

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 26, 2021

**NEW ISSUE
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.

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$60,000,000*
SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS – 2021 SERIES A
(the “Bonds”)**

Date of Issue: Date of Delivery

Maturity Date: June 15, 2022 – 2041

The Bonds are general obligations of the City School District of the City of New Rochelle, 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 Bonds will be dated the date of delivery, will bear interest from such date payable on June 15, 2022, December 15, 2022 and semiannually thereafter on each June 15 and December 15 until maturity and will mature on June 15 in the years and amounts as set forth on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein. (See “Optional Redemption” herein.)

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. 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.)

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as the Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the receipt of the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the offices of DTC on or about June 17, 2021.

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

Dated: June __, 2021

* 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 Bonds will mature on June 15 in the years and amounts, subject to optional redemption, as set forth below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP***</u>
2022	\$2,715,000	%	%	
2023	2,720,000			
2024	2,735,000			
2025	2,750,000			
2026	2,770,000			
2027	2,790,000			
2028	2,820,000			
2029	2,850,000			
2030**	2,885,000			
2031**	2,925,000			
2032**	2,970,000			
2033**	3,015,000			
2034**	3,065,000			
2035**	3,115,000			
2036**	3,170,000			
2037**	3,220,000			
2038**	3,280,000			
2039**	3,340,000			
2040**	3,400,000			
2041**	3,465,000			

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

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

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

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

Relating To

\$60,000,000* SCHOOL DISTRICT SERIAL BONDS – 2021 SERIES A (the “Bonds”)

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix hereto, presents certain information relating to the City School District of the City of New Rochelle in the County of Westchester, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$60,000,000* School District Serial Bonds – 2021 Series A (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

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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. 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 Bonds will be the last day of the calendar month immediately preceding each interest payment date.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

The District will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the purchaser. The District's contact information is Ms. Laura Del Principio, (914) 576-4248, email: ldelprincipio@nredlearn.org.

Authority for and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution, the laws of the State, including, among others, the Local Finance Law and the Education Law, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on March 29, 2016 and subsequently approved as a proposition by a majority of qualified voters of the District voting thereon at the Annual District Meeting and Election held on May 17, 2016, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$106,479,575 to finance the reconstruction and construction of improvements to school buildings, including equipment, furnishings, machinery and apparatus, as well as site improvements and incidental costs related thereto (the "Project"). A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds in the amount of \$51,505,000, together with \$1,010,000 in available funds, will be used to redeem \$52,515,000 in bond anticipation notes which mature on June 23, 2021. The remaining portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds in the amount of \$8,495,000 will be used to provide additional original financing for the Project.

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2029 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2030 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on any date on or after June 15, 2029, 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 Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

The District may select the maturities of the Bonds to be redeemed and the amount to be redeemed of each maturity selected, as the District shall determine to be in the best interest of the District at the time of such redemption. If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed prior to maturity, the particular 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 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.

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. However, the District was late in making an interest payment due on July 15, 2016 with respect to its \$1,989,526 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2014 (the “2014 Bonds”). The late payment was the result of an administrative oversight and not due to insufficient funds being available. The payment was subsequently made by the District on July 26, 2016 after it was brought to the attention of the District. (See “*Compliance History*” herein).

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 the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income

Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com and www.dtc.org.

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of the Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC’s practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

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

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

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

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

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

Source: The Depository Trust Company

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 for an extended period. Efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 has

reduced the spread of the virus and there have been efforts to relax or eliminate 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 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 "*Impacts of COVID-19*", "*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. The District invests in two cyber insurance policies to help with business interruption and credit monitoring if compromised.

LITIGATION

In common with other school districts, the District from time to time receives notices of claim and is party to litigation. In the opinion of the School District Attorney, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no claims or actions pending which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion of Bond Counsel

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

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

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

Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications

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

Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences

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

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

Original Issue Discount

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

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

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

Bond Premium

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

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

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

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

Miscellaneous

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition,

such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) and such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds.

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

LEGAL MATTERS

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

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In order to assist the purchaser 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 E.

Compliance History

The District was late in making an interest payment due on July 15, 2016 with respect to its \$1,989,526 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2014. The late payment was the result of an administrative oversight and not due to insufficient funds being available. The payment was subsequently made by the District on July 26, 2016 after it was brought to the attention of the District. The District has taken corrective measures to ensure that such an error will not occur again.

RATING

The District has applied to Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") for a rating on the Bonds. Such application is pending at this time.

On June 8, 2020, Moody's affirmed its rating of "Aa2" on the outstanding uninsured long-term indebtedness of the District.

The District's outstanding uninsured long-term indebtedness currently maintains a rating of "AA-" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P"). The District did not apply to S&P for a rating on the Bonds.

Such ratings reflect only the respective views of Moody's and S&P and any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from Moody's, 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, or S&P, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041. There can be no assurance that such ratings continue for any specified period of time or that such ratings will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of S&P or Moody's, circumstances so warrant. Any such change or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds or the Notes or the availability of a secondary market for the Bonds or the Notes.

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 upon request from Laura Del Principio, the District Treasurer at (914) 576-4248, or from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, the District's Municipal Advisor, at (516) 364-6363.

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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The statements contained in this Official Statement and the appendices hereto that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements can be identified, in some cases, by terminology such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "intends," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential," "illustrate," "example," and "continue," or the singular, plural, negative or other derivations of these or other comparable terms. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements included in this Official Statement are based on information available to such parties on the date of this Official Statement, and the District assumes no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements included herein are necessarily based on various assumptions and estimates and are inherently subject to various risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, risks and uncertainties relating to the possible invalidity of the underlying assumptions and estimates and possible changes or developments in various important factors. Accordingly, actual results may vary from the projections, forecasts and estimates contained in this Official Statement and such variations may be material.

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

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE
WESTCHESTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: _____
Rachel Relkin
President of the Board of Education

DATED: June __, 2021

APPENDIX A

THE DISTRICT

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General Information

The District is located in the southeastern portion of the County on Long Island Sound, approximately fifteen miles from midtown Manhattan, and is coterminous with the City, which was settled in 1688 and was incorporated as a city in 1899.

The character of the District is both urban and suburban residential. Residential housing is comprised of single-family as well as multi-family units. Commercial and industrial activity is principally located in those areas of the City close to Interstate 95 and U.S. Route 1.

The City provides general governmental services including, but not limited to, police and fire protection, garbage collection, street maintenance, sewage collection and library and recreational programs. The County is responsible for social and health programs and maintains a corrections system. Sewage treatment is provided through various County sewer districts.

Higher education is offered by Iona College and Monroe Business College, which are situated in the District, as well as various colleges and universities in the County, including Westchester Community College, sponsored by the County.

The City is served by three major highways; the New England Thruway (Interstate 95), the Boston Post Road (U.S. Route 1) and the Hutchinson River Parkway. CSX provides railroad freight service. The Metro-North Commuter Railroad provides passenger service to and from New York City and Connecticut, while Amtrak provides service nationwide. The County Airport provides scheduled airline service to many major metropolitan airports. LaGuardia, John F. Kennedy, and Newark airports are all less than one hour from the City and residents may utilize various airport limousine services to reach these airports.

City residents and businesses receive electric and natural gas service from the Consolidated Edison Company. The water supply and distribution system for the City is maintained by United Water Company of New Rochelle, a private utility. Local and some long distance telephone services are generally provided by Verizon.

District Organization

Subject to the provisions of the State Constitution, the District operates pursuant to the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, other laws applicable to school districts generally, 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.

Board of Education. The legislative power of the District is vested in its Board of Education (the "Board"). The Board consists of nine members who serve overlapping five-year terms. An election is generally held on the third Tuesday in May to elect one or more members to the Board. As nearly as practicable, an equal number of members is elected to the Board each year. Board members may succeed themselves. During the first ten days of July of each year, the Board conducts a reorganization meeting. At that time, the Board elects a President and Vice President and appoints other District officials.

Administration. The Board of Education appoints a superintendent of schools (the "Superintendent") who is employed through a contract with the Board. Such Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the District and the education system. In addition, the Superintendent is an ex officio member of the Board of Education with the right to speak on all matters before the Board but not to vote. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to enforce all provisions of law and all rules and regulations relating to the management of the District and other educational, social and recreational activities under the direction of the Board of Education. Also, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Assistant Superintendent for Business and the District Treasurer, who are also appointed by the Board of Education.

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, the Assistant Superintendent for Business, the District Clerk, and the District Treasurer.

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. (See “FINANCIAL FACTORS,” herein.)

Budgetary Procedure

Pursuant to the Education Law, the District's Board of Education generally prepares or causes to be prepared a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The budget, effective for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1998, must consist of three parts: program, administration and capital. During November and December the tentative budget is developed and refined in consultation with school administrators. At the March and April meetings of the Board of Education, the proposed budget is discussed and further refined. The tentative budget is adopted by the Board at its April meeting and submitted to referendum at the Annual District Meeting and Election held on the third Tuesday of May. Residents of the District who are qualified to vote may participate in the referendum. Prior to the Annual District Meeting and Election a public hearing on the proposed budget is held.

The District's budget is subject to the provisions of Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. See “*Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein for a further discussion regarding the budget vote, revote, contingency budget and the tax cap. The District has never exceeded the tax cap.

Pursuant to an Executive Order, school district elections and budget votes that normally would have been held on May 19, 2020 were postponed until June 9, 2020. At such time, the District's 2020-2021 budget was adopted by qualified voters of the District. On May 18, 2021, qualified voters of the District approved the 2021-2022 budget. See Appendix B for summaries of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 adopted budgets of the District.

School Enrollment Trends

The trend of school enrollments is outlined in the below table.

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Enrollment ⁽¹⁾</u>
2017 (Actual)	10,602
2018 (Actual)	10,672
2019 (Actual)	10,437
2020 (Actual)	10,792
2021 (Actual)	10,370
2022 (Estimated)	10,300

(1) Represents enrollment for kindergarten through grade 12.

District Facilities

The District operates 10 schools; statistics relating to each are shown below.

Name	Grades	Capacity	Year of Original Construction or Addition ⁽¹⁾
Barnard Elementary School	PreK-2	733	1930,1952,1958
Columbus Elementary School	K-5	1,167	1968, 2000
Davis Elementary School	K-5	930	1952,1953,1957,1988
Jefferson Elementary School	K-5	777	1930,1970
Trinity Elementary School	K-5	1,144	1955,1958,2001
Ward Elementary School	K-5	1,570	1960,1984,1994
Webster Elementary School	K-5	789	1930,1994,1996
Albert Leonard Middle School	6-8	1,837	1960,1964
Isaac E. Young Middle School	6-8	1,548	1926,1960,2001
New Rochelle High School	9-12	3,736	1926,1930,1966,1972,1994,2005

(1) The District is presently in the process of completing a district-wide capital improvement project.

Source: School District Officials.

Employees

The District provided services through 1,416 full time unionized and 74 nonunion employees. The District also employs approximately 457 part-time employees. Information concerning union membership and contract expiration dates are as follows:

Number of Employees	Organization	Contract Expiration Date
50	Administrators-Supervisory Association	06-30-20*
1,292	Federation of United School Employees (FUSE)	06-30-23

*Contract in negotiations.

Source: School District Officials.

Employee Benefits

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System (“TRS”). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-NYS certified/civil service employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (“ERS”). Both the TRS and ERS are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. Other than as discussed below, all members of the respective systems hired on or after July 1, 1976 with less than 10 year’s full-time service contribute 3% (ERS) or 3.5% (TRS) of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009 a new Tier V was signed into law. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010 and on or before April 1, 2012. Tier V ERS employees will contribute 3% of their salaries and 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 New York Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier VI for employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. This new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% and 6% with no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier VI, the pension multiplier will be 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

Pension reform legislation enacted in 2003 and 2004 changed the cycle of ERS billing to match budget cycles of the District. The reform legislation also required the District to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would otherwise make a lower contribution possible.

Due to prior poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS, the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the TRS and ERS in 2011 and certain subsequent years have increased. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted to permit school districts to amortize a portion of the contributions to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District has not and does not reasonably expect to amortize such contributions.

In Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option ("SCO") that gives school districts the ability to better manage the spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates ("ARCs"). ERS followed suit and modified its existing SCO. Each plan allows school districts to pay the SCO amount in lieu of the ARC amount, which is higher, and defer the difference in payment amounts as described below.

The TRS SCO deferral plan is available to school districts for a total of seven 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 and does not reasonably expect to participate in the ERS or TRS SCO program.

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 reserve fund as of June 30, 2019.

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 "RISK FACTORS" herein for further detail.)

Retirement Billing Procedures

TRS. TRS contributions are paid as a reduction in State aid payments due September 15, October 15 and November 15 of the succeeding fiscal year. Any deficiency or excess in TRS contributions are settled on a current basis in the month of January.

ERS. The District's contributions to ERS are due on or before February 1. Such contributions are based on salary estimates for the State fiscal year ending on March 31 of the next calendar year.

The amounts contributed to ERS and TRS for the audited fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 through 2020, the unaudited amounts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and the budgeted amounts for the 2021-2022 fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	TRS ⁽¹⁾	ERS ⁽²⁾
2016	\$14,381,190	\$4,033,149
2017	13,095,319	3,807,062
2018	11,174,276	3,784,318
2019	12,361,179	3,804,377
2020	10,686,938	4,046,579
2021 (Unaudited)	11,645,845	3,753,138
2022 (Adopted Budget)	12,495,507	3,970,953

(1) Includes contribution in the General Fund and Special Aid Fund.

(2) Includes contribution in the General Fund, Special Aid Fund, School Lunch Fund, and Public Library Fund.

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

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, 2020 was \$468,624,613 using a discount rate of 2.44% and actuarial assumptions and other inputs as described in the District's June 30, 2020 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 in recent years 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

Pursuant to Section 39 of the State's General Municipal Law, the District has an investment policy applicable to the investment of all moneys and financial resources of the District. The responsibility for the investment program has been delegated by the Board of Education to the Deputy Superintendent for who was required to establish written operating procedures consistent with the District's investment policy guidelines. According to the investment policy of the District, all investments must conform to the applicable requirements of law and provide for: the safety of the principal; sufficient liquidity; and a reasonable rate of return.

Authorized Investments. The District has designated eight banks or trust companies which are located and authorized to conduct business in the State to receive deposits of money. The District is permitted to invest in special time deposits or certificates of deposit.

In addition to bank deposits, the District is permitted to invest moneys in direct obligations of the United States of America, obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States where the payment of principal and interest are further guaranteed by the United States of America and obligations of the State. Other eligible investments for the District include: revenue and tax anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the District (investment subject to approval of the State Comptroller); obligations of certain public authorities or agencies; obligations issued pursuant to Section 109(b) of the General Municipal Law (certificates of participation) and certain obligations of the District but only with respect to moneys of a reserve fund established pursuant to Section 6 of the General Municipal Law. The District may also utilize repurchase agreements to the extent such agreements are based upon direct or guaranteed obligations of the United States of America. Repurchase agreements are subject to the following restrictions, among others: all repurchase agreements are subject to a master repurchase agreement; trading partners are limited to banks or trust companies authorized to conduct business in the State or primary reporting dealers as designated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; securities may not be substituted; and the custodian for the repurchase security must be a party other than the trading partner. All purchased obligations, unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, must be purchased through, delivered to and held in the custody of a bank or trust company located and authorized to conduct business in the State.

Collateral Requirements. All District deposits in excess of the applicable insurance coverage provide by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act must be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the General Municipal Law of the State. Such collateral must consist of the "eligible securities," "eligible surety bonds" or "eligible letter of credit" as described in the law.

Eligible securities pledged to secure deposits must be held by the depository or third-party bank or trust company pursuant to written security and custodial agreements. The District's security agreements provide that the aggregate market value of pledged securities must equal or exceed the principal amount of deposit, the agreed upon interest, if any, and any costs or expenses arising from the collection such deposits in the event of a default. Securities not registered or inscribed in the name of the District must be delivered, in a form suitable for transfer or with an assignment in blank, to the District or its designated custodial bank. The custodial agreements used by the District provide that pledged securities must be kept separate and apart from the general assets of the custodian and will not, under any circumstances, be commingled with or become part of the backing for any other deposit or liability. The custodial agreement must also provide that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the

collateral, the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility.

An eligible irrevocable letter of credit may be issued, in favor of the District, by a qualified bank other than the depository bank. Such letters may have a term not to exceed 90 days and must have an aggregate value equal to 140% of the deposit obligations and the agreed upon interest. Qualified banks include those with commercial paper or other unsecured or short-term debt ratings within one of the three highest categories assigned by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or a bank that is in compliance with applicable Federal minimum risk-based capital requirements.

An eligible surety bond must be underwritten by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State which has claims paying ability rated in the highest rating category for claims paying ability by at least two nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. The surety bond must be payable to the District in an amount equal to 100% of the aggregate deposits and the agreed interest thereon.

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 summary statement of revenues and expenditures for the five-year period ended June 30, 2020 can be found in Appendix B of this Official Statement. Information included in the summary has been derived from the Districts audited financial statements, but the summary itself has not been audited. As reflected in the aforementioned summaries, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes and the use of funds reserved for capital improvements.

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, in the amount of approximately \$900,000, from budgetary appropriations and available funds. The expenses are expected to be reimbursed through CARES Act funding. The District expects to receive approximately \$9,860,463 during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The District also expects to receive approximately \$14,851,437 in stimulus funds through the American Rescue Plan beginning in the 2021-2022 fiscal year and coming in three stages.

The District's State aid for the 2019-2020 school year was not reduced. In the District's 2020-2021 Adopted Budget, State aid revenues were estimated to be approximately 10% less than the prior year; however, the District has to date received all of the State aid due during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Real Property Taxes

The District derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property. Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, 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 set forth in the following tables, excluding other financing sources, property taxes accounted for approximately 70.2% of General Fund revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, while State aid accounted for approximately 18.2%.

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The following table sets forth General Fund revenue, excluding other financing sources, and real property tax revenue during the last five completed fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

Real Property Taxes to General Fund Revenue

<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Total General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Real Property Tax Revenue</u>	<u>Real Property to General Fund Revenue %</u>
2016	\$247,208,141	\$174,700,519	70.7%
2017	255,205,295	181,859,514	71.3
2018	256,880,612	183,328,690	71.4
2019	269,089,256	190,552,248	70.8
2020	281,203,112	197,495,295	70.2
2021 (Adopted Budget) ⁽²⁾	274,495,148	213,591,114	77.8
2022 (Adopted Budget) ⁽³⁾	286,016,574	218,482,351	76.4

(1) Excludes other financing sources.

(2) Excludes appropriated fund balance of \$9,453,387 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

(3) Excludes appropriated fund balance of \$4,643,115 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Source: The Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budgets of the District. The summary 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 General Fund revenue, excluding other financing sources, and State aid revenue during the last five completed fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the current and upcoming fiscal years.

State Aid to General Fund Revenue

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenue (%)</u>
2016	\$247,208,141	\$38,312,805	15.5%
2017	255,205,295	42,064,520	23.1
2018	256,880,612	42,786,510	16.7
2019	269,089,256	48,346,360	18.0
2020	281,203,112	51,470,106	18.2
2021 (Adopted Budget) ⁽²⁾	274,495,148	47,918,310	17.5
2022 (Adopted Budget) ⁽³⁾	286,016,574	54,548,500	19.1

(1) Excludes other financing sources.

(2) Excludes appropriated fund balance of \$9,453,387 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

(3) Excludes appropriated fund balance of \$4,643,115 for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

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

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program (see “*STAR-School Tax Exemption*” herein).

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Due to 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 for an extended period. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it may continue 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 without federal funding 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.

The State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$27.9 billion, an increase of more than \$1 billion in school aid spending from the 2018-2019 school year. Due to significant State revenue loss as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, State aid in the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget was 3.7% lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by \$1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES). With these federal funds, State aid totaled \$27.9 billion in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent from the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. The State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget also authorized the State's Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State aid in the event that actual State revenues came in below 99% of estimates or if actual disbursements exceeded 101% of estimates. Pursuant to that provision, in October 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of Federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. In December 2020, a second federal stimulus bill was enacted and provided additional funding for schools in the State. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department ("SED") advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received and the State is expected to release all of the withheld funds on or about June 30, 2021.

The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget provides \$29.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2021-22 school year the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$3.0 billion or 11.3 percent compared to the 2020-21 school year, and includes a \$1.4 billion or 7.6 percent Foundation Aid increase. Approximately 75 percent of this increase is targeted to high-need school districts.

The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget also programs \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund to public schools. This funding available for use over multiple years, is designed to assist schools to reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget allocates \$629 million of these funds to school districts as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs. In addition, the State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget uses \$105 million of federal funds to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2021-22 school year.

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State's fiscal year of April 1. The State's budget has been adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter for over ten (10) years. The State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 7, 2021. 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.

As described above, the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget included, and the State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget includes, significant amounts of federal funding. 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, the COVID-19 pandemic, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision. Reductions in federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. (See also “*Impacts of COVID-19*” herein.)

In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the federal administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

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

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

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

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

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

Events Affecting New York School Districts

Following a State budgetary crisis in 2009, State aid to school districts in the State decreased for a number of years with increases established in more recent years. 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 includes a total of \$27.9 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of approximately \$1.2 billion. The majority of the increases are targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education will continue in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid will increase by approximately 4.5% and building aid will increase by approximately 3.7%. The State 2019-2020 Enacted Budget continues to link school aid increases for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

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 was 3.7 percent lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but was offset in part with increased Federal support. The reduction in State Operating Funds support was 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 was expected to total \$27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent. The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continued prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provided 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 authorized 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).

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): For the 2021-2022 school year, the State’s Enacted budget provides \$29.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2021-22 school year through School Aid, the highest level of State aid ever, supporting the operational costs of school districts that educate 2.5 million students statewide. This investment represents an increase of 11.3% (\$3.0 billion) compared to the 2020-21 school year, including a \$1.4 billion (7.6%) Foundation Aid increase. The Enacted budget would allocate \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor’s Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, will help schools safely reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Budget allocates \$629 million of these funds to school districts as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs. In addition, the Budget uses \$105 million of federal funds to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2021-22 school year.

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 “RISK FACTORS” herein).

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.

Independent Audits

The District retained the firm of PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. Appendix B, attached hereto, presents excerpts from the District’s most recent audited reports covering the last five fiscal years. Appendix C contains a link to the last fiscal year audit.

In addition, the District is subject to audit by the State Comptroller to review compliance with legal requirements and the rules and regulations established by the State. (See “*The State Comptroller’s Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews*” herein.)

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

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

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each school district’s ST-3 report filed with the State Education Department annually, and each municipality’s annual report filed with the State Comptroller. Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a school district or municipality is in “significant fiscal stress”, in “moderate fiscal stress,” as “susceptible to fiscal stress” or “no designation”. Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of “no designation.” This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is

completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity's financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as "no designation" with a fiscal score of 0.0 and an environmental score of 30.0.

See the State Comptroller's official website for more information regarding the foregoing.

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The District has not been audited by OSC in the past five years.

References to websites and/or website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only and implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

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REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed and Full Valuations

The following table sets forth the assessed and full valuation of taxable real property, the District's real property tax levy, including taxes levied for library purposes, and rates of tax per \$1,000 assessed valuation for the last five fiscal years.

Real Property Tax Assessments, Rates and Collections					
<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30:</u>					
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Taxable Assessed Values	\$266,981,513	\$267,268,362	\$266,423,663	\$264,835,590	\$264,854,215
STAR Exemptions	<u>31,577,322</u>	<u>29,151,396</u>	<u>26,547,869</u>	<u>20,428,609</u>	<u>17,712,796</u>
Gross Assessed Values	298,558,835	296,419,758	292,971,532	285,264,199	282,567,011
Equalization Rate ⁽¹⁾	<u>2.91%</u>	<u>2.86%</u>	<u>2.49%</u>	<u>2.44%</u>	<u>2.34%</u>
Full Values	<u>\$10,259,753,780</u>	<u>\$10,364,327,202</u>	<u>\$11,765,924,980</u>	<u>\$11,691,155,697</u>	<u>\$12,075,513,291</u>
Tax Levy ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾					
District	\$179,391,595	\$184,499,914	\$189,708,643	\$197,440,238	\$199,343,419
Library	<u>4,939,483</u>	<u>5,261,511</u>	<u>5,467,069</u>	<u>5,680,081</u>	<u>5,680,081</u>
	<u>\$184,331,078</u>	<u>\$189,761,425</u>	<u>\$195,175,712</u>	<u>\$203,120,319</u>	<u>\$205,023,500</u>
Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾					
District	\$750.41	\$764.72	\$784.17	\$806.19	\$806.19
Library	<u>18.50</u>	<u>19.69</u>	<u>20.52</u>	<u>21.45</u>	<u>21.45</u>
	<u>\$768.91</u>	<u>\$784.41</u>	<u>\$804.69</u>	<u>\$827.64</u>	<u>\$827.64</u>

(1) Regular State equalization rates as determined by the ORPTS.

(2) The District became responsible for levying library taxes.

(3) Net of STAR.

Source: The Joint Statement of School Taxes and the STAR Reimbursement Application Form.

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, Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, 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

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

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

The Tax Levy Limit Law imposes 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, 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 increase in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, or a subsequent resubmitted 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.

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

Tax Collection Procedures

The real property taxes of the District are collected by the City. School taxes are due and payable in two equal installments due on October 1 and April 1, and may be paid without penalty to the end of those respective months. District taxes, including any delinquent payments, are remitted to the District by the City as they are collected. Interest accrues on delinquent taxes at a rate of 2% per month; such interest is paid to the District by the City. A 5% penalty, which is retained by the City, is added to all current school taxes unpaid as of July 20th. The City must remit to the District any school taxes which remain unpaid two years after the date on which the District certifies the unpaid taxes to the City.

The District is responsible for the taxes levied for the New Rochelle Public Library (the “Library”) and pays the full amount of such taxes to the Library on or before June 30th each year. The Library receives 50% of its taxes in November and 50% in May.

The following table sets forth the amount of the annual real property tax levy and the current tax collection record of the District for the five most recently completed fiscal years and the most recently available figures for the current fiscal year.

Fiscal Years Ended June 30:	Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	Current Taxes Collected	Percentage Collected
2016	\$181,250,567	\$174,700,519	96.4%
2017	184,331,079	175,130,529	95.0
2018	189,761,425	186,073,303	98.1
2019	195,175,712	187,366,376	96.0
2020	203,120,319	188,003,656	92.6
2021 ⁽²⁾	205,023,500	186,482,905	91.0

(1) Includes Library taxes but net of STAR estimated payments.

(2) As of April 30, 2021.

Source: School District Officials.

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.

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget included changes to the STAR program. For those homeowners with incomes over \$250,000, the STAR exemption benefit was capped at the 2019 fiscal year level, rather than allowed to grow by up to 2% annually under the STAR credit program. Those homeowners with incomes between \$250,000 and \$500,000 are able to convert to the credit program to maintain the full STAR benefit.

The State’s 2020-21 Enacted Budget withholds STAR benefits to taxpayers who are delinquent in the payment of their school taxes and maintains the income limit for the exemption to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit.

Approximately 6.64% of the District’s 2020-2021 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately 6.04% of the District’s 2021-2022 school tax levy is expected to be exempt by the STAR program and the District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2022 (see “*State Aid*” herein).

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Ten of the Largest Taxpayers

Larger Taxpayers (For the Collection of 2020-2021 Taxes)

Name	Property Use	Assessed Valuation	% Total Assessed Valuation ⁽²⁾
Con Edison Co. of NY	Public Utility	\$9,899,337	3.74%
SUEZ Water	Public Utility	2,851,766	1.08
NEW ROC Associates LP	Entertainment	1,903,200	0.72
Harbor One Company LLC ⁽¹⁾	Apartment Building	1,457,350	0.55
GHP 145 Huguenot Delaware LLC ⁽¹⁾	Office Building	725,000	0.27
Costco Wholesale Corporation ⁽¹⁾	Retail	693,550	0.26
Joyce Road E&A LLC	Retail	667,000	0.25
210-220-230 Owners Corp	Apartment Building	661,500	0.25
HD Development of Maryland ⁽¹⁾	Retail Services	646,600	0.24
Palmer-Petersville Leopold LP	Retail Services	496,550	0.19
Totals		<u>\$20,001,853</u>	<u>7.55%</u>

(1) Currently has a tax cert pending with the City of New Rochelle.

(2) The City's total assessed valuation for the 2021 fiscal year is \$264,616,118.

Source: The City of New Rochelle Assessors Office and District Officials.

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

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

Purpose and Pledge. Subject to certain enumerated exceptions, the District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private corporation or give or loan its credit to or in aid of any of the foregoing or any public corporation.

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

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid in one of the two fiscal years immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which such indebtedness was contracted, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute or, in the alternative, the weighted average period of probable usefulness of the several objects or purposes for which such indebtedness is to be contracted. No installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the District determines to issue a particular debt obligation amortizing on the basis of 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 and such required annual installments on its notes.

Debt Limit. The District has the power to contract indebtedness for any District purpose so long as the principal amount thereof shall not exceed five per centum of the average full valuation of taxable real estate of the District,

subject to certain enumerated exclusions and deductions such as water and certain sewer facilities and cash or appropriations for current debt service. The constitutional method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the rate which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as determined by the State Office of Real Property Tax Services (the "ORPTS"). The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such rate shall be determined. Average full valuation is determined by taking the sum of the full valuations of such last completed assessment roll and the four preceding assessment rolls and dividing such sum by five.

Statutory Procedure

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

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

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 procedures in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

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 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

**Computation of Constitutional
Debt Contracting Limitation
As of May 26, 2021**

<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Year of Assessment Roll:</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Special State Equalization Ratio ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Full Valuations</u>
2017	2016	\$298,558,835	2.50%	\$11,942,353,400
2018	2017	296,419,758	2.45	12,098,765,633
2019	2018	292,971,532	2.35	12,466,873,702
2020	2019	285,264,199	2.32	12,295,870,647
2021	2020	282,567,011	2.28	12,393,289,956
				<u>\$61,197,153,337</u>
Total Five Year Average Full Valuation				<u>12,239,430,667</u>
Constitutional Debt Limit (5%)				<u>\$ 611,971,533</u>

(1) Special State Equalization Rates established by the ORPTS.

**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness
As of May 26, 2021**

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% of Debt Limit</u>
Debt Contracting Limitation: Five Per Centum of Five-Year Average Full Valuation ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 611,971,533</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Gross Debt:		
Serial Bonds	48,183,005	7.87
Bond Anticipation Notes	52,515,000	8.58
Total Gross Debt ⁽²⁾	<u>100,698,005</u>	<u>16.45</u>
Less Exclusions and Deductions: ⁽³⁾		
Appropriations to Pay Principal Debt	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Exclusions	<u>-0-</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Net Indebtedness ⁽²⁾	<u>100,698,005</u>	<u>16.45</u>
Debt Contracting Margin	<u>\$ 461,330,555</u>	<u>83.55%</u>

(1) Based on Special State Equalization Rates as established by the ORPTS.

(2) Debt excludes energy performance contract debt of \$9,597,474 as of June 30, 2020. Payments will be made semi-annually through the 2030 fiscal year.

(3) State law makes no provision for deducting State School Building Aid to determine the debt contracting power of a city school district. Based on current State aid data, the District estimates it will receive approximately \$29.3 million in such State building aid.

Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes

The District has not issued revenue anticipation notes in any of the past five fiscal years and currently has no plans of issuing any in the foreseeable future.

In common with other school districts in the State, the District periodically borrows in anticipation of the receipt of its real property tax levy. Historically, the District has paid all notes on their due date and such notes have been paid by the end of the fiscal year.

The following table is a history of the District’s tax anticipation note borrowings during the last five completed fiscal years and for the current year as of May 27, 2021:

<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Balance July 1:</u>	<u>Amount Issued</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Balance June 30:</u>
2016	-0-	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	-0-
2017	-0-	12,000,000	12,000,000	-0-
2018	-0-	10,000,000	10,000,000	-0-
2019	-0-	-0-	-0-	N/A
2020	-0-	-0-	-0-	N/A
2021 ⁽¹⁾	-0-	-0-	-0-	N/A

(1) The District currently does not plan on issuing tax anticipation notes in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District is authorized to issue short-term indebtedness, in the form of notes as specified by such statute, to finance both capital and operating purposes.

As of May 27, 2021, the District has \$52,515,000 in outstanding bond anticipation notes. Such notes were issued in connection with a District-wide \$106,479,575 capital improvement project. The proceeds of the Bonds, together with \$1,010,000 in available funds, will be used to redeem such bond anticipation notes which mature on June 23, 2021. (See “*Authority for and Purpose of the Bonds*” herein).

Energy Performance Contract Lease

The District has energy performance contract lease debt outstanding in the amount of \$9,597,474, as of June 30, 2020.

Trend of Capital Indebtedness

The following table provides information relating to the outstanding indebtedness of the District for the years ended June 30, 2016 through 2020. Refunded debt and energy performance contract debt has been excluded.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bond Anticipation Notes	\$ 1,315,000	\$12,290,684	\$39,225,369	\$54,325,000	\$52,515,000
Bonds	<u>46,555,000</u>	<u>39,675,000</u>	<u>32,520,000</u>	<u>26,251,756</u>	<u>50,540,327</u>
Total	<u>\$47,870,000</u>	<u>\$51,965,684</u>	<u>\$71,745,369</u>	<u>\$80,576,756</u>	<u>\$103,055,327</u>

Source: Audited financial statements of the District.

Overlapping Debt 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 the City and County, including certain special County districts. Such taxpayers' share of overlapping 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 debt and the District's share of this debt as of the dates provided. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness As of May 26, 2021

Gross Direct Indebtedness	\$100,698,005
Exclusions and Deductions	<u>-0-</u>
Net Direct Indebtedness ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$100,698,005</u>

<u>Overlapping Units</u>	<u>Date of Report</u>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>Percentage Applicable</u>	<u>Applicable Net Indebtedness</u>
Westchester County	03-31-21	\$903,852,566	5.45%	\$49,259,965
City of New Rochelle	01-26-21	71,687,202	100.00	<u>71,687,202</u>
				<u><u>\$120,947,167</u></u>

(1) Excludes energy performance contract debt.

Source: Official Statements obtained from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Debt Ratios

The following table presents certain debt ratios relating to the District's debt. Energy performance contract debt has been excluded. The effects of State school building aid, estimated to be approximately \$29.3 million, are not reflected in the following ratios.

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Ratio to Estimated Full Value of Taxable Property ⁽²⁾</u>
Net Direct Debt	\$100,698,005	\$1,281.85	0.83%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	221,645,172	2,821.46	1.84

(1) The 2019 population of the City (coterminous with the District) is estimated at 78,557, according to estimated data obtained from the US Census Bureau (2019 Estimates).

(2) The District's full value of taxable property, computed with regular state equalization rates, for fiscal 2020-2021 is \$12,075,513,291 (See "Real Property Taxes" herein).

Authorized and Unissued Debt

Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$7,174,575 in authorized but unissued debt to finance the costs of the Project. (See "Authority for and Purpose of the Bonds" herein).

Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness, exclusive of the Bonds. The calculation excludes energy performance contract debt.

Years Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total	Cumulative % Principal Paid
2021 ⁽¹⁾	\$4,462,322	\$1,983,670	\$6,445,992	8.83%
2022	4,638,370	1,793,449	6,431,819	18.01
2023	4,824,618	1,566,966	6,391,584	27.55
2024	5,041,036	1,330,888	6,371,924	37.53
2025	5,267,670	1,084,031	6,351,701	47.95
2026	2,179,534	894,865	3,074,399	52.26
2027	2,286,642	788,542	3,075,184	56.79
2028	2,399,010	676,754	3,075,764	61.53
2029	2,516,656	558,979	3,075,635	66.51
2030	2,614,602	458,708	3,073,310	71.69
2031	2,722,873	354,528	3,077,401	77.07
2032	2,806,495	271,280	3,077,775	82.63
2033	2,890,499	185,449	3,075,948	88.35
2034	2,850,000	125,300	2,975,300	93.99
2035	2,910,000	65,900	2,975,900	99.74
2036	130,000	5,200	135,200	100.00
Totals	<u>\$50,540,327</u>	<u>\$12,144,509</u>	<u>\$62,684,836</u>	

(1) For entire fiscal year.

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Population

The following table sets forth population statistics for the City, the County and the State.

	<u>Population</u>				
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
				<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2019</u>
City	72,182	77,062	78,557	6.8%	1.9%
County	923,459	949,113	967,506	2.8	1.9
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,453,561	2.1	0.4

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 2019 Estimates.

Income

Income levels for the City are below the County as a whole but have consistently exceeded those of the State.

Per Capita Money Income 2019

	<u>2019</u>
City	\$48,232
County	57,049
State	39,326

Source: The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 2019 Estimates.

Employment

Civilian employment levels are not compiled for the District, but are available for the City, County and State.

Average Employed Civilian Labor Force 2000 - 2020

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
				<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2020</u>
City	34,800	35,500	35,100	2.0%	(1.1)%
County	446,700	443,100	437,800	(0.8)	(1.2)
State	8,727,500	8,790,600	8,361,000	0.7	(4.8)

Source: The New York State Department of Labor.

Unemployment rates are not compiled for the District, but are available for the City, County and State.

Average Unemployment Rates ⁽¹⁾

<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2016	4.9%	4.4%	4.9%
2017	5.0	4.5	4.6
2018	4.3	3.9	4.1
2019	4.0	3.6	3.8
2020	9.0	8.4	10.0
2021: ⁽²⁾			
Jan	7.8	6.6	9.4
Feb	8.3	7.0	9.7
Mar	7.3	6.2	8.5

(1) Figures in this section are historical and do not speak as to current or projected employment rates. Unemployment has drastically increased since mid-March due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. (See "*Risk Factors*" herein.)

(2) Monthly Rates.

Source: New York State Labor Department and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Major Private Sector Employers in the County

<u>Name Of Business</u>	<u>Nature Of Business</u>
Westchester Medical Center	Hospital and health care services
IBM Corp.	Computer hardware and software
White Plains Hospital	Acute health care services, preventative medical care
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	Pharmaceuticals
St. John's Riverside Hospital	Hospital and health care services
PepsiCo Inc.	Soft drink manufacturing
St. Joseph's Medical Center	Hospital and health care services
FDR VA Hospital	Hospital and health care services
Northern Westchester Hospital	Hospital and health care services
Montefiore New Rochelle	Hospital and health care services

Source: Official Statement for Westchester County dated April 2020. Information was compiled by Data Axle Reference Solutions as of February 2021.

Development Activities

Major planned developments and the estimated cost of construction based on permits issued for each of the developments within th District is set forth below.

2019-2020 Permits Issued

<u>Development</u>	<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
391 Huguenot Street	60	\$ 11,419,500
14 LeCount Place	380	78,025,000
Church/Division Street	352	124,825,639
10 Commerce Drive	172	38,300,000
64 Centre Avenue	144	28,025,000
600 North avenue	75	20,000,000
26 Garden Street	0	21,546,000
339 Huguenot Street	285	77,900,000
25 Maple Avenue	184	33,975,000
25 Maple Avenue	334	57,600,000

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2021-2022 Projected Permits

<u>Development</u>	<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
14 LeCount Place(Phase II)	173	\$ 45,000,000
Church/Division Street (Tower B)	390	131,000,755
277 North Avenue	442	129,082,788
2 Hamilton Avenue	56	12,530,340
500 Main Street	477	115,000,000
26 Garden Street (Phase 1b)	186	56,036,992
11 Garden Street	219	73,000,000
327 Huguenot Street	249	80,000,000
265 Huguenot Street (DSF Tower 2)	301	120,000,000
247 North Avenue	300	100,000,000
525 Main Street	351	124,500,000
116 Guinon Place	179	97,000,000
316 Huguenot Street	315	84,720,000
115 Cedar Street	225	56,000,000
11 Lawton Street	596	250,000,000
57 Grand Street	70	11,865,000
8 Westchester Place	72	14,025,000
45 Harrison Street	238	84,400,000

Source: Official Statement of the City of New Rochelle, Westchester County, dated February 11, 2021 (obtained from the Electronic Municipal Market Access website, ("EMMA"). The District cannot predict whether such projects will move forward.

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES

NEW ROCHELLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Budgeted Revenues and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	2020-2021 Adopted Budget	2021-2022 Adopted Budget
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<u>REVENUES</u>		
Real Property Taxes	\$213,591,114	\$218,482,351
Real Property Tax Items	2,378,175	2,887,000
Non-Property Tax Items	3,284,322	3,284,322
Charges For Services	3,425,000	3,425,000
Use of Money & Property	1,100,000	775,000
Sale of Property and Compensation for loss	70,000	120,000
Interfund Revenue	275,000	275,000
State Aid	47,918,310	54,548,500
Federal Aid	300,000	300,000
Miscellaneous	2,153,227	1,919,401
Appropriated Fund Balance	9,435,387	4,643,115
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Total Revenues	<u>\$283,930,535</u>	<u>\$290,659,689</u>
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>		
General Support	\$32,284,164	\$33,658,248
Instruction	158,266,678	162,526,914
Pupil Transportation	13,817,758	14,440,540
Employee Benefits	62,995,225	64,764,852
Community Services	25,000	25,333
Interfund Transfers	3,550,000	4,122,500
Debt Service	12,991,710	11,121,302
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Total Expenditures	<u>\$283,930,535</u>	<u>\$290,659,689</u>

Source: Annual Budgets of the New Rochelle City School District.

NEW ROCHELLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Comparative Balance Sheet - General Fund
Fiscal Years Ended June 30:

As of June 30:	2019	2020
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$47,451,857	\$58,734,242
Taxes	4,346,881	5,729,501
Accounts Receivable	7,181,281	0
State & Federal Aid Receivable	5,853,829	5,773,567
Due from Other Governments	12,547,849	8,626,313
Due from other funds	2,223,788	5,899,201
Other	0	171,908
Prepaid Expenditures	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$79,605,485	\$84,934,732
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$5,299,694	\$11,365,500
Accrued Liabilities	12,269,509	425,410
Compensated absences	0	396,071
Due to Other Governments	0	0
Due to Other Funds	7,881,144	7,322,351
Due to Retirement Systems	14,255,292	12,737,932
Deferred Tax Revenues	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	39,705,639	32,247,264
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>	4,547,678	5,399,818
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>		
Nonspendable	0	0
Restricted	20,890,059	22,751,616
Assigned	3,219,429	12,832,025
Unassigned	11,242,680	11,704,009
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	35,352,168	47,287,650
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$79,605,485	\$84,934,732

Source: Information for this appendix has been extracted from the audited financial statements of the New Rochelle City School District. This summary itself has not been audited. Reference should be made to the complete financial statements on file at the District's office.

NEW ROCHELLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

Year Ended June 30:	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
REVENUES					
Real Property Taxes	\$174,700,519	\$181,859,514	\$183,328,690	\$190,552,248	\$197,495,295
Other Tax Items	24,538,213	23,348,684	21,913,112	22,119,568	22,900,356
Non-Property Taxes	3,382,159	2,315,205	2,869,221	2,527,997	0
Charges for Services	4,177,165	3,693,753	2,658,531	2,236,357	3,522,334
Use of Money and Property	254,401	282,981	851,464	1,150,307	518,378
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	51,069	4,264	6,561	179,784	198,317
State Sources	38,312,805	42,064,520	42,786,510	48,346,360	51,134,826
Federal Aid	170,285	182,559	223,884	178,775	598,516
Miscellaneous	1,621,525	1,453,815	2,242,639	1,797,860	4,835,090
Total Revenues	247,208,141	255,205,295	256,880,612	269,089,256	281,203,112
EXPENDITURES					
General Support	29,733,657	27,361,991	33,618,930	31,300,167	30,328,990
Instruction	133,943,839	138,709,289	142,288,809	147,349,307	152,076,609
Pupil Transportation	12,299,085	11,127,008	13,296,242	13,268,668	13,125,872
Community Services	823	14,261	2,469	12,815	23,462
Employee Benefits	53,216,952	55,361,602	52,155,810	57,458,420	57,323,617
Debt Service	9,703,186	9,713,902	9,913,066	10,470,861	12,725,966
Total Expenditures	238,897,542	242,288,053	251,275,326	259,860,238	265,604,516
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	8,310,599	12,917,242	5,605,286	9,229,018	15,598,596
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	0	0	275,000	0	180,736
Operating Transfers Out	(4,526,421)	(3,746,248)	(3,937,045)	(3,839,956)	(3,843,850)
Bonds Issued	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources	(4,526,421)	(3,746,248)	(3,662,045)	(3,839,956)	(3,663,114)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,784,178	9,170,994	1,943,241	5,389,062	11,935,482
Fund Balances (Deficits) - Beginning of Year	\$15,064,693	\$18,848,871	\$28,019,865	\$29,963,106	\$35,352,168
Fund Balances - End of Year	\$18,848,871	\$28,019,865	\$29,963,106	\$35,352,168	\$47,287,650

Source: Information for this appendix has been extracted from the audited financial statements of the New Rochelle City School District. This summary itself has not been audited. Reference should be made to the complete audit reports on file at the District office.

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/P21512693.pdf>

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

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

APPENDIX D

FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

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

June 17, 2021

The Board of Education of
the City School District of the City of New Rochelle, in the
County of Westchester, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the City School District of the City of New Rochelle (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 \$60,000,000 School District Serial Bonds-2021 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.

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 excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes 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 their date of issuance, 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 School District which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in said Bonds.

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX E

FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

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 City School District of the City of New Rochelle, 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 Certificate of Award, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of June 3, 2021.

“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 **\$60,000,000 School District Serial Bonds-2021 Series A**, dated June 17, 2021, maturing in various principal amounts on June 15 in each of the years 2022 to 2041, 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,” “REAL PROPERTY TAXES,” “DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS” and “ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION” 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 **June 17, 2021** .

**CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF NEW
ROCHELLE**

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