

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 27, 2019

**REFUNDING ISSUE
BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY BONDS**

**RATING: SEE "RATING" HEREIN
SERIAL BONDS**

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

The District will NOT designate the Bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

**SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

\$14,415,000*

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS – 2019
(the "Bonds")**

Dated Date: Date of Delivery

Maturity Dates: October 15, 2019-2023

The Bonds are general obligations of the Sachem Central School District, in Suffolk County, New York (the "District"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon 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.

The Bonds are dated their Date of Delivery and will bear interest from that date until maturity at the annual rate or rates as specified by the purchaser of the Bonds, payable on October 15, 2019, and semiannually thereafter on April 15 and October 15 in each year until maturity. The Bonds shall mature on October 15 in each year in the principal amounts specified on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases of the Bonds may be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds. Payment of the 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 disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds as described herein. (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.)

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 Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the offices of DTC on or about July 19, 2019.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM DEEMED FINAL BY THE DISTRICT FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE"). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FOR THE BONDS AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING" HEREIN.

Dated: June __, 2019

* Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment without notice. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of these securities, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

The Bonds will mature on October 15 in the following years and principal amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2019	\$ 5,000			2022	\$3,005,000		
2020	5,390,000			2023	3,155,000		
2021	2,860,000						

* The principal amounts of the Bonds are subject to adjustment following the sale of the Bonds, pursuant to the terms of the accompanying Notice of Sale.

**SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK**

2018-19 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT
SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

relating to

\$14,415,000*

SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS – 2019

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Sachem Central School District, in the County of Suffolk, in the State of New York (the “District”, “County” and “State,” respectively) in connection with the sale of \$14,415,000* School District Refunding Serial Bonds – 2019 (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 of the Bonds

The Bonds are dated their Date of Delivery and will bear interest from that date until maturity, payable on October 15, 2019, and semiannually thereafter on April 15 and October 15 in each year until maturity. The Bonds shall mature on October 15 in each year in the principal amounts specified on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

The record payment date for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds is the last business day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date.

Authorization and the Refunding Plan for the Bonds

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State, including among others, the Local Finance Law, including Sections 90.00 and 90.10, the Education Law, and the refunding bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on March 20, 2019 (the “Refunding Bond Resolution”). A refunding financial plan has been prepared and is described below (the “Refunding Plan”).

The Bonds are being issued to refund up to \$15,230,000 outstanding principal of the District’s School District Refunding Serial Bonds – 2011, which mature in the years 2020 to 2023, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”). The Refunded Bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$45,820,000. Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds are to be called and redeemed on October 15, 2019. The net proceeds of the Bonds (after payment of the underwriting fee and other costs of issuance relating to the Bonds) will be used to purchase non-callable, direct obligations of or obligations guaranteed by the United States of America (the “Government Obligations”) which, together with remaining cash proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, will be placed in an irrevocable trust fund (the “Escrow Fund”) to be held by Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, (the “Escrow Holder”), a bank located and authorized to do business in the State, pursuant to the terms of an escrow contract by and between the District and the Escrow Holder, dated as of the delivery date of the Bonds (the “Escrow Contract”). The Government Obligations so deposited will mature in amounts which, together with the cash so deposited, will be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds on the date of their redemption. The Refunding Plan requires the Escrow Holder, pursuant to the Refunding Bond Resolution

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of the District and the Escrow Contract, to pay the redemption price of the Refunded Bonds on the earliest date on which the Refunded Bonds may be called for redemption prior to maturity.

The holders of the Refunded Bonds will have a first lien on all investment income from, and maturing principal of the Government Obligations, along with other available monies held in the Escrow Fund. The Escrow Contract shall terminate upon final payment by the Escrow Holder to the paying agents/fiscal agent for the Refunded Bonds amounts from the Escrow Fund adequate for the payment, in full, of the Refunded Bonds, including interest payable with respect thereto.

The Refunding Plan will permit the District to realize, as a result of the issuance of the Bonds, cumulative dollar and present value debt service savings.

Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds will continue to be general obligation bonds of the District. However, inasmuch as the Government Obligations held in the Escrow Fund will be sufficient to meet all required payments of principal and interest requirements when required in accordance with the Refunding Plan, it is not anticipated that any other source of payment will be required.

Refunded Bonds:

<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Redemption Date/Price*</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
October 15, 2020	\$ 5,580,000	5.000%	October 15, 2019 @ 100%	785721SL6
October 15, 2021	3,060,000	5.000	October 15, 2019 @ 100%	785721SM4
October 15, 2022	3,215,000	5.000	October 15, 2019 @ 100%	785721SN2
October 15, 2023	<u>3,375,000</u>	5.000	October 15, 2019 @ 100%	785721SP7
Total:	<u>\$15,230,000</u>			

Sources and Uses of Proceeds

Sources:

Par Amount
 Net Original Issue Premium

Total:

Uses:

Refunding Escrow Deposit
 Costs of Issuance, Bond Insurance
 and Contingency
 Underwriter's Discount

Total:

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Verification of Mathematical Computations

Causey Demgen and Moore P.C. will verify from the information provided to them, the mathematical accuracy, as of the date of the closing of the Bonds, of the computations contained in the provided schedules to determine that the anticipated receipts from the Government Obligations and cash deposits listed in the underwriter's schedules, to be held in escrow, will be sufficient to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds. Causey Demgen and Moore P.C. will express no opinion on the assumptions provided to them, nor as to the exclusion from taxation of the interest on the Bonds.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Nature of Obligation

The Bonds 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 of and interest on the Bonds, 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.

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 for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District's power to increase its annual tax levy. As a result, the power of the District to levy real estate taxes on all the taxable real property within the District is subject to statutory limitations set forth in Tax Levy Limit Law. In addition, the Tax Levy Limit Law expressly provides an exclusion from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, or the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes. As the Bonds are being issued to refinance bonds originally issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, the Bonds qualify for such exclusion to the annual tax levy limitation. The exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein.)

REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Bonds, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Bonds should the District default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Bonds upon the occurrence of any such default. The Bonds are general obligation contracts between the District and the owners for which the faith and credit of the District are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bondholder's and/or noteholder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the District. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract 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 serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A Court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes

from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds, the owners of such Bonds could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax, upon all taxable property of the District subject to taxation by the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Bonds and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Bonds. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

In 1976, the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, held in *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), that the New York State legislation purporting to postpone the payment of debt service on New York City obligations was an unconstitutional moratorium in violation of the New York State constitutional faith and credit mandate included in all municipal debt obligations. While that case can be viewed as a precedent for protecting the remedies of Bondholders, there can be no assurance as to what a Court may determine with respect to future events, including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State, that require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services. (See also, *Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of Article 2 of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State legislature authorizing any county, city, town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the District.

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the District is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

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

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

Section 99-b of the State Finance Law

Section 99-b of the State Finance Law (the "SFL") provides for a covenant between 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 of the SFL.

No Past Due Debt

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

MUNICIPAL BANKRUPTCY

The Federal Bankruptcy Code (Chapter IX) allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law specifically authorizes any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a

petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not become applicable in the future. As such, the undertakings of the District should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX, and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities. Bankruptcy proceedings by the District if authorized by the State in the future, could have adverse effects on bondholders and/or noteholders including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the District after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Bonds.

The above references to said Chapter IX are not to be construed as an indication that the State will consent in the future to the right of the District to file a petition with any United States district court or court of bankruptcy under any provision of the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness or that the District is currently considering or expects to resort to the provisions of Chapter IX if authorized to do so in the future.

DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("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 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 effect 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 County 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 County, 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 redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the 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.

Source: The Depository Trust Company

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

There are certain potential risks associated with an investment in the Bonds, and investors should be thoroughly familiar with this Official Statement, including its appendices, in order to make an informed investment decision. Investors should consider, in particular, the following factors:

The District's credit rating could be affected by circumstances beyond the District's control. Economic conditions such as the rate of unemployment and inflation, termination of commercial operations by corporate taxpayers and employers, as well as natural catastrophes, could adversely affect the assessed valuation of District property and its ability to maintain fund balances and other statistical indices commensurate with its current credit rating. As a consequence, a decline in the District's credit rating could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds.

If and when an owner of any of the Bonds should elect to sell all or a part of the Bonds prior to maturity, there can be no assurance that a market will have been established, maintained and continue in existence for the purchase and sale of any of those Bonds. The market value of the Bonds is dependent upon the ability of holder to potentially incur a capital loss if such Bonds are sold prior to its maturity.

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere 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. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Bonds, could be adversely affected.

The District is dependent in part upon financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid as well as grants and loans to be received ("State Aid"). The District's receipt of State aid may be delayed as a result of the State's failure to adopt its budget timely and/or to appropriate State Aid to municipalities and school districts. Should the District fail to receive all or a portion of the amounts of State Aid expected to be received from the State in the amounts and at the times anticipated, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such moneys or by a reduction in State Aid or its elimination, the District is authorized pursuant to the Local Finance Law ("LFL") to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of such uncollected State Aid, however, there can be no assurance that, in such event, the District will have market access for any such borrowing on a cost effective basis. The elimination of or any substantial reduction in State Aid would likely have a materially adverse effect upon the District requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available or a curtailment of expenditures. (See also "*State Aid*" herein.)

Future amendments to applicable statutes whether enacted by the State or the United States of America affecting the treatment of interest paid on municipal obligations, including the Bonds, for income taxation purposes could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Notes (see "*Tax Matters*" herein).

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District, without providing exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, may affect the market price and/or marketability for the Bonds. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein.)

Federal or State legislation imposing new or increased mandatory expenditures by municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District could impair the financial condition of such entities, including the District and the ability of such entities, including the District to pay debt service on their respective obligations.

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 District digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial.

LITIGATION

In common with other school districts, the District from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. Except as otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, the attorneys for the District are unaware of any claims or action pending which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. The Tax Certificate of the District (the “Tax Certificate”), which will be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds, will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the District and others in connection with the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the District with certain ongoing provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated above. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement its opinion to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may thereafter come to its attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may thereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds.

Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds in order that interest on such Bonds be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Bonds, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The District, in executing the Tax Certificate, will certify to the effect that the District will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Bonds. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds.

Prospective owners of the Bonds should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

Original Issue Discount

“Original issue discount” (“OID”) is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable at the stated maturity of a Bond (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates) over the issue price of that maturity. In general, the “issue price” of a maturity (a bond with the same maturity date, interest rate, and credit terms) means the first price at which at least 10 percent of such maturity was sold to the public, i.e., a purchaser who is not, directly or indirectly, a signatory to a written contract to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds. In general, the issue price for each maturity of the Bonds is expected to be the initial public offering price set forth in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel further is of the opinion that, for any Bond having OID (a “Discount Bond”), OID that has accrued and is properly allocable to the owners of the Discount Bond under Section 1288 of the Code is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as other interest on the Bonds.

In general, under Section 1288 of the Code, OID on a Discount Bond accrues under a constant yield method, based on periodic compounding of interest over prescribed accrual periods using a compounding rate determined by reference to the yield on that Discount Bond. An owner’s adjusted basis in a Discount Bond is increased by accrued OID for purposes of determining gain or loss on sale, exchange, or other disposition of such Discount Bond. Accrued OID may be taken into account as an increase in the amount of tax-exempt income received or deemed to have been received for purposes of determining various other tax consequences of owning a Discount Bond even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Owners of Discount Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the treatment of original issue discount for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and the state and local tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of Discount Bonds.

Bond Premium

In general, if an owner acquires an obligation for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the obligation after the acquisition date (excluding certain “qualified stated interest” that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes “bond premium” on that obligation (a “Premium Bond”). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, based on the owner’s yield over the remaining term of the Premium Bond, determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a Premium Bond callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such Premium Bond). An owner of a Premium Bond must amortize the bond premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner’s regular method of accounting against the bond premium allocable to that period. In the case of a tax-exempt Premium Bond, if the bond premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a Premium Bond may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the Premium Bond even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner’s original acquisition cost. Owners of any Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of bond premium for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of bond premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of Premium Bonds.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Information reporting requirements will apply to interest on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes, and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, “Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification,” or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to “backup withholding,” which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a “payor” generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing a Bond through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner’s federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

Miscellaneous

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) and such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. The opinion of Bond Counsel will be in substantially the form attached hereto in Appendix D.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In order to assist the purchasers in complying with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Rule 15c2-12”) with respect to the Bonds, the District will execute an Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure, the form of which is attached hereto as Appendix E.

RATING

The District has applied to S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) for a rating on the Bonds. Such application is pending at this time.

On December 7, 2017, S&P affirmed the District’s underlying credit rating of “AA-” with a stable outlook.

Such rating reflects only the view of S&P, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained only from S&P, at the following address: Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services, 25 Broadway, New York, New York 10004. There can be no assurance that such rating will continue for any specified period of time or that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of S&P circumstances so warrant. Any such change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of such Bonds or the availability of a secondary market for the Bonds.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Great Neck, New York, (the “Municipal Advisor”) is an independent municipal advisor registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor has served as the independent financial advisor to the District in connection with this transaction.

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. 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 not a law firm and does not provide legal advice with respect to this or any debt offerings of the District. 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

Periodic public reports relating to the financial condition of the District, its operations and the balances, receipts and disbursements of the various funds of the District are available for the public inspection at the business office of the District.

Additional information may be obtained from the District's Financial Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York, 11021, (516) 487-9817 or from the District's Deputy Superintendent, Mr. John O'Keefe (631) 471-1321.

The District will act as Paying Agent with respect to the Bonds. The Deputy Superintendent noted above should be used as the Paying Agent contact.

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.

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SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
Laura Slattery
President of the Board of Education
and Chief Fiscal Officer

DATED: June __, 2019

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APPENDIX A
THE DISTRICT

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THE DISTRICT

General Information

The District is located in the west-central portion of Suffolk County encompassing sections of the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown, and the Village of Lake Grove. The District contains all or part of the communities of Farmingville, Holbrook, Holtsville, Lake Grove, Lake Ronkonkoma, Nesconset and Ronkonkoma. The District, which encompasses an area of approximately 24 square miles and has a population of 80,730 as of 2016 according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is one of the five largest suburban school districts in New York State.

The District is primarily residential in nature with single and two family residences, apartment buildings and condominium complexes. Some of the major employers include the Internal Revenue Service, Motorola, Suffolk Community College and the Federal Aviation Authority. These facilities, as well as other diversified light industries provide considerable employment to residents of the District.

The District is serviced by the main line of the Long Island Rail Road which operates three stations within the District. Major road arteries that transverse the District includes the Long Island Expressway, Veterans Memorial Highway and Sunrise Highway.

Public water is supplied by the Suffolk County Water Authority and private wells. Police protection is provided by the Suffolk County Police Department, while fire protection is provided by local volunteer fire districts. Gas and electric are furnished by Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”) and National Grid.

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 purpose of reorganization. At that time, the Board elects a President and a Vice President, and appoints a District Clerk and 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 and the Deputy Superintendent.

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 are available for public inspection upon request.

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. The District’s budget is subject to the provisions of Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, which imposes a limitation on the amount of

real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

On May 15, 2018, voters of the District approved the District’s 2018-2019 proposed budget. On May 21, 2019, voters of the District approved the District’s 2019-2020 proposed budget. Summaries of the District’s Adopted Budgets for the fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 may be found in Appendix B, herein.

School Enrollment Trends

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

<u>School Enrollment Trends</u>			
<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Projected</u> <u>Enrollment</u>
2015	13,697	2020	12,500
2016	13,531	2021	12,200
2017	13,379	2022	12,000
2018	13,107	2023	11,800
2019	12,803	2024	11,600

Source: Sachem Central School District, Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

District Facilities

The District operates fifteen schools; statistics relating to which are shown below.

<u>School Statistics</u>			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year Built/Rebuilt</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Cayuga Elementary School	744	1969, 1975	K-5
Chippewa Elementary School	744	1967, 1975	K-5
Grundy Avenue Elementary School	821	1956, 1965, 1975	K-5
Hiawatha Elementary School	770	1963, 1975	K-5
Lynwood Avenue Elementary School	720	1956, 1962, 1975	K-5
Merrimac Elementary School	744	1969, 1975	K-5
Nokomis Elementary School	821	1960, 1975	K-5
Tamarac Elementary School	770	1971, 1975	K-5
Waverly Avenue Elementary School	770	1925, 1951, 1956, 1965, 1975	K-5
Wenonah Elementary School	770	1967, 1975	K-5
Sagamore Middle School	1,700	1962, 1980	6-8
Seneca Middle School	1,700	1970, 1980	6-8
Samoset Middle School	1,619	1957, 1980	6-8
Sachem High School North	2,076	1970, 1988	9-12
Sachem High School East	2,520	2004	9-12
Gatelot Avenue Elementary School ⁽¹⁾	770	1947, 1953, 1956, 1971, 1975	N/A
Tecumseh Elementary School ⁽²⁾	770	1970, 1975	N/A
Sequoya Middle School ⁽³⁾	1,001	2004	N/A

(1) The District closed this school as of June 30, 2016. At this time, the District is exploring the options to lease out the property.

(2) The District entered into a 5-year lease with Eastern Suffolk BOCES effective September 1, 2018.

(3) The District entered into a 10-year lease with Eastern Suffolk BOCES effective September 1, 2017.

Source: Sachem Central School District, Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

Employees

The District provides services through 2,021 employees, who are represented by the following units of organized labor.

Employees

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
41	Sachem Administrator's Association	6/30/22
13	Sachem Supervisors Association	6/30/21
1,088	Sachem Central Teachers' Association	6/30/21
137	Teacher Assistants, Interpreters and Job Coaches	6/30/19 ⁽¹⁾
223	Teachers Aide Unit	6/30/19 ⁽¹⁾
29	Registered Nurses	6/30/21
355	SSDEU-Custodians, Food Service Workers and Bus Drivers	6/30/20
118	UPSEU-Clerical	6/30/20
9	Managerial Confidential – Clerical	6/30/20
8	Non-Aligned Administrators	6/30/20,21,24 ⁽²⁾

(1) In negotiations.

(2) Various contracts.

Source: District's Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

Employee Pension Benefits

New York State Certified (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-certified employees of the 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 State and Local Employee's Retirement System ("ERS"). Both the TRS and ERS (the "State Retirement System" or "SRS") are noncontributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. All members of the respective systems that were hired on or after July 1, 1976 and before December 31, 2009, with less than 10 year's full-time service, contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, then Governor Paterson signed into law Tier V. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010. New ERS employees will now contribute 3% of their salaries and new TRS employees will contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2012, which legislation provided for a new Tier VI for employees hired after April 1, 2012. The Division of the Budget estimates the new tier will save the State and local governments outside of New York City \$80 billion over the next 30 years. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% and 6%; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier VI, the pension multiplier will be 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

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 otherwise make a lower contribution possible and (ii) moved the annual payment date for contributions from December 15th to February 1st, effective December 15, 2004.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of the SRS, the employer Actuarially Required Contribution rates (“ARCs”) for required pension contributions to the SRS increased almost 300% over five years. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted in 2010 that permitted local governments to amortize a portion of ERS contributions (the “2010 SCO”). Under such legislation, local governments that choose to amortize are required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District did not amortize such contributions pursuant to the 2010 SCO.

In Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option (“SCO”) as Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2013 (“Chapter 57”) that gives districts the ability to better manage the spikes in ARCs. ERS followed suit and modified its 2010 SCO. 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. For TRS, the 2013-14 and 2014-15 SCO rate is 14%. For ERS, it is 12.4%.

The TRS SCO deferral plan is available to school districts for a total of 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%.

In recent years, the District has decided to amortize a portion of its ERS and TRS contributions under Chapter 57. The District elected to amortize \$1,753,608 of its ERS payment and \$2,161,857 of its TRS payment due in February 2014. The District elected to amortize \$1,266,229 of its ERS payment due in February 2015. The District elected to amortize \$928,364 of its ERS payment due in February 2016. The District did not amortize its ERS or TRS payments due in February 2017 and paid off the remaining balance due on the TRS SCO in August 2017.

Other Post Employment Benefits

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 (“GASB 75”) of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”), which replaces GASB Statement No. 45 as of fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. GASB 75 requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits, known as other post-employment benefits (“OPEB”). GASB 75 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB similarly to GASB Statement No. 68 reporting requirements for pensions.

GASB 75 requires state and local governments to measure a defined benefit OPEB plan as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees, attributable to past periods of service in order to calculate the total OPEB liability. Total OPEB liability generally is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation using a measurement date that is no earlier than the end of the employer’s prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer’s current fiscal year.

GASB 75 requires that most changes in the OPEB liability be included in OPEB expense in the period of the changes. Based on the results of an actuarial valuation, certain changes in the OPEB liability are required to be included in OPEB expense over current and future years.

The District’s total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2018 was \$683,379,922 using a discount rate of 3.58% and actuarial assumptions and other inputs as described in the District’s June 30, 2018 audited financial statements.

Should the District be required to fund the total OPEB liability, it could have a material adverse impact upon the District's finances and could force the District to reduce services, raise taxes or both. At the present time, however, there is no current or planned requirement for the District to partially fund its OPEB liability.

At this time, New York State has not developed guidelines for the creation and use of irrevocable trusts for the funding of OPEB. As a result, the District will continue funding this expenditure on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Legislation has been introduced to create an optional investment pool to help the State and local governments fund retiree health insurance and OPEB. The proposed legislation would authorize the creation of irrevocable OPEB trusts so that the State and its local governments can help fund their OPEB liabilities, establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the State and participating eligible local governments, designate the president of the Civil Service Commission as the trustee of the State's OPEB trust and the governing boards as trustee for local governments and allow school districts to transfer certain excess reserve balances to an OPEB trust once it is established. Under the proposed legislation, there would be no limits on how much a local government can deposit into the trust. The District cannot predict whether such legislation will be enacted into law in the foreseeable future.

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 company 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 notes issued by the District; (5) certificates of participation issued in connection with installments purchase contracts entered into 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 of the District has 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, 2018 is contained in Appendix B attached hereto. As reflected in Appendix B attached hereto, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property and from State aid.

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 operating revenues from a tax on real property (See “*Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balances*” in Appendix B, herein). On June 24, 2011, the Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011 was enacted, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon the municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein). Property taxes accounted for 56.5% of total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, while State aid accounted for 41.0%.

The following table sets forth total General Fund revenues and real property tax revenues during the last five fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Property Tax</u>		
	Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾	Real Property Taxes ⁽²⁾	Real Property Taxes to Revenues
2014	\$277,164,420	\$163,975,252	59.2%
2015	285,018,913	166,997,722	58.6
2016	297,981,254	171,137,488	57.4
2017	308,613,703	172,177,603	55.8
2018	316,210,945	178,767,806	56.5
2019 (Adopted Budget)	322,887,319	187,157,699	58.0
2020 (Adopted Budget)	327,241,721	190,890,456	58.3

(1) General Fund.

(2) Exclusive of the taxes collected by the District on behalf of the Sachem Public Library. (See Appendix B attached hereto.)

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the District. This summary is not audited.

State Aid

The District receives appropriations from the State of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a “sound basic education” to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the School Districts can be paid only if the State has such monies available for such payment.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and State aid revenues during the last five fiscal years and the amount budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years.

Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>State Aid</u>		
	Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾	State Aid	State Aid to Revenues
2014	\$277,164,420	\$107,598,958	38.8%
2015	285,018,913	112,020,706	39.3
2016	297,981,254	119,585,420	40.1
2017	308,613,703	128,177,648	41.5
2018	316,210,945	129,612,397	41.0
2019 (Adopted Budget)	322,887,319	127,474,539	39.5
2020 (Adopted Budget)	327,241,721	128,864,415	39.4

(1) General Fund.

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the District. This summary is not audited.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program (See “*STAR – School Tax Exemption*” herein). The District has received STAR aid from the State for the current fiscal year.

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2012 to 2018 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State’s 2010 fiscal year, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

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

The federal government may enact budgetary changes or take other actions that adversely affect State finances. State legislation adopted with the State’s 2018-2019 Budget continued authorization for a process by which the State would manage significant reductions in federal aid during fiscal year 2018-2019 and fiscal year 2019-2020 should they arise. Specifically, the legislation allowed the State Budget Director to prepare a plan for consideration by the State Legislature in the event that the federal government (i) reduced federal financial participation in Medicaid funding to the State or its subdivisions by \$850 million or more; or (ii) reduced federal financial participation of other federal aid funding to the State that affects the State Operating Funds financial plan by \$850 million or more, exclusive of any cuts to Medicaid. Each limit is triggered separately. The plan prepared by the State Budget Director must equally and proportionately reduce appropriations and cash disbursements in the State’s General Fund and State Special Revenue Funds. Upon receipt of the plan, the State Legislature has 90 days to prepare its own corrective action plan, which may be adopted by concurrent resolution passed by both houses, or the plan submitted by the State Budget Director takes effect automatically.

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (H.R. 1, P.L. 115-97), making major changes to the Federal Internal Revenue Code, most of which are effective in the 2018 tax year. The new federal tax law makes extensive changes to federal personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, and estate taxes, and the deductibility of various taxes and interest costs. The State’s income tax system interacts with the federal system in numerous ways. The federal changes are expected to have significant flow-through effects on State tax burdens and revenues. The State’s 2018-2019 Enacted Budget included legislation decoupling certain linkages between federal and local income tax and corporate taxes, increasing the opportunities for charitable contributions, and providing an option to employers to shift to an employer compensation tax and reduce State personal income taxes. In addition, the State’s 2018-2019 Enacted Budget included legislation that granted localities the option to establish local charitable funds that would provide taxpayers with a credit against their property taxes. In response to various state initiatives following changes to federal taxes and deductibility, the Department of Treasury (Treasury Department) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have provided guidance regarding state initiatives that would seek to circumvent the new statutory limitation on state and local tax deductions and characterization of payments for federal income tax purposes. The final regulations prohibit the use of programs implemented in some states in which taxpayers receive a credit against their state income taxes for donations made to charitable funds set up by the state in an attempt to reduce the impact of the federal cap on state and local tax deductions. The District has not exercised this option and has no plans to do so in the foreseeable future.

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

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

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

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

After further litigation in 2006, the Court of Appeals held that \$1.93 billion of additional funds for the New York City schools - as initially proposed by the Governor and presented to the State Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education - was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms enacted in the wake of the decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* ("CFE") v. *State of New York*, included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. Foundation aid prioritizes funding distribution based upon student need.

Litigation is continuing however as a statewide lawsuit entitled *NYSER v. State of New York* has been filed recently on behalf of the State's public school students. The lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in *CFE v. State of New York*. The complaint asks the court for an order requiring the State to immediately discontinue the cap on State aid increases and the supermajority requirements regarding increases in local property tax levies. The complaint also asks the court to order the State to develop a new methodology for determining the actual costs of providing all students the opportunity for a sound basic education, revise the State funding formulas to ensure that all schools receive sufficient resources, and ensure a system of accountability that measures whether every school has sufficient resources and that all students are, in fact, receiving the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals ruled that NYSER's claims that students in New York City and Syracuse are being denied the opportunity for a sound basic education could go to trial and that NYSER could rely upon the CFE decision in its arguments. It is not possible to predict the outcome of this litigation.

Events Affecting New York School Districts

Following a State budgetary crisis in 2009, State aid to school districts in the State decreased for a number of years with increases established in more recent years.

School district fiscal year (2014-2015): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2014. The budget included an increase of \$1.1 billion in State aid for school districts.

School district fiscal year (2015-2016): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2015. The budget included an increase of \$1.4 billion in State aid for school districts that was tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process.

School district fiscal year (2016-2017): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget included an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the State's 2015-16 Enacted Budget, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense

based aid, the State's 2016-17 Enacted Budget included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The majority of the remaining increase related to (\$100 million) Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. The funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

School district fiscal year (2017-2018): The State's 2017-18 Enacted Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$25.8 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion in school aid spending from the State's 2016-17 Enacted Budget. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as was the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

School district fiscal year (2018-2019): The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$26.7 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.0 billion in school aid spending from the 2017-2018 school year. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as has the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.2% and building aid increased by 4.7%. The State 2018-2019 Enacted Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

School district fiscal year (2019-2020): For the 2019-20 school year, the State's Enacted Budget includes a total of \$27.9 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of approximately \$1.2 billion. The majority of the increases had been targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education will continue in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid will increase by approximately 4.5% and building aid will increase by approximately 3.7%. The State 2019-2020 Enacted Budget continues to link school aid increases for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

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 remainder of the current fiscal year or in future fiscal years.

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. (See also "*Market Factors Affecting Financing of the State and School Districts of the State*" herein).

Gap Elimination Aid: The State provides annual State aid to school districts in the State, including the District, on the basis of various formulas. Due to the State's own budgetary crisis in 2009 and to assist the State in mitigating the impacts of its own revenue shortfall, the State reduced the allocation of State aid to school districts as part of a program known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment ("GEA"). The GEA was a negative number (funds that were deducted from the State aid originally due to the District under existing State aid formulas). The District's State aid was reduced as a result of the GEA program starting in 2009. Subsequent State budgets decreased the amount of the GEA deduction and the Adopted Budget for the State's 2016-2017 fiscal year included the elimination of the remaining balance of the GEA.

The Smart Schools Bond Act (the "SSBA") 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 SSBA requires that a Review Board review and approve districts' Smart Schools Investment Plan before any funds may be made available for the program.

General Fund Operations

Appendix B attached hereto sets forth the General Fund operations for the last five fiscal years which are derived

from the District's Audited Financial Statements on file in the Superintendent's office.

Other Revenues

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

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews

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 ("OSC") 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 the State Comptroller's official website for more information on FSMS. Reference to this website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The last audit conducted by OSC was released on October 6, 2017. The audit found that the Board needs to continue improving its management of fund balance to ensure financial stability. The complete report can be obtained from OSC's website.

TAX INFORMATION

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. (See, however, "*Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

The Tax Levy Limit Law

Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, (herein referred to as the "Tax Levy Limit Law" or "Law") modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy.

Prior to the enactment of the Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy 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").

Under the Tax Levy Limit Law, there is now a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index, subject to certain exclusions as mentioned below and as described in the Law. A budget with a tax levy that does not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a budget with a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, the tax levy for the school district's budget for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law permits certain significant exclusions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures and the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes, including the Bonds, certain pension cost increases, and other items enumerated in the Law. However, such exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments.

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

The following table sets forth the assessed and full valuation of taxable real property, the District's real property tax levy, including taxes levied for library purposes. The District's assessed value for the three Towns is as follows:

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Brookhaven Town</u>					
Assessed Value	\$ 55,879,649	\$ 55,511,327	\$ 55,572,480	\$ 55,679,175	\$ 56,013,060
Equalization Rate %	0.95	0.95	0.91	0.90	0.86
Full Value	5,882,068,316	5,843,297,579	6,106,865,934	6,186,575,000	6,513,146,512
Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	114,908,362	115,514,438	118,387,819	120,692,776	126,499,849
Tax Rate ⁽²⁾	2,056.35	2,080.91	2,130.40	2,167.65	2,258.40
<u>Islip Town</u>					
Assessed Value	\$ 366,018,781	\$ 366,493,980	\$ 365,897,354	\$ 368,778,969	\$ 371,478,841
Equalization Rate %	13.20	12.70	12.70	12.12	11.35
Full Value	2,772,869,553	2,885,779,370	2,881,081,528	3,042,730,767	3,272,941,330
Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	54,170,305	57,062,431	55,796,947	59,302,429	63,515,405
Tax Rate ⁽²⁾	145.00	155.70	152.50	160.81	170.98
<u>Smithtown Town</u>					
Assessed Value	\$ 4,747,727	\$ 4,709,260	\$ 4,714,442	\$ 4,725,305	\$ 4,774,658
Equalization Rate %	1.37	1.30	1.32	1.31	1.23
Full Value	346,549,416	362,250,769	357,154,697	360,710,305	388,183,577
Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	6,856,594	7,270,334	7,022,711	7,146,416	7,643,015
Tax Rate ⁽²⁾	1,444.18	1,543.84	1,489.70	1,512.37	1,600.75
<u>Total</u>					
Assessed Value	\$ 426,646,157	\$ 426,714,567	\$ 426,184,276	\$ 429,183,449	\$ 432,266,559
Full Value	9,001,487,285	9,091,327,718	9,345,102,159	9,590,016,073	10,174,271,419
Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	175,935,261	179,847,203	181,207,477	187,141,621	197,658,269

(1) Includes library tax.

(2) Per \$1,000 Assessed Value.

Source: New York State Comptroller's Office; New York State Board of Real Property Services.

Tax Collection Procedure

In Suffolk County, property taxes for the school districts, together with town and county taxes are collected by the town tax receivers. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on December 1 and May 10, but may be paid without penalty by January 10 and May 31, respectively. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and payable and 10% after May 31.

The school districts receive their full levies before the end of their fiscal years. Uncollected amounts are not segregated by the town tax receiver, and any deficiency in tax collection is the County's liability.

STAR - School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities ("STAR Adjusted Gross Income") of \$86,000 or less, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a "full value" exemption of the first \$65,300 for the 2016-17 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$500,000 are eligible for a \$30,000 "full value" exemption on their primary residence. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 of the State of New York ("Chapter 60") gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-2016 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll. However, a new homeowner may receive a new personal income tax credit in the form of a check. The dollar benefit to eligible taxpayers will not change. A taxpayer who is eligible for the new credit will receive a check from the State equal to the amount by which the STAR exemption would have reduced his or her school tax bill. A homeowner who owned his or her home on the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-2016 school year, and who received a STAR exemption on that roll, may continue to receive a STAR exemption on that home as long as he or she still owns and primarily resides in it. No further action is required (unless the homeowner has been receiving Basic STAR and wants to apply for Enhanced STAR, which is permissible).

The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget includes changes to Chapter 60. STAR checks are now expected to be mailed out prior to the date that school taxes are payable. The amount of the check will be based on the previous year's amount adjusted by the levy growth factor used for the property tax cap. Any changes that must be made based on the final STAR credit compared to the estimate used will be factored into the subsequent year's STAR credit check or taxpayers also may account for those changes in their State income taxes.

Approximately 10.68% of the District's 2018-2019 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately 10.68% of the District's 2019-2020 school tax levy will be exempted by the STAR program and the District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2020. (See "*State Aid*" herein.)

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers in the Town of Brookhaven

The following table presents the assessed value of ten of the District's largest taxpayers in the Town of Brookhaven for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Taxable Assessments

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾</u>
Marketspan Gas Corporation	Utility	\$ 5,605,900	10.01%
LIPA	Utility	1,651,720	2.95
Zebra Technologies Enterprise Corp.	Commercial	450,000	0.80
Farmingville Association	Commercial	338,000	0.60
GPT Properties Trust	Commercial	283,706	0.51
Keyspan Gas East Corp.	Utility	276,870	0.49
Cenacle Manor Associates, L.P.	Commercial	244,750	0.44
Brookwood Ronkonkoma LLC	Commercial	225,000	0.40
Heatherwood House	Commercial	186,500	0.33
Birchwood Glen Owners Corp	Commercial	<u>154,985</u>	<u>0.28</u>
	Total:	<u>\$ 9,224,837</u>	<u>16.81%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed value in the Town of Brookhaven for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$56,013,060.

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers in the Town of Islip

The following table presents the taxable assessments of ten of the District's largest taxpayers in the Town of Islip for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Taxable Assessments

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾</u>
Spruce Pond Co LLC	Apartments	\$ 6,025,000	1.62%
Victorian Gardens LLC	Apartments	5,516,300	1.49
Heatherwood House	Apartments	5,201,800	1.40
Fairfield Broadway	Apartments	5,060,500	1.36
Saddle Rock Associates LLC	Apartments	4,100,000	1.10
Estate of Marvin L. Linder	Shopping Center	3,702,200	1.00
Long Island Power Authority	Utility	3,583,823	0.96
Sun Lakes Plaza Associates	Shopping Center	3,043,300	0.82
Bayport Meadow Estates	Apartments	2,623,900	0.71
LILCO c/o Keyspan Corporation	Utility	<u>2,511,420</u>	<u>0.68</u>
	Total:	<u>\$ 40,899,614</u>	<u>11.14%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed value in the Town of Islip for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$371,478,841.

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers in the Town of Smithtown

The following table presents the taxable assessments of ten of the District's largest taxpayers in the Town of Smithtown for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Taxable Assessments

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>
LIPA	Utility	\$ 51,411	1.08%
KeySpan	Utility	29,017	0.61
Long Island Lighting Co.	Utility	16,461	0.34
Ahldiotis Reality LLC	Commercial	16,000	0.34
Swaine, Inc.	Apartments	15,910	0.33
Gibbs Pond Center LLC	Commercial	14,760	0.31
Vincent Piemonte	Residential	12,665	0.27
TKK Holdings Inc.	Apartments	12,100	0.25
Lakeside Plaza Inc.	Commercial	11,865	0.25
County of Suffolk	Government	<u>11,500</u>	<u>0.24</u>
	Total:	<u>\$191,689</u>	<u>4.02%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed value in the Town of Smithtown for the 2018-2019 fiscal year is \$4,774,658.

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 limitations include the following, in summary form, and are generally applicable to the District and the Bonds.

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 in one of the two fiscal years immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which such indebtedness was contracted, 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. 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. No installment may be more than fifty per cent in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the Board of Education provides for substantially level or declining debt service

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, 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. There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the District by tax on real estate in any fiscal year to pay principal of and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit

Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the District to increase its annual tax levy. The amount of such increases is limited by the formulas set forth in such law. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

Statutory Procedure

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

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 is in compliance with such procedure for the validation of the bond resolution pursuant to which the Bonds 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 Bonds. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the Bonds 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 \$1,017,427,141 as of June 27, 2019. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District.

Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property	\$ 10,174,271,419
Debt Limit (10% of Full Valuation)	1,017,427,141
Outstanding Indebtedness ⁽¹⁾ (Principal Only):	
Bonds	106,675,000
Refunded Bonds ⁽²⁾	15,575,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>0</u>
Gross Indebtedness	122,250,000
Less Exclusion for Estimated Building Aid ⁽³⁾	<u>0</u>
Total Net Indebtedness	<u>122,250,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin	<u>\$ 895,177,141</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted	<u>12.02%</u>

- (1) Tax Anticipation Notes, Revenue Anticipation Notes, Energy Performance Contracts and Lease Purchase Contracts are not included in the computation of the gross indebtedness of the District. (See “Revenue Anticipation Notes”, “Tax Anticipation Notes” and “Energy Performance Contracts” herein.)
- (2) All future payments of both principal and interest will be provided for from the income of a portfolio of non-callable direct obligations of the United States of America held in an irrevocable trust fund. However, the Local Finance Law of the State does not provide for the exclusion of such debt from the District’s debt statement.
- (3) The District has received and expects to continue to receive State Aid on a portion of existing indebtedness contracted for school building purposes pursuant to Section 121.20 of the Local Finance Law. However, since the District has not applied for a building aid exclusion certificate from the Commissioner of Education, the District may not exclude such portion from the gross indebtedness.

Tax Anticipation Notes

In common with other school districts in the State, the District finds it necessary to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of its tax levy. In the past, the District has paid all notes on their due date. The following is a history of the District's tax anticipation note borrowing during recent fiscal years.

TAN Borrowing History

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
2015	08/21/14	\$68,000,000	06/26/15
2016	08/20/15	78,000,000	06/28/16
2017	08/25/16	66,000,000	06/29/17
2018	09/28/17	65,000,000	06/28/18
2019	09/14/18	59,600,000	06/25/19

Source: Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

Revenue Anticipation Notes

The District has not issued revenue anticipation notes in recent fiscal years.

Bond Anticipation Notes

The District has no outstanding bond anticipation notes.

Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness

The following table provides information relating to direct capital indebtedness outstanding at year end for the last five fiscal years.

	<u>Outstanding Indebtedness⁽¹⁾</u>				
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Bonds	\$174,105,000	\$163,455,000	\$152,345,000	\$132,310,000	\$119,150,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>\$174,105,000</u>	<u>\$163,455,000</u>	<u>\$152,345,000</u>	<u>\$132,310,000</u>	<u>\$119,150,000</u>

(1) Exclusive of Energy Performance Contracts. (See "Energy Performance Contracts" herein.)

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Office of the Deputy Superintendent. This summary is not audited.

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 following table presents the amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

<u>Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness</u>				
<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding as of:</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Amount Applicable To District</u>
Suffolk County	\$ 1,280,685,507	05/31/19	3.69%	\$ 47,257,295
Town of Brookhaven	538,937,400	12/03/18	9.35	50,390,647
Town of Islip	157,285,000	04/18/19	7.92	12,456,972
Town of Smithtown	19,489,062	02/19/19	2.16	420,964
Village of Lake Grove	0	05/31/18	50.00	<u>0</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				\$ 110,525,878
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>122,250,000</u>
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u>\$ 232,775,878</u>

Source: County, Town and Village officials.

Debt Ratios

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

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Debt to Full Value⁽²⁾</u>
Net Direct Debt	\$122,250,000	\$1,514.31	1.20%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	232,775,878	2,883.39	2.29

(1) The population of the District as of 2016 is 80,730 according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

(2) The District's full value of taxable real property for fiscal 2018-2019 is \$10,174,271,419.

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have no authorized and unissued debt.

Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness for the fiscal years listed below, exclusive of the Bonds and economically defeased obligations.

Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table

Fiscal Year			Total
<u>Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service⁽¹⁾</u>
2019 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12,475,000	\$ 4,753,801	\$ 17,228,801
2020	9,650,000	4,241,968	13,891,968
2021	7,605,000	3,815,600	11,420,600
2022	7,895,000	3,428,099	11,323,099
2023	8,305,000	3,023,099	11,328,099
2024	8,745,000	2,596,850	11,341,850
2025	8,995,000	2,153,349	11,148,349
2026	9,335,000	1,734,625	11,069,625
2027	9,750,000	1,345,775	11,095,775
2028	10,445,000	949,825	11,394,825
2029	10,825,000	586,500	11,411,500
2030	11,175,000	256,500	11,431,500
2031	<u>3,950,000</u>	<u>44,438</u>	<u>3,994,438</u>
Totals	<u>\$119,150,000</u>	<u>\$28,930,429</u>	<u>\$148,080,429</u>

(1) For the entire fiscal year.

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. This summary is not audited.

Energy Performance Contracts

The following table shows the payment requirements on the District's outstanding energy performance contracts for the fiscal years listed below.

Energy Performance Contract Principal and Interest Maturity Table

Fiscal Year			Total
<u>Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Debt Service ⁽¹⁾</u>
2019 ⁽¹⁾	1,141,148	212,539	1,353,687
2020	1,168,354	185,334	1,353,688
2021	1,196,207	157,480	1,353,687
2022-2026	<u>5,745,806</u>	<u>345,787</u>	<u>6,091,593</u>
Totals	<u>\$10,366,091</u>	<u>\$1,140,251</u>	<u>\$11,506,342</u>

(1) For the entire fiscal year.

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. This summary is not audited.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Population

The District's population is 82,930 as of 2015 according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The following table presents population trends for the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown, County and State, based upon recent census data.

	<u>Population Trend</u>			<u>Percentage Change</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2010/2015</u>
Brookhaven, Town	448,248	486,040	488,930	0.59%
Islip, Town	322,612	335,543	336,747	0.36
Smithtown, Town	115,715	117,801	118,373	0.49
County	1,419,369	1,493,350	1,501,373	0.54
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,673,174	1.52

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Income

The following table presents median family income for the Towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown, County and State. Data provided in the following table is not necessarily representative of the District.

	<u>Median Family Income</u>			<u>Percentage Change</u>
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2010/2015</u>
Brookhaven, Town	\$69,358	\$91,481	\$100,735	10.12%
Islip, Town	70,451	84,670	97,009	15.57
Smithtown, Town	87,335	116,004	126,882	9.38
County	72,112	93,164	102,582	10.11
State	51,691	65,897	71,913	9.13

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Employment and Unemployment

The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the towns of Brookhaven, Islip and Smithtown (the "Towns"), County and State. Data provided in the following tables is not necessarily representative of the District.

Civilian Labor Force

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Brookhaven, Town	250,200	253,600	252,800	253,200	253,900
Islip, Town	176,500	178,400	177,600	178,000	178,300
Smithtown, Town	58,900	59,700	59,500	59,600	59,900
County	766,000	775,900	773,100	775,500	777,800
State	9,529,400	9,561,900	9,557,100	9,561,400	9,574,700

Source: New York State Department of Economic Development: Bureau of Economic and Demographic Information.

Unemployment rates are not compiled for the District, but are available for the County and State. Data provided in the following table is not necessarily representative of the District.

Yearly Average Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>Brookhaven Town</u>	<u>Islip Town</u>	<u>Smithtown Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2014	5.5%	5.5%	4.5%	5.4%	6.3%
2015	4.7	4.7	4.0	4.7	5.3
2016	4.4	4.4	3.7	4.4	4.9
2017	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.5	4.7
2018	3.9	3.8	3.3	3.9	4.1

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

Monthly Unemployment Rates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Brookhaven Town</u>	<u>Islip Town</u>	<u>Smithtown Town</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
May 2018	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.4%	3.7%
June	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.7	4.1
July	4.1	4.0	3.4	3.9	4.2
August	4.0	3.9	3.3	3.8	4.0
September	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.3	3.6
October	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.6
November	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.5
December	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.9
January 2019	4.3	4.0	3.1	4.2	4.6
February	3.8	3.8	3.1	3.9	4.4
March	3.5	3.6	3.0	3.7	4.1
April	3.0	3.0	2.8	3.1	3.6

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

End of Appendix A

APPENDIX B
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NY
Summary of Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	<u>2019⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>2020⁽²⁾</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
Real Property Tax ⁽³⁾	\$187,157,699	\$190,890,456
State Aid	127,474,539	128,864,415
Miscellaneous	8,255,081	7,486,850
Appropriated from Reserves	0	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>\$322,887,319</u></u>	<u><u>\$327,241,721</u></u>
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
General Support	\$26,545,454	\$28,270,269
Instructional Support	174,783,567	180,560,213
Transportation	20,619,450	20,915,457
Community Services	1,008,975	0
Employee Benefits	74,440,520	72,634,475
Debt Service	21,898,715	18,561,886
Transfers to Capital Fund	2,851,624	5,500,000
Interfund Transfers	<u>739,014</u>	<u>799,421</u>
Total Expenditures	<u><u>\$322,887,319</u></u>	<u><u>\$327,241,721</u></u>

(1) The District's 2018-2019 fiscal year budget was approved by the Board of Education on May 15, 2018.

(2) The District's 2019-2020 fiscal year budget was approved by the Board of Education on May 21, 2019.

(3) Exclusive of Library Tax.

Source: Adopted Budgets of the Sachem CSD.

SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NY
Combined Balance Sheet
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Assets		
Cash and Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$31,403,308	\$24,838,563
Cash and Equivalents - Restricted	12,689,186	26,429,946
Due from Other Funds	3,221,623	3,988,681
Due from Other Governments	275,666	593,570
State and Federal Aid	10,096,773	9,646,780
Accounts Receivable	71,630	69,576
Prepaid Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$57,758,186</u>	<u>\$65,817,116</u>
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$2,088,482	\$3,101,345
Accrued Liabilities	1,578,554	2,156,205
Due to Other Governments	4,510,828	2,245,433
Due to Other Funds	93,509	1,100,643
Due to Retirement Systems	21,831,987	13,911,513
Compensated Absences	<u>33,267</u>	<u>92,086</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$30,136,627</u>	<u>\$22,607,225</u>
Deffered Inflows	<u>\$2,059,741</u>	<u>\$1,987,248</u>
Fund Balance		
Nonspendable	\$0	\$250,000
Restricted	\$12,689,186	\$26,429,946
Assigned	304,971	1,627,204
Unassigned	<u>12,567,661</u>	<u>12,915,493</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>\$25,561,818</u>	<u>\$41,222,643</u>
Total Liabilities, Deffered Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$57,758,186</u>	<u>\$65,817,116</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. Summary itself is not audited.

SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NY
Consolidated Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Fund Balances
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Revenues					
Real Property Taxes	\$142,548,509	\$146,079,396	\$149,194,495	\$150,673,917	\$156,779,168
Other Tax Items - Including STAR	21,426,743	20,918,326	21,942,993	21,503,686	21,988,638
Charges of Services	2,841,107	3,081,476	2,500,425	3,095,799	3,169,112
Use of Money and Property	628,931	591,826	815,016	1,066,365	1,554,050
Forfeitures	0	0	0	0	0
Sales of Property and Comp. for Loss	411,047	432,109	1,113,717	1,617,697	652,041
Miscellaneous	1,475,761	1,760,670	2,619,374	2,230,531	2,282,057
Interfund Revenue	23,651	41,060	11,006	4,044	8,922
State Aid	107,598,958	112,020,706	119,585,420	128,177,648	129,612,397
Federal Sources	209,713	93,344	198,808	244,016	164,560
Total Revenues	\$277,164,420	\$285,018,913	\$297,981,254	\$308,613,703	\$316,210,945
Expenditures					
General Support	\$24,929,458	\$25,680,512	\$23,513,791	\$24,018,494	\$24,853,191
Instruction	147,598,841	160,236,233	158,867,254	160,271,200	164,629,815
Pupil Transportation	19,098,944	19,433,916	18,306,286	19,081,995	19,262,777
Community Services	1,081,124	1,060,575	1,042,577	914,328	925,251
Employee Benefits	64,013,525	66,470,188	67,542,524	72,376,937	67,310,626
Debt Service	20,697,051	19,923,086	20,684,460	18,989,601	21,324,310
Total Expenditures	\$277,418,943	\$292,804,510	\$289,956,892	\$295,652,555	\$298,305,970
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	(\$254,523)	(\$7,785,597)	\$8,024,362	\$12,961,148	\$17,904,975
Other Financing Sources and (Uses):					
Interfund Transfers In	0	140,764	59,513	0	0
Interfund Transfers Out	(500,000)	(880,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(2,244,150)
Total Other Financing Sources and (Uses):	(500,000)	(739,236)	(440,487)	(500,000)	(2,244,150)
Fund Balance Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$14,796,151	\$14,041,628	\$5,516,795	\$13,100,670	\$25,561,818
Fund Balance End of Fiscal Year	\$14,041,628	\$5,516,795	\$13,100,670	\$25,561,818	\$41,222,643

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. This summary is not audited.

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APPENDIX C
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018*

**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/ER1159268-ER906465-ER1306924.pdf>

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

*** EFPR Group, CPAs, PLLC, has not commented on or approved this Official Statement, has not been requested to perform any procedures on the information in its included report since its date and has not been asked to consent to the inclusion of its report in this Official Statement.**

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APPENDIX D

FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP
7 World Trade Center
250 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10007

July 19, 2019

The Board of Education of
the Sachem Central School District, in the
County of Suffolk, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to Sachem Central School District (the “School District”), in the County of Suffolk, New York, a school district of the State of New York, in connection with the authorization, sale, and issuance of the \$14,415,000* School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2019 (the “Bonds”), dated and delivered on the date hereof.

We have examined a record of proceedings relating to the Bonds for purposes of this opinion. In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

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

2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and (ii) interest on the Bonds is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest on the Bonds be and remain excludable from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Bonds, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Bonds prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the School District will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Bonds containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the School District represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Bonds will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the School District's representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Bonds, and (ii) compliance by the School District with the procedures and representations set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

We express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof, and assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement our opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may hereafter come to our attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. We express no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, we express no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds.

We give no assurances as to the adequacy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement and/or Official Statement relating to the Bonds or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the District, which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in the Bonds.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

APPENDIX E

FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING FOR THE BONDS

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UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Section 1. Definitions

“Annual Information” shall mean the information specified in Section 3 hereof.

“EMMA” shall mean Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean “financial obligation” as such term is defined in the Rule.

“GAAP” shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

“Holder” shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Issuer” shall mean Sachem Central School District, in the County of Suffolk, a school district of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of the MSRB contemplated by this Agreement.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of July 9, 2019.

“Rule” means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR Part 240, §240.15c2-12), as amended, as in effect on the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof issued either before or after the effective date of this Undertaking which are applicable to this Undertaking.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s **\$14,415,000* School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2019**, dated July 19, 2019, maturing in various principal amounts on October 15 in each of the years 2019 to 2023, inclusive, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Continuing Disclosure. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided to the EMMA System:

* Preliminary, subject to change.

- (i) no later the last day of the sixth month following the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, the Annual Information relating to such fiscal year, together with audited financial statements of the Issuer for such fiscal year if audited financial statements are then available; provided, however, that if audited financial statements are not then available, unaudited financial statements shall be provided with the Annual Information, and audited financial statements, if any, shall be delivered to the EMMA System within thirty (30) days after they become available and in no event later than 360 days after the end of each fiscal year; and
- (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:
 - (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
 - (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
 - (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
 - (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
 - (6) 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 Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
 - (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
 - (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
 - (9) defeasances;
 - (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
 - (11) rating changes;
 - (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) 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 Issuer 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 Issuer, 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 Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, 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
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(iii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, notice of a failure to provide by the date set forth in Section 2(a)(i) hereof any Annual Information required by Section 3 hereof.

(b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated hereunder.

(c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

Section 3. Annual Information. (a) The required Annual Information shall consist of the financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, in a form generally

consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Issuer's final official statement relating to the Securities under the headings: "THE DISTRICT", "DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS", "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA", "FINANCIAL FACTORS", and "LITIGATION" and in Appendix B.

(b) All or any portion of the Annual Information may be incorporated in the Annual Information by cross reference to any other documents which are (i) available to the public on the EMMA System or (ii) filed with the SEC. If such a document is a final official statement, it also must be available from the EMMA System.

(c) Annual Information for any fiscal year containing any modified operating data or financial information (as contemplated by Section 7(e) hereof) for such fiscal year shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for such modification and the effect of such modification on the Annual Information being provided for such fiscal year. If a change in accounting principles is included in any such modification, such Annual Information shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the modified accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 4. Financial Statements. The Issuer's annual financial statements for each fiscal year, if prepared, shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP or New York State regulatory requirements as in effect from time to time. Such financial statements, if prepared, shall be audited by an independent accounting firm. The Issuer's Annual Financial Report Update Document prepared by the Issuer and filed annually with New York State in accordance with applicable law, shall not be subject to the foregoing requirements.

Section 5. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 6. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 7. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);

- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;
- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;
- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to modify the contents, presentation and format of the Annual Information from time to time to conform to changes in accounting or disclosure principles or practices and legal requirements followed by or applicable to the Issuer or to reflect changes in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer or in the business, structure or operations of the Issuer or any mergers, consolidations, acquisitions or dispositions made by or affecting any such person; provided that any such modifications shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such modification; or
- (f) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 7 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 8. Termination. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased pursuant to their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

In addition, this Agreement, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that those portions of the Rule which require this Agreement, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Bonds, whether because such portions of the Rule are invalid, have been repealed, or otherwise.

Section 9. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 10. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **July 19, 2019**.

SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By _____
President of the Board of Education and Chief Fiscal
Officer