

NEW & RENEWAL ISSUE

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

In the opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), as amended. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the interest on the Notes is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. Furthermore, Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by New York State and any political subdivision thereof. See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein.

The Notes 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 JAMESTOWN CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK

\$17,990,000 **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2021** (the "Notes")

Date of Issue: June 16, 2021

Date of Maturity: June 16, 2022

The Notes will be general obligations of the District, and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and, unless paid from other sources, the Notes 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 (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York [the "Tax Levy Limitation Law"]; see "TAX INFORMATION-Tax Levy Limitation Law," herein).

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

To the extent that the Notes are issued through DTC, the Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in Jersey City, New Jersey, which will act as Securities Depository for the Notes. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, as may be determined by the successful Bidder(s). Purchasers of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. Payments of principal of and interest on the Notes will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

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

The Notes are dated June 16, 2021 and bear interest from that date until June 16, 2022, the maturity date, at the annual rate as specified by the purchaser of the Notes. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the approval of the legality thereof by Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Notes will be available for delivery on or about June 16, 2021 in Jersey City, New Jersey (through the facilities of DTC) or as otherwise may be agreed upon between the District and the purchaser.

THE DISTRICT DEEMS THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO BE FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF RULE 15c2-12 UNDER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED (THE "RULE"), EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN OMITTED HEREFROM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULE AND THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS UPDATED FOLLOWING THE SALE OF THE NOTES. THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL BE SO UPDATED UPON REQUEST OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE OF SALE WITH RESPECT TO THE NOTES. UNLESS THE NOTES ARE PURCHASED FOR THE BUYER'S OWN ACCOUNT, AS PRINCIPAL FOR INVESTMENT AND NOT FOR RESALE, THE DISTRICT WILL COVENANT IN AN UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF CERTAIN DESIGNATED EVENTS, AS REQUIRED BY THE RULE. SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING," HEREIN.

Dated: May 26, 2021

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CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

**\$17,990,000
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2021
(the "Notes")**

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the City School District of the City of Jamestown, County of Chautauqua, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively), in connection with the sale of the District's \$17,990,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2021 (the "Notes").

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

Statements in this Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, which are based on the District management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District's management and staff. **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. See "COVID-19," herein.**

THE NOTES

Description of the Notes

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

To the extent that the Notes are issued through DTC, the Notes will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as Securities Depository for the Notes. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. Payments of principal of and interest on the Notes will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes.

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

The Notes are dated June 16, 2021 and bear interest from that date until June 16, 2022, the maturity date, at the annual rate as specified by the purchaser(s) of the Notes. The Notes are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Authority for and Purposes

The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Local Finance Law and the Education Law, and pursuant to a bond resolution that was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the School District (the “Board”) on September 30, 2011, and thereafter approved by the qualified voters of the District at a special meeting held on November 14, 2011, authorizing the issuance of obligations of the District in an estimated maximum amount of \$68,000,000 for the financing of an approved capital improvements project at various District buildings and facilities (the “Project”).

A portion of the proceeds of the Notes in the amount of \$14,895,000, along with \$1,100,000 of budgetary appropriations, will be used to redeem and renew, in part, an outstanding bond anticipation note of the District that was issued on June 17, 2020 for the Project. The remaining proceeds of the Notes will provide \$3,095,000 of original financing for the Project.

Pursuant to paragraph c of section 104.00 of the Local Finance Law, the District received a consent order dated April 17, 2012 of the State Comptroller to issue obligations for this project. This consent relates only to the authority of the District to exceed its debt limit and not to any other matter.

Nature of Obligation

The Notes, when duly issued and paid for, will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof.

The Notes will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. 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 (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by the Tax Levy Limitation Law); see “TAX INFORMATION-Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate therefor. On June 24, 2011, the Tax Levy Limitation Law was adopted in the State. The Tax Levy Limitation Law established certain limitations on the power of local governments and school districts to increase the property tax levy beyond certain prescribed limits (without following certain prescribed procedures). The Tax Levy Limitation Law had its first application with respect to the District’s budget for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Tax Levy Limitation Law does make certain allowances for the exclusion of tax levy increases associated with capital expenses by school districts. See “TAX INFORMATION-Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein. Also, certain special protective procedures and remedies available to holders of school district debt remain in place and are not affected by the Tax Levy Limitation Law. See “DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS—Remedies Upon Default,” herein.

Book-Entry-Only System

The following applies to the extent that the Notes are issued in book-entry form. DTC, in New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each Note which bears the same rate of interest and CUSIP number, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC. One fully registered note certificate will be issued and

deposited with DTC for each maturity of the Notes in the aggregate principal amount of the issue. 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 Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes 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 Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. 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 Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

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

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

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

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

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT DTC DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES: (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO: (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (2) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE NOTES.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN CONCERNING DTC AND ITS BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM DTC AND THE DISTRICT MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE COMPLETENESS OR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES IN SUCH INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

Source: The Depository Trust Company

COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19, a serious respiratory disease caused by a novel strain of coronavirus, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

Economic Impacts

The outbreak of COVID-19 has drastically affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally. As almost all nations have experienced a rise in infections and implemented containment measures that in the case of some nations (including the United States) have been drastic, economies have suffered in the extreme. While several vaccines have been developed and are now being deployed world-wide, the full impact of the pandemic is difficult to predict due to uncertainties regarding its duration and severity.

While initially the hospitality and tourism industries were hardest hit, within a short period of time there was widespread unemployment across all economic sectors in the United States.

Uncertainty regarding the short, medium and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic initially caused extreme volatility across all financial markets, including the primary and secondary markets for municipal bonds. In the United States, Congress and the Federal Reserve took significant steps to backstop those markets and to provide much-needed liquidity, and markets have since generally stabilized. Still, given these conditions, it is possible that the process of trading the Notes in the secondary market could be affected in ways that are difficult to predict.

Federal Response

The federal government has passed several pieces of legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic including the \$2.3 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act of 2020 and the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP”) Act of 2021, both of which provide funding for pandemic-related expenses and attempt to address financial stability and liquidity issues through a variety of stimulus measures.

Stimulus Efforts for State and Local Governments: The CARES Act included a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provided funds to states, tribal governments and local governments with populations exceeding 500,000 (local governments with smaller populations could receive monies from the amount allocated to their state). This money was intended for programs that were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency resulting from the pandemic. This money was not intended to be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it could indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where the expenses that were covered by this fund would otherwise create a further budget shortfall.

The CARES Act also included an Education Stabilization Fund, which provided \$30.75 billion for K-12 and higher education systems. There were three main forms of relief: \$13.2 billion for K-12 schools that was administered on a state-by-state basis, \$14 billion for public and private colleges and universities, and \$3 billion in emergency relief that governors could distribute to schools, colleges and universities that were particularly affected by COVID-19 and the ensuing crisis.

The ARP Act includes an additional \$350 billion for states, tribal governments and local governments. Notably, in addition to the uses allowed under the CARES Act, ARP funds can be used to replace revenues lost due to COVID-19 and to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. These broader categories allow such governments much more flexibility utilizing such funds.

The ARP Act also includes a total of \$170.3 billion in funding for education, including more than \$122.8 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (“ESSER”). The largest portion of such ESSER funds will be distributed to school districts based on their relative share of Title I funding, but additional moneys are also allocated to help schools address learning time lost by students, after-school and summer enrichment programs, and administration costs.

Municipal Liquidity Facility: The Federal Reserve established a “Municipal Liquidity Facility” (“MLF”) in 2020 that offered up to \$500 billion in direct federal lending to certain larger issuers, which were in turn able to use their own loan proceeds to make loans to included smaller governmental units that would not otherwise qualify for this program. The MLF expired on December 31, 2020. Most municipal issuers did not have to resort to the MLF because rates have been conducive to issuing debt through the conventional municipal bond market; however, it is notable that the MLF existed as a market backstop if needed.

State Response

Executive orders: Pursuant to emergency powers granted by the State Legislature, Governor Cuomo has released a number of executive orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to State Executive Order 202.4, every school in the State was directed to close no later than March 18, 2020. While schools were originally ordered closed until April 1, the time period was later extended to May 15, and then through the end of the school year. School districts must normally maintain 180-day in-class attendance for State aid; however, this requirement was waived to the extent attributable to COVID-19 related closures during the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, pursuant to State Executive Orders Nos. 202.13 and 202.26, the school district elections and budget votes that normally would have been held in-person on May 19, 2020 were postponed and conducted by absentee ballot, with such ballots being counted on June 16, 2020.

While initially “non-essential” employees were mandated to work from home, starting on May 15, 2020, regions of the State that met certain criteria were allowed to begin reopening. Reopening occurred in phases, with different businesses and industries allowed to open in each phase.

As COVID-19 cases began to rise again in the fall of 2020, the State shifted to a strategy based on identifying areas with higher positivity rates and implementing successively higher restrictions in such areas. Such areas were labeled “yellow”, “orange” or “red.” When COVID-19 cases dropped again, affected areas could be removed from the list. As of March 22, 2021, all remaining yellow zone cluster restrictions were lifted; therefore, there were no longer any areas of the State subject to special restrictions under such system.

Since increased supplies of COVID-19 vaccine have become available, the State is encouraging residents to get vaccinated and, as of April 6, 2021, all New Yorkers 16 years of age and older are eligible to receive a vaccine.

Up-to-date information on the State’s COVID-19 response can be found at <https://forward.ny.gov>. Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

State Budget: The City of New York was an early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and as a result the State suffered significant revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenses beginning at the end of the State’s 2019-2020 fiscal year, and continuing during the State’s 2020-2021 fiscal year.

In response, the enacted State budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year allowed the State to reduce expenditures (including aid to local school districts and municipalities) if tax receipts were lower than anticipated. Accordingly, in June, 2020 the State Division of the Budget (“DOB”) began withholding 20 percent of most local aid payments, although such aid has generally since been restored.

Many of the State’s 2020-2021 budget decisions were based on the uncertainty of future federal aid. In the period of time since such decisions were made, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law (on March 11, 2021), which legislation includes almost \$24 billion in funding for various levels of government in the State, including approximately \$12.5 billion for the State, \$6 billion for New York City, and \$4 billion to be divided among counties in the State; another \$12 billion is intended to be used toward the safe reopening of K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

Accordingly, the State enacted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is more expansive (about 10% higher) than the prior budget, including significantly increased funding for schools and local governments. School districts will benefit from a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year Foundation Aid full restoration phase-in that will allow all school districts to receive the increased level of Foundation Aid that was originally promised in 2007, along with a \$105 million expansion of full-day prekindergarten. Local governments will receive a full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding. Further, municipalities that host Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facilities will receive a full restoration of \$10.3 million in proposed VLT aid cuts.

Although the 2021-2022 budget contains additional aid for school districts and municipalities, it is uncertain whether the State will have future budget shortfalls necessitating cuts to State aid. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District.

Legislation Allowing Financial Flexibility for Municipalities and School Districts:

On August 24, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed legislation allowing municipalities and school districts additional financial flexibility in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas municipalities and school districts in the State typically may only pursue short-term financing for five years, under certain circumstances the new legislation allows note financing for up to an additional two years prior to converting to long-term bonds.

The new legislation also allows municipalities and school districts additional flexibility related to the use of reserve funds or inter-fund transfers for costs associated with COVID-19. The typical mandatory or permissive referendum requirements for the expenditure of funds from a capital reserve fund have been waived for capital costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moneys from a capital reserve fund can also be temporarily advanced for operating costs or other costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, so long as such moneys are repaid within five fiscal years, with interest. Additionally, while inter-fund transfers must typically be repaid by the end of the fiscal year in which the transfer is made, inter-fund advances for costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic do not need to be repaid until the close of the following fiscal year.

Local Response

The State Executive Law Section 24 contains procedures for local governments to declare local states of emergency and issue orders to implement the same. Specifically, in the event of a qualifying disaster or reasonable apprehension of immediate danger to the public safety, the municipal chief executive has the authority to declare a local state of emergency for a period of up to 30 days and issue orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control.

While the District itself is not able to declare a local state of emergency, the County has done so. The District closed in mid-March 2020 and did not resume session for the rest of the 2019-20 school year. During the timeframe of the closure the District provided education to students remotely and was responsible for providing meal deliveries to students.

The District is continuing to monitor this situation and will attempt to mitigate any such adverse effects through program cuts or staffing reductions, as needed.

While the impacts of COVID-19 on the global, federal, State and local economy cannot be predicted with any certainty, the pandemic could have a significant adverse effect on the District's finances.

MARKET FACTORS

The financial condition of the District as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the District's control. There can be no assurance that adverse events in the State, 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

Notes. 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 Notes, could be adversely affected.

Disease outbreaks or similar public health threats could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results. The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. See "COVID-19" herein for a further discussion of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, which could have a significant adverse effect on the District's finances.

The District is dependent to a substantial degree on financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid. No delay in payment of State aid for the remainder of the District's current fiscal year is presently anticipated although no assurance can be given that there will not be a delay in payment thereof. If the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, in this year or future years, the District may be affected by such a delay, until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the District.

The City of New York was an early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and as a result the State suffered significant revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenses beginning at the end of the State's 2019-2020 fiscal year, and continuing during the State's 2020-2021 fiscal year.

In response, the enacted State budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year allowed the State to reduce expenditures (including aid to local school districts and municipalities) if tax receipts were lower than anticipated. Accordingly, in June 2020 the State Division of the Budget ("DOB") began withholding 20 percent of most local aid payments, although such aid has generally since been restored.

Many of the State's 2020-2021 budget decisions were based on the uncertainty of future federal aid. In the period of time since such decisions were made, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law (on March 11, 2021), which legislation includes almost \$24 billion in funding for various levels of government in the State, including approximately \$12.5 billion for the State, \$6 billion for New York City, and \$4 billion to be divided among counties in the State; another \$12 billion is intended to be used toward the safe reopening of K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

Accordingly, the State enacted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is more expansive (about 10% higher) than the prior budget, including significantly increased funding for schools and local governments. School districts will benefit from a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year Foundation Aid full restoration phase-in that will allow all school districts to receive the increased level of Foundation Aid that was originally promised in 2007, along with a \$105 million expansion of full-day prekindergarten. Local governments will receive a full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding. Further, municipalities that host Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facilities will receive a full restoration of \$10.3 million in proposed VLT aid cuts.

Although the 2021-2022 budget contains additional aid for school districts and municipalities, it is uncertain whether the State will have future budget shortfalls necessitating cuts to State aid. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District. See "COVID-19," herein, for further details on the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the State.

Should the District fail to receive moneys expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the District is authorized by the Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

The market for the Notes could also be affected if the Code were to be amended to reduce or eliminate the favorable tax treatment granted to municipal debt, including the Notes and other debt issued by the District. See the discussion in “TAX EXEMPTION” herein.

TAX EXEMPTION

Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel, will deliver an opinion that, under existing law, the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the individual alternative minimum tax imposed by the Code. However, such opinion will note that the District, by failing to comply with certain restrictions contained in the Code, may cause interest on the Notes to become subject to federal income taxation from the date of issuance of the Notes. Such opinion will state that interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York).

In rendering the foregoing opinion, Hodgson Russ LLP will note that the exclusion of the interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes is subject to, among other things, continuing compliance by the District with the applicable requirements of Code Sections 141, 148, and 149, and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “Tax Requirements”). In the opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, the tax certificate and the nonarbitrage certificate that will be executed and delivered by the District in connection with the issuance of the Notes (collectively, the “Certificates”) establish requirements and procedures, compliance with which will satisfy the Tax Requirements.

The Tax Requirements referred to above, which must be complied with in order that interest on the Notes remains excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, include, but are not limited to:

1. The requirement that the proceeds of the Notes be used in a manner so that the Notes are not obligations which meet the definition of a “private activity bond” within the meaning of Code Section 141;
2. The requirements contained in Code Section 148 relating to arbitrage notes; and
3. The requirements that payment of principal or interest on the Notes not be directly or indirectly guaranteed (in whole or in part) by the United States (or any agency or instrumentality thereof) as provided in Code Section 149(b).

In the Certificates, the District will covenant to comply with the Tax Requirements, and to refrain from taking any action which would cause the interest on the Notes to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any violation of the Tax Requirements may cause the interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes from the date of issuance of the Notes. Hodgson Russ LLP expresses no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on, or disposition of, the Notes may have collateral federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations, certain foreign corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry the Notes. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisors as to any possible collateral consequences from their ownership of, or receipt of interest on, or disposition of, the Notes. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral federal income tax consequences.

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to non-corporate holders with respect to payments of principal, payments of interest, and the proceeds of the sale of a bond or note before maturity within the United States. Backup withholding may apply to a holder of the Notes under Code Section 3406, if such holder fails to provide the information required on Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) Form

W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or the IRS has specifically identified the holder as being subject to backup withholding because of prior underreporting. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner, and which constitutes over-withholding, would be allowed as a refund or a credit against such beneficial owner's United States federal income tax provided the required information is furnished to the IRS. Neither the information reporting requirement nor the backup withholding requirement affects the excludability of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Bond Counsel has not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events occurring after the date of issuance of the Notes may affect the tax status of interest on the Notes. The Code has been continuously subject to legislative modifications, amendments, and revisions, and proposals for further changes are regularly submitted by leaders of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. No representation is made as to the likelihood of such proposals being enacted in their current or similar form, or if enacted, the effective date of any such legislation, and no assurances can be given that such proposals or amendments will not materially and adversely affect the economic value of the Notes or the tax consequences of ownership of the Notes. Prospective purchasers are encouraged to consult with their own legal and tax advisors with respect to these matters.

DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING DELIVERY OF THE NOTES

Absence of Litigation

Upon delivery of the Notes, the District will furnish certificates, dated the date of delivery of the Notes, to the effect that there is no controversy or litigation of any nature pending or threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Notes, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Notes or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the application of moneys to the payment of the Notes. Additional certificates will state that there is no controversy or litigation of any nature now pending or threatened by or against the District wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material adverse impact on the financial condition of the District or adversely affect the power of the District to levy, collect, and enforce the collection of taxes or other revenues for the payment of its Notes, which has not been disclosed in this Official Statement.

Legal Matters

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes will be subject to the final approving opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, Bond Counsel. Such opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Notes and will be to the effect that the Notes are valid and legally binding general obligations of the District for which the District has validly pledged its faith and credit, and all the taxable real property within the District is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* real property taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of the State). Such opinion shall also contain further statements to the effect that (a) the enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to the Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted, and (b) such law firm has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed the accuracy or sufficiency of the Official Statement, or any additional proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the District which has been or may have been furnished or disclosed to purchasers of the Notes, and expresses no opinion with respect to such financial or other information, or the accuracy or sufficiency thereof.

Closing Certificates

Upon the delivery of the Notes, the purchaser will be furnished with the following items: (i) a certificate of the President of the Board of the District to the effect that as of the date of this Official Statement and at all times subsequent thereto, up to and including the time of the delivery of the Notes, this Official Statement did not and does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact

necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, and further stating that there has been no adverse material change in the financial condition of the District since the date of this Official Statement to the date of issuance of the Notes; and having attached thereto a copy of this Official Statement; (ii) a certificate signed by an officer of the District evidencing payment for the Notes; (iii) a closing certificate evidencing the due execution of the Notes, including statements that (a) no litigation of any nature is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened, restraining or enjoining the issuance and delivery of the Notes or the levy and collection of taxes to pay the principal of and interest thereon, nor in any manner questioning the proceedings and authority under which the Notes were authorized or affecting the validity of the Notes thereunder, (b) neither the corporate existence or boundaries of the District nor the title of the signers to their respective offices is being contested, (c) no authority or proceedings for the issuance of the Notes have been repealed, revoked or rescinded; and (iv) a nonarbitrage certificate and tax certificate executed by the President of the Board, as described under "TAX EXEMPTION" herein.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Rule"), unless the Notes are purchased for the purchaser's own account, as principal for investment and not for resale, the District will enter into a Disclosure Undertaking at closing, the form of which is attached hereto as "APPENDIX D." A purchaser buying for its own account shall deliver a municipal securities disclosure certificate that documents its intent to purchase the Notes as principal for investment and not for resale (in a form satisfactory to Bond Counsel) establishing that an exemption from the Rule applies.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The District is establishing procedures designed to ensure that future filings of continuing disclosure information will be in compliance with existing continuing disclosure obligations, including transmitting such filings to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 through EMMA.

RATINGS

The District did not apply for a rating on the Notes.

Moody's Investors Services, Inc. ("Moody's") has assigned the District an underlying uninsured rating of "A3".

Such ratings reflect only the view of such organization, and an explanation of the significance of such rating may be obtained only from such rating agency, at the following address: Moody's Investors Service, Inc., 7 World Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. There can be no assurance that such rating will continue for any specified period of time or that such rating will not be revised or withdrawn, if in the judgment of Moody's circumstances so warrant. Any such change or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes or the availability of a secondary market for the Notes.

MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel to the District, expresses no opinions as to the accuracy or completeness of information in any documents prepared by or on behalf of the District for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes, including but not limited to, the financial or statistical information in this Official Statement.

References herein to the Constitution of the State and various State and federal laws are only brief outlines of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all of such provisions.

Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to a limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District.

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

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Orchard Park, 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 municipal 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 Notes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the District's Director of Budget and Finance, Brittnay Spry, 197 Martin Road, Jamestown, NY 14701 (716) 483-4422, email: brittnay.n.spry@jpsny.org or from the District's Financial Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC (716) 662-3910.

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

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

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN

By: /s/ Paul Abbott
Paul Abbott
President of the Board of Education

DATED: May 26, 2021

APPENDIX A

THE DISTRICT

General Information

The District is located at the southeastern end of Chautauqua Lake in Chautauqua County and has an area of approximately 19 square miles with an estimated population of 29,355. The District incorporates all of the City of Jamestown, a major portion of the Town of Kiantone, and lesser portions of the Towns of Busti, Ellicott and Carroll.

The City of Jamestown has become the business and financial center for southwestern New York State and a considerable portion of northwestern Pennsylvania. It has long been known as a furniture and woodworking center but in recent years has been successful in attracting diversified industries as well.

The District's proximity to Chautauqua Lake and the world-renowned Chautauqua Institution further enhances the region as a popular summertime resort area.

Transportation needs are adequately provided for by the nearby Chautauqua Airport, the Southern Tier Expressway, as well as numerous modern highways, two railway systems and bus transportation.

District Organization

The Board of Education, which is the policy-making body of the District, consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms so that as nearly an equal number as possible is elected to the Board each year. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members.

The administrative officers of the District, whose duty it is to implement the policies of the Board of Education and who are appointed by the Board, include the Superintendent of Schools, the School District Clerk, the District Treasurer, the School District Attorney and the Director of Budget and Finance.

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 and the Director of Budget and Finance.

District Facilities

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

TABLE 1
School Statistics

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Year of Construction</u>
Bush Elementary	K – 4	402	1955	1997
Fletcher Elementary	K – 4	552	1936	1997
Lincoln Elementary	K – 4	702	1922	1992
Love Elementary	K – 4	423	1927	1996
Ring Elementary	K – 4	530	1957	1997
Success Academy ⁽¹⁾	K – 4	439	1974	1997
Jefferson Middle	5-8	607	1976	1993
Persell Middle	5-8	476	1954	1997
Washington Middle	5-8	659	1974	1993
Jamestown High School	9-12	1,674	1934	1998
Technology Academy	9-12	201	1929	2003

(1) The former Rogers Elementary School was reopened as the Success Academy in September 2018 for grades 5-12.

Source: District Officials.

Employees

The District provides services with 814 full or part-time employees represented by the following organizations.

TABLE 2

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
462	Jamestown Teachers' Association	6/30/2024
133	Association of Jamestown Paraprofessionals	6/30/2020*
16	Jamestown Principals' Association	6/30/2022
49	Jamestown Educational Support Personnel	6/30/2021
29	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	6/30/2022
98	Jamestown Support Staff Association	6/30/2021
3	Jamestown Coordinators' Association	6/30/2024
24	Chiefs/Directors/Confidential/Independents	6/30/2021**

* AJP contract expires on 6/30/2020 and they have not requested to begin negotiations with the District.

**Annual contracts

Source: District Officials.

Employee Pension Benefits

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

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

Both the ERS and the TRS are non-contributing with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. The Retirement Systems are non-contributory with respect to members working ten or more years. All members working less than ten years must contribute 3% of gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs. Employees hired on or after April 1, 2013 have a variable contribution amount. See further details herein.

The following table details the actual contributions to ERS and TRS for the past three audited fiscal years and the 2021 and 2022 budgeted contributions:

<u>Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2022 <i>Budgeted</i>	\$1,628,448	\$3,084,919
2021 <i>Budgeted</i>	1,486,409	3,258,773
2020	1,454,340	3,006,631
2019	1,440,153	3,560,079
2018	1,438,338	3,198,086

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law. The amendments empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for the ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003 and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing

cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete.

Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

On December 10, 2009, pension reform legislation was signed into law. The legislation creates a new Tier V pension level, the most significant reform of the State's pension system in more than a quarter-century. Key components of Tier V include:

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

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

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

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

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

The New York State ERS rate for the 2020-21 fiscal year was 14.6%. The 2021-22 ERS rate will increase to 16.2%. The 2019-20 TRS rate was 8.86%. The 2020-21 TRS rate is 9.53%.

In recent years, due to prior poor performance of the investment portfolio of the State Retirement System in the wake of the 2008-09 recession, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli announced that the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS would continue to increase. To help mitigate the impact of their ERS increases, legislation has been enacted that permits local governments and school districts to amortize a portion of such contributions. Under such legislation, local governments and school districts that choose to amortize a portion of their ERS contributions will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the SRS for certain future rate increases. The District did not opt into the pension amortization plan.

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

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 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. As of the date of this Official Statement, the School District has not yet determined whether it will establish such a fund.

GASB 75 and OPEB. The District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs have been rising substantially, and may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School districts and Boards of Cooperative Education Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions received or paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees. This protection from unilateral reduction of benefits had been extended annually by the New York State Legislature until recently when legislation was enacted to make permanent these health insurance benefit protections for retirees. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of the date hereof. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

Effective June 30, 2019, the District has implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB), which supersedes GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions. This statement requires the District to recognize the total OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources. The cumulative effect of implementing this required change in accounting principle resulted in a restatement of beginning net position as detailed in Note 2 to the financial statements. This statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for other postemployment benefits offered by the District and requires various note disclosures and required supplementary information.

Under GASB Statement No. 75, the total OPEB liability represents the sum of expected future benefit payments which may be attributed to past service (or “earned”), discounted to the end of the fiscal year using the current discount rate. The total OPEB liability is analogous to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (“AAL”) under GASB Statement No. 45.

The District is in compliance with the requirements of GASB 75, and a summary of the actuarial valuation is included in the District's June 30, 2020 Financial Audit attached herein. The following table summarizes the District's annual OPEB statements for the year ended June 30, 2020:

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability	<u>2020</u>
Service cost	\$174,396
Interest	156,723
Differences between expected and actual inputs	(483,176)
Changes in benefit terms	0
Changes in assumptions	630,527
Benefit payments	<u>(250,603)</u>
Net changes	227,867
Net OPEB liability – beginning of year (as previously stated)	<u>4,632,106</u>
Net OPEB liability – end of year	<u>\$4,859,973</u>

Investment Policy/Permitted Investments

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL FACTORS

District finances are operated through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. The District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property and from State aid. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes.

Property Tax Revenue

The District derives a portion of its revenues from a tax on real property. Property taxes accounted for 20.1% of total general fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, while State aid accounted for 79.0%.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and real property tax revenues collected during the last five fiscal years ended June 30th and the amounts budgeted for the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years.

Table 3
Property Taxes

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u> ^(a)	<u>Real Property Taxes & Tax Items</u> ^(b)	<u>Real Property Taxes to Revenues</u>
2016	\$77,161,920	\$16,346,961	21.2%
2017	78,549,340	16,214,890	20.6%
2018	82,957,226	16,208,627	19.5%
2019	84,184,574	16,129,360	19.2%
2020	85,397,985	17,149,099	20.1%
2021 <i>(Budgeted)</i>	86,068,671	16,142,269	18.8%
2022 <i>(Budgeted)</i>	87,604,178	14,641,567	16.7%

(a) General Fund.

(b) The Budgeted Real Property Tax includes STAR – School Tax Exemption.

Source: *Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budget for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.*

State Aid

The District also receives a major portion of its revenues in the form of State aid for operating purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute.

The following table sets forth total State aid revenues during the last five fiscal years ended June 30th and the amounts budgeted for the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years.

Table 4
State Aid

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u> ^(a)	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenues</u>
2016	\$77,161,920	\$59,596,870	77.2%
2017	78,549,340	61,369,621	78.1%
2018	82,957,226	65,810,409	79.3%
2019	84,184,574	67,178,089	79.8%
2020	85,397,985	67,423,165	79.0%
2021 <i>(Budgeted)</i>	86,068,671	68,404,702	79.5%
2022 <i>(Budgeted)</i>	87,604,178	70,104,111	80.0%

(a) General Fund.

Source: *Audited Financial Statements and Adopted Budget for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2022.*

In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in Campaign for Fiscal Equity ("CFE") v. New York mandating that the current 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 state-wide remedy and instead limited its ruling solely to the New York City school system.

State legislative reforms in the wake of the CFE decision included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid for school districts in the State into one classroom operating formula referred to as “Foundation Aid.” The stated purpose of Foundation Aid is to prioritize funding distribution based upon student need. As a result of the Court of Appeals ruling schools were to receive \$5.5 billion increase in Foundation Aid over a four fiscal year phase-in covering 2007 to 2011.

In school district fiscal year 2009-2010, Foundation Aid funding was frozen by the State Legislature to the prior fiscal year level, and in the fiscal year thereafter Foundation Aid funding was reduced through a "gap elimination adjustment", and other aid adjustments.

A case related to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York was heard on appeal on May 30, 2017 in *New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights (“NYSER”) v. State of New York*. The NYSER lawsuit asserted that the State failed to comply with the original decision in the Court of Appeals in CFE case, and asked the Court of Appeals to require the State to develop new methodologies, formulas and mechanisms for determining State aid, to fully fund the “Foundation Aid” formula, to eliminate the supermajority requirement for voter approval of budgets which increase school district property tax levies above the property tax cap limitation, and related matters. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiff’s causes of action were properly dismissed except for two causes of action regarding accountability mechanisms and sufficient state funding for a “sound basic education” limited solely to the New York City and Syracuse school districts.

The Court emphasized its previous ruling in the CFE case that absent “gross educational inadequacies”, claims regarding State funding for a “sound basic education” must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein.

While Foundation Aid had remained below the initially promised amounts, the State has announced, as part of the State's 2021-22 budget, that the final Foundation Aid phase in will take place over the next three years.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted by the District in its 2019-20 fiscal year, the State has made payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR (see “STAR-School Tax Exemption”) Program. The District received a timely receipt of STAR aid for the current fiscal year.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-15 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of State general obligation bonds to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District's estimated allocation of funds is \$4,930,918.

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

No delay in payment of State aid for the District’s 2019-20 fiscal year is presently anticipated, although no assurance can be given that there will not be a delay in payment thereof. Should the District fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts and at the times expected, the District is permitted to issue revenue anticipation notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts

School district fiscal year (2016-17): The State budget included an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the 2015-16 budget, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense based aid, the budget included a \$266 million increase in

Foundation Aid and \$100 million in Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. Community Schools Aid funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families. The budget also featured the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (“GEA”) that had been instituted in the State’s 2010-11 to 2012-13 fiscal years to address State funding shortfalls due to the ongoing effects of a recession. Under the GEA legislation, a portion of the funding shortfall was divided among all school districts across the State, resulting in a reduction in school district general aid funds.

School district fiscal year (2017-18): The State budget included an increase of \$1.1 billion in State Aid to school districts, including a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid. The budget included School Aid spending of \$25.8 billion, an increase of 4.4% from the prior fiscal year.

School district fiscal year (2018-19): The budget increased Education Aid by \$1 billion, including a \$619 million increase in Foundation Aid, without revision to the formula, bringing the new Education Aid total to \$26.7 billion or an increase of 3.9 percent.

School district fiscal year (2019-20): The budget increased Education aid by more than \$1 billion which included a \$618 million dollar increase in Foundation Aid. The new Education Aid total is \$27.9 billion — an increase of 3.8%. The budget direct a majority of such additional funding (over 70%) to the State’s more economically disadvantaged school districts.

School district fiscal year (2020-21): Due to the below-described decrease in State revenues as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State budget included an increase of only \$95 million in State Aid (0.035% increase from the prior budget year), and Foundation Aid remained at essentially the same level as it was during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. While the budget actually included a decrease in State Aid (referred to as a “Pandemic Adjustment”), the decrease in State aid be fully offset by the State’s allocation of federal stimulus funds. Absent the federal stimulus funds, there would have been a \$1.127 billion decrease in State Aid from the 2019-2020 year.

School district fiscal year (2021-22): The State budget includes large-scale increases in State aid to school districts, including a \$105 million expansion of full-day prekindergarten that will provide funding to 200 school districts that didn’t previously receive State funding for such full-day prekindergarten programs. In contrast to the 2020-21 budget, this budget provides that additional federal aid would supplement, not supplant, State funding. Most notably, Foundation Aid is increased by \$1.4 billion (7.6%), and the State has committed to a three-year phase-in of the restoration of the full Foundation Aid formula to finally fulfill the State’s commitments from the *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* case from the early 2000s.

The City of New York was an early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and as a result the State suffered significant revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenses beginning at the end of the State’s 2019-2020 fiscal year, and continuing during the State’s 2020-2021 fiscal year.

In response, the enacted State budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year allowed the State to reduce expenditures (including aid to local school districts and municipalities) if tax receipts were lower than anticipated. Accordingly, in June, 2020 the State Division of the Budget (“DOB”) began withholding 20 percent of most local aid payments, although such aid has generally since been restored.

Many of the State’s 2020-2021 budget decisions were based on the uncertainty of future federal aid. In the period of time since such decisions were made, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law (on March 11, 2021), which legislation includes almost \$24 billion in funding for various levels of government in the State, including approximately \$12.5 billion for the State, \$6 billion for New York City, and \$4 billion to be divided among counties in the State; another \$12 billion is intended to be used toward the safe reopening of K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

Accordingly, the State enacted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is more expansive (about 10% higher) than the prior budget, including significantly increased funding for schools and local governments. School

districts will benefit from a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year Foundation Aid full restoration phase-in that will allow all school districts to receive the increased level of Foundation Aid that was originally promised in 2007, along with a \$105 million expansion of full-day prekindergarten. Local governments will receive a full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding. Further, municipalities that host Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facilities will receive a full restoration of \$10.3 million in proposed VLT aid cuts.

Although the 2021-2022 budget contains additional aid for school districts and municipalities, it is uncertain whether the State will have future budget shortfalls necessitating cuts to State aid. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District. See “COVID-19,” herein, for further details on the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the State.

The State budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year provides \$73.17 million of State Aid to the District, an 8.36% increase from the District's 2020-21 fiscal year.

The School District presently anticipates an increase in its State Aid not related to building aid for its 2021-2022 fiscal year in an amount of \$2,210,125.

It should also be noted that the School District receives federal aid for certain programs. In its last audited fiscal year, the School District received \$194,970 in such direct federal aid. It is not possible to predict whether such aid will continue in the future, or if continued, whether it will be funded at present levels.

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the District's 2019-20 fiscal year. The District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing.

The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System

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

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as “No Designation”.

(<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/fiscal-monitoring/pdf/2020-school-summary-list.pdf>)

New York State Comptroller's Audit

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

On November 20, 2015, OSC, Division of Local Government and School Accountability released an audit of the District to review selected District's financial condition for the period July 1, 2011 to April 13, 2015. The audit found that the District's fund balance is extremely low and that the Board has not created a proper multiyear financial plan. Additionally, the audit stated that the District plans to use part of the remaining reserve funds and a portion of the fund balance to fill the funding gap in the 2015-16 budget. The OSC audit recommended that the District adopt a budget to reduce future reliance on fund balance by funding recurring revenues with recurring expenditures, establish a multiyear financial plan, and develop and enact a fund balance policy to restrict the amount of fund balance used to meet the District's needs.

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

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/audits/2017-11/lgsa-audit-school-2015-jamestown.pdf>

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

Budgetary Procedure

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central staff. During the winter and early spring the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors.

Effective September 1, 1996, the Education Law was amended to require all small city school districts in cities with populations under 125,000, including the District, to provide for the submission of their annual budgets for approval of the school district voters in the same manner as other non-city school districts in the State. Under current law, the budget is being submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday in May. If the budget is not approved, the Board may make changes to the budget and resubmit it, as revised, to the voters one additional time. Alternatively, the Board may, by resolution, adopt a contingency budget for the following fiscal year. See "Tax Levy Limitation Law".

On May 18, 2021, the qualified voters of the District approved the District's budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Independent Audit

The financial statements of the District are audited each year by an independent public accountant. The last such audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and is included herein.

TAX INFORMATION

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

The City Assessor maintains the assessment records and prepares the annual assessment roll for the District. The following tables set forth the District's real property tax levy and assessed and full valuation of taxable property, rates of tax per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

Table 5
Real Property Tax Rates
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tax Levy ⁽¹⁾	\$14,860,842	\$14,651,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567
% Uncollected	5.6%	5.5%	5.8%	6.40%	0.00%

(1) Gross tax levy prior to adjustments (STAR, tax roll additions, shortages, cancellations and refunds). See "Tax Collection Procedure."

(2)

Table 6
Assessed and Full Valuation
(Fiscal Years Ending June 30)

Assessment Roll Year: Fiscal Year:	<u>Based on Regular Equalization Rates</u>				
	<u>2017</u> <u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>2020-21</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>2021-22</u>
City of Jamestown					
Assessed Value	\$668,676,540	\$672,262,005	\$676,233,703	\$677,130,066	\$682,802,680
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	98.60%	96.20%	93.20%
Full Value	\$668,676,540	\$672,262,005	\$685,835,399	\$703,877,407	\$709,774,096
Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	\$19.56	\$19.43	\$19.30	\$19.31	\$19.18
Town of Busti					
Assessed Value	\$27,462,832	\$27,527,972	\$27,546,971	\$27,531,759	\$27,667,959
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	98.60%	96.20%	93.20%
Full Value	\$27,462,832	\$27,527,972	\$27,938,104	\$28,619,292	\$29,686,651
Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	\$19.56	\$19.43	\$19.30	\$19.31	\$19.18
Town of Carroll					
Assessed Value	\$48,923	\$48,775	\$48,834	\$48,780	\$48,729
Equalization Rate	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	91.80%	92.00%
Full Value	\$48,923	\$48,775	\$48,834	\$53,137	\$52,966
Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	\$19.56	\$19.43	\$19.03	\$20.23	\$20.06
Town of Ellicott					
Assessed Value	\$12,861,495	\$12,568,789	\$12,815,487	\$14,669,411	\$15,076,030
Equalization Rate	98.00%	90.00%	80.70%	100.00%	100.00%
Full Value	\$13,123,974	\$13,965,321	\$15,880,405	\$14,669,411	\$15,076,030
Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	\$19.96	\$21.59	\$23.58	\$18.58	\$17.88
Town of Kiantone					
Assessed Value	\$37,101,985	\$39,773,080	\$39,758,908	\$39,561,221	\$39,614,103
Equalization Rate	95.00%	100.00%	100.00%	96.40%	95.20%
Full Value	\$39,054,721	\$39,773,080	\$39,758,908	\$41,038,611	\$41,611,453
Tax Rate ⁽¹⁾	\$20.70	\$19.43	\$19.03	\$19.27	\$18.78
Total:					
Assessed Value	\$746,151,775	\$752,180,621	\$756,403,903	\$758,941,237	\$765,209,501
Full Value	\$748,366,991	\$753,577,153	\$769,461,650	\$788,257,859	\$796,201,196
Tax Levy	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567	\$14,641,567

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

Based on Special Equalization Ratios

Assessment Roll Year:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Fiscal Year:	<u>2016-17</u>	<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
City of Jamestown					
Assessed Value	\$666,185,376	\$667,394,354	\$668,676,540	\$672,262,005	\$676,233,703
Special Equalization Ratio	99.90%	99.73%	98.01%	97.78%	97.75%
Full Value	\$666,852,228	\$669,201,197	\$682,253,382	\$687,525,061	\$691,799,185
Town of Busti					
Assessed Value	\$27,070,025	\$27,265,742	\$27,462,832	\$27,527,972	\$27,546,971
Special Equalization Ratio	99.90%	99.73%	98.01%	97.78%	97.75%
Full Value	\$27,097,122	\$27,339,559	\$28,020,439	\$28,152,968	\$28,181,045
Town of Carroll					
Assessed Value	\$48,776	\$48,789	\$48,923	\$48,775	\$48,834
Special Equalization Ratio	99.84%	99.95%	99.77%	99.16%	98.73%
Full Value	\$48,854	\$48,813	\$49,036	\$49,188	\$49,462
Town of Ellicott					
Assessed Value	\$11,624,247	\$12,023,320	\$12,861,495	\$12,568,789	\$12,815,487
Special Equalization Ratio	97.36%	89.40%	79.68%	78.57%	77.87%
Full Value	\$11,939,448	\$13,448,904	\$16,141,434	\$15,996,931	\$16,457,541
Town of Kiantone					
Assessed Value	\$36,911,122	\$36,983,745	\$37,101,985	\$39,773,080	\$39,758,908
Special Equalization Ratio	94.30%	92.00%	91.95%	97.84%	96.50%
Full Value	\$39,142,229	\$40,199,723	\$40,350,174	\$40,651,145	\$41,200,941
Total:					
Assessed Value	\$741,839,546	\$743,715,950	\$746,151,775	\$752,180,621	\$756,403,903
Full Value	\$745,079,882	\$750,238,196	\$766,814,465	\$772,375,294	\$777,688,173

(1) The amounts shown as full valuation have been computed with the use of Final Special Equalization Ratios, Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1978 provides for the determination of special equalization ratios for city school districts which normally has the effect of increasing the tax base of a city school district for the purpose of computing debt limits of such city school districts. Regular state equalization rates are also established by the State Office of Real Property Services and are used for all other purposes.

Tax Levy Limitation Law

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (“Chapter 97” or the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to all local governments, including school districts (with the exception of New York City, and the counties comprising New York City and school districts in New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, and Yonkers which five are indirectly subject through their parent city’s tax levy limitation.)

On June 25, 2015, Chapter 20 of the 2015 Laws of New York (“Chapter 20”) amended the Tax Levy Limitation Law to extend its expiration from June 15, 2016 to June 15, 2020. Chapter 20 also affects the calculation of tax base growth factor and exclusions available to school districts, and introduces a new real property tax rebate, as outlined below. On April 12, 2019, the enacted budget legislation made the Tax Levy Limitation Law permanent.

Prior to the enactment of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy as part of its budget if its budget had been approved by a simple majority of its voters. In the event the budget had been defeated by the voters, the school district

was required to adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, school budget increases were limited to the lesser of four percent (4%) of the prior year's budget or one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the consumer price index ("CPI").

The Tax Levy Limitation Law restricts, among other things, the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by or on behalf of a school district in a particular year. Pursuant to the Tax Levy Limitation Law, the tax levy of a school district cannot increase by more than the lesser of (i) two percent (2%) or (ii) the annual increase in the CPI, over the amount of the prior year's tax levy. Certain adjustments would be permitted for taxable real property full valuation increases or changes in physical or quantity growth in the real property base as defined in Section 1220 of the Real Property Tax Law. Chapter 20 additionally allows the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance to adjust for changes in the real property base to reflect development on tax exempt real property.

Beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year, school districts have had to submit their proposed tax levies to the Voters each year. A school district can exceed the tax levy limitation for the coming fiscal year only if the voters of such school district first approve a budget by at least a 60% affirmative vote of those voting to override such limitation for such coming fiscal year only. Tax levies that do not exceed the limitation only require approval by at least a simple majority of those voting. In the event that a budget is defeated and not re-proposed, or in the event of two budget vote defeats in the same year, a school district may not levy taxes in an amount greater than the amount levied in the most recent year when a budget was approved.

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

There is also an exception for school districts for "Capital Local Expenditures" subject to voter approval where required by law. This term is defined in a manner that does not include certain items for which a school district may issue debt including the payment of judgments or settled claims, including tax certiorari payments, and cashflow borrowings including tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. "Capital Local Expenditures", are defined as "the taxes associated with budgeted expenditures resulting from the financing, refinancing, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of or otherwise providing for school district capital facilities or school district capital equipment, including debt service and lease expenditures, and transportation capital debt service, subject to the approval of the qualified voters where required by law". The State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance has promulgated a regulation that will allow school districts, beginning in the 2020-21 school year, to adjust the exclusion to also reflect a school district's share of capital expenditures related to projects funded through a board of cooperative educational services ("BOCES"). The portion of the tax levy necessary to support "Capital Local Expenditures" is defined as the "Capital Tax Levy", and this is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation. This exclusion applies to the Notes.

Tax Collection Procedure

School taxes are received at Community Bank on Main Street, Jamestown or sent to a lockbox, and are due September 1. If paid by September 30, no penalty imposed. If paid by October 31, there is a 1% penalty added for October and an additional 1% penalty each month thereafter.

Uncollected School taxes are returned to the County who reimburses the School District in full in the same fiscal year in which the taxes are levied. The School District also includes a tax overlay in its budget.

STAR - School Tax Exemption

The Basic and Enhanced STAR (School Tax Relief) Property Tax Exemptions are homestead exemptions. Basic STAR is available to anyone who owns and lives in his or her own home. Enhanced STAR is available to senior homeowners whose incomes do not exceed the statewide standard.

For the 2021-22 school levy year, homeowners subject to certain household income limitations are eligible for an enhanced exemption and basic exemption as follows:

<u>Municipality:</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>
City of Jamestown	\$68,010	\$28,860
Town of Busti	\$68,010	\$28,860
Town of Carroll	\$64,900	\$27,540
Town of Ellicott	\$70,700	\$30,000
Town of Kiantone	\$68,150	\$28,920

Date Certified: 04/9/2021

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

Since the 2011-12 school tax bills, there has been a 2% limit on STAR savings increases, the savings results from the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemptions are limited to a 2% increase over the prior year. When school district initially calculates their tax bills, for each municipal segment they will compare the amount of STAR savings to the maximum. If the STAR savings exceeded the maximum, the school district will use the maximum when calculating tax bills for the segment.

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. While the dollar benefit to eligible taxpayers did not change, Chapter 60 prohibited new STAR exemptions from being granted to homeowners who took title after the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-2016 school year. Instead, 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.

The 2019-20 State Budget made several changes to the STAR program, which were intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. For those homeowners with incomes over \$250,000, the STAR 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 \$5000,000 are able to convert to the START credit program to maintain the full STAR benefit.

The maximum savings for each of the municipalities within the District for the 2021-22 are as follows:

<u>Municipality:</u>	<u>Basic Maximum Savings</u>	<u>Enhanced Maximum Savings</u>
City of Jamestown	\$571	\$1,298
Town of Busti	\$571	\$1,298
Town of Carroll	\$571	\$1,298
Town of Ellicott	\$557	\$1,296
Town of Kiantone	\$571	\$1,298

Date Updated:03/26/21

The District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the 2020-21 fiscal year and expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the 2021-22 fiscal year.

Largest Taxpayers – 2020-21 Fiscal Year

The following table presents the taxable assessments of the District’s largest taxpayers for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Table 7
Taxable Assessments

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u> ⁽¹⁾
National Fuel Gas	Utility	\$15,181,013	2.00%
Schults Real Estate LLC	Auto Dealer	\$9,156,580	1.21%
Windstream	Utility	\$7,123,525	0.94%
REHC 5 LLC	Professional Building	\$6,684,500	0.88%
Jamestown Rental Properties	Various	\$5,419,100	0.71%
Jamestown TK Owner LLC	Retail	\$5,200,100	0.69%
201 W 3rd St LLC	Professional Building	\$4,872,800	0.64%
Sandalwood Hotels	Hotel	\$3,796,300	0.50%
Bradmar Housing	Residential	\$3,117,200	0.41%
IDA Chaut Co	Various	<u>\$3,033,700</u>	<u>0.40%</u>
	Total:	<u>\$63,584,818</u>	<u>8.38%</u>

(1) The District's total assessed value for the 2020-21 fiscal year is \$758,941,237.

Source: Assessors Office

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

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

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

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

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes, 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. 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 bond anticipation notes.

General. The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money, contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of the District so as to prevent abuses in the exercise of such powers;

however, as has been noted under "Nature of Obligation", the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted.

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 five per centum of the most recent average five year 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 five completed assessment rolls and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

Statutory Procedure

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

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of the bonds. The District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000, with respect to certain school building construction projects, 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 procedure and the twenty day period will expire prior to the date of the closing on the Notes.

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

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Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness

The Local Finance Law permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such bonds outstanding, commencing no later than two years from the date of the first of such bonds and provided that such renewals do not extend five years beyond the original date of borrowing. (See "Payment and Maturity" under "Constitutional Requirements" and "Details of Short-Term Indebtedness Outstanding" herein.)

**Table 8
Debt Outstanding**

<u>FYE June 30:</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bonds	\$44,095,000	\$44,915,000	\$45,330,000	\$50,225,000	\$46,710,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	37,075,000	36,185,000	27,790,000	22,555,000	15,995,000
Other Debt ⁽¹⁾	<u>1,180,009</u>	<u>1,614,042</u>	<u>1,786,264</u>	<u>1,195,052</u>	<u>1,633,062</u>
Total Debt Outstanding	\$82,350,009	\$82,714,042	\$74,906,264	\$73,975,052	\$64,338,062

⁽¹⁾ Represents Installment Purchase Contracts and Capital Leases.

Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

In general, the Local Finance Law contains provisions providing the District with power to issue certain other short-term general obligation indebtedness including budget notes, capital notes, deficiency notes, tax and revenue anticipation notes.

**Table 9
Computation of Debt Limit**

<u>Fiscal Year:</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u> ⁽¹⁾
2015-16	\$745,079,882
2016-17	750,238,196
2017-18	766,814,465
2018-19	772,375,294
2019-20	<u>777,688,173</u>
Total Five Year Valuation	\$3,812,196,010
Average Five Year Full Valuation	\$762,439,202
Debt Limit - 5% of Average Full Valuation	\$38,121,960

⁽¹⁾ The amounts shown as full valuation have been computed with the use of Final Special Equalization Ratios (See Table 6). Chapter 280 of the Laws of 1978 provides for the determination of special equalization ratios for city school districts which normally has the effect of increasing the tax base of a city school district for the purpose of computing debt limits of such city school districts. Regular state equalization rates are also established by the State Office of Real Property Services and are used for all other purposes.

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The table below shows the District’s total indebtedness as of May 26, 2021.

Table 10
Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

Average Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property	\$762,439,202
Debt Limit (5% of Average Full Valuation)	\$38,121,960
Inclusions:	
Outstanding Indebtedness:	
Serial Bonds	\$ 42,235,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>15,995,000</u>
Total Inclusions:	<u>\$ 58,230,000</u>
Exclusions:	
Bond Appropriations	2,940,000
BAN Appropriations	1,100,000
Estimated State Building Aid ^(a)	0
Refunded Bonds	<u>0</u>
Total Exclusions:	<u>\$4,040,000</u>
Total Net Indebtedness	<u>\$54,190,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin ^(b)	<u>(\$16,068,040)</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted	(142.15)%

- (a) The District has received State debt service building aid in an amount approximately 95.0% of its outstanding bonded indebtedness. Given the effect of “assumed amortization” provided in Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001, no assurance can be given regarding the direct or indirect effect of “assumed amortization” on the net indebtedness of the District, or the timing or amount of such Building aid in connection with school facilities financed.
- (b) The District received a consent order by the Office of State Comptroller on May 1, 2001 which allowed debt of \$17,900,000 to be issued in its entirety in excess of the Constitutional Debt Limit. The full \$17,900,000 has been issued. The District also received a consent order dated March 7, 2006 by the Office of the State Comptroller which allows debt of \$59,000,000 to be issued. The full \$59,000,000 has been issued. The District also received a consent order dated April 17, 2012 by the Office of the State Comptroller which allows debt of \$68,000,000 to be issued. The 2012 consent order relates to the project for which the Notes are being issued.

Source: District Officials.

Bond Anticipation Notes

Following the issuance of the Note, the District will have \$17,990,000 of bond anticipation notes maturing on June 16, 2022.

Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes

The District has not borrowed for operating purposes in recent years and does not intend to borrow for such purpose during the current or next fiscal year.

Lease Obligations

The District has entered into various lease purchase agreements for the purchase of various buses and vans. The annual payment schedule is as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$483,523	\$26,443	\$509,965
2022	491,964	18,001	509,965
2023	309,094	9,410	318,504
2024	<u>180,843</u>	<u>3,461</u>	<u>184,305</u>
	\$1,465,424	\$57,315	\$1,522,739

Overlapping and Underlying Debt

In addition to the District, other political subdivisions have the power to issue bonds and to levy taxes or cause taxes to be levied on taxable real property in the District. The real property taxpayers of the District are responsible for a proportionate share of outstanding debt obligations of these subdivisions. Such taxpayers' share of overlapping and underlying debt is based on the amount of the District's equalized property values taken as a percentage of each separate unit's total values.

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

Table 11
Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness

<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>As of:</u>	<u>District Share</u>	<u>Amount Applicable To District</u>
Chautauqua County	\$59,435,342	06/29/20	10.09%	\$5,997,026
City of Jamestown	17,387,324	04/28/21	100.00%	17,387,32
Town of Busti	975,923	09/30/20	5.24%	51,138
Town of Carroll	0	09/30/20	0.03%	0
Town of Ellicott	443,234	09/30/20	2.61%	11,568
Town of Kiantone	0	09/30/20	46.04%	<u>0</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				\$23,447,057
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>\$ 54,190,000</u>
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt				<u><u>\$77,637,057</u></u>

Source: Data provided by the Office of the State Comptroller and City officials.

Debt Ratios

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

Table 12
Debt Ratios

	<u>Debt Per Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita</u> ^(a)	<u>Debt to Full Value</u> ^(b)
Net Direct Debt	\$ 54,190,000	\$1,844	6.97%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$ 77,637,057	\$2,641	9.98%

^(a) The population of the District is estimated by District officials to be approximately 29,355.

^(b) The District's full value of taxable real property based on Special Equalization Rates for 2020-21 is \$777,688,173.

Obligations Authorized but Unissued

Following the issuance of the Notes, the District will not have any authorized but unissued indebtedness.

Debt Service Schedule

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness (as of May 26, 2021).

**Table 13
Bond Principal and Interest Maturity Table**

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ending June 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2021	\$2,940,000	\$628,078	\$3,568,078
2022	7,610,000	1,391,118	9,001,118
2023	5,430,000	1,161,883	6,591,883
2024	3,510,000	978,003	4,488,003
2025	3,340,000	830,103	4,170,103
2026	3,455,000	691,103	4,146,103
2027	3,560,000	546,933	4,106,933
2028	2,540,000	402,913	2,942,913
2029	2,610,000	308,813	2,918,813
2030	2,265,000	215,313	2,480,313
2031	1,790,000	135,913	1,925,913
2032	1,215,000	85,813	1,300,813
2033	1,245,000	53,013	1,298,013
2034	<u>725,000</u>	<u>18,900</u>	<u>743,900</u>
Totals:	<u>\$42,235,000</u>	<u>\$7,447,899</u>	<u>\$49,682,899</u>

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

School Enrollment Trends

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

**TABLE 14
School Enrollment Trends**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Enrollment</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2018-19	4,940	2021-22	5,015
2019-20	5,036	2022-23	5,015
2020-21	4,879	2023-24	4,950

Source: District Officials.

Population

The estimated population of the District is 29,355 according to the District Officials. The following table presents population trends for the City, the County and the State, based upon recent census data.

**TABLE 15
Population Trend**

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
City	31,730	31,146	(1.9%)
County	139,750	134,905	(3.6%)
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	2.1%

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

Employment and Unemployment

The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the City, the County and the State and are not necessarily representative of the District.

TABLE 16
Civilian Labor Force
(Thousands)

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
City	12.0	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.3
County	56.2	55.4	54.7	54.0	52.7
State	9,527.0	9,549.0	9,511.2	9,507.1	9,289.2

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

TABLE 17
Yearly Average Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2016	6.6%	5.9%	4.9%
2017	6.5%	6.0%	4.6%
2018	5.6%	5.0%	4.1%
2019	5.0%	4.5%	3.8%
2020	10.5%	8.9%	10.0%

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

TABLE 18
Monthly Unemployment Rates

<u>Month</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
April 2020	21.6%	17.9%	16.2%
May	15.5%	12.3%	15.7%
June	14.3%	11.6%	14.8%
July	14.1%	11.6%	14.8%
August	11.0%	8.9%	11.6%
September	7.9%	6.3%	9.9%
October	6.6%	6.4%	8.3%
November	6.9%	6.8%	8.3%
December	7.1%	8.1%	8.5%
January 2021	7.0%	9.6%	9.4%
February	8.5%	8.4%	9.7%
March	8.1%	7.4%	8.5%

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

Note: Unemployment drastically increased starting in mid-March 2020 due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, although it has since begun to decrease. See "COVID-19" herein.

TABLE 19
Major Employers in the District

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Estimated # Employees</u>
The Resource Center	Health Care	992
WCA Hospital	Hospital	901
Jamestown City School District	Public Education	879
MRC Bearings	Manufacturing	620
City of Jamestown	Local Government	413

Source: District Officials.

LITIGATION

The District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The District does not believe, however, that such suits, individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the District.

There is no action, suit, proceedings or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against or affecting the District to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of the Notes or the levy and collection of taxes or assessments to pay same, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Notes or any proceedings or authority of the District taken with respect to the authorization, issuance or sale of the Notes or contesting the corporate existence or boundaries of the District.

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS**

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN
General Fund
Balance Sheets
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Unrestricted Cash	\$14,914,297	\$5,056,996
Restricted Cash	7,459,912	7,507,803
Accounts Receivable	13,892	3,309
Due from Other Funds	0	2,047,555
State and Federal Aid Receivable	1,676,815	3,237,802
Property Taxes Receivable	931,070	0
Due From Other Governments	2,437,365	2,615,742
Inventories and Prepaid Expenses	10,252	20,576
Total Assets	<u>\$27,443,603</u>	<u>\$20,489,783</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balance:</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$352,521	\$360,508
Accrued Liabilities	379,301	380,862
Due to other funds	8,155,625	0
Due to Teachers Retirement System	3,731,824	3,195,402
Due to Employees' Retirement System	522,891	555,019
Total Liabilities	<u>\$13,142,162</u>	<u>\$4,491,791</u>
 <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>		
Revenues not available	<u>931,070</u>	<u>1,150,896</u>
 <u>Fund Balance:</u>		
Nonspendable:	10,252	20,576
Restricted	7,459,912	7,507,803
Assigned	3,444,056	2,493,417
Unassigned	2,456,151	4,825,300
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$13,370,371</u>	<u>\$14,847,096</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Fund Balance	<u>\$27,443,603</u>	<u>\$20,489,783</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements
Summary not Audited

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$16,346,961	\$16,214,890	\$16,208,627	\$16,129,360	\$17,149,099
Charges for Services	260,964	225,656	264,016	124,199	117,381
Use of Money & Property	4,670	8,766	48,103	137,884	128,333
Sale of Prop. & Comp. for Loss	14,091	45,421	2,046	104,318	80,676
Miscellaneous	756,289	467,998	377,243	278,971	304,361
State Aid	59,596,870	61,369,621	65,810,409	67,178,089	67,423,165
Federal Aid	182,075	216,988	246,782	231,753	194,970
Total Revenues	<u>77,161,920</u>	<u>78,549,340</u>	<u>82,957,226</u>	<u>84,184,574</u>	<u>85,397,985</u>
Expenditures:					
General Support	7,166,505	7,115,645	8,616,419	8,883,127	8,872,571
Instruction	40,596,697	41,954,739	44,141,394	45,047,859	45,039,028
Pupil Transportation	1,056,595	1,111,131	1,219,298	1,692,495	1,013,263
Employee Benefits	15,801,597	15,418,626	15,752,028	16,612,135	16,167,769
Debt Service	9,593,581	10,524,617	11,120,943	11,962,027	11,972,110
Total Expenditures	<u>74,214,975</u>	<u>76,124,758</u>	<u>80,850,082</u>	<u>84,197,643</u>	<u>83,064,741</u>
Other Uses:					
Interfund Transfers	<u>240,809</u>	<u>457,336</u>	<u>2,867</u>	<u>521,789</u>	<u>(856,519)</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>74,455,784</u>	<u>76,582,094</u>	<u>80,852,949</u>	<u>84,719,432</u>	<u>82,208,222</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	3,187,754	2,881,918	2,110,011	508,720	1,476,725
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year	<u>4,681,968</u>	<u>7,869,722</u>	<u>10,751,640</u>	<u>12,861,651</u>	<u>13,370,371</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$7,869,722</u>	<u>\$10,751,640</u>	<u>\$12,861,651</u>	<u>\$13,370,371</u>	<u>\$14,847,096</u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements
Summary not Audited

**City School District of the City of Jamestown
Budget Summaries**

	Adopted Budget 2020-21	Proposed Budget 2021-22
Estimated Revenues:		
Real Property Tax including STAR	\$16,142,269	\$14,641,567
Real Property Tax Items	0	1,430,000
Employee Benefit Reserve	175,000	175,000
Workers Compensation Reserve	100,000	100,000
Other Revenue	471,700	378,500
State Aid	68,404,702	70,104,111
Retirement Contribution Services	500,000	500,000
Federal Aid	275,000	275,000
Subtotal	<u>86,068,671</u>	<u>87,604,178</u>
Interfund Transfers	245,000	275,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total Estimated Revenues	<u><u>\$88,313,671</u></u>	<u><u>\$89,879,178</u></u>
Appropriations:		
General Support	\$9,095,875	9,008,448.00
Instruction	47,294,578	48,894,889
Transportation	1,382,249	2,103,971
Employee Benefits	18,765,675	19,138,069
Debt Service	11,550,294	10,568,801
Interfund Transfers	225,000	165,000
Total Appropriations	<u><u>\$88,313,671</u></u>	<u><u>\$89,879,178</u></u>

Source: School District Officials

APPENDIX C

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
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/P21417333-P21101329-P21510742.pdf>

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

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

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This undertaking to provide notice of certain designated events (the “Disclosure Undertaking”) is executed and delivered by the City School District of the City of Jamestown, a school district of the State of New York (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance of its [\$17,990,000] Bond Anticipation Note(s), 2021 or interests therein (such Note(s), including any interests therein, being collectively referred to herein as the “Security”). The Security has a stated maturity of 18 months or less. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Obligation to Provide Notices of Events. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes (for the benefit of Security Holders) to provide (or cause to be provided either directly or through a dissemination agent) to EMMA (or any successor thereto) in an electronic format (as prescribed by the MSRB) in a timely manner (not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of any such event) notice of any of the following events with respect to the Security:

- (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 or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of Security Holders, if material;
- (8) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Security, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;

Note to paragraph (12): For the purposes of the event identified in paragraph (12) of this section, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: The appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, 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 obligated person.

(13) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the obligated person, 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 obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, 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 obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Issuer may choose to disseminate other information in addition to the information required as part of this Disclosure Undertaking. Such other information may be disseminated in any manner chosen by the Issuer. 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 pursuant to this Disclosure Undertaking.

(c) The Issuer may choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed in Section 1(a) above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Security; 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 2. Definitions.

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

“Financial Obligation” means a (A) debt obligation; (B) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) guarantee of (A) or (B). Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12.

“MSRB” means 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 Disclosure Undertaking.

“Purchaser” means the financial institution referred to in a certain Certificate of Determination that is being delivered by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Security.

“Rule 15c2-12” means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended through the date of this Disclosure Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof.

“Security Holder” means any registered owner of the Security and any beneficial owner of the Security within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 3. Remedies. If the Issuer fails to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Undertaking, then any Security Holder may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Security Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Disclosure 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 Disclosure Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Disclosure 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 Disclosure Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Security.

Section 4. Parties in Interest. This Disclosure Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 and is delivered for the benefit of the Security Holders. No other person has any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 5. Amendments. Without the consent of any Security Holders, at any time while this Disclosure Undertaking is outstanding, the Issuer may enter into any amendments or changes to this Disclosure Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes to Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided as part of this Disclosure Undertaking 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 Security Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) 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 Disclosure 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 5 shall adversely affect the interests of the Security Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

Section 6. Termination. (a) This Disclosure Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Security shall have been paid in full or the Security shall have otherwise been paid or legally defeased in accordance with their terms. Upon any such legal defeasance, the Issuer shall provide notice of such defeasance to EMMA. Such notice shall state whether the Security has been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

