

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED OCTOBER 15, 2020**

**NEW AND RENEWAL ISSUES  
SERIAL BONDS**

See "RATING" herein

*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 Bonds WILL NOT be designated by the District as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.*

**PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$57,367,892\***

**SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS – 2020 SERIES A  
(the "Series A Bonds")**

**Date of Issue: November 4, 2020**

**Maturity Date: November 1, 2021-2049  
(as shown on the inside cover page hereof)**

and

**\$2,460,000\***

**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS – 2020 SERIES B  
(the "Series B Bonds" and together with the Series A Bonds, the "Bonds")**

**Date of Issue: November 17, 2020**

**Maturity Date: October 15, 2021-2025  
(as shown on the inside cover page hereof)**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Pelham Union Free School District, in Westchester County, New York (the "District"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Series A Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable on November 1, 2021 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 until maturity and will mature on November 1 in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Series A Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein. (See "Optional Redemption" herein.)

The Series B Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 in each year to maturity commencing April 15, 2021 and will mature on October 15 in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Series B 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 the securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination in the 2022 maturity of the Series A Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds. Payment of the principal of and interest on such 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 such Bonds as described herein. (See "Book-Entry-Only System" herein.)

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of the respective final approving opinions 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 expected that delivery of the Series A Bonds and the Series B Bonds in book-entry form will be made on the respective Dates of Issue listed above.

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: October \_\_, 2020

\* 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 registration or qualification under the securities laws of such jurisdiction.

The Series A Bonds will mature on November 1 in the years and amounts, subject to optional redemption, as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2021	\$1,665,000	%	%	2036**	\$1,620,000	%	%
2022	2,162,892			2037**	1,655,000		
2023	2,175,000			2038**	1,685,000		
2024	2,185,000			2039**	1,710,000		
2025	2,205,000			2040**	1,735,000		
2026	2,210,000			2041**	1,760,000		
2027	2,220,000			2042**	1,605,000		
2028	2,245,000			2043**	1,630,000		
2029**	2,255,000			2044**	1,670,000		
2030**	2,285,000			2045**	1,690,000		
2031**	2,320,000			2046**	1,730,000		
2032**	2,350,000			2047**	1,755,000		
2033**	2,365,000			2048**	1,800,000		
2034**	2,405,000			2049**	1,835,000		
2035**	2,440,000						

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

\*\* Subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. (See “*Optional Redemption*” herein.)

The Series B Bonds will mature on October 15 in the years and amounts as set forth below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2021	\$445,000	%	%	2024	\$515,000	%	%
2022	465,000			2025	545,000		
2023	490,000						

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

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

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**PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**Relating To**

**\$57,367,892\***  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS – 2020 SERIES A**  
**(the “Series A Bonds”)**

**and**

**\$2,460,000\***  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING SERIAL BONDS – 2020 SERIES B**  
**(the “Series B Bonds” and together with the Series A Bonds, the “Bonds”)**

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix hereto, presents certain information relating to the Pelham Union Free School District in the County of Westchester, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$57,367,892\* School District Serial Bonds – 2020 Series A (the “Series A Bonds”) and \$2,460,000\* School District Refunding Serial Bonds – 2020 Series B (the “Series B Bonds” and together with the Series A Bonds, 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.

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

**THE BONDS**

***Description***

The Series A Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable November 1, 2021 and semiannually thereafter on each May 1 and November 1 until maturity and will mature in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Series A Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein. (See “*Optional Redemption*” herein).

The Series B Bonds will be dated their date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15 in each year to maturity, commencing April 15, 2021 and will mature on October 15 in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Series B Bonds are not subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

The Bonds will be issued in fully registered form and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof, except for one necessary odd denomination in the 2022 maturity of the Series A Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds.

Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal of and interest on to its Participants (defined herein), for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners (defined herein) of the Bonds as described herein. The Bonds may be transferred in the manner described on the Bonds and as referenced in certain proceedings of the District referred to therein.

The record date for payment of principal of and interest on the Series A Bonds will be the fifteenth day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date. The record date for payment of principal of and interest on the Series B Bonds will be the last business day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date.

### ***Authority for and Purpose of the Series A Bonds***

The Series A Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on May 22, 2018, following approval of a proposition by a majority of the voters of the District voting thereon at the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 15, 2018, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$57,524,892 of bonds or notes to fund (i) the construction of a new Hutchinson elementary school, the renovation of the middle school/high school, roof and parapet replacement at the middle school/high school annex and masonry repointing at the middle school and the renovation of and construction of an addition to the Prospect Hill elementary school at an aggregate cost of \$52,900,000 and (ii) the construction of recreational and athletic field improvements at an estimated cost of \$4,624,892. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series A Bonds in the amount of \$29,843,000, together with \$157,000 in available funds will be used to redeem \$30,000,000 bond anticipation notes at maturity on November 5, 2020. The \$27,524,892 balance of the proceeds from the sale of the Series A Bonds will be used to provide additional original financing for this project.

### ***Authorization and the Refunding Plan for the Series B Bonds***

The Series B Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State, including among others, the Local Finance Law, including Section 90.00, the Education Law, and the refunding bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on October 25, 2016 (the “Refunding Bond Resolution”). A refunding financial plan has been prepared and is described below (the “Refunding Plan”).

The Series B Bonds are being issued to refund up to \$2,705,000 outstanding principal of the District’s School District Serial Bonds – 2010, which mature in the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive (the “Refunded Bonds”). The Refunded Bonds were issued in the original principal amount of \$7,198,000. Under the Refunding Plan, the Refunded Bonds are to be called and redeemed on December 17, 2020. The net proceeds of the Series B Bonds (after payment of the underwriting fee and other costs of issuance relating to the Series B 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 Series B 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 Series B 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 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 Series B 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, 2021	\$ 510,000	2.50%	December 17, 2020 @ 100%	705795LA8
October 15, 2022	525,000	3.00	December 17, 2020 @ 100%	705795LB6
October 15, 2023	540,000	3.00	December 17, 2020 @ 100%	705795LC4
October 15, 2024	555,000	3.00	December 17, 2020 @ 100%	705795LD2
October 15, 2025	<u>575,000</u>	3.00	December 17, 2020 @ 100%	705795LE0
Total:	<u>\$ 2,705,000</u>			

***Sources and Uses of Proceeds of the Series B Bonds***

Sources:

Par Amount  
 Net Original Issue Premium

Total:

Uses:

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

Total:

***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 Series B 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 Series B Bonds.

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

## ***Optional Redemption***

The Series A Bonds maturing on or before November 1, 2028 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. The Series A Bonds maturing on or after November 1, 2029 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on any date on or after November 1, 2028, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), at the redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Series A Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District may select the maturities of the Series A Bonds to be redeemed and the amount to be redeemed of each maturity selected, as the District shall determine to be in the best interest of the District at the time of such redemption. If less than all of the Series A Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed prior to maturity, the particular Series A Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the District by lot in any customary manner of selection as determined by the District. Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owner not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to such date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Series A Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date of redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with accrued interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

The Series B Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

## ***Nature of Obligation***

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

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

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 finance or refinance 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.

### ***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.

### ***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.

## **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.

### **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 each series of 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](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://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

## **RISK FACTORS**

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. Accordingly, a decline in the District's credit rating could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds.

In addition, if and when a holder of any of the Bonds should elect to sell a Bond prior to its maturity, there can be no assurance that a market shall have been established, maintained and be in existence for the purchase and sale of any Bonds. The price or principal value of the Bonds is dependent on the prevailing level of interest rates. If interest rates should increase, the price of a bond or note may decline causing the bond or noteholder to potentially incur a capital loss if such bond or note is sold prior to its maturity.

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

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

An outbreak of disease or similar public health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property taxes or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the COVID-19 outbreak has spread globally, including to the United States, and has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. The outbreak of the disease has affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to continue to affect economic growth worldwide. The outbreak caused the Federal government to declare a national state of emergency, which was followed by the enactment of a variety of stimulus measures designed to address financial stability and liquidity issues caused by the outbreak. The State also declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses. Efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 has reduced the spread of the virus in some areas and there have been efforts to relax some of the restrictions put in place following the initial outbreak. Nevertheless, the outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the Federal government and State to address it are expected to negatively impact federal and local economies, including the economy of the State. The full impact of COVID-19 on the State's operations and financial condition is not expected to be known for some time. Similarly, the degree of the impact to the District's operations and finances as a result of COVID-19 is extremely difficult to predict due to the uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, and (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions have been or may continue to be taken by governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The spread of the outbreak or resurgence later in the year could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "*State Aid*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein).

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

## **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, the attorneys for the District are unaware of any pending claims or action which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

There are currently pending tax certiorari proceedings, the results of which could require the payment of future tax refunds by the District if existing assessment rolls are modified based on the outcome of the litigation proceedings. To the extent that funds are not available in the District's operating budget, or the District's reserve, for the payment of future tax refunds, the District is authorized to issue bonds or notes to fund the payment of tax refunds contained in settlements and judgments of tax certiorari proceedings.

In addition, to the extent that assigned defense counsel by the District's insurance carrier is representing the District in pending litigation, such litigation is not being addressed in this disclosure.

## **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 respective approving legal opinions of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel's opinions will be in substantially the forms attached hereto in Appendices D and E, respectively.

## **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

In order to assist the purchaser(s) 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 for the Bonds, the form of which is attached hereto as Appendix F.

## **RATING**

The District has applied to S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) for ratings on the Bonds. Such applications are pending at this time.

On August 3, 2017, S&P affirmed the District’s underlying rating of “AAA” 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: S&P Global Ratings, 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 those 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 Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11021, (516) 487-9817 or from the District’s Assistant Superintendent for Business, Mr. James Hricay, (914) 738-9140, [jhricay@pelhamschools.org](mailto:jhricay@pelhamschools.org).

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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PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jessica DeDomenico  
President of the Board of Education

DATED: October \_\_, 2020

**APPENDIX A**  
**THE DISTRICT**

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## **THE DISTRICT**

### ***General Information***

The District is located in southern Westchester County approximately 15 miles north of midtown Manhattan. The District covers an area of approximately 2.1 square miles and has an estimated population of approximately 12,560 people. The District is coterminous with the Town of Pelham (the "Town") and encompasses the Villages of Pelham and Pelham Manor.

The District is primarily residential in character with some light-industrial and commercial development. Most of the housing units are single-family homes, but there are several apartment and town-house complexes and large estates.

Electric and gas services are provided to District residents by the New York Power Authority and Consolidated Edison. Water service is provided by Suez Water Westchester. Fire protection is provided by the Pelham and Pelham Manor Fire Departments. Police protection is provided by the Pelham Police Department, the Pelham Manor Police Department and the New York State Police. Railroad transportation is provided to residents of the District by Metro-North Railroad (Metropolitan Transportation Authority). Highway access to the District is available via Boston Post Road (US 1), the Hutchinson River Parkway and the New England Thruway (Interstate 95), as well as by County roads.

### ***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 to the Board. They are generally elected for a term of three years.

During the first fifteen days in July of each year, the Board meets for the purpose of reorganization. At that time, the Board elects a President and a Vice President.

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

### ***Financial Organization***

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education 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, Assistant Superintendent for Business and the District Treasurer.

### ***Budgetary Procedure***

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central office staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. Under the current law, the budget is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. On May 21, 2019, voters of the District approved the 2019-20 proposed budget. On June 9, 2020, voters of the District approved the 2020-21 proposed budget. A summary of the District's budgets for its two most recent fiscal years may be found in Appendix B, herein.

***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.

***School Enrollment Trends***

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

<b><u>School Enrollment Trends</u></b>			
<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Actual Enrollment</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2017	2,872	2022	2,865
2018	2,908	2023	2,874
2019	2,891	2024	2,914
2020	2,910	2025	2,924
2021	2,844	2026	2,957

Source: District Officials.

***District Facilities***

The District operates 5 schools; statistics relating to each are shown below.

<b><u>School Statistics</u></b>				
<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year Built/Rebuilt</u>	<u>Grades</u>	
Hutchinson School	459	1913, 1926, 1971	K-5	
Siwanoy School	351	1907, 1915, 1925	K-5	
Colonial School	378	1926	K-5	
Prospect Hill School	405	1929	K-5	
Pelham Memorial High School <sup>(1)</sup>	1,514	1919, 1924, 1930, 1962	6-12	

(1) Includes Pelham Middle School, which serves grades 6-8

Source: District Officials.

***Employees***

The District provides services through approximately 349 employees, some of whom are represented by the following units of organized labor

<b><u>Employees</u></b>		
<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
246	Pelham Teachers' Association	6/30/22
46	Clerical/Teaching Assistants (CSEA)	6/30/22
29	Building Service Employees' Unit (CSEA)	6/30/21
15	Pelham Administrators Association	6/30/21

(1) In negotiations.

Source: District Officials.

## ***Employee Pension Benefits***

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System (“TRS”). District payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-certified employees of the District are eligible for pension or retirement benefits per the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York under 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 a new Tier 5. 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 provides for a new Tier 6 for employees hired after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive employee contribution rates between 3% and 6% and such employee contributions continue so long as the employee continues to accumulate pension credits; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier 6, 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.

Under current law, the employer pension payments for a given fiscal year are based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 thus enabling the District to more accurately include the cost of the employer pension payment in its budget for the ensuing year. In addition, the District is required to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would make a lower payment possible. The annual employer pension payment is due on February 1 of each year.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS during the recent financial crisis, the employer contribution rates for required pension payments to the TRS and ERS increased substantially. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted that permitted school districts to amortize a portion of its annual employer pension payment to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize were required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments pursuant to this legislation and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

In addition, in Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option (“SCO”) that gives school districts the ability to better manage the spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates (“ARCs”). ERS followed suit and modified its existing ERS 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.

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

The primary benefit of participation in the SCO plans is the elimination of the uncertainty in the volatility of future pension contribution ARCs in the near term, thereby providing school districts with significant assistance in its

ability to create a stable and reliable fiscal plan. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments as part of the SCO and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

The State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget, which was signed into law as Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, includes a provision that will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding the cost of TRS contributions, as a sub-fund of retirement contribution reserve funds presently authorized for amounts payable to the ERS by a school district. School districts will be permitted to pay into such reserve fund during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District established such a fund in 2019 and as of June 30, 2020, it was funded at \$1,408,786.

Uncertainty regarding the short, medium and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused extreme volatility across all financial markets, including those markets in which the Retirement System funds are invested. While State Comptroller DiNapoli has made recent comments that the Common Retirement Fund is well-positioned to withstand current market disruption, the impacts of such volatility on future contribution rates, if any, cannot be known at this time. (See "*Market Factors Affecting Financings of the State and School Districts of the State*" herein for further detail.)

### ***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, 2019 was \$98,600,069 using a discount rate of 3.50% and actuarial assumptions and other inputs as described in the District's June 30, 2019 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 of the District***

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

The District may also 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) transaction accounts (demand deposits) both interest bearing and non-interest bearing that do not require notice of withdrawal placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the account is collateralized as required by law; (5) certificates of deposits placed in a commercial bank authorized to do business in the State of New York, providing the certificates are collateralized as required by law; (6) securities purchased pursuant to a repurchase agreement whereby one party purchases securities from a second party and the second party agrees to repurchase those same securities on a specific future date at an agreed rate of return.

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. 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 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, 2019 is contained in Appendix B. On June 24, 2011, the Chapter 97 of the 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. As reflected in Appendix B, 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 revenues from a tax on real property (see "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance" in Appendix B herein). Property taxes accounted for 86.1% total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 while State aid accounted for 10.2%.

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

Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Property Taxes</u>		
	<u>Total Revenues</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Real Property Taxes</u> <sup>(2)</sup>	<u>Real Property Taxes to Revenues</u>
2016	\$68,905,715	\$59,224,034	85.9%
2017	69,404,786	59,254,100	85.4
2018	70,225,616	60,427,331	86.0
2019	72,211,338	61,692,210	85.4
2020	73,909,125	63,646,306	86.1
2021 (Adopted Budget)	76,700,000	65,648,182	85.6

(1) General Fund.

(2) Inclusive of Other Real Property Tax Items, which represents STAR aid payments made to the District by the State. (See “STAR - School Tax Exemption,” herein).

Source: Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budget of the District. This itself 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 current fiscal year.

Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>State Aid</u>		
	<u>Total Revenues</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenues</u>
2016	\$68,905,715	\$7,068,488	10.3%
2017	69,404,786	7,324,668	10.6
2018	70,225,616	7,568,105	10.8
2019	72,211,338	8,052,474	11.2
2020	73,909,125	7,542,766	10.2
2021 (Adopted Budget)	76,700,000	7,075,680	9.2

(1) General Fund.

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

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Currently, due the outbreak of COVID-19 the State has declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it are expected to negatively impact the State’s economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time; however, it is anticipated that the State will be required to take certain gap-closing actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations and/or delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school

districts in the State. If this were to occur, reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District.

The State's 2020-2021 Adopted Budget authorizes the State's Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to nearly all State spending, including State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. Specifically, the legislation provides that the State Budget Director will determine whether the State's 2020-2021 budget is balanced during three "measurement periods": April 1 to April 30, May 1 to June 30, and July 1 to Dec. 31. According to the legislation, if "a General Fund imbalance has occurred during any Measurement Period," the State's Budget Director will be empowered to "adjust or reduce any general fund and/or state special revenue fund appropriation ... and related cash disbursement by any amount needed to maintain a balanced budget," and "such adjustments or reductions shall be done uniformly across the board to the extent practicably or by specific appropriations as needed." The legislation further provides that prior to making any adjustments or reductions, the State's Budget Director must notify the Legislature in writing and the Legislature has 10 days following receipt of such notice to prepare and approve its own plan. If the Legislature fails to approve its own plan, the Budget Director's reductions take effect automatically. (See "*Market Factors Affecting Financings of the State and School Districts of the State*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein).

On August 13, 2020, the New York State Division of the Budget released the fiscal year ending 2021 First Quarterly State Budget Financial Plan Update, which projects a \$14.5 billion General Fund revenue decline and a 15.3% decline in tax receipts from prior budget forecasts. The State further projects a total revenue loss of \$62 billion through the State's fiscal year ending 2024 as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State has announced that in the absence of Federal funding to offset this revenue loss, the State has begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back aid payments to local governments and school districts. According to the State, all or a portion of such temporary reductions in aid payments may be converted to permanent reductions, depending on the size and timing of any new Federal aid. Such reductions or delays in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of municipalities and school districts in the State. (See also "*Impacts of COVID-19*", "*Risk Factors*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein).

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 general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 outbreak.

The federal government may enact budgetary changes or take other actions that adversely affect State finances. State legislation adopted with the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget continued authorization for a process by which the State would manage significant reductions in federal aid during Federal fiscal year 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.

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.

### ***Impacts of COVID-19***

The District has incurred certain expenses associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, costs related to cleaning supplies and equipment. The District has paid such costs from Federal monies through FEMA and the CARES Act, budgetary appropriations and/or available funds. The District expects a reduction of up to 20% in State aid during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. In the District’s 2020-2021 Adopted Budget, State aid revenues comprise approximately 9% of its operating budget. The District does not believe that the increased costs or the potential reductions in State aid described above will have a material adverse impact on the finances of the District. See also “*State Aid*” herein.

### ***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. However, as discussed below the COVID-19 outbreak has affected and is expected to continue to affect State aid to school district.

*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 included 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 were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by approximately 4.5% and building aid increased by approximately 3.7%. The State 2019-2020 Enacted Budget continued 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.

*School district fiscal year (2020-2021):* Due to the anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget is 3.7 percent lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but is offset in part with increased Federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support will be offset by approximately \$1.1 billion in funding provided to the State through the Federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these Federal funds, State aid in the school district fiscal year 2020-2021 is expected to total \$27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent. The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continues prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provides over \$200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including \$1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and \$10 million for a Student Mental Health program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid is continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflects current projections of the ten-year average growth in State personal income. The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget authorizes the State's Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. See "*State Aid*" herein for a discussion of this provision set forth in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget and recent releases by the State regarding the projected revenue shortfalls in such budget.

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. However, 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.

***Other Revenues***

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

***Sales Tax.*** In July 1991, the State Legislature authorized an additional 1% sales tax for the County to impose in localities, other than cities, which have their own sales tax. This additional 1% sales tax became effective on October 15, 1991. The additional 1% sales tax is to be apportioned among the County (33 1/3%), school districts in the County (16 2/3%), and towns, villages and cities in the County which have not imposed sales taxes (50%). Beginning August 1, 2019, the County increased its local sales and use tax rate from 3% to 4%. This additional 1% sales tax is to be apportioned among the County (70%), local governments (20%) and school districts (10%).

	<u><b>Sales Tax</b></u>		
Fiscal Year <u>Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Sales Tax to Revenues</u>
2016	\$68,905,715	\$650,992	0.9%
2017	69,404,786	657,774	0.9
2018	70,225,616	689,846	0.9
2019	72,211,338	723,682	1.0
2020	73,909,125	941,498	1.3
2021 (Adopted Budget)	76,700,000	750,000	1.0

(1) General Fund.  
Source: District Officials. This summary is not audited.

## TAX INFORMATION

### ***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 and rates of tax per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

#### Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates (Fiscal Years Ending June 30:)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assessed Value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$2,812,588,790	\$2,916,755,689	\$3,041,015,749	\$3,178,902,797	\$3,307,950,130
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	2,812,588,790	2,916,755,689	3,041,015,749	3,178,902,797	3,307,950,130
Total Tax Levy	59,224,034	59,254,100	60,427,331	61,692,210	63,646,306
Tax Rate – Homestead <sup>(2)</sup>	20.04	19.32	18.87	18.39	18.36
Tax Rate – Non-Homestead <sup>(2)</sup>	27.16	26.37	26.13	25.97	24.85

(1) Assessed value is comprised of both homestead and non-homestead properties.

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

Source: New York State Department of Real Property Services and District Officials.

### ***Tax Limit***

The Constitution does not limit the amount that may be raised by the District-wide tax levy on real estate in any fiscal year. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

### ***The Tax Levy Limit Law***

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (herein referred to as the "Tax Levy Limit Law" or "Law") was signed by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit 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 (such as the Series A Bonds) and the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes (such as the Series B 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.

## ***Tax Collection Procedure***

District taxes are collected by the Town Receiver of Taxes. The first half is due and payable without penalty during the month of September, subject to a 2% penalty if paid during October, 5% if paid during November, 7% if paid during December or January, 10% if paid during February or March and 12% thereafter to the date of sale of tax liens for unpaid taxes. The second half is due and payable without penalty during the month of January, subject to a 10% penalty if paid during February or March and 12% thereafter to the date of sale of tax liens. In Westchester County, taxes are collected by towns which are obligated to pay the full amount of the tax levy to the school districts by April 1. Therefore, the District receives 100% of its levy annually.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, in certain counties in the State during the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the deadline to pay school district property taxes, without interest or penalty, was extended. No assurance can be given that similar extensions with respect to the deadlines to pay school district property taxes, without interest or penalty, may occur during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Any such extensions may result in a delay in the receipt of taxes collected and paid to school districts.

## ***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.

A portion of the District’s 2019-20 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR Program. The District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the District’s 2019-20 fiscal year. A portion of the District’s 2020-21 school tax levy will be exempted by the STAR Program. The District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State by January 1, 2021.

**Ten of the Largest Taxpayers**

The following table presents the taxable assessments of the District’s largest taxpayers for the Town of Pelham’s 2020 assessment roll.

**Largest Taxpayers**

<u>Taxpayer Name</u>	<u>Nature Of Business</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Assessed Valuation<sup>(1)</sup></u>
ConEdison	Utility	\$ 65,491,801	1.98%
RPAI Pelham Manor LLC	Commercial	57,500,000	1.74
Post Road Plaza Fee LLC	Commercial	55,000,000	1.66
Suez Water Westchester	Utility	12,788,494	0.39
Caroline Gardens Apt. Corp.	Apartments	10,967,800	0.33
NY Athletic Club	Private Club	9,900,000	0.30
Joseph Rustin’s Inc.	Commercial	9,230,000	0.28
Pico Electronics	Commercial	8,765,000	0.26
Caspi/Pacis Associates Inc.	Commercial	7,775,000	0.24
Sub Brook Ave LLC	Commercial	<u>7,650,000</u>	<u>0.23</u>
		<u>\$245,068,095</u>	<u>7.41%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed valuation for the 2019-20 fiscal year is \$3,307,950,130.  
Source: Town of Pelham, Office of the Assessor.

**DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS**

***Constitutional and Statutory Requirements***

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

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

***General.*** The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, 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 limitation 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 has complied with such procedure with respect to the Bonds.

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 \$330,795,013 as of October 14, 2020. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District. The following table sets forth the computation of the debt limit of the District and its debt-contracting margin.

<b><u>Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness</u></b>		
Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property		\$3,307,950,130
Debt Limit (10% of Full Valuation)		330,795,013
Outstanding Indebtedness <sup>(1)</sup>		
Bonds	\$27,745,000	
Refunded Bonds	0	
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>30,000,000</u>	
Total Gross Indebtedness		57,745,000
Less Exclusions and Deductions		
Estimated Building Aid <sup>(2)</sup>		<u>0</u>
Total Net Indebtedness		<u>57,745,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin		<u>\$273,050,013</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted		<u>17.46%</u>

- (1) Tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes are not included in the computation of the gross indebtedness of the District.
- (2) The District currently receives State aid on existing indebtedness contracted for school building purposes. The District may exclude from the gross indebtedness estimated State aid for school building purposes pursuant to Section 121.20 of the Local Finance Law. However, because the District has not applied for a Building Aid Estimate certificate from the Commissioner of Education, no exclusion for such aid is listed in the Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness section above. State building aid is, however, currently estimated by the District to be 44.9% of the total aidable indebtedness shown above.

### ***Bond Anticipation Notes***

On March 26, 2020, the District issued \$10,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2020 Series A. Such notes mature on November 5, 2020. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series A Bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000 will be used to redeem such notes at maturity.

On July 14, 2020, the District issued \$20,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2020 Series B. Such notes mature on November 5, 2020. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Series A Bonds in the amount of \$19,843,000, together with \$157,000 in available funds will be used to redeem such notes at maturity.

### ***Revenue Anticipation Notes***

The District has not found it necessary to issue revenue anticipation notes in recent years.

### ***Tax Anticipation Notes***

The District has not found it necessary to issue tax anticipation notes in recent years.

### ***Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness***

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

	<b><u>Direct Capital Indebtedness Outstanding</u></b>				
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020<sup>(2)</sup></u>
Bonds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$35,645,000	\$33,310,000	\$33,920,000	\$31,450,000	\$28,900,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>
Totals	<u>\$35,645,000</u>	<u>\$33,310,000</u>	<u>\$33,920,000</u>	<u>\$31,450,000</u>	<u>\$48,900,000</u>

(1) Exclusive of Refunded Bonds.

(2) Unaudited.

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District. 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 estimated share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

	<b><u>Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness</u></b>			
	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>As of</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Westchester County	\$1,178,278,125	09/30/20	1.61%	\$18,970,278
Town of Pelham	0	12/31/18	100.00	0
Village of Pelham	4,515,100	08/25/20	100.00	4,515,100
Village of Pelham Manor	0	05/31/19	100.00	<u>0</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				<u>23,485,378</u>
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>57,745,000</u>
Total Net Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u>\$81,230,378</u>

Source: Data provided by State, County, Town and Village Officials.

### ***Debt Ratios***

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

	<b><u>Debt Ratios</u></b>		
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita <sup>(1)</sup></u>	<u>Debt to Full Value <sup>(2)</sup></u>
Net Direct Debt	\$57,745,000	\$4,597.53	1.75%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	81,230,378	6,467.39	2.46

(1) The population of the District is estimated by District officials to be approximately 12,560.

(2) The District's full value of taxable real property for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is \$3,307,950,130.

### ***Authorized But Unissued Indebtedness***

On May 22, 2018, the Board of Education of the District adopted a bond resolution following approval of a proposition by a majority of the voters of the District voting thereon at the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 15, 2018, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$57,524,892 of bonds or notes to fund (i) the construction of a new Hutchinson elementary school, the renovation of the middle school/high school, roof and parapet replacement at the middle school/high school annex and masonry repointing at the middle school and the renovation of and construction of an addition to the Prospect Hill elementary school at an aggregate cost of \$52,900,000 and (ii) the construction of recreational and athletic field improvements at an estimated cost of \$4,624,892. The proceeds from the sale of the Series A Bonds are being issued pursuant to this resolution. Following the issuance of the Series A Bonds, the District will have no authorized but unissued indebtedness.

### ***Debt Service Schedule***

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

#### **Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table**

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Debt Service</u>
2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,625,000	\$ 897,759	\$ 3,522,759
2022	2,735,000	790,256	3,525,256
2023	2,840,000	676,531	3,516,531
2024	2,950,000	556,756	3,506,756
2025	3,065,000	432,106	3,497,106
2026	3,170,000	324,531	3,494,531
2027	2,675,000	243,906	2,918,906
2028	2,735,000	177,788	2,912,788
2029	2,790,000	117,538	2,907,538
2030	2,860,000	52,025	2,912,025
2031	225,000	13,650	238,650
2032	<u>230,000</u>	<u>6,900</u>	<u>236,900</u>
Totals	<u>\$28,900,000</u>	<u>\$4,289,746</u>	<u>\$33,189,746</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 following table represents population trends for the villages of Pelham and Pelham Manor, the County, and the State. The information set forth below with respect to the State, the County, the Town, the Village of Pelham, the Village of Pelham Manor is included for informational purposes only and is not necessarily representative of the District.

#### Population Trend

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pelham Village</u>	<u>Pelham Manor Village</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Westchester County</u>	<u>New York State</u>
1990	6,413	5,443	11,856	874,866	17,990,778
1995	6,370	5,426	11,796	891,044	18,190,562
2000	6,400	5,466	11,866	923,459	18,976,457
2010	6,910	5,486	12,396	949,113	19,378,102
2015	6,993	5,567	12,560	967,315	19,673,174

Source: New York State Department of Commerce; New York State Department of Economic Development.

### *Income*

The following table presents median household income for the villages of Pelham and Pelham Manor, the County and State, and is not necessarily representative of the District.

#### Median Household Income

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Change 2000/2010</u>	<u>% Change 2010/2015</u>
Pelham Village	N/A	\$111,989	\$123,672	N/A	10.4
Pelham Manor Village	N/A	154,865	188,659	N/A	21.8
County	\$83,100	98,078	83,958	18.0%	-14.4
State	43,847	65,897	59,269	50.3	-10.1

Source: New York State Department of Commerce; New York State Department of Economic Development.

### *Employment and Unemployment*

Unemployment statistics are not available for the District. The information set forth below with respect to the State and the County is included for informational purposes only and is not necessarily representative of the District.

#### Civilian Labor Force

(Thousands)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
County	478.4	477.7	480.7	482.1	484.4
State	9,558.8	9,551.9	9,549.1	9,521.9	9,514.4

Source: New York State Department of Labor.

**Yearly Average Unemployment Rate**

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2015	4.5%	5.3%
2016	4.3	4.9
2017	4.5	4.7
2018	3.9	4.1
2019	3.8	4.0

Source: New York State Department of Labor.

**Monthly Unemployment Rates**

<u>Month</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
September 2019	3.7%	3.6%
October	3.7	3.7
November	3.6	3.6
December	3.8	3.7
January 2020	4.0	4.1
February	3.9	3.9
March	4.0	4.2
April	14.1	15.1
May	11.1	14.2
June	12.5	15.5
July	14.2	16.0
August	11.1	12.6

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

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**APPENDIX B\***  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES**

**\* Appendix B is not audited.**

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PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Statement of Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures - General Fund  
 Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	Adopted Budget <u>2020</u>	Adopted Budget <u>2021</u>
Revenues:		
Real Property Taxes	\$ 63,646,306	\$ 65,648,182
Other Income	2,373,478	2,376,433
State and Federal Aid	7,585,216	7,075,680
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,325,000</u>	<u>1,599,705</u>
Total Revenues and Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 74,930,000</u>	<u>\$ 76,700,000</u>
Expenditures:		
General Support	\$ 8,317,841	\$ 8,306,469
Instruction	44,667,571	44,959,385
Public Transportation	1,293,642	1,330,679
Community Services	153,799	105,017
Employee Benefits	16,919,744	17,973,243
Transfers Out	30,000	35,000
Debt Service	<u>3,547,403</u>	<u>3,990,207</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 74,930,000</u>	<u>\$ 76,700,000</u>

Source: Adopted Budgets of the District.

PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Comparative Balance Sheets - General Fund  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 14,546,334	\$ 19,271,643
Prepaid Expenditures	1,642,618	1,730,027
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Accounts	-	30
State and Federal aid	1,359,469	1,105,841
Due from Other Governments	902,541	768,954
Due from Other Funds	<u>3,345,124</u>	<u>625,827</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,796,086</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,502,322</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balance:</b>		
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accrued Liabilities	\$ 191,860	\$ 60,640
Accounts Payable	848,868	1,391,434
Due to Other Funds	1,257,407	-
Deferred Revenues	214,133	299,119
Due to Other Governments	-	-
Due to Retirement Systems	<u>4,128,925</u>	<u>3,531,773</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>6,641,193</u></b>	<b><u>5,282,966</u></b>
<b>Fund Balance:</b>		
Nonspendable	\$ 1,642,618	\$ 1,730,027
Restricted	9,489,589	11,348,805
Assigned	1,025,495	2,072,534
Unassigned	<u>2,997,191</u>	<u>3,067,990</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>15,154,893</u></b>	<b><u>18,219,356</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 21,796,086</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 23,502,322</u></b>

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

PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund  
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 54,453,038	\$ 54,789,529	\$ 56,330,270	\$ 57,914,832	\$ 60,854,326
Other Real Property Tax Items	4,770,996	4,464,571	4,097,061	3,777,378	2,791,980
Non-Property Tax Items	650,992	657,774	689,846	723,682	941,498
Charges for Services	1,289,579	1,596,416	1,096,414	1,243,414	1,285,068
Use of Money & Property	55,221	65,421	98,808	141,263	87,564
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	222	16,500	7,939	370	819
Miscellaneous	611,683	488,180	337,173	357,925	403,862
State Sources	7,068,488	7,324,668	7,568,105	8,052,474	7,542,766
Federal Sources	5,496	1,727	-	-	1,242
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Total Revenues	\$ 68,905,715	\$ 69,404,786	\$ 70,225,616	\$ 72,211,338	\$ 73,909,125
Expenditures:					
General Support	\$ 8,665,374	\$ 8,112,912	\$ 7,685,539	\$ 7,001,057	\$ 6,809,063
Instruction	39,084,568	41,316,105	42,697,192	43,537,061	43,453,287
Pupil Transportation	840,918	1,186,752	1,046,723	1,199,104	977,063
Community Services	514,824	105,106	97,585	89,727	55,704
Employee Benefits	15,642,748	15,778,318	15,671,941	16,256,930	15,969,482
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
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Total Expenditures	\$ 64,748,432	\$ 66,499,193	\$ 67,198,980	\$ 68,083,879	\$ 67,264,599
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 4,157,283	\$ 2,905,593	\$ 3,026,636	\$ 4,127,459	\$ 6,644,526
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Proceeds from serial bonds	-	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from installment purchase debt	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers in	375,000	176,027	150,000	200,000	-
Operating Transfers out	(3,702,273)	(3,397,865)	(4,083,699)	(4,937,383)	(3,580,063)
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Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(3,327,273)	(3,221,838)	(3,933,699)	(4,737,383)	(3,580,063)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	830,010	(316,245)	(907,063)	(609,924)	3,064,463
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year as Restate	\$ 16,158,115	\$ 16,988,125	\$ 16,671,880	\$ 15,764,817	\$ 15,154,893
Prior Period Adjustment					
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$ 16,988,125</u>	<u>\$ 16,671,880</u>	<u>\$ 15,764,817</u>	<u>\$ 15,154,893</u>	<u>\$ 18,219,356</u>

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, 2020**

**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/P11515087.pdf>**

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

**\* Such Financial Statements and opinion are intended to be representative only as of the date thereof. R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP has not been requested by the District to further review and/or update such Financial Statements or opinion in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.**

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**APPENDIX D**

**FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL FOR  
THE SERIES A BONDS**

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

November 4, 2020

The Board of Education of  
the Pelham Union Free School District, in the  
County of Westchester, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to Pelham Union Free School District (the “School District”), in the County of Westchester, New York, a school district of the State of New York, in connection with the authorization, sale, and issuance of the \$57,367,892 School District Serial Bonds-2020 Series A (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.

On November 17, 2020, the District expects to issue its \$2,460,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2020 Series B (the “Series B Bonds”). The Series B Bonds are treated, together with the Bonds, as a single issue for federal tax purposes. We have served and are serving as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Series B Bonds, and on their issue date, we expect to render our opinion with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Series B Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes in substantially the form of paragraph 2 below and subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth herein. Noncompliance with such conditions and limitations may cause interest on the Bonds and the Series B Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date hereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

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.

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

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**APPENDIX E**

**FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL FOR  
THE SERIES B BONDS**

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

November 17, 2020

The Board of Education of  
the Pelham Union Free School District, in the  
County of Westchester, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to Pelham Union Free School District (the “School District”), in the County of Westchester, New York, a school district of the State of New York, in connection with the authorization, sale, and issuance of the \$2,460,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds-2020 Series B (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.

On November 4, 2020, the District issued its \$57,367,892 School District Serial Bonds-2020 Series A (the “Series A Bonds”). The Series A Bonds are treated, together with the Bonds, as a single issue for federal tax purposes. We have served as Bond Counsel with respect to the issuance of the Series A Bonds, and on their issue date, we rendered our opinion with respect to the exclusion of interest on the Series A Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes in substantially the form of paragraph 2 below and subject to the same conditions and limitations set forth herein. Noncompliance with such conditions and limitations may cause interest on the Bonds and the Series A Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date hereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

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.

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

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**APPENDIX F**

**FORM OF UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE  
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 the 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 the Pelham Union Free School District, in the County of Westchester, 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 respective Certificates of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of October 27, 2020.

“Rule” shall mean 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 [**\$57,367,892 School District Serial Bonds-2020 Series A**][**\$2,460,000 School District Refunding Serial Bonds – 2020 Series B**], dated [November 4, 2020][November 17, 2020], maturing in various principal amounts on [November 1 in each of the years 2021 to 2049, inclusive][October 15 in each of the years 2021 to 2025, 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 either directly or through Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York to the EMMA System:

- (i) no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, 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 no later than six (6) months following the end of each fiscal year, and audited financial statements, if any, shall be delivered to the EMMA System within sixty (60) days after they become available and in no event later than one (1) year after the end of each fiscal year; provided, however, that the unaudited financial statement shall be provided for any fiscal year only if the Issuer has made a determination that providing such unaudited financial statement would be compliant with federal securities laws, including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933; 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;
- (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 heading: "LITIGATION" and in APPENDIX A under the headings: "THE DISTRICT," "FINANCIAL FACTORS," "TAX INFORMATION," "DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS," and "ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA"; and in Appendix B.

(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 New York State regulatory requirements or GAAP as in effect from time to time. Such financial statements, if prepared, shall be audited by an independent accounting firm.

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 Securities, 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 [**November 4, 2020**][**November 17, 2020**].

**PELHAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Board of Education  
and Chief Fiscal Officer