

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT

SERIAL BONDS

Rating: See “Rating” herein

In the opinion of Bond Counsel under existing statute, regulations and court decisions interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and, under the existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, interest on the Bonds is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. No opinion is expressed regarding other Federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. See “Tax Exemption” herein.

*The District **will not** designate the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.*

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

\$13,275,000

SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS – 2025 (the “Bonds”)

Dated Date: December 11, 2025

Date of Maturity: December 1, 2026-2037

The Bonds are general obligations of the Chautauqua Lake Central School District, in Steuben County, New York (the “District”), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount. (See “Tax Levy Limitation Law” herein).

The Bonds will be issued as registered notes, and at the option of the purchaser, may be registered to The Depository Trust Company (“DTC” or the “Securities Depository”) or may be registered in the name of the purchaser(s).

The Bonds will be issued through DTC and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds (see “Book-Entry-Only System” herein). Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds.

The Bonds are dated their date of delivery and will bear interest from that date at the annual rate or rates as specified by the purchaser of the Bonds, payable on December 1, 2026, and semi-annually hereafter on June 1 and December 1, as shown on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption (See “THE BONDS – Optional Redemption”) herein.

Interest on the Bonds will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the receipt of the final approving opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery on or about December 11, 2025.

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

Dated: November 12, 2025

The 2025 Bonds will mature on December 1 in the following years and principal amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP***</u>
2026	\$745,00			
2027	975,000			
2028	1,005,000			
2029	1,035,000			
2030	1,065,000			
2031	1,095,000			
2032	1,130,000			
2033	1,165,000			
2034**	1,200,000			
2035**	1,245,000			
2036**	1,285,000			
2037**	1,330,000			

* The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and the principal maturities thereof are subject to adjustment, following their sale, pursuant to the terms of the accompanying Notice of Bond Sale, to achieve substantially level or declining annual debt service, and to permit the District to comply with applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

** The Bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2033 are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. (See "THE BONDS - Optional Redemption" herein.)

*** CUSIP numbers have been assigned by an independent company not affiliated with the District and are included solely for the convenience of the holders of the Bonds. The District is not responsible for the selection or uses of these CUSIP numbers and no representation is made as to their correctness on the Bonds or as indicated above.

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District to give any information or to make any representations, other than those contained in this Official Statement and if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been obtained by the District from sources which are believed to be reliable but it is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof.

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Relating to

\$13,275,000 SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS, 2025

(the “Bonds”)

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page, inside cover page, and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Chautauqua Lake Central School District, in Steuben County, in the State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively), in connection with the sale of \$13,275,000 School District Serial Bonds, 2025 (the “Bonds”).

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

THE BONDS

Description

The Bonds will be dated the Date of Delivery, which is expected to be December 11, 2025 and will bear interest from such date at the annual rate or rates as specified by the purchaser, payable on December 1, 2026, and semi-annually hereafter on June 1 and December 1 in each year until maturity. The Bonds will mature in each of the years and will bear interest at the rates as shown on the inside cover page hereof.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchasers and subject to the receipt of the final approving opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the offices of DTC in New York, New York or at such place as may be agreed upon with the Purchaser on or about December 11, 2025.

The record date for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be the first day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date.

Authority for and Purpose of Issue

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State, including the Local Finance Law, the Education Law and bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District on December 16, 2020, authorizing the District to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$16,150,000 for a capital improvement project. The proceeds of the Bonds along with \$745,000 in budgetary appropriations will redeem and renew \$14,020,000 of the bond anticipation Notes maturing December 12, 2025.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or before December 1, 2033 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after December 1, 2034 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on December 1, 2033 or on any date thereafter, in whole or in part, and if in part, in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected at random within a maturity), at par (100%), plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

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

Written notice of any such redemption (the "Notice") shall be given to the registered owner(s) of the Bonds to be redeemed not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to the date set for such redemption. Such Notice will be provided in accordance with the prevailing Depository Trust Company ("DTC") redemption notification procedure (currently, transmission of the Notice by e-mail to redemptionnotification@dtcc.com, with the date of such email transmission being deemed the date that the Notice was given). In the event that such procedure is modified by DTC, the Notice will be provided in accordance with any new DTC procedure or, in the absence of any DTC procedure, by mailing the Notice by first class mail to the registered owner(s) thereof. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in the Notice, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date. Interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

Nature of Obligation

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

The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. For the payment of such principal and interest the District has the power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount. (See "Tax Levy Limitation Law" herein.)

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate therefor.

Book-Entry Only System

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered bonds 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 bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect

Participants”). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org.

Purchases of the Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Bonds are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all the Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping 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. Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.’s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC’s practice is to credit Direct Participants’ accounts upon DTC’s receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC’s records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in “street name,” and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Payment of principal and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

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.

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT DTC DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS: (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, 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 OBLIGATION TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS; (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 BONDS.

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.

Source: The Depository Trust Company.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING DELIVERY OF THE BONDS

Upon the delivery of the Bonds, the Purchaser will be furnished with the following items: (i) a Certificate of the President of the Board of Education to the effect that as of the date of this Official Statement and at all times subsequent thereto, up to and including the time of the delivery of the Bonds, this Official Statement did not and does 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, and further stating that there has been no adverse material change in the financial condition of the District since the date of this Official Statement to the date of issuance of the Bonds; and having attached thereto a copy of this Official Statement; and (ii) a Closing Certificate evidencing the due execution of the Bonds, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and deliver of the Bonds or the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest thereon, nor in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority under which the Bonds were authorized or affecting the validity of the Bonds thereunder, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of the signer to his office is being contested, and (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Bonds have been repealed, revoked or rescinded, and (iii) an Arbitrage Certificate executed by the President of the Board of Education, as described under "Tax Matters" herein.

MARKET FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCINGS OF THE STATE AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE

The financial condition of the District as well as the market for the Bonds 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, including, for example, the seeking by a municipality of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Bonds. If a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or at 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 Bonds, could be adversely affected.

The District is dependent, in part, on financial assistance from the State. However, if the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of the State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, in this year or future years, the District may be affected by a delay, until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the District.

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. Further, the availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget, the impact to the State's economy and financial condition due to the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") outbreak and other circumstances, including State fiscal stress. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available, therefore. (See "State Aid" and "Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts" in APPENDIX A hereto).

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property taxes or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the COVID-19 outbreak has spread globally, including to the United States, and has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to continue to affect economic growth worldwide. The outbreak caused the Federal government to declare a national state of emergency, which was followed by the enactment of a variety of stimulus measures designed to address financial stability and liquidity issues caused by the outbreak. The State also initially declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19. The spread of the outbreak or future resurgence could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "State Aid" and "Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts" herein).

TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq. ("Bond Counsel"), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and is excluded from adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and The City of New York. Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the Federal alternative tax; however, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Notes.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Notes. The District has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. Failure to comply with these covenants will result in interest on the Notes being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes as well as adjusted gross income for purposes of personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or The City of New York, from the date of original issuance of the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Notes may

adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Notes.

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

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is excluded from adjusted gross income for federal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and The City of New York, the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Notes may otherwise affect a 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.

CYBERSECURITY

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

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Bond Counsel.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

At the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the District will provide an executed copy of its "Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure" (the "Undertaking"). Said Undertaking will constitute a written agreement or contract of the District for the benefit of holders of and owners of beneficial interests in the Bonds, to provide, or cause to be provided to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") System implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of such Board contemplated by the Undertaking:

- (1) (i) certain annual financial information, in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in this Official Statement under the headings "LITIGATION" and in APPENDIX A under the headings : "THE DISTRICT", "FINANCIAL FACTORS", "TAX INFORMATION", "DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS" and "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA"; and in APPENDIX B, on or prior to six months following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 and (ii) the audited financial statement, if any, of the District for each fiscal year commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 unless such audited financial statement, if any, shall not then be available in which case the unaudited financial statement shall be provided and an audited financial statement shall be provided

within 30 days after it becomes available and in no event later than 360 days after the end of each fiscal year;

(2) timely notice, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, of the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material; (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (vi) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (vii) modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material; (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (xi) rating changes; (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District; [note to clause (xii): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (xii) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the District in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the District]; (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material; and (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (xv) incurrence of a financial obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which affect Bondholders, if material; and (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which reflect financial difficulties. The term financial obligation means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security of 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.
- (ii) With respect to event described in item (iv) above, the District does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to unscheduled draws on any credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Bonds.

The District may provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if it determines that any such other event may be considered material with respect to the Bonds; but the District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above; and

- (3) in a timely manner, notice of a failure to provide the annual financial information by the date specified.

The District's Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the principal of, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall have been paid in full or in the event that those portions of the Rule which require the Undertaking, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Bonds. The sole and exclusive remedy for breach or default under the Undertaking is an action to compel specific performance of the undertakings of the District, and no person or entity, including a Holder of the Bonds, shall be entitled to recover monetary damages thereunder under any circumstances. Any failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default with respect to the Bonds.

The District reserves the right to amend or modify the Undertaking under certain circumstances set forth therein; provided that any such amendment or modification will be done in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12, as amended.

Prior Disclosure History

For the past five years, the District has complied, in all material respects, with its continuing disclosure undertakings to provide audited annual financial statements and statements of annual financial information.

RATING

Standard and Poor's Corporation has currently assigned a rating of "A+" to the uninsured outstanding bonded indebtedness of the District, including the Bonds.

Such rating reflects only the view of such organization and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from the rating agency furnishing the same, at the following addresses: Standard & Poor's Corporation, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions of its own. There is no assurance such rating will continue for any given period of time or that such rating will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by the rating agency, if in the judgment of such rating agency, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of any of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has acted as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

In preparing the Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials, and other sources, who have access to relevant data to provide accurate information for the Official Statement, and the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the District to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards. The Municipal Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the District's Business Administrator, Mr. Jackson Graham, 100 North Erie Street, Mayville, NY 14757, phone: (716) 753-5800, email: jgraham@clake.org, or from the District's Financial Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, (716) 662-3910.

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

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

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 Bonds.

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at www.capmark.org. 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. Capital Markets Advisors 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 Capital Markets Advisors assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, Capital Markets Advisors 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. Capital Markets Advisors and the District also assume no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any updates to dated website information.

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

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: /s/ Michael Ludwig
Michael Ludwig
President of the Board of Education

Dated: November 12, 2025

APPENDIX A

THE DISTRICT

General Information

The Chautauqua Lake Central School District was formed on July 1, 1996 when the former Mayville Central School District and Chautauqua Central School District merged. The District is located in the Towns of Chautauqua, Ellery, North Harmony, Portland, Stockton and Westfield all within Chautauqua County. The District covers approximately 105 square miles and has an estimated population of 4,611.

The District is located in the extreme southwestern corner of New York State. The City of Buffalo lies approximately 70 miles to the northeast, while the City of Jamestown lies approximately 20 miles to the southeast. The School District is predominately rural/residential in character with some commercial facilities and agricultural production.

Major highways serving the District include State Highways 394 and 17 (I-86), which connect the School District with Interstate Highway 90. Bus and rail service are available in the City of Jamestown, while air transportation is available in Jamestown and Buffalo.

The Village of Mayville provides public water to a limited area, while outlying areas use private wells. Sewer is provided by the North Chautauqua Sewer District and private septic systems. Electricity is provided by National Grid Power Corporation and natural gas by National Fuel Gas Distribution Company. Alltel and C & E Telephone provide telephone service. The County Sheriff's Department and the New York State Police provide police protection. Various volunteer companies provide fire protection and ambulance service.

The District provides public education for grades Pre-K-12. Opportunities for higher education are available at the many colleges and universities in the Buffalo and Jamestown areas.

Commercial and financial services are located in the Village of Mayville, the county seat of Chautauqua County, as well as in nearby Jamestown and Dunkirk. Banking services are provided by M&T Bank, Community Bank N.A., and KeyBank, N.A.

Cultural facilities are available at the Chautauqua Institution, which attracts approximately 10,000 seasonal residents to the area. Recreational opportunities abound along the shoreline of Chautauqua Lake.

District Organization

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

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

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

The major administrative officers of the District, whose duty it is to implement the policies of the Board and who are appointed by the Board, include the Superintendent of Schools, the District Business Administrator and the District Treasurer.

Financial Organization

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

Budgetary Procedure

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central office staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. Under current law, the budget is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. Summaries of the District's adopted budgets for the current and previous fiscal year may be found in Appendix B, herein.

The voters approved the District's 2025-26 budget on May 20, 2025.

Financial Statements and Accounting Procedures

The financial accounts of the District are maintained in accordance with the New York State Uniform System of Accounting for School Districts. Such accounts are audited annually by independent auditors, and financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals are available for public inspection upon request. A copy of the District's most recent audited financial statement is contained in Appendix C herein.

School Enrollment Trends

The following table presents actual and projected school enrollment trends for the District.

TABLE 1
School Enrollment Trends

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Enrollment</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2023-24	869	2026-27	818
2024-25	842	2027-28	806
2025-26	805	2028-29	785

Source: District Officials.

District Facilities

The District operates the following facilities; statistics relating to each are shown below.

TABLE 2
District Facilities

<u>Names</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Building Capacity</u>
Secondary School	7-12	994
Elementary School	Pre K - 6	<u>1,134</u>
	Total:	<u><u>2,128</u></u>

Employees

The District provides services through both full-time and part-time employees, all of whom are represented by the following units of organized labor.

TABLE 3
Employees

<u>Number of</u> <u>Employees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract</u> <u>Expiration Date</u>
101	Chautauqua Lake CSD Teachers Association	6/30/27
49	Chautauqua Lake CSD Support Staff	6/30/27

Source: District Officials.

Employee Pension Benefits

All non-teaching and non-certified administrative employees of the School District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS").

Teachers and certified administrators are members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to the Retirement System are deducted from the School District's State aid payments.

Both the ERS and the TRS (together, the "Retirement Systems") are non-contributing 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 working less than ten years must contribute 3% of gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

The following table details the actual contributions to ERS and TRS for the past three audited fiscal years and the current budgeted fiscal year.

	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>
2026 <i>Budgeted</i>	\$791,679	\$351,094
2025	742,022	361,479
2024	710,763	315,194
2023	666,816	273,477

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 the 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.

Due to recent poor performance of the investment portfolio of the State Retirement System ("SRS"), New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced that the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS in 2011 and subsequent years will increase. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation has been enacted that permits local governments and school district to amortize a portion of such contributions. Under such new legislation, local governments and school district that choose to amortize will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the SRS for certain future rate increases. The District is currently not amortizing their pension contributions.

Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year will be based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year proceeding 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.

On December 10, 2009, the Governor signed into law pension reform legislation that will provide (according to a Division of the Budget analysis) more than \$35 billion in long-term savings to State taxpayers over the next thirty years. The legislation creates 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 of which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38 percent for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
- Requiring employees to continue contributing three percent of their salaries toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from five 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 percent of non-overtime wages.

Members of the NYS Teachers Retirement System will have a separate Tier V benefit structure that will achieve equivalent savings as other civilian public employees. It includes:

- Raising the minimum age an individual can retire without penalty from 55 to 57 years.
- Contributing 3.5 percent of their annual wages to pension costs rather than 3.0 percent and continuing this increased contribution so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the two percent multiplier threshold for final pension calculations from 20 to 25 years.

In accordance with constitutional requirements, these new pension reforms would apply only to public employees hired in the future.

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, among other things, for increased employee contribution rates of between 3% and 6%, an increase in the retirement age from 62 to 63 years, a readjustment of the pension multiplier, and a change in the time period for 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 contributions throughout employment.

Pension reform legislation enacted in 2003 and 2004 changed the cycle of ERS billing to match budget cycles of the District. Under the previous method, the District was unsure of how much it paid to the system until after its budget was implemented. Under the current method the contribution for a given fiscal year will be based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 instead of the following April 1 so that the District will be able to more accurately include the cost of the contribution into its budget. The reform legislation also (i) required the District to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would make a lower contribution possible and (ii) moved the annual payment date for contributions from December 15th to February 1st, effective December 15, 2004.

The New York State ERS rate for 2023-24 was 13.1%. The 2024-25 ERS increased to 15.2%. The 2024-25 TRS rate is 10.1%. The 2025-26 ERS is estimated to be 16.5%. The 2025-26 TRS is estimated to be 9.6%.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of the State Retirement System, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced that the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS will continue to increase. To help mitigate the impact of their ERS increases, legislation has been enacted that permits local governments and school district to amortize a portion of such contributions. Under such legislation, local governments and school district that choose to amortize a portion of their ERS contributions will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the SRS for certain future rate increases.

In Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option ("SCO") that gives school districts the ability to better manage the spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates ("ARCs"). ERS followed suit and modified its existing SCO, which was adopted in 2010. Each plan allows school districts to pay the SCO amount in lieu of the ARC amount, which is higher, and defer the difference in payment amounts as described below. The plan, which was approved in Governor Cuomo's 2014-15 budget would let districts contribute 14.13% of employee costs toward pensions. The District has not opted into the pension smoothing plan.

The TRS SCO deferral plan is available to school districts for the next 7 years. Under the TRS SCO plan, payment of the deferred amount will commence in year six of the program (2018-19) and continue for five years. School districts can elect to no longer participate in the plan at any time, resume paying the ARC and begin repayment of deferred amounts over five years. Under the ERS SCO, payment of deferred amounts begins the year immediately following the deferral and the repayment period is 12 years. Once made, the election to participate in the ERS SCO is permanent. However, the school districts can choose not to defer payment in any given year. In both plans, interest on the deferred amounts is based on the yield of 10-year U.S. Treasury securities plus 1%.

The primary benefit of participation in the SCO plans is the elimination of the uncertainty in the volatility of future pension contribution ARCs in the near term, thereby providing school districts with significant assistance in its ability to create a stable and reliable fiscal plan.

The plan, which was approved in Governor Cuomo’s 2017-18 budget would let districts contribute 14.13% of employee costs toward pensions. The District has not opted into the pension smoothing plan.

Other Post-Employment Benefits

It should also be noted that the District provides post-retirement 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 will require governmental entities, such as the District, to account for post-retirement healthcare benefits as it accounts for vested pension benefits.

GASB 75 and OPEB.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 the District implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The implementation of this statement requires District’s to report Other Post-Employment Benefits (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 other postemployment benefit obligation. However, under GASB 45 Districts could amortize the OPEB liability over a period of years.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2025 valuation represent a long-term expectation of future OPEB outcomes.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Service Cost	\$29,840
Interest	27,400
Differences between expected and actual experience	110,662
Changes in assumptions	53,662
Benefit payments	<u>(83,365)</u>
Net changes	\$138,199
Net OPEB liability - beginning of the year	<u>\$674,865</u>
Net OPEB obligation – end of year	<u>\$813,064</u>

Source: 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

Investment Policy/Permitted Investments

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL FACTORS

District finances are operated primarily through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. A Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the five-year period ending June 30, 2025 is contained in Appendix B. As reflected in Appendix B, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes.

Real Property Taxes

The District derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property (see “Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-General Fund” in Appendix B, herein). Property taxes accounted for 53.6% of total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, while State aid accounted for 36.4%.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property tax revenues during the last five audited fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

TABLE 4
Property Taxes

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>Real Property</u> <u>Taxes</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Real Property</u> <u>Tax Revenues to</u> <u>Revenues</u>
2021	\$22,689,400	\$12,348,578	54.4%
2022	22,533,011	12,528,081	55.6%
2023	22,730,365	12,597,734	55.4%
2024	23,721,301	12,791,539	53.9%
2025	24,433,680	13,098,157	53.6%
2026 (<i>Budgeted</i>)	24,511,298	13,314,255	54.3%

(1) General Fund only.

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

State Aid

The District receives State aid for operating and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and State aid revenues during the last five audited fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the current fiscal year.

TABLE 5
State Aid

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Revenues</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>State Aid</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u> <u>Consisting of State Aid</u>
2021	22,689,400	8,266,787	36.4%
2022	22,533,011	8,502,553	37.7%
2023	22,730,365	8,338,685	36.7%
2024	23,721,301	8,764,919	36.9%
2025	24,433,680	8,897,849	36.4%
2026 (<i>Budgeted</i>)	24,511,298	9,076,324	37.0%

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

The District also receives a portion of its revenues in the form of State aid. However, there is no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will continue, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue such aid. State budgetary restrictions which 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.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted by the District, the State is expected to make payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR (see “STAR-School Tax Exemption”) Program. The District expects to receive timely receipt of STAR aid for the current fiscal year.

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

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 ("NYSER") v. State of New York*. 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. It is not possible to predict the outcome of this litigation.

While the increases in State aid following this case have been targeted to high needs schools and other schools did share in the overall increase of State aid. The District is unable to predict whether this pattern of distribution will continue beyond that which is included in later legislation dealing with foundation aid. Increased State aid for New York City schools and other high needs schools may result in reductions in the future of State aid to certain school districts, including the District.

In any event, the outcome of this matter will not affect the validity of any obligations issued by the District, including the Notes, nor the ability of the District to levy taxes on the taxable real property in the District to pay the Notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

The Gap Elimination Adjustment (“GEA”) law was first introduced for the 2010-11 fiscal year (although it existed in 2009-10 and was called “Deficit Reduction Assessment”) as a way to help close the State’s then \$10 billion budget deficit. Under legislation, a portion of the funding shortfall at the state level is divided among all school districts throughout the State and reflected as a reduction in school district state aid. The GEA is a negative number, money that is deducted from the aid originally due to the District. Since the program began, the GEA and Deficit Reduction Assessment reduction in State aid for the District has amounted to approximately \$644,985 annually. As a result, the District has been forced to reduce programs, services, and staff accordingly. Beginning in the 2014-15 fiscal year, the State made modest restorations to the GEA. In the 2014-15 fiscal year, the GEA was reduced by \$400,881, dropping the total GEA to \$244,104. In the 2015-16 fiscal year, it has been further reduced by \$179,929, yielding a remaining GEA of \$64,175. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, the GEA was eliminated.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District’s estimated allocation of funds is \$521,122.

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. The 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 could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor.

No delay in payment of State aid for the District’s 2025-26 fiscal year is presently anticipated, although no assurance can be given that there will not be a delay in payment thereof. Should the District fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the District is permitted to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

If the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of the State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, in this year or future years, the District may be affected by a delay, until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the District.

Other Revenues

In addition to property taxes and State Aid, the District receives other revenues from miscellaneous sources as shown in Appendix B.

Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): For the 2021-2022 school year, the State’s Enacted budget provides \$29.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2021-2022 school year through School Aid, the highest level of State aid ever, supporting the operational costs of school districts that educate 2.5 million students statewide. This investment represents an increase of 11.3% (\$3.0 billion) compared to the 2020-2021 school year, including a \$1.4 billion (7.6%) Foundation Aid increase. The Enacted budget would allocate \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor’s Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, will help schools safely reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID19 pandemic. The Budget allocates \$629 million of these funds to school districts as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs. In addition, the Budget uses \$105 million of federal funds to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2021-2022 school year.

School district fiscal year (2022-23): The Governor's Enacted budget provides \$31.5 billion in School Aid for the 2022-23 fiscal year, an increase of \$2.1 billion (7.2 percent) from \$29.1 billion 2021-22. Foundation Aid is increased by \$1.5 billion (7.7% increase), This is the second year of the Foundation Aid Formulation, a three-year phase-in of the restoration of the full Foundation Aid formula to finally fulfill the State's commitments from the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case from the early 2000s. The budget continues the expansion of full-day prekindergarten that will provide funding to 200 school districts with an increase of \$125 million from the 2022-23 fiscal year and increase of 13%. The Budget also includes \$451 million increase in all other School Aid programs.

School district fiscal year (2023-24): The Governor's Enacted State budget provided \$34.5 billion in School Aid for the 2023-24 fiscal year, an increase of \$3.1 billion (10.0 percent). Foundation Aid is increased by \$2.7 billion (12.8 percent), This is the third year of the Foundation Aid Formulation, a three-year phase-in of the restoration of the full Foundation Aid formula to finally fulfill the State's commitments from the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case from the early 2000s. The budget continued the expansion of full-day prekindergarten that provided funding to 200 school districts with an increase of \$1.2 million from the 2022-23 fiscal year. The total funding for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten includes \$25 million in expansion grants supported by the American Rescue Plan Act.

School district fiscal year (2024-25): The Governor's Enacted State budget provides \$35.9 billion in School Aid, an increase of \$1.3 billion, including \$24.9 billion in Foundation Aid for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Governor Hochul is lowering the inflation factor from 3.4 percent to 2.8 percent in the formula to right-size funding for the 2024-25 school year. The Budget also commissions a Rockefeller Institute study to examine the Foundation Aid formula to prepare for changes next year.

School district fiscal year (2025-2026): For the 2025-2026 school year, the Enacted Budget provides \$37.6 billion in State funding to school districts, the highest level of State aid ever. This represented an increase of \$1.7 billion or 4.9 percent compared to the 2024-25 school year and includes a \$1.4 billion, or 5.9 percent, Foundation Aid increase. Although recommended to be phased-out in the previously mentioned report done by the Rockefeller Institute, the State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget maintains the "save harmless" provision, which ensures a school district receives at least the same amount of Foundation Aid as it received in the prior year. The State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget includes a 2% minimum increase in Foundation Aid to all school districts and makes a number of alterations to the Foundation Aid formula designed to 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.

The Enacted Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year provides \$9.16 million of State Aid to the District, a 3.33% increase from the District's 2024-25 school year.

It should also be noted that the School District receives federal aid for certain programs. In its last audited fiscal year, the School District received \$40,019 in such direct federal aid. It is not possible to predict whether such aid will continue in the future, or if continued, whether it will be funded at present levels.

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the District's 2025-26 fiscal year. The District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing.

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System

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

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as "No Designation" (see <https://www1.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/fiscalmonitoring/fsms.cfm>).

New York State Comptroller's Audit

Many school districts throughout the state can be subject to an audit of the New York State Office of the Comptroller ("OSC") pursuant to Article V, Section 1 of the State Constitution and the State Comptroller's authority as set forth in Article 3 of the New York State General Municipal Law.

On June 7, 2024, OSC, Division of Local Government and School Accountability released an audit of the District to determine whether the District officials procured fuel in compliance with the District's procurement policies from July 1, 2022 to October 3, 2023. The audit found that the District officials did not procure fuel in compliance with the District's policies which increased the risk that goods and services will not be obtained at a favorable rate. The audit recommended that the District follow its policies when requesting or acquiring goods and services, including using competitive bidding when required, ensure individuals responsible for procuring goods and services receive procurement training on proper practices, and conduct a thorough and deliberate audit of each claim before authorizing payment. The District agreed with the OSC recommendations and initiated a plan of corrective action.

The link to the most recent OSC report is as follows:

<https://www.osc.ny.gov/files/local-government/audits/2024/pdf/chautauqua-lake-central-school-district-2024-3.pdf>

The OSC has not conducted any other audits of the District in the past five years.

TAX INFORMATION

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

TABLE 6

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

(Fiscal Years Ending June 30:)

Roll Year:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Tax Year:	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Town of Chautauqua					
Assessed Value	\$1,170,847,088	\$1,178,620,302	\$1,178,476,361	\$1,190,002,922	\$1,206,503,059
Equalization Rate (2)	100.00%	99.00%	86.10%	82.50%	75.00%
Full Value	1,170,847,088	1,190,525,558	1,368,729,804	1,442,427,784	1,608,670,745
Tax Rate (1)	8.633068	8.436718	8.519376	8.664695	8.736743
Town of Ellery					
Assessed Value	20,323,086	20,317,478	20,343,732	20,652,889	20,767,058
Equalization Rate (2)	89.00%	78.60%	69.70%	68.80%	62.00%
Full Value	22,834,928	25,849,209	29,187,564	30,018,734	33,495,255
Tax Rate (1)	9.700076	9.00523	12.142517	10.701158	10.56864
Town of North Harmony					
Assessed Value	200,705,523	202,483,258	205,355,511	208,132,831	210,449,636
Equalization Rate (2)	86.50%	76.20%	66.50%	64.00%	58.70%
Full Value	232,029,506	265,726,060	308,805,280	325,207,548	358,517,267
Tax Rate (1)	9.980425	10.96109	11.030656	11.169334	11.162789
Town of Portland					
Assessed Value	3,928,811	3,983,153	4,005,621	4,041,942	4,056,762
Equalization Rate (2)	47.00%	45.00%	38.00%	36.00%	33.00%
Full Value	8,359,172	8,851,451	10,541,108	11,227,617	12,293,218
Tax Rate (1)	18.368229	18.560779	19.304845	19.856593	19.856234
Town of Stockton					
Assessed Value	8,836,595	10,334,701	10,389,739	10,461,144	10,745,433
Equalization Rate (2)	98.00%	100.00%	95.00%	88.00%	80.00%
Full Value	9,016,934	10,334,701	10,936,567	11,887,664	13,431,791
Tax Rate (1)	8.809253	8.352351	7.719514	8.123152	8.190696
Town of Westfield					
Assessed Value	2,876,119	2,756,435	2,750,191	2,771,193	2,782,129
Equalization Rate (2)	70.00%	66.00%	59.50%	54.50%	50.50%
Full Value	4,108,741	4,176,417	4,622,170	5,084,758	5,509,166
Tax Rate (1)	12.332954	12.655077	12.326797	13.116282	12.975361
Total:					
Assessed Value	\$1,407,517,222	\$1,418,495,327	\$1,421,321,155	\$1,436,062,921	\$1,455,304,077
Full Value	\$1,447,196,370	\$1,505,463,395	\$1,732,822,492	\$1,825,854,105	\$2,031,917,443
Tax Levy	\$12,493,744	\$12,541,220	\$12,743,546	\$13,058,312	\$13,314,255

(1) Per \$1,000

(2) The equalization rates shown here were used to apportion the school tax levies and may not be the same as those required for debt limit purposes.

Source: School Officials

Tax Limit

The Constitution does not limit the amount that may be raised by the District-wide tax levy on real estate in any fiscal year. The District is not subject to constitutional real property taxing limitations. See, however, the discussion below — “Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.

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 which five are indirectly subject through their parent city’s tax levy limitation.)

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

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

Chapter 97 restricts, among other things, the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of a school district in a particular year. It expires on June 15, 2020. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a school district cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the CPI, over the amount of the prior year’s tax levy. Certain adjustments would be permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases or changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. A school district could exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the voters of such school district first approve a tax levy by at least 60% affirmative vote of those voting to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. Tax levies that do not exceed the limitation will only require approval by at least 50% of those voting. In the event that the voters reject a tax levy and the district does not go out for a second vote, or if a second vote is likewise defeated, Chapter 97 provides that the tax levy for the new fiscal year may not exceed the tax levy for the prior fiscal year.

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

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

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

On February 19, 2013, the New York State United Teachers organization filed a lawsuit against the State challenging Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 as applied to school districts on multiple federal and state constitutional grounds.

Tax Collection Procedure

The real property taxes of the District are collected by the Town. Such taxes are due on September 6, and may be paid without penalty through October 6. The Town pays to the District the amounts collected on a periodic basis. The penalty on unpaid taxes is 2% from October 6 to October 31 and additional 1% for each month thereafter. On or about November 6, the District files a report of any uncollected District taxes with the County. The County thereafter on or before April pays to the District the full amount of its uncollected taxes. Thus, the full amount of the District's real property tax levy is collected by the District in the fiscal year of the levy. The County has the power to issue and sell tax anticipation notes to fund the reimbursement of uncollected taxes due to the District.

The District is not responsible for the collection of taxes of any other unit of government.

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.

<u>Towns of:</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>
Chautauqua	\$71,030	\$24,750
Ellery	57,510	20,040
North Harmony	55,100	19,200
Portland ⁽¹⁾	86,100	30,780
Stockton	75,770	26,400
Westfield	46,920	16,350

Date Certified: 04/10/2025

The enhanced or basic STAR exemption is the amount that an assessment will be reduced prior to the levy of school taxes. For example, if a home is assessed at \$150,000 and the enhanced STAR exemption for a municipality is \$50,000, the school taxes on the property would be paid on a taxable assessment of \$100,000 (\$150,000 - \$50,000 = \$100,000).

The maximum savings for each of the municipalities within the District for the 2025-26 are as follows:

<u>Towns of:</u>	<u>Basic Maximum Exemption</u>	<u>Enhanced Maximum Exemption</u>
Chautauqua	\$229	\$541
Ellery	226	555
North Harmony	230	566
Portland	239	565
Stockton	232	582
Westfield	234	553

Date Certified 04/15/2025

The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the current fiscal year.

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers

The following table presents the taxable valuations of the District's ten largest taxpayers on the 2025 Assessment Roll of the District used to levy 2025-26 taxes.

TABLE 7
Taxable Assessments

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Taxable Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>% of Taxable Assessed Valuation</u>
Joseph Kanfer Trust	Private	\$7,466,200	0.51%
Chautauqua Hotel Co Inc	Commercial	4,175,000	0.29%
LRC Revocable Trust	Private	3,873,000	0.27%
Metzgar, Robert D	Private	3,490,000	0.24%
Odland, Anne M	Private	2,980,000	0.20%
80 North Lake, LLC	Private	2,344,000	0.16%
Potts, Christine Odell	Private	2,311,000	0.16%
Bly Point LLC	Private	2,457,800	0.17%
Brueck, Felix M	Private	2,023,300	0.14%
Chaut. Regional Properties LLC	Hotel	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>0.14%</u>
		<u>\$33,120,300</u>	<u>2.28%</u>

(1) Represents 2.28% of the Town's 2025 Assessed Valuation of \$ \$1,455,304,077 to levy 2025-26 taxes.

Source: District Officials

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

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

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

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

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid 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 period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose determined by statute; no installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the District has authorized the issuance of indebtedness having substantially level or declining annual debt service. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and capital notes.

General. The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, as has been noted under "Nature of Obligation", 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.

Statutory Procedure

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

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

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, has the power to enact tax anticipation note resolutions. Such resolutions may authorize the issuance of tax anticipation notes in an aggregate principal amount necessary to fund anticipated cash flow deficits but in no event exceeding the amount of real property taxes levied or to be levied by the District, less any tax anticipation notes previously issued and less the amount of such taxes previously received by the District.

The Local Finance Law also provides a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution, together with a statutory form of notice which, in effect, stops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. The District has complied with such procedure with respect to the bond resolution under which the Notes are being issued.

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

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

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Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

The debt limit of the District is \$203,191,744. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the taxable real property of the District.

TABLE 8
Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

(As of November 12, 2025)

<u>Town</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Equalization Rate</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>
Chautauqua	\$1,206,503,059	75.00%	\$1,608,670,745
Ellery	20,767,058	62.00%	33,495,255
North Harmony	210,449,636	58.70%	358,517,267
Portland	4,056,762	33.00%	12,293,218
Stockton	10,745,433	80.00%	13,431,791
Westfield	2,782,129	50.50%	<u>5,509,166</u>
Total Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property			\$2,031,917,443
Debt Limit (10% of Full Valuation)			\$203,191,744
Outstanding Indebtedness (Principal Only):			
Bonds			\$5,670,000
Bond Anticipation Notes			<u>14,020,000</u>
Gross Indebtedness			\$19,690,000
Less: Exclusions ⁽¹⁾			0
Total Net Indebtedness			<u>\$19,690,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin			<u>\$183,501,744</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted			<u>9.69%</u>

- ⁽¹⁾ In prior years the District received State debt service building aid in a calculated amount of approximately 72.1% of its outstanding bonded indebtedness. Given the new "assumed amortization" of State building aid as provided in Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001, no assurance can be given regarding the direct or indirect effect that "assumed amortization" will have on the net indebtedness of the District, or the timing or amount of such Building aid in connection with school facilities financed with the proceeds of the issuance of bonds or notes. See also "State Aid" herein.

Remedies Upon Default

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

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

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district

such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds or notes pursuant to said section SFL.

Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors (including the Noteholders) of the District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action, although the present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation servicing 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 current funds or the proceeds of a tax levy.

Remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with holders of its bonds and notes, although any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a Bondholders remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

In recent times, certain events and legislation affecting remedies on 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 municipalities of the State require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services.

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 such indebtedness."

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

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

Short-Term Note Indebtedness

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have no outstanding bond anticipation notes.

Outstanding Long-Term Bond Indebtedness

The following table provides information relating to long-term bond indebtedness outstanding at year end for the last five fiscal years.

TABLE 9
Outstanding Long-Term Bond Indebtedness

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Total Bonded Debt</u>
2021	\$12,463,413
2022	10,384,831
2023	8,569,704
2024	7,268,480
2025	5,942,916

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District.

Trend of Capital Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the amount of direct capital indebtedness outstanding for each of the last five fiscal years as of June 30 of each respective year, excluding refunded debt.

TABLE 10
Direct Capital Indebtedness Outstanding
(For Fiscal Year Ending June 30:)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Bonds	\$12,463,413	\$10,384,831	\$8,569,704	\$7,268,480	\$5,942,916
BANs	0	13,705,000	15,535,000	14,725,000	14,020,000
Total	<u>\$12,463,413</u>	<u>\$24,089,831</u>	<u>\$24,104,704</u>	<u>\$21,993,480</u>	<u>\$19,962,916</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District.

Overlapping and Underlying Debt

In addition to the District, other political subdivisions have the power to issue bonds and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District. The real property taxpayers of the District are responsible for a proportionate share of outstanding debt obligations of these subdivisions. Such taxpayers' share of overlapping and underlying debt is based on the amount of the District's equalized property values taken as a percentage of each separate unit's total values. The table on the following page presents the amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

TABLE 11
Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>As of</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Amount Applicable To District</u>
Chautauqua County	\$43,810,619	06/29/2025	16.73%	\$7,329,517
Chautauqua Town	2,041,038	12/31/2024	98.44%	2,009,198
Ellery Town	135,034	12/31/2024	3.75%	5,064
North Harmony Town	0	12/31/2024	71.81%	0
Portland Town	5,687,530	12/31/2024	3.38%	192,239
Stockton Town	0	12/31/2024	6.45%	0
Westfield Town	1,408,900	07/22/2025	1.10%	15,498
Mayville Village	4,307,214	05/31/2024	100.00%	<u>4,307,214</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				\$13,858,729
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>\$19,690,000</u>
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u>\$33,548,729</u>

Source: NYS Comptroller's Office

Debt Ratios

The following table presents certain debt ratios relating to the District's direct and overlapping indebtedness.

TABLE 12
Debt Ratios

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Debt to Full Value</u> ⁽²⁾
Net Direct Debt	\$19,690,000	\$4,270	0.97%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$33,548,729	\$7,276	1.65%

⁽¹⁾ The population of the District is currently estimated by District Officials to be 4,611.

⁽²⁾ The District's full value of taxable real property for 2026 roll year is \$2,031,917,443.

Authorized and Unissued Indebtedness

On December 15, 2020 the qualified voters of the District approved the District to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$16,150,000 for a capital improvement project. The District has borrowed \$15,825,000 against this authorization.

Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness (as of November 12, 2025).

TABLE 13
Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table

<u>Fiscal Year</u>			<u>Total</u>
<u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Debt Service</u>
2026	\$1,260,000	\$226,263	\$1,486,263
2027	1,145,000	165,163	1,310,163
2028	1,040,000	113,413	1,153,413
2029	615,000	70,913	685,913
2030	460,000	48,300	508,300
2031	460,000	34,500	494,500
2032	460,000	20,700	480,700
2033	<u>230,000</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>236,900</u>
Totals:	<u>\$5,670,000</u>	<u>\$686,152</u>	<u>\$6,356,152</u>

⁽¹⁾ Columns may be off slightly due to rounding.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Population

The District estimates its population to be approximately 4,611. The following table presents population trends for the Town of Chautauqua (the “Town”), County and State, based upon recent census data. Data provided in the following table is not necessarily representative of the District.

TABLE 14
Population Trend

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Percentage Change 10/20</u>
County	134,905	127,657	(5.6%)
State	19,378,102	20,201,249	4.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

Income

The following table presents median per capita income for the Town, County and State. Data provided in the following table is not necessarily representative of the District.

TABLE 15
Per Capita Income

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
County	16,840	21,033	27,061
State	23,402	30,948	40,898

Source: US Census Bureau

Employment and Unemployment

Employment and unemployment data are not compiled for the District or the Town. The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the County and State. Data provided in the following tables is not necessarily representative of the District.

TABLE 16
Labor Force
(Thousands)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
County	50.4	51.3	51.6	51.2	51.0
State	8,631.4	8,864.6	9,205.5	9,376.7	9,411.7

Source: New York State Department Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

TABLE 17
Yearly Average Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2020	8.4%	9.8%
2021	5.4%	7.1%
2022	3.8%	4.3%
2023	4.0%	4.1%
2024	4.1%	4.3%

Source: New York State Department Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Information not seasonally adjusted.

TABLE 18
Monthly Unemployment Rates

<u>Month</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
September 2024	3.4%	4.0%
October	3.4%	4.2%
November	3.8%	4.2%
December	4.2%	4.2%
January 2025	5.2%	4.6%
February	5.4%	4.3%
March	4.7%	4.1%
April	3.6%	3.7%
May	3.2%	3.5%
June	3.5%	3.8%
July	4.2%	4.6%
August	4.5%	4.7%

Source: New York State Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Information not seasonally adjusted.

Largest Employers

TABLE 19
Largest Employers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type of Product or Service</u>	<u>Approximate Number of Employees</u>
Chautauqua Institute	Education / Recreational Facility	1,720
Chautauqua County	Municipal Government	673
Chautauqua Lake CSD	Public Education	205
Food Is Good	Retail – Grocery	100

Source: School District Officials.

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.

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS**

Chautauqua Lake Central School District
Statement of Budgeted Appropriations and Estimated Revenues
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	Budgeted <u>2024-25</u>	Budgeted <u>2025-26</u>
<u>Estimated Revenues:</u>		
Real Property Taxes	\$13,060,628	\$13,314,255
Charges For Services	1,240,629	1,289,976
Use of Money & Property	636,250	540,813
Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	25,000	25,000
Miscellaneous	243,430	243,430
State Aid	8,232,051	9,076,324
Federal Aid	16,500	21,500
Subtotal - Estimated Revenues	<u>23,454,488</u>	<u>24,511,298</u>
Appropriated Fund Balance	985,000	856,000
Total Est. Revenue and Appropriated Fund Balance	<u><u>\$24,439,488</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,367,298</u></u>
 <u>Estimated Appropriations:</u>		
General Support	\$3,002,444	\$3,165,096
Instruction	12,178,471	12,584,870
Public Safety and Transportation	1,308,782	1,360,832
Community Services	26,295	27,187
Employee Benefits	5,150,439	5,391,694
Interfund Transfers	<u>2,773,056</u>	<u>2,837,619</u>
Total Appropriations	<u><u>\$24,439,487</u></u>	<u><u>\$25,367,298</u></u>

Source: Adopted Budget of the District

Chautauqua Lake Central School District
Comparative Balance Sheet
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Receivables:		
Unrestricted	\$2,027,590	\$2,482,620
Restricted	7,476,740	9,598,887
Due from other funds	2,547,132	902,295
State and Federal Aid	1,143,797	191,149
Due from Other Governments	510,015	588,571
Prepaid Expenses	<u>20,791</u>	<u>20,791</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$13,726,065</u></u>	 <u><u>\$13,784,313</u></u>
 <u>Liabilities:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$65,287	\$96,090
Accrued Liabilities	137,427	166,945
Due to Other Funds	436,849	0
Due to Teachers' Retirement Systems	780,570	819,420
Due to Employees' Retirement Systems	<u>73,474</u>	<u>103,906</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>1,493,607</u></u>	<u><u>1,186,361</u></u>
 <u>Fund Equity</u>		
Non-Spendable Fund Balance	20,791	20,791
Restricted Fund Balance	7,476,740	9,598,887
Assigned Fund Balance	1,326,240	915,905
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>3,408,687</u>	<u>2,062,369</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u><u>12,232,458</u></u>	<u><u>12,597,952</u></u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	 <u><u>\$13,726,065</u></u>	 <u><u>\$13,784,313</u></u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District although this summary table itself has not been audited.

Chautauqua Lake Central School District
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

Revenues:	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Real Property Taxes and Tax Items	\$12,348,578	\$12,528,081	\$12,597,734	\$12,791,539	\$13,098,157
Use of Money and Property	155,865	150,028	362,185	821,803	782,890
Charges for Services	1,342,598	1,174,857	1,158,564	1,178,137	1,385,590
Sale of Property	18,740	28,761	76,934	14,796	31,519
Miscellaneous	184,765	120,280	183,414	132,222	197,656
State Sources	8,266,787	8,502,553	8,338,685	8,764,919	8,897,849
Federal Sources	<u>372,067</u>	<u>28,451</u>	<u>12,849</u>	<u>17,885</u>	<u>40,019</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$22,689,400</u>	<u>\$22,533,011</u>	<u>\$22,730,365</u>	<u>\$23,721,301</u>	<u>\$24,433,680</u>
Expenditures:					
General Support	\$2,785,504	\$2,562,767	\$2,649,747	\$2,796,358	\$3,132,158
Instruction	10,086,365	10,356,618	10,835,951	11,766,712	12,153,994
Pupil Transportation	912,148	1,130,642	1,155,675	907,331	1,597,963
Community Service	5,162	19,408	20,179	26,155	26,912
Employee Benefits	3,931,908	4,238,093	4,360,285	4,460,127	4,663,158
Debt Service	<u>0</u>	<u>1,249</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$17,721,087</u>	<u>\$18,308,777</u>	<u>\$19,021,837</u>	<u>\$19,956,683</u>	<u>\$21,574,185</u>
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	4,968,313	4,224,234	3,708,528	3,764,618	2,859,495
Other Sources and (Uses):					
Operating Transfers - Net	<u>(5,533,593)</u>	<u>(2,494,351)</u>	<u>(2,192,888)</u>	<u>(2,413,699)</u>	<u>(2,494,001)</u>
Excess Revenues (Expenditures) and other sources (uses)	(565,280)	1,729,883	1,515,640	1,350,919	365,494
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Beg. of Fiscal Year	<u>8,201,296</u>	<u>7,636,016</u>	<u>9,365,899</u>	<u>10,881,539</u>	<u>12,232,458</u>
Fund Balance - End of Fiscal Year	<u><u>\$7,636,016</u></u>	<u><u>\$9,365,899</u></u>	<u><u>\$10,881,539</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,232,458</u></u>	<u><u>\$12,597,952</u></u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District although this summary table itself has not been audited.

APPENDIX C

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2025**

**Can be accessed on the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) website
of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”)
at the following link:**

<https://emma.msrb.org/P21972314-P21504221-P21957229.pdf>

**The audited financial statements referenced above are hereby incorporated into the
attached Official Statement.**

*** Such Financial Statements and opinion are intended to be representative only as
of the date thereof. Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. has not been requested by
the District to further review and/or update such Financial Statements or opinion in
connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.**