTWIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Oneonta City School District's Net Position June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Variance Increase (Decrease)
	2024	2023	
Current Assets	\$ 12,647,929	\$ 10,905,810	\$ 1,742,119
Capital and Intangible Assets	54,466,636	57,514,488	(3,047,852)
Net Pension Asset	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>67,114,565</u>	<u>68,420,298</u>	<u>(1,305,733)</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>48,786,275</u>	<u>35,296,478</u>	<u>13,489,797</u>
Total Assets and Outflows of Resources	<u>115,900,840</u>	<u>103,716,776</u>	<u>12,184,064</u>
Current Liabilities	2,911,885	2,541,468	370,417
Noncurrent Liabilities	19,961,491	21,776,967	(1,815,476)
Total OPEB Obligation	98,181,978	72,669,974	25,512,004
Net Pension Liability	<u>2,189,231</u>	<u>3,520,216</u>	<u>(1,330,985)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>123,244,585</u>	<u>100,508,625</u>	<u>22,735,960</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>24,185,118</u>	<u>24,417,316</u>	<u>(232,198)</u>
Total Liabilities and Inflows of Resources	<u>147,429,703</u>	<u>124,925,941</u>	<u>22,503,762</u>
Net Position:			
Net Investment in Capital and Intangible Assets	37,581,780	38,391,267	(809,487)
Restricted	1,797,694	3,629,930	(1,832,236)
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(70,908,337)</u>	<u>(63,230,362)</u>	<u>(7,677,975)</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$(31,528,863)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(21,209,165)</u></u>	<u><u>\$(10,319,698)</u></u>

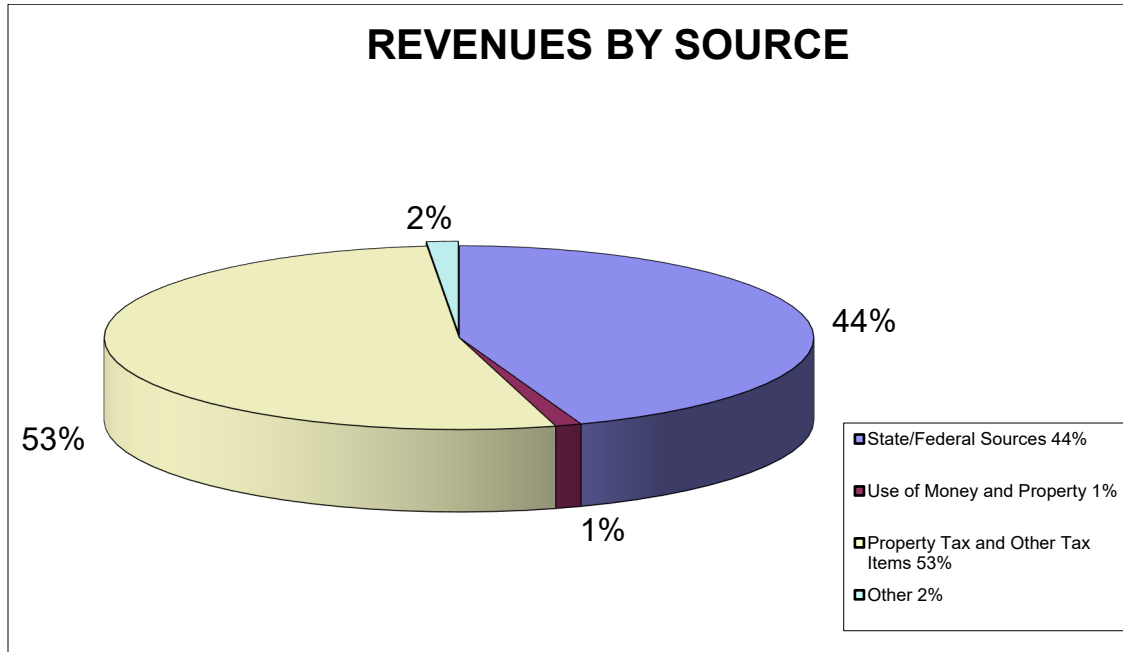
**Oneonta City School District's  
Changes in Net Position  
For the Years Ended June 30, 2024 and 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Variance Increase (Decrease)
	2024	2023	
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 430,607	\$ 443,462	\$ (12,855)
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,864,223	4,523,991	(659,768)
Total Program Revenues	<u>\$ 4,294,830</u>	<u>\$ 4,967,453</u>	<u>\$ (672,623)</u>
General Revenues:			
Real Property Taxes	\$ 21,576,999	\$ 20,576,117	\$ 1,000,882
Other Tax Items	1,851,509	2,325,326	(473,817)
Use of Money and Property	526,460	235,707	290,753
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	6,156	18,643	(12,487)
Miscellaneous	632,748	274,607	358,141
State Sources	19,606,790	18,112,951	1,493,839
Federal Sources	57,506	85,782	(28,276)
Total General Revenues	<u>44,258,168</u>	<u>41,629,133</u>	<u>2,629,035</u>
<b><u>Expenses (Net of Program Revenues):</u></b>			
Instruction	45,538,578	38,200,770	7,337,808
Support Services:			
General Support	6,071,776	5,581,289	490,487
Pupil Transportation	2,124,050	1,841,897	282,153
Debt Service-Interest	628,328	877,822	(249,494)
Amortization-Leases	303,323	259,083	44,240
School Lunch	(88,189)	81,173	(169,362)
Total Expenses	<u>54,577,866</u>	<u>46,842,034</u>	<u>7,735,832</u>
Change in Net Position	<u><u>\$(10,319,698)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (5,212,901)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (5,106,797)</u></u>

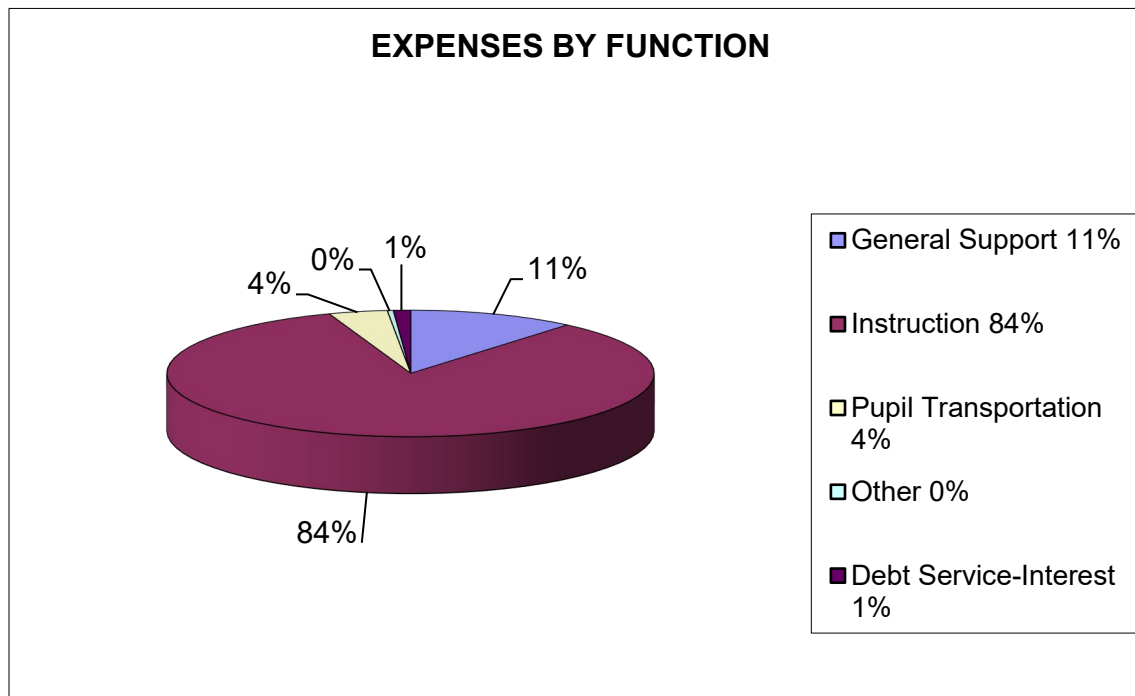


The following charts provide the percentage of breakdown of all revenues by source and all expenses by function for the entire District:

**Districtwide Revenues by Source  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**



**Districtwide Expenses by Function  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**



## **FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds.

A fund is a grouping of related accounts, and is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements. The District establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants). All of the funds of the District can be divided into two categories; governmental funds, and fiduciary funds.

- **Governmental funds:** All of the District's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds, and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using the modified accrual method of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources available to be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the districtwide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Fiduciary funds:** The District is the trustee, or *fiduciary*, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The District excludes these activities from the districtwide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

## **FUND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (DISTRICT'S FUNDS)**

The District's governmental funds (as presented on the balance sheet) reported a combined Fund Balance of \$9,699,087, which represents a \$1,365,584 increase over last year's total. The schedule below indicates the fund balance and the total change in fund balance by fund type as of June 30, 2024 and 2023.

	<b>Fund Balance 2024</b>	<b>Fund Balance 2023</b>	<b>Variance Increase (Decrease)</b>
General	\$ 5,610,043	\$ 6,717,957	\$ (1,107,914)
School Lunch	261,884	163,191	98,693
Special Aid	87,392	30,383	57,009
Debt Service	337,268	-	337,268
Capital	3,402,500	1,421,972	1,980,528
Totals	<u>\$ 9,699,087</u>	<u>\$ 8,333,503</u>	<u>\$ 1,365,584</u>

**General Fund**

The tables that follow assist in illustrating the financial activities and balance of the general fund.

<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Increase (Decrease)</u></b>
Taxes and Other Tax Items	\$ 23,428,508	\$ 22,901,443	\$ 527,065
Use of Money and Property	371,294	221,344	149,950
Charges for Services	390,639	416,951	(26,312)
State/Federal Sources	19,664,296	18,198,733	1,465,563
Other	638,904	277,888	361,016
Operating Transfers In	25,318	-	25,318
Totals	<u>\$ 44,518,959</u>	<u>\$ 42,016,359</u>	<u>\$ 2,502,600</u>

<b><u>Expenses:</u></b>	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>2023</u></b>	<b><u>Variance Increase (Decrease)</u></b>
General Support	\$ 4,129,082	\$ 3,948,334	\$ 180,748
Instruction	22,664,809	20,472,820	2,191,989
Pupil Transportation	1,895,804	1,614,614	281,190
Employee Benefits	11,173,198	10,534,664	638,534
Debt Service	3,647,980	3,732,086	(84,106)
Operating Transfers Out	2,116,000	1,813,580	302,420
Totals	<u>\$ 45,626,873</u>	<u>\$ 42,116,098</u>	<u>\$ 3,510,775</u>

**GENERAL FUND BUDGET INFORMATION**

The District's budget is prepared in accordance with New York State law and is based on the modified accrual basis of accounting, utilizing cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The difference between the general fund's original budget and the final amended budget was \$2,244,695. This amount represents the carryover of outstanding purchase orders (encumbrances) from the 2022/23 school year of \$132,581, Board approved use of Repair Reserve of \$50,133, Board approved increases of \$61,981 for expenditures and voter approved transfer to Capital Fund for new Districtwide Capital Project for \$2,000,000.

**CAPITAL ASSETS**

The District's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Asset Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Land	\$ 1,855,350
Construction in Progress	424,000
Buildings and Improvements	49,055,580
Machinery and Equipment	1,382,366
Vehicles	<u>991,273</u>
Total	<u>\$53,708,569</u>

The total decrease in the District's capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) for the current fiscal year was \$3,151,339. The most significant change to the capital assets is attributable to the expenditures from the projects plus purchase of equipment less the depreciation expense.

**DEBT**

The District's total debt includes serial bonds, EPC-capital lease payable, compensated absences, operating leases payable, net pension liabilities-proportionate share and the OPEB obligations in the amount of \$120,332,700 as of June 30, 2024. The debt outstanding for the year ended June 30, 2024 is summarized as follows:

<u>Debt Description</u>	<u>Outstanding Balance</u>
Bonds	\$ 13,992,473
EPC-Capital Lease	2,134,316
Compensated Absences	3,076,635
Operating Leases Payable	758,067
Net Pension Liabilities-Proportionate Share	2,189,231
OPEB Obligations	<u>98,181,978</u>
	<u>\$120,332,700</u>

Under current state statutes, the District's general obligation bonded debt issues are subject to a legal limitation based on a percentage of the total full value of real property. At June 30, 2024, the District's general obligation debt was less than its total debt limit.

## **FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE**

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the District was aware of existing circumstances that could significantly affect its financial health in the future.

The District has received voter approval for a major Capital Project \$30,450,000 as well as a replacement for our Maintenance Storage Building/Grey Barn \$1,453,000. Roofing will be a major part of this project as roofs are reaching the end of their warranties. Construction will begin in the fall of 2024.

Stimulus funding has ended September 30, 2024. The District has maximized the use of American Rescue Plan funding. Our increase in foundation aid allowed the District to absorb the necessary social, emotional and academic supports that were put in place.

The District has recently brought our student transportation services in house. This is a major undertaking by our District that we feel will positively impact our students, our community and our fleet. These services have been historically been provided by an outside contractor.

Reserves and fund balances are being closely monitored to maintain necessary programs and avoid funding cliffs.

## **CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

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

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Ms. Kellie Renwick, Business Manager  
31 Center Street  
Oneonta, New York 13820  
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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

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**ASSETS**

Unrestricted cash	\$ 4,229,679	
Restricted cash	4,999,786	
Other receivables, net	223,851	
State and federal aid receivable	2,450,312	
Inventories	7,726	
Prepaid expenditures	736,575	
Capital assets, net	53,708,569	
Intangible lease assets, net	758,067	
Total Assets		<u>\$ 67,114,565</u>

**DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES**

Pensions	\$ 7,701,566	
OPEB-GASB 75	41,084,709	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		<u>\$ 48,786,275</u>

**LIABILITIES**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accounts payable	\$ 243,692	
Accrued liabilities	676,121	
Payroll liabilities	10,976	
Due to other governments	108	
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,833,822	
Due to employees' retirement system	135,968	
Unearned revenue	11,198	

**Long-Term Liabilities:**

**Due and payable within one year**

Bonds payable	1,395,113	
Leases payable	260,012	
Capital lease payable	181,470	

**Due and payable after one year**

Bonds payable	12,597,360	
Leases payable	498,055	
Capital lease payable	1,952,846	
Compensated absences payable	3,076,635	
Other postemployment benefits payable	98,181,978	
Net pension liability- proportionate share	2,189,231	

Total Liabilities		<u>\$ 123,244,585</u>
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**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Pensions	1,134,517	
OPEB-GASB 75	22,571,614	
Premium on advanced refunding	478,987	

Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		<u>\$ 24,185,118</u>
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**NET POSITION**

Net Investment in Capital and Intangible Assets	37,581,780	
Restricted	1,797,694	
Unrestricted (deficit)	(70,908,337)	
Total Net Position		<u><u>\$ (31,528,863)</u></u>

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Expenses	Indirect Expenses Allocation	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
			Charges for Services	Operating Grants	
<b>FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS</b>					
General support	\$ 4,237,864	\$ 1,985,753	\$ -	\$ 151,841	\$ (6,071,776)
Instruction	25,323,247	23,150,076	390,639	2,544,106	(45,538,578)
Pupil transportation	2,077,077	234,291	-	187,318	(2,124,050)
Employee benefits	21,822,876	(21,822,876)	-	-	-
Debt service-interest	628,328	-	-	-	(628,328)
Depreciation	3,547,244	(3,547,244)	-	-	-
Amortization- leases	303,323	-	-	-	(303,323)
School lunch program	932,737	-	39,968	980,958	88,189
<b>Total Functions and Programs</b>	<b>\$ 58,872,696</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 430,607</b>	<b>\$ 3,864,223</b>	<b>(54,577,866)</b>
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>					
Real property taxes					21,576,999
Other tax items					1,851,509
Use of money and property					526,460
Sale of property and compensation for loss					6,156
Miscellaneous					632,748
State sources					19,606,790
Federal sources					57,506
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>44,258,168</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>					<b>(10,319,698)</b>
<b>Total Net Position - Beginning of year</b>					<b>(21,209,165)</b>
<b>Total Net Position - End of year</b>					<b>\$ (31,528,863)</b>

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024

	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Assets, Liabilities	Reclassifications and Eliminations	Statement of Net Position Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Unrestricted cash	\$ 4,229,679	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,229,679
Restricted cash	4,999,786	-	-	4,999,786
Other receivables, net	223,851	-	-	223,851
Due from other funds	1,191,409	-	(1,191,409)	-
State and federal aid receivable	2,450,312	-	-	2,450,312
Inventories	7,726	-	-	7,726
Prepaid expenditures	736,575	-	-	736,575
Capital assets, (net)	-	53,708,569	-	53,708,569
Intangible lease assets, (net)	-	758,067	-	758,067
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 13,839,338</b>	<b>\$ 54,466,636</b>	<b>\$ (1,191,409)</b>	<b>\$ 67,114,565</b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Pensions	\$ -	\$ 7,701,566	\$ -	\$ 7,701,566
OPEB-GASB 75	-	41,084,709	-	41,084,709
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 48,786,275</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 48,786,275</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 243,692	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,692
Accrued liabilities	603,635	72,486	-	676,121
Bonds payable	-	13,992,473	-	13,992,473
Leases payable	-	758,067	-	758,067
Capital lease payable	-	2,134,316	-	2,134,316
Due to other funds	1,191,409	-	(1,191,409)	-
Due to other governments	108	-	-	108
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,833,822	-	-	1,833,822
Due to employees' retirement system	135,968	-	-	135,968
Other postemployment benefits payable	-	98,181,978	-	98,181,978
Compensated absences	-	3,076,635	-	3,076,635
Unearned revenues	11,198	-	-	11,198
Payroll liabilities	10,976	-	-	10,976
Net pension liability- proportionate share	-	2,189,231	-	2,189,231
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 4,030,808</b>	<b>\$ 120,405,186</b>	<b>\$ (1,191,409)</b>	<b>\$ 123,244,585</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Pensions	\$ -	\$ 1,134,517	\$ -	\$ 1,134,517
Deferred revenue	109,443	-	(109,443)	-
OPEB-GASB 75	-	22,571,614	-	22,571,614
Premium on advanced refunding	-	478,987	-	478,987
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b>\$ 109,443</b>	<b>\$ 24,185,118</b>	<b>\$ (109,443)</b>	<b>\$ 24,185,118</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE\NET POSITION</b>				
<b>Total Fund Balance\Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 9,699,087</b>	<b>\$ (41,337,393)</b>	<b>\$ 109,443</b>	<b>\$ (31,528,863)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Fund Balance\Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 13,839,338</b>	<b>\$ 103,252,911</b>	<b>\$ (1,191,409)</b>	<b>\$ 115,900,840</b>

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	Total Governmental Funds	Long-term Revenue, Expenses	Capital Related Items	Long-term Debt Transactions	Statement of Activities Totals
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Real property taxes	\$ 21,576,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,576,999
Other tax items	1,851,509	-	-	-	1,851,509
Charges for services	390,639	-	-	-	390,639
Use of money and property	526,460	-	-	-	526,460
Sale of property and compensation for loss	6,156	-	-	-	6,156
Miscellaneous	641,333	-	-	-	641,333
State sources	20,335,630	-	-	-	20,335,630
Federal sources	3,191,571	-	-	-	3,191,571
Sales - school lunch	32,701	-	-	-	32,701
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>48,552,998</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,552,998</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES\EXPENSES</b>					
General support	4,280,923	-	(43,059)	-	4,237,864
Instruction	25,257,906	591,444	(222,780)	(303,323)	25,323,247
Pupil transportation	2,083,122	-	(6,045)	-	2,077,077
Employee benefits	11,173,198	10,649,678	-	-	21,822,876
Debt service-Principal	2,822,880	-	-	(2,822,880)	-
-Interest	825,100	(196,772)	-	-	628,328
Cost of sales	932,737	-	-	-	932,737
Capital outlay	124,021	-	(124,021)	-	-
Amortization-leases	-	-	303,323	-	303,323
Depreciation	-	-	3,547,244	-	3,547,244
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>47,499,887</u>	<u>11,044,350</u>	<u>3,454,662</u>	<u>(3,126,203)</u>	<u>58,872,696</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<u>1,053,111</u>	<u>(11,044,350)</u>	<u>(3,454,662)</u>	<u>3,126,203</u>	<u>(10,319,698)</u>
<b>OTHER SOURCES AND USES</b>					
Proceeds from debt	312,473	-	-	(312,473)	-
Operating transfers in	2,323,924	(2,323,924)	-	-	-
Operating transfers (out)	(2,323,924)	2,323,924	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>312,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(312,473)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change for the Year</b>	<u>\$ 1,365,584</u>	<u>\$ (11,044,350)</u>	<u>\$ (3,454,662)</u>	<u>\$ 2,813,730</u>	<u>\$ (10,319,698)</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BALANCE SHEET- GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
June 30, 2024  
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	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Unrestricted cash	\$ 3,806,409	\$ 236,170	\$ 187,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,229,679
Restricted cash	1,460,426	-	-	-	3,539,360	4,999,786
State and federal aid receivable	1,732,557	542,931	75,410	-	99,414	2,450,312
Other receivables, net	222,456	-	1,395	-	-	223,851
Due from other funds	742,455	-	-	337,268	111,686	1,191,409
Prepaid expenditures	736,575	-	-	-	-	736,575
Inventories	-	-	7,726	-	-	7,726
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 8,700,878</u>	<u>\$ 779,101</u>	<u>\$ 271,631</u>	<u>\$ 337,268</u>	<u>\$ 3,750,460</u>	<u>\$ 13,839,338</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Accounts payable	\$ 240,683	\$ 3,009	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 243,692
Accrued liabilities	603,635	-	-	-	-	603,635
Due to teachers' retirement system	1,833,822	-	-	-	-	1,833,822
Due to employees' retirement system	135,968	-	-	-	-	135,968
Due to other funds	156,308	687,141	-	-	347,960	1,191,409
Due to other governments	-	-	108	-	-	108
Payroll liabilities	10,976	-	-	-	-	10,976
Unearned revenues	-	1,559	9,639	-	-	11,198
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>2,981,392</u>	<u>691,709</u>	<u>9,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>347,960</u>	<u>4,030,808</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>						
Deferred revenue	109,443	-	-	-	-	109,443
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<u>109,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>109,443</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>						
Non-spendable	736,575	-	7,726	-	-	744,301
Restricted	1,460,426	-	-	337,268	-	1,797,694
Assigned	1,115,717	65,730	254,158	-	312,473	1,748,078
Unassigned (Deficit)	2,297,325	21,662	-	-	3,090,027	5,409,014
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>5,610,043</u>	<u>87,392</u>	<u>261,884</u>	<u>337,268</u>	<u>3,402,500</u>	<u>9,699,087</u>
<b>Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 8,700,878</u>	<u>\$ 779,101</u>	<u>\$ 271,631</u>	<u>\$ 337,268</u>	<u>\$ 3,750,460</u>	<u>\$ 13,839,338</u>

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- GOVERNMENTAL  
FUNDS  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General	----- Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Real property taxes	\$ 21,576,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,576,999
Other tax items	1,851,509	-	-	-	-	1,851,509
Charges for services	390,639	-	-	-	-	390,639
Use of money and property	371,294	-	504	154,662	-	526,460
Sale of property and compensation for loss	6,156	-	-	-	-	6,156
Miscellaneous	632,748	1,318	7,267	-	-	641,333
State sources	19,606,790	443,796	285,044	-	-	20,335,630
Federal sources	57,506	2,438,151	695,914	-	-	3,191,571
Sales	-	-	32,701	-	-	32,701
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>44,493,641</b>	<b>2,883,265</b>	<b>1,021,430</b>	<b>154,662</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,552,998</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
General support	4,129,082	151,841	-	-	-	4,280,923
Instruction	22,664,809	2,593,097	-	-	-	25,257,906
Pupil transportation	1,895,804	187,318	-	-	-	2,083,122
Employee benefits	11,173,198	-	-	-	-	11,173,198
Debt service						
Principal	2,822,880	-	-	-	-	2,822,880
Interest	825,100	-	-	-	-	825,100
Cost of sales	-	-	932,737	-	-	932,737
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	124,021	124,021
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>43,510,873</b>	<b>2,932,256</b>	<b>932,737</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>124,021</b>	<b>47,499,887</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>982,768</b>	<b>(48,991)</b>	<b>88,693</b>	<b>154,662</b>	<b>(124,021)</b>	<b>1,053,111</b>
<b>OTHER SOURCES AND USES</b>						
Proceeds from debt	-	-	-	-	312,473	312,473
Operating transfers in	25,318	106,000	10,000	182,606	2,000,000	2,323,924
Operating transfers (out)	(2,116,000)	-	-	-	(207,924)	(2,323,924)
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(2,090,682)</b>	<b>106,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>182,606</b>	<b>2,104,549</b>	<b>312,473</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses</b>	<b>(1,107,914)</b>	<b>57,009</b>	<b>98,693</b>	<b>337,268</b>	<b>1,980,528</b>	<b>1,365,584</b>
<b>Fund Equity - Beginning of year</b>	<b>6,717,957</b>	<b>30,383</b>	<b>163,191</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,421,972</b>	<b>8,333,503</b>
<b>Fund Equity- End of year</b>	<b>\$ 5,610,043</b>	<b>\$ 87,392</b>	<b>\$ 261,884</b>	<b>\$ 337,268</b>	<b>\$ 3,402,500</b>	<b>\$ 9,699,087</b>

See auditor's report. See notes to financial statements.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
June 30, 2024  
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	Private Purpose Trusts	Extraclassroom Activity Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted cash	\$ 268,560	\$ 152,005
Investments	<u>74,714</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 343,274</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 152,005</u></u>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Other liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 <b>NET POSITION</b>		
Reserved for scholarships	343,274	-
Individuals, Organizations and Other governments	<u>-</u>	<u>152,005</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u><u>\$ 343,274</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 152,005</u></u>

See auditor's report. See notes to financial statements.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Private Purpose Trusts	Extraclassroom Activity Funds
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
Contributions	\$ 8,100	\$ -
Interest	16,550	-
Change in value of investments	16,908	-
Unclassified	<u>-</u>	<u>169,709</u>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<u>41,558</u>	<u>169,709</u>
 <b>DEDUCTIONS</b>		
Scholarships and awards	14,495	-
Other custodial activities	<u>-</u>	<u>175,519</u>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<u>14,495</u>	<u>175,519</u>
 <b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position</b>	 27,063	 (5,810)
 <b>Net Position - Beginning of year</b>	 <u>316,211</u>	 <u>157,815</u>
 <b>Net Position - End of year</b>	 <u><u>\$ 343,274</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 152,005</u></u>

See auditor's report. See notes to financial statements.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### **I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The financial statements of the Oneonta City School District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Those principles are as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

#### **A. Reporting Entity**

The Oneonta City School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 9 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for and controls all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management, and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

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

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

#### The Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the Oneonta City 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. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are included in these financial statements. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in a custodial fund.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### B. Joint Venture

The Oneonta City School District is a component school district of the Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES). 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 Section 1950 of the Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (Section 1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of the General Municipal Law.

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

There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. In addition, component school districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which their students participate. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section 1950 of the Education Law.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Oneonta City School District was billed \$4,083,733 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The District's share of BOCES Aid amounted to \$1,771,730. Financial statements for BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

#### C. Basis of Presentation

##### 1. Districtwide Statements

The Districtwide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes,

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

**1. Districtwide Statements (Continued)**

State Aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. 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. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas.

**2. Fund Financial Statements**

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

The District reports the following funds:

**a. Major Governmental Funds**

- (1) General Fund** - This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.
- (2) Special Aid Fund** – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, which are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes and other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds, or by outside parties.



ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**C. Basis of Presentation (Continued)**

**2. Fund Financial Statements (Continued)**

**a. Major Governmental Funds (Continued)**

- (3) School Lunch Fund** – Used to account for transactions of the District’s lunch and breakfast programs.
- (4) Debt Service Fund** – This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term obligations for governmental activities.
- (5) Capital Projects Fund** – This fund is used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction, or major repair of capital facilities.

**b. Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the districtwide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

- (1) Private Purpose Trust Funds** – These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefits annual third party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.
- (2) Custodial Funds** – These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or extraclassroom activity funds.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting**

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

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

The 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 District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

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

**E. Cash and Investments**

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and districts. Certain cash balances are restricted by various legal and contractual obligations, such as legal reserves and debt agreements.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**F. Property Taxes**

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education and then become a lien. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to October 31.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties of Otsego and Delaware in which the school district is located. The Counties pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the Counties for enforcement to the school district no later than the following April 1.

Property taxes not collected within the 60-day period of availability will then be considered non-current and be reclassified to deferred revenue.

**G. Restricted Resources**

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

**H. Interfund Transactions**

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

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

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

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

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**I. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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, and useful lives of long-lived assets.

**J. Receivables**

Accounts 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 an allowance would not be material.

**K. Inventories and Prepaid Items**

Inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value that approximates market. Purchases of inventorable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered immaterial in amount.

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

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

**L. Other Assets/Restricted Assets**

Certain proceeds from serial bonds and bond anticipation notes, as well as resources set aside for their repayment are classified as restricted assets in the districtwide financial statements and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**L. Other Assets/Restricted Assets (Continued)**

In the districtwide financial statements, bond discounts and premiums, and any prepaid bond insurance costs are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt issue. Bond issuance costs are recognized as an expense in the period incurred.

**M. Capital Assets**

Capital assets are reflected in the districtwide financial statements. Capital assets are reported at historical cost or estimated historical costs, based on appraisals conducted by independent third-party professionals. Donated assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

Capital assets, except land, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Capitalization thresholds and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the districtwide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 1,000	20
Land improvements	\$ 1,000	20
Buildings	\$ 1,000	50
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 1,000	5-20
Vehicles	\$ 1,000	8

**N. Compensated Absences**

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

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

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

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**N. Compensated Absences (Continued)**

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, Accounting for Compensated Absences, the liability has been calculated using the vested method and an accrual for that liability is included in the Districtwide Financial Statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end. In the fund statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

**O. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the districtwide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources.

Claims and judgments and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds are reported as a liability in the fund's 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.

**P. Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Deferred outflows of resources, in the Statement of Net Position, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until that time. The District has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and the difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second item is the District's contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) and OPEB after the measurement date. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience. The fourth item relates to the advanced refunding loss on defeasance.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### **I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

#### **Q. Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Deferred inflows of resources represent 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 three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the Districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense, and the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments. The second item is related to OPEB reported in the districtwide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs. The third item is related to the premium received from advanced refunding which is amortized over the life of the bond issue.

#### **R. Unearned Revenue**

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

#### **S. Other Benefits**

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

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

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides postemployment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement.

Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### T. Short-Term Debt

The School District may issue Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes in anticipation of receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The revenue anticipation and tax anticipation notes represent a liability that will be extinguished using expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

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

#### U. Equity Classifications

##### 1. Districtwide Statements

In the districtwide 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 improvement of those assets.

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

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



ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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I. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

U. **Equity Classifications (Continued)**

2. **Fund Statements**

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

**Non-spendable** – includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Non-spendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of \$7,726 and prepaid expenditures recorded in the General Fund of \$736,575.

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

1. **Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and commitments of expenditures are recorded for budgetary control purposes in order to reserve applicable appropriations, is employed as a control in preventing over-expenditure of established appropriations. Open encumbrances are reported as restricted fund balance in all funds other than the General Fund, since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities and will be honored through budget appropriations in the subsequent year.

2. **Unemployment Insurance**

This reserve 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. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**U. Equity Classifications (Continued)**

**2. Fund Statements (Continued)**

**3. Tax Certiorari**

This reserve is used to accumulate funds to pay judgments and claims anticipated from tax certiorari proceedings. Any excess monies must be returned to the General Fund on or before the first day of the fourth fiscal year after the deposit of the monies. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

**4. Repair**

This reserve 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 the reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve. 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.

**5. Employee Benefit Accrued Liability**

This reserve is used to set aside funds for the payment of accrued employee benefits 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. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund.

Restricted fund balance includes the following:

General Fund:

Unemployment Insurance	\$ 167,249
Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities	778,203
Tax Certiorari	395,952
Repair	119,022
Debt Service Fund	337,268
Total restricted funds	<u>\$ 1,797,694</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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I. **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

U. **Equity Classifications (Continued)**

2. **Fund Statements (Continued)**

**Committed** – Includes amounts that can only be used for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District’s highest level of decision making, the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2024.

**Assigned** – Includes amounts that are constrained by the School District’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. All encumbrances of the General Fund are classified as **Assigned Fund Balance** in the General Fund. Encumbrances reported in the General Fund amounted to \$165,717 and the appropriated fund balance amounted to \$950,000.

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

NYS Real Property Tax Law 1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a School District can retain to no more than 4% of the 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.

**Order of Use of Fund Balance:**

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

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**V. New Accounting Standards**

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. On June 30, 2024, the District implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement 91, Conduit Debt Obligations, effective for the year ending June 30, 2024.

GASB has issued Statement 96, Subscription-based Information technology Arrangements, effective for the year ending June 30, 2024.

GASB has issued Statement 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, effective after the year ending June 30, 2024.

GASB has issued Statement 101, Compensated Absences, effective for the year ending December 15, 2024.

**W. Future Changes in Accounting Standards**

GASB has issued Statement 102, Certain Risk Disclosures, effective for the year ending June 15, 2024.

GASB has issued Statement 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements, effective for the year ending June 15, 2025

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

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### **II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements**

Due to differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the governmental fund statements and the districtwide 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 focus of the Statement of Activities, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

#### **1. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities:**

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

#### **2. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities:**

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of three 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.

##### **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.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements (Continued)

#### 2. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities:

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

##### 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 Districts' contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

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

Original cost of capital assets	\$104,678,518
Accumulated depreciation	<u>50,969,949</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 53,708,569</u>

Long-term liabilities are reported in the Statement of Net Position, but not in the governmental funds, because they are not due and payable in the current period. Balances at year end were:

Bonds and notes payable	<u>\$16,126,789</u>
Compensated absences payable	<u>\$ 3,076,635</u>
OPEB obligations	<u>\$98,181,978</u>
Leases payable	<u>\$ 758,067</u>
Net pension liability-proportionate share	<u>\$ 2,189,231</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**II. Explanation of Certain Differences between Governmental Fund Statements and Districtwide Statements (Continued)**

2. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities (Continued):

When the purchase or construction of capital assets is financed through governmental funds, the resources expended for those assets are reported as expenditures in the years they are incurred. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Depreciation of \$3,547,244 was more than capital expenditure of \$395,905 in the current year.

Repayment of bond and lease principal of \$3,123,203 is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but it reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and does not affect the Statement of Activities.

Interest on long-term debt and short-term debt in the Statement of Activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recorded as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the Statement of Activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The interest reported in the Statement of Activities decreased by \$196,772.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**III. Cash and Investments**

**A. Deposits**

The Oneonta City School District's investment policies are governed by State statutes. The Oneonta City School District's monies must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. The Treasurer is authorized to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit 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 school districts.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in an event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. GASB directs those deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are as follows:

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

Deposits and investments at year end were entirely covered by Federal Deposit Insurance or by collateral held by the School District's custodial bank in the School District's name.

The District did not have any investments at year end or during the year. The District is custodian for stock investments held in the Private Purpose Fund.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**IV. Interfund Transaction**

Interfund balances on June 30, 2024, are as follows:

	Interfund		Interfund	
	Receivable	Payable	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	\$ 742,455	\$ 156,308	\$ 25,318	\$ 2,116,000
Special Aid Fund	-	687,141	106,000	-
School Lunch Fund	-	-	10,000	-
Capital Fund	111,686	347,960	2,000,000	207,924
Debt Service Fund	337,268	-	182,606	-
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,191,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,191,409</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,924</u>	<u>\$ 2,323,924</u>

The District typically transfers from the General Fund to the Special Aid Fund to pay its' share of the Summer Handicapped Program.

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**V. Capital Assets**

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024
<u>Capital assets-not depreciated:</u>				
Land	\$ 1,855,350	\$ -	\$ -	1,855,350
Construction in progress	299,979	124,021	-	424,000
Total capital assets-not depreciated:	2,155,329	124,021	-	2,279,350
<u>Other capital assets:</u>				
Buildings and improvements	95,385,993	-	-	95,385,993
Machinery and equipment	4,566,782	271,884	656,100	4,182,566
Vehicles	2,861,970	-	31,361	2,830,609
Total other capital assets:	102,814,745	271,884	687,461	102,399,168
<u>Less accumulated depreciation:</u>				
Buildings and improvements	43,298,413	3,032,000	-	46,330,413
Machinery and equipment	3,186,925	269,375	656,100	2,800,200
Vehicles	1,624,828	245,869	31,361	1,839,336
Total accumulated depreciation	48,110,166	3,547,244	687,461	50,969,949
Other capital assets, net	54,704,579	(3,275,360)	-	51,429,219
Total	\$ 56,859,908	\$ (3,151,339)	\$ -	\$ 53,708,569

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, was allocated to specific functions as follows:

General Support	\$ 616,780
Instruction	3,288,630
Transportation	211,834
	<u>\$3,547,244</u>

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### VI. Pension Plans

#### 1. General Information

New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement (TRS) (the Systems).

#### 2. Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

##### **Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)**

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. The System is governed by a 10-member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the System, may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the NYSSTR Comprehensive Annual Financial report which can be found on the System's website at [www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org).

##### **Employees' Retirement System (ERS)**

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer 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. 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 District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided, may be found at [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php](http://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.

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### VI. Pension Plans (Continued)

#### Funding Policies:

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3 percent of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, who generally contribute 3.0 to 3.5 percent of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS Tier 6 vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education law.

Contributions for the current year and two preceding years were equal to 100 percent of the contributions required, and were as follows:

#### Contributions

	ERS	TRS
2024	\$378,917	\$1,717,538
2023	\$318,900	\$1,600,054
2022	\$431,108	\$1,458,684

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

On June 30, 2024, the District reported the following (asset)/liability for its proportionate share of the net pension (asset) /liability for each of the Systems. The net pension (asset)/liability was measured as of March 31, 2024, for ERS and June 30, 2023, for TRS. The total pension (asset)/liability used to calculate the net pension (asset)/liability was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension (asset)/liability was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	ERS	TRS
Measurement valuation date	31-Mar-24	30-Jun-23
Net pension liability/(asset)	\$1,241,279	\$947,952
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension liability	.0084303%	.082893%
Change in proportion since the prior measurement date	(.0797227%)	(.002045%)

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VI. Pension Plans (Continued)**

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District's recognized pension expense of \$580,706 for ERS and \$2,738,347 for TRS. On June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resource; Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$399,815	\$2,298,531	\$33,846	\$5,681
Changes of assumptions	469,300	2,040,913	0	444,806
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	484,574	606,358	0
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	101,579	187,520	31,379	12,447
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	135,968	1,583,366	0	0
Total	<u>\$1,106,662</u>	<u>\$6,594,904</u>	<u>\$671,583</u>	<u>\$462,934</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Year ended:		
2024	\$ -	\$ 430,117
2025	(\$196,453)	\$ (443,216)
2026	\$257,989	\$ 3,852,848
2027	\$368,973	\$ 313,036
2028	(\$131,399)	\$ 242,432
2029	\$ -	\$ -
Thereafter	\$ -	\$ 153,387

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VI. Pension Plans (Continued)**

4. Actuarial Assumptions

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

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2023
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2023	June 30, 2022
Interest rate	5.9%	6.95%
Salary scale	4.40%	1.95%-5.18%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2020 System's Experience	July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2020 System's Experience
Inflation rate	2.9%	2.40%
COLA's	1.5%	1.30%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020, System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2020. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020, System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale MP-2021.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2022, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2020. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VI. Pension Plans (Continued)**

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

Measurement date	<u>ERS</u> March 31, 2024	<u>TRS</u> June 30, 2023
<u>Asset Type</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Domestic Equities	4.00%	6.80%
International Equities	6.65%	7.60%
Global equities	0.00%	7.20%
Private Equity	7.25%	10.10%
Real Estate Equity	4.60%	6.30%
Domestic fixed income securities	1.50%	2.20%
Global bonds	0.00%	1.60%
Private debt	0.00%	6.00%
Absolute return strategies	5.25%	0.00%
Real estate debt	0.00%	3.20%
Cash Equivalents	25.00%	0.30%
High yield fixed income securities	0.00%	4.40%
Real assets	5.79%	0.00%

**5. Discount Rate**

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

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VI. Pension Plans (Continued)**

6. Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of Net Pension Asset/Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.9% for ERS and 6.95% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension (asset)/liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (4.9% or ERS and 5.95% for TRS) or 1-percentage point higher (6.9% for ERS and 7.95% for TRS) than the current rate :

ERS	1% Decrease (4.9%)	Current Assumption (5.9%)	1% Increase (6.9%)
Employer's proportionate share Of the net pension (asset) liability	\$3,902,708	\$1,241,279	(\$981,566)
TRS	1% Decrease (5.95%)	Current Assumption (6.95%)	1% Increase (7.95%)
Employer's proportionate share Of the net pension (asset) liability	\$14,437,790	\$947,952	(\$10,397,585)

7. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2024	June 30, 2023
Employers' total pension liability	\$ 240,696,851	\$ 138,365,121,961
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	225,972,801	137,221,536,942
Employers' net pension liability/(asset)	14,724,050	1,143,585,019
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension (asset)/liability	93.8800%	99.2000%



ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VI. Pension Plans (Continued)**

8. Payables to the Pension Plan

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2024, represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2024, amounted to \$135,968.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are paid to the System in September, October and November 2024 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2024, represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2024, amounted to \$1,833,822.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**VII. Long-Term Debt Obligations**

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

**1. Long-Term Debt Interest**

Interest paid	\$825,100
Less interest accrued in the prior year	(78,604)
Plus interest accrued in the current year	72,486
Amortization of refunding premium	<u>(190,654)</u>
Total expense	<u>\$628,328</u>

**2. Changes**

	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due Within One Year
Serial Bonds	\$ 16,327,640	\$ 312,473	\$ 2,647,640	\$ 13,992,473	\$ 1,395,113
EPC-Capital Lease	2,309,556	-	175,240	2,134,316	\$ 181,470
Operating Leases	654,580	403,810	300,323	758,067	\$ 260,012
Compensated Absences	2,485,191	591,444	-	3,076,635	
OPEB Obligations	72,669,974	25,512,004	-	98,181,978	
Net Pension Liability- Proportionate Share	3,520,216	-	1,330,985	2,189,231	
Totals	<u>\$ 97,967,157</u>	<u>\$ 26,819,731</u>	<u>\$ 4,454,188</u>	<u>\$ 120,332,700</u>	

Additions and deletions to compensated absences are shown net since it is impractical to determine these amounts separately.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**VII. Long-Term Debt Obligations (Continued)**

**3. Maturity (Continued)**

a. The following is a summary of the debt issued:

Purpose	Issue Date	Final Maturity	Interest Rate	Outstanding 6/30/2024
Serial Bonds:				
Construction	2015	2030	3-5%	\$ 1,890,000
Construction	2013	2030	2-4%	545,000
Construction	2017	2031	2.93%	265,000
Construction	2021	2035	4-5%	10,200,000
Construction	2023	2037	4.375-4.5%	330,000
Bus	2020	2025	.25-1.93%	105,000
Bus	2021	2027	1.00%	150,000
Bus	2024	2028	4-4.125%	312,473
Bus	2023	2027	4.38%	195,000
				<u>\$ 13,992,473</u>

b. The following is a summary of maturing principal debt service requirements:

	Year	Principal	Interest	Total
Serial Bonds:	2025	\$ 1,397,473	\$ 636,865	\$ 2,034,338
	2026	1,455,000	581,860	2,036,860
	2027	1,470,000	516,415	1,986,415
	2028	1,485,000	448,226	1,933,226
	2029	1,510,000	378,311	1,888,311
	2030 and thereafter	6,675,000	991,691	7,666,691
	Total	<u>\$ 13,992,473</u>	<u>\$ 3,553,368</u>	<u>\$ 17,545,841</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VII. Long-Term Debt Obligations (Continued)**

**4. Capital Leases**

The Oneonta City School District entered into an agreement to finance the cost of energy efficiency improvements over a 15-year period. The unpaid balance on June 30, 2024, was \$2,134,316. The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases, together with the net present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024.

<u>Year Ending June 30, _____</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>
2025	\$ 257,345
2026	257,345
2027	257,345
2028	257,345
2029	257,345
Thereafter	<u>1,286,726</u>
Minimum lease payments-Capital lease	2,573,451
Less: Amount representing interest of 3.56%	<u>439,135</u>
Present value- minimum lease payments	<u>\$2,134,316</u>

**5. Operating Leases**

Lease agreements are summarized as follows:

Description	Date	Payment Terms	Payment Amount	Total Lease Liability	Balance June 30, 2024
Equipment	7/15/2020	5 years	32,384	161,920	\$ 32,384
Equipment	9/15/2021	5 years	37,964	189,822	75,929
Equipment	6/15/2024	5 years	77,102	385,510	231,306
Equipment	2023	5 years	16,502	74,900	59,920
Equipment	2023	5 years	17,340	86,700	69,360
Equipment	2023	5 years	48,442	242,210	193,768
Equipment	2022	5 years	34,849	159,000	<u>95,400</u>
					<u>\$ 758,067</u>

The District leases equipment from BOCES for use throughout the District. All leases are for a term of 5 years at various interest rates.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VII. Long-Term Debt Obligations (Continued)**

**5. Operating Leases (Continued)**

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations are as follows:

Operating	Year	Principal
Leases:	2025	\$ 260,012
	2026	227,628
	2027	189,664
	2028	80,763
	Total	<u>\$ 758,067</u>

**VIII. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits**

**A. General Information about the OPEB Plan**

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

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

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms-* On June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	271
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>305</u>
Total membership	<u>576</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VIII. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)**

**B. Total OPEB Liability**

The District's total OPEB liability of \$98,181,978 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

*Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs-* The total OPEB liability in June 30, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.70%
Salary Increases	varied by years of service and retirement system
Discount Rate	4.21%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	6.75% from 2023 to 2024, followed by 6.50% from 2024 to 2025 decreasing to an ultimate rate of 4.14% by 2075

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

Mortality rates were based on PUB-2010 Headcount-Weighted table projected fully generationally using MP-2021.

The actuarial assumptions used in June 30, 2024, valuation was based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010-March 31, 2015.

**B. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

Balance on June 30, 2023	<u>\$72,669,974</u>
<u>Changes for the Year</u>	
Service cost	2,108,331
Interest	3,033,229
Changes of benefit terms	42,490
Differences between expected and actual experience	(5,341,994)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	28,366,245
Benefit payments	<u>(2,696,297)</u>
Net Changes	<u>25,512,004</u>
Balance on June 30, 2024	<u>\$98,181,978</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VIII. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)**

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

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.13 % in 2023 to 4.21% in 2024.

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

	(3.21%) 1% Decrease	Discount Rate (4.21%)	(5.21%) 1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 114,710,839</u>	<u>\$ 98,181,978</u>	<u>\$ 84,922,243</u>

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

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 82,744,340</u>	<u>\$ 98,181,978</u>	<u>\$ 118,095,576</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**VIII. Postemployment (Health Insurance) Benefits (Continued)**

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$9,317,630. On June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 6,998,194	(\$ 4,451,662)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	<u>34,086,515</u>	<u>(18,119,952)</u>
Total	<u>\$41,084,709</u>	<u>(\$22,571,614)</u>

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

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 7,181,494
2026	6,729,538
2027	849,375
2028	(84,683)
2029	3,837,371
Thereafter	-



# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### IX. Commitments and Contingencies

#### A. Risk Financing and Related Insurance

##### 1. General Information

The Oneonta City School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. 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.

##### 2. Workers' Compensation and Health Insurance

Otsego Northern Catskill BOCES administers the Catskill Area Schools Workers' Compensation Plan (CASWCP) consisting of 24 school districts, including the Oneonta City School District, for Workers' Compensation insurance coverage. Entities joining the plan must remain members for a minimum of one year; a member may withdraw from the plan effective July 1<sup>st</sup> but must submit a notice of withdrawal no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the previous year (15 months in advance). Plan members are subject to a supplemental assessment in the event of deficiencies. If the plan's assets were to be exhausted, members would be responsible for the plan's liabilities. The plan uses 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 School District also participates in the Broome-Tioga Consortium, a non-risk retained public entity risk pool for its employee's health and accident insurance coverage. The Pool is operated for the benefit of several individual governmental units within the Pool's geographic area and is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide all necessary coverage for its members. The Pool obtains independent coverage, and the School District has essentially transferred all related risk to the Pool.

##### 3. Grants

The School District has received grants, which are subject to audit by agencies of the State and Federal government. 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.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**IX. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)**

**A. Risk Financing and Related Insurance (Continued)**

**4. Litigation**

There are currently pending tax certiorari proceedings, the results of which could require the payments of future tax refunds by the School District if existing assessment rolls are modified based on the outcome of the litigation proceedings. However, the amount of these possible refunds cannot be determined at the present time. The School District has established a tax certiorari reserve to cover a portion of the potential refund exposure, and the District has legal authority to borrow funds to repay school taxes when needed.

**X. Tax Abatements**

The County of Otsego entered various property tax abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District property tax revenue was reduced by approximately \$170,000. The District received payments in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payments totaling \$275,512.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**XI. Other Disclosures**

**A. Summary of Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**

Total governmental fund balance	\$ 9,699,087
Capital assets (net)	53,708,569
Intangible assets, net	758,067
Deferred outflows of resources	48,786,275
Bonds payable	(13,992,473)
Capital lease payable	(2,134,316)
Leases payable	(758,067)
Accrued interest payable	(72,486)
Deferred inflows of resources	(24,185,118)
Compensated absences	(3,076,635)
Unearned revenue	109,443
Net pension liability- proportionate share	(2,189,231)
OPEB obligations	(98,181,978)
Total net position	<u>\$ (31,528,863)</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**XI. Other Disclosures (Continued)**

**B. Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities**

Net changes in fund balance – total governmental funds	\$1,365,584
Capital outlays are expenditures in governmental funds, but are capitalized in the Statement of Net Position	395,905
Depreciation is not recorded as an expenditure in the governmental funds, but is recorded in the Statement of Activities	(3,547,244)
Amortization of leases	(303,323)
Repayments of Long-term Debt are recorded as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are recorded as payments of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	3,126,203
Amortized amount of advanced refunding premium and defeasance loss expensed to interest on Statement of Activities.	190,654
Proceeds from debt are recognized as revenue in the governmental funds, but not in the Statement of Activities.	(312,473)
Interest is recognized as an expense in governmental funds when paid. For governmental activities, interest expense is recognized as it accrues. The increase in accrued interest during 2023/24 results in more expense.	6,118
(Increases) Decreases in 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:	
Teachers' Retirement System	(1,155,470)
Employees' Retirement System	(176,578)
Certain expenses in the Statement of Activities do not require the expenditure of current resources and are, therefore, not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:	
OPEB obligations	(9,317,630)
Compensated absences	(591,444)
Change in Net Position – Governmental Activities	<u>(\$10,319,698)</u>

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**XII. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability**

**A. Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting**

**1. Budgets**

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted. The voters of the 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), that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the fiscal year end 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.

The General Fund budget was increased to reflect the carryover encumbrances in the amount of \$132,581. The Board approved use of the Repair Reserve in the amount of \$50,133, the voter approved transfer to Capital Fund for the new Districtwide Capital Project in the amount of \$2,000,000 and other budget increases in the amount of \$61,981.

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

Budgets are established and used for individual capital 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.

Special Aid Fund and School Lunch Fund have not been included because they do not have legally authorized budgets.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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**XII. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability (Continued)**

**A. Budgetary Procedures and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)**

**2. Encumbrances**

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

3. Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law establishes the maximum unassigned fund balance that can be retained by a school district. The current law limits this amount to 4% of the ensuing year's budget. The District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, indicate that the unassigned fund balance is in excess of the legal limit.

**XIII. Subsequent Events**

On September 18, 2024, the District issued a serial bond for the purchase of buses in the amount of \$340,555.

On July 8, 2024, the District was issued a Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the new Districtwide Capital Project.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COMPARED TO BUDGET- GENERAL FUND  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources				
Real property tax items	\$ 23,116,972	\$ 21,576,999	\$ 21,576,999	\$ 0
Other tax items	310,133	1,831,077	1,851,509	20,432
Charges for services	241,500	241,500	390,639	149,139
Use of money and property	135,430	135,430	371,294	235,864
Sale of property and compensation for loss	7,000	7,000	6,156	(844)
Miscellaneous	110,500	142,817	632,748	489,931
<b>Total Local Sources</b>	<u>23,921,535</u>	<u>23,934,823</u>	<u>24,829,345</u>	<u>894,522</u>
State sources	19,358,950	19,345,662	19,606,790	261,128
Federal sources	30,000	30,000	57,506	27,506
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>43,310,485</u>	<u>43,310,485</u>	<u>44,493,641</u>	<u>1,183,156</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>				
Operating transfers in	-	-	25,318	25,318
<b>Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources</b>	<u>43,310,485</u>	<u>43,310,485</u>	<u>44,518,959</u>	<u>\$ 1,208,474</u>
<b>Appropriated Reserves</b>	-	2,182,714		
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	<u>900,000</u>	<u>961,981</u>		
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Appropriated Reserves and Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 44,210,485</u>	<u>\$ 46,455,180</u>		

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES, OTHER USES AND ENCUMBRANCES COMPARED TO BUDGET-  
GENERAL FUND  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Encumbrances	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
General Support					
Board of education	\$ 35,772	\$ 35,672	\$ 30,323	\$ -	\$ 5,349
Central administration	245,021	245,021	240,690	-	4,331
Finance	318,782	315,920	305,124	225	10,571
Staff	128,749	174,519	170,009	-	4,510
Central services	2,357,440	2,512,150	2,378,215	65,413	68,522
Special items	943,610	1,004,830	1,004,721	-	109
<b>Total General Support</b>	<b>4,029,374</b>	<b>4,288,112</b>	<b>4,129,082</b>	<b>65,638</b>	<b>93,392</b>
Instructional					
Instruction, administration and improvement	1,342,525	1,415,094	1,370,824	38	44,232
Teaching - regular school	10,207,363	10,199,933	10,073,142	43,118	83,673
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	6,389,984	6,410,080	6,169,416	8,404	232,260
Occupational education	1,107,553	1,110,140	1,100,674	409	9,057
Teaching - special school	45,675	57,675	57,446	-	229
Instructional media	2,075,718	2,131,940	2,076,472	37,897	17,571
Pupil services	1,889,507	1,892,276	1,816,835	7,950	67,491
<b>Total Instructional</b>	<b>23,058,325</b>	<b>23,217,138</b>	<b>22,664,809</b>	<b>97,816</b>	<b>454,513</b>
Pupil Transportation	1,510,942	1,901,005	1,895,804	2,263	2,938
Employee Benefits	11,856,066	11,284,945	11,173,198	-	111,747
Debt Service-Principal	2,822,880	2,822,880	2,822,880	-	-
-Interest	816,898	825,100	825,100	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>44,094,485</b>	<b>44,339,180</b>	<b>43,510,873</b>	<b>165,717</b>	<b>662,590</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING USES</b>					
Operating transfers out	116,000	2,116,000	2,116,000	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>\$ 44,210,485</b>	<b>\$ 46,455,180</b>	<b>45,626,873</b>	<b>\$ 165,717</b>	<b>\$ 662,590</b>
<b>Net change in fund balance</b>			(1,107,914)		
<b>Fund balance- Beginning</b>			6,717,957		
<b>Fund balance- Ending</b>			<u>\$ 5,610,043</u>		

See paragraph on required supplementary information included in auditor's report.



ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>					
Service Cost at end of year	\$ 2,108,331	\$ 2,406,093	\$ 4,473,383	\$ 4,058,963	\$ 1,489,491
Interest	3,033,229	2,753,758	2,296,234	2,126,850	1,813,067
Changes of benefit terms	42,490	-	(10,077,167)	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	(5,341,994)	730,864	3,273,263	5,589,194	7,858,006
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	28,366,245	(7,052,736)	(23,352,165)	949,219	33,303,105
Benefit payments	<u>(2,696,297)</u>	<u>(3,076,636)</u>	<u>(3,060,940)</u>	<u>(3,076,737)</u>	<u>(1,824,227)</u>
<b>Net change in Total OPEB Liability</b>	25,512,004	(4,238,657)	(26,447,392)	9,647,489	42,639,442
<b>Total OPEB Liability- beginning</b>	72,669,974	76,908,631	103,356,023	93,708,534	51,069,092
<b>Total OPEB Liability- ending</b>	<u><u>\$ 98,181,978</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 72,669,974</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 76,908,631</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 103,356,023</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 93,708,534</u></u>
<b>Covered-employee payroll</b>	18,351,890	16,634,429	17,184,728	17,017,828	16,673,979
<b>Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll</b>	535.00%	436.90%	447.50%	607.30%	562.00%

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF THE DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION ASSET/LIABILITY  
June 30, 2024  
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*Teachers' Retirement System*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
District 's proportion of the net pension asset/liability	.082893%	.084938%	.084772%	.086623%	.088088%	.08888370%
District's proportionate share of the net pension (asset)/liability	\$ 947,952	\$ 1,629,861	\$ 14,690,149	\$ 2,393,631	\$ (2,288,532)	\$ (1,606,409)
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 17,143,540	\$ 15,428,316	\$ 15,046,929	\$ 14,411,563	\$ 14,792,607	\$ 14,163,900
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	5.50%	10.56%	97.63%	16.61%	15.47%	11.34%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.20%	98.60%	113.20%	97.80%	102.20%	101.53%

*Employees' Retirement System*

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
District 's proportion of the net pension liability	.0084303%	.0088153%	.0085058%	.0083700%	.0084518%	.0084251%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability/(asset)	\$ 1,241,279	\$ 1,890,355	\$ (695,533)	\$ 8,334	\$ 2,238,073	\$ 596,945
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 2,951,761	\$ 2,893,798	\$ 2,723,117	\$ 2,645,870	\$ 2,613,810	\$ 2,656,300
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	42.00%	65.32%	25.54%	0.31%	85.62%	22.47%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	93.88%	90.78%	103.65%	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT CONTRIBUTIONS  
June 30, 2024  
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	<u>Teachers' Retirement System</u>					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,673,210	\$ 1,587,574	\$ 1,474,599	\$ 1,373,422	\$ 1,310,625	\$ 1,418,100
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,673,210</u>	<u>1,587,574</u>	<u>1,474,599</u>	<u>1,373,422</u>	<u>1,310,625</u>	<u>1,418,100</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 17,143,540</u>	<u>\$ 15,428,316</u>	<u>\$ 15,046,929</u>	<u>\$ 14,411,563</u>	<u>\$ 14,792,607</u>	<u>\$ 14,163,900</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	9.76%	10.29%	9.80%	9.53%	8.86%	10.01%

	<u>Employees' Retirement System</u>					
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 378,917	\$ 318,900	\$ 431,108	\$ 403,892	\$ 389,125	\$ 389,125
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>378,917</u>	<u>318,900</u>	<u>431,108</u>	<u>403,892</u>	<u>389,125</u>	<u>389,125</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 2,951,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,893,798</u>	<u>\$ 2,723,117</u>	<u>\$ 2,645,870</u>	<u>\$ 2,613,810</u>	<u>\$ 2,656,300</u>
Contributions as a percentage of covered employee payroll	12.80%	11.02%	15.83%	15.26%	14.89%	14.65%

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET AND  
THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIMIT  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024  
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**CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET**

<b>Original Budget</b>		\$ 44,210,485
<b>Additions:</b>		
Prior year's encumbrances	\$ 132,581	
Voter approved transfer to Capital for project	2,000,000	
Board approved use of Repair Reserve	50,133	
Board approved budget increases	<u>61,981</u>	<u>2,244,695</u>
<b>Final Budget</b>		<u><u>\$ 46,455,180</u></u>

**SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION**

2024-25 Voter-approved Expenditure Budget	\$ 46,111,901
Maximum allowed (4% of 2024-2025 Budget)	<u>\$ 1,844,476</u>

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

Unrestricted fund balance:	
Committed fund balance	\$ -
Assigned fund balance	1,115,717
Unassigned fund balance	<u>2,297,325</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	<u>\$ 3,413,042</u>

Less:	
Appropriated fund balance	950,000
Encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance	<u>165,717</u>
Total adjustments	<u>\$ 1,115,717</u>

General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u><u>\$ 2,297,325</u></u>
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Actual percentage 4.98%

\* Per Office of the State Comptroller's "Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions", Updated April 2011 (originally Issued November 2010), the portion of General Fund Fund Balance subject to Section 1318 of the Real Property Tax Law is: unrestricted fund balance (i.e., the total of the committed, assigned and unassigned classifications), minus appropriated fund balance, amounts reserved for insurance recovery, amounts reserved for tax reduction, and encumbrances included in committed and assigned fund balance.

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ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHEDULE OF PROJECT EXPENDITURES- CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND  
For Year Ended June 30, 2024  
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PROJECT TITLE	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance	Methods of Financing				Fund Balance 30-Jun-24
			Prior Years	Current Year	Total		Proceeds of Obligations	State Sources	Local Sources	Total	
Districtwide Capital Project-2018	\$ 18,011,994	\$ 18,011,994	\$ 17,971,097	\$ 14,050	\$ 17,985,147	\$ 26,847	\$ 16,790,319	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 17,790,319	\$ (194,828)
Smart Schools Bond Act	1,276,085	1,276,085	1,116,199	5,543	1,121,742	154,343	-	1,090,212	-	1,090,212	(31,530)
Energy Performance Contract	2,800,000	2,800,000	2,747,139	52,861	2,800,000	-	2,800,000	-	-	2,800,000	-
Tank Removals/Parking Lot	681,209	681,209	569,523	111,686	681,209	-	481,209	-	200,000	681,209	-
Maintenance Facility	1,453,000	1,453,000	79,098	17,855	96,953	1,356,047	-	-	1,453,000	1,453,000	1,356,047
MS Pipe Emergency	229,979	229,979	194,894	35,115	230,009	(30)	-	-	229,979	229,979	(30)
Districtwide Capital Project-2023	30,450,000	30,450,000	-	90,856	90,856	30,359,144	-	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,909,144
Buses-Prior	237,640	237,640	233,632	4,008	237,640	-	237,640	-	-	237,640	-
Buses	312,473	312,473	-	-	-	312,473	312,473	-	-	312,473	312,473
Totals	\$ 55,452,380	\$ 55,452,380	\$ 22,911,582	\$ 331,974	\$ 23,243,556	\$ 32,208,824	\$ 20,621,641	\$ 1,090,212	\$ 4,882,979	\$ 26,594,832	\$ 3,351,276

See paragraph on required supplementary information included in auditors' report.

ONEONTA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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Capital assets, net		\$ 53,708,569
Intangible assets, net		<u>758,067</u>
		54,466,636
Deduct:		
Short-term portion of capital lease	\$ 181,470	
Long-term portion of capital lease	1,952,846	
Short-term portion of bonds payable	1,395,113	
Long-term portion of bonds payable	12,597,360	
Short-term portion of leases payable	260,012	
Long-term portion of leases payable	498,055	
Less: unspent portion of debt	<u>-</u>	<u>16,884,856</u>
Net investment in capital assets		<u><u>\$ 37,581,780</u></u>

See paragraph on required supplementary information included in auditor's report.

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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*

To the Board of Education of the  
Oneonta City School District:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary funds of the Oneonta City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 21, 2024.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Oneonta City 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 Oneonta City School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Oneonta City School District's internal control.

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

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

## Compliance and Other Matters

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

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

*Raymond G. Preusser, CPA, P.C.*

Claverack, New York  
October 21, 2024



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Oneonta City School District:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary funds of the Oneonta City School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Oneonta City School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Oneonta City School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Oneonta City 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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

During our audit, we noted certain matters involving internal control and other operational matters that are presented for your consideration. This letter does not affect our report dated October 21, 2024, on the financial statements of the Oneonta City School District. We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. Our comments and recommendations, all of which have been discussed with appropriate members of management, are intended to improve internal control or result in other operating efficiencies.

We will be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail at your convenience, perform any additional study of these matters, or assist you in implementing the recommendations. Our comments are summarized as follows:

Other Matters:

Fund Balance

Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law establishes the maximum unassigned fund balance that can be retained by a school district. The current law limits this amount to 4% of the ensuing year's budget. The District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024, indicate that the unassigned fund balance is in excess of the legal limit.

We recommend that the District formulate a plan to control or use the excess fund balance.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, management, the audit committee, the New York State Education Department and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the Business Office personnel for their courtesies received during the course of our audit.

Very truly yours,  
RAYMOND G. PREUSSER, CPA, P.C.

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## FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION – SERIES B NOTES

August 20, 2025

City School District of the City of Oneonta,  
 Counties of Otsego and Delaware,  
 State of New York

Re: City School District of the City of Oneonta, Otsego and Delaware Counties, New York  
 \$7,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series B

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of an issue of \$7,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series B (the "Obligations"), of the City School District of the City of Oneonta, Counties of Otsego and Delaware, State of New York (the "Obligor"), dated August 20, 2025 in the denomination of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, bearing interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing July 24, 2026.

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 Obligations that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations 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 Obligations, including the form of the Obligations. 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 Obligations have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligations and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligations: (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.

- (c) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligations; 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.
- (d) Interest on the Obligations 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 Obligations is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Interest on the Obligations included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate 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 Obligations.

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 Obligations) 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 Obligations 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 Obligations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligations 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 Obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligations 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 Obligations, 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,

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

## FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION – SERIES C NOTES

August 20, 2025

City School District of the City of Oneonta,  
 Counties of Otsego and Delaware,  
 State of New York

Re: City School District of the City of Oneonta, Otsego and Delaware Counties, New York  
 \$625,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series C

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of an issue of \$625,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2025 Series C (the "Obligations"), of the City School District of the City of Oneonta, Counties of Otsego and Delaware, State of New York (the "Obligor"), dated August 20, 2025 in the denomination of \$\_\_\_\_\_, bearing interest at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_% per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing August 20, 2026.

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;
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