

PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 16, 2021

**RENEWAL ISSUE
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

RATINGS: See "RATINGS" herein

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

The District WILL designate the Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to the provisions of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK**

\$2,237,400

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - 2021
(the "Notes")**

Date of Issue: July 7, 2021

Maturity Dates: July 7, 2022

The Notes are general obligations of the Brewster Central School District, Putnam County, New York (the "District"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the 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. (See "*Nature of the Obligation*," herein).

The Notes are dated their Date of Issue and bear interest from that date until the Maturity Date, at the annual rate as specified by the purchaser of the Notes. The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Notes will be issued in registered form and at the option of the purchaser, the Notes will be (i) registered in the name of the successful bidder or (ii) registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry notes.

If the Notes are registered in the name of the successful bidder, a single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the District, at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as selected by the successful bidder.

If the Notes are issued in book-entry form, such notes will be delivered to DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the District to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants. (See "*Description of Book-Entry-Only System*" herein).

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the receipt of the respective final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. It is anticipated that delivery of the Notes will be made on or about July 7, 2021 through the offices of DTC, or such place agreed to by the purchaser and the District.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM "DEEMED FINAL" BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15C2-12 (THE "RULE"). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE "*DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKINGS*," HEREIN.

DATED: June __, 2021

*Preliminary subject to change.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK**

relating to

\$2,237,400

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES – 2021
(the “Notes”)**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, inside cover page and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Brewster Central School District, in Putnam County, in the State of New York (the “District,” “County,” and “State,” respectively), in connection with the sale of \$2,237,400 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. 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.

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

THE NOTES

Description

The Notes will be dated and will mature, without option of prior redemption, as reflected on the cover page hereof.

The District will act as Paying Agent for any Notes issued in book-entry form. Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the purchaser. The District’s contact information is Mr. Victor Karlsson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, 30 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York 10509, (845) 279-8000 x 6117, e-mail: vkarlsson@brewsterschools.org.

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Authority for and Purpose of the Notes

The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution, the laws of the State, including, among others, the Local Finance Law and the Education Law, and various bond resolutions adopted by the Board of Education as set forth below.

A \$1,487,400 portion of the proceeds of the Notes, together with \$695,400 of available funds, will be used to redeem \$2,182,800 Bond Anticipation Notes for Various School Purposes – 2020 of the District which mature on July 9, 2021. The \$750,000 balance of the proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide original financing for the purchase of various school buses, vehicles and related equipment for use by the District as described in the table below.

<u>Date Authorized</u>	<u>Original Issue Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding 2020</u>	<u>Note Paydown 2021</u>	<u>New Money 2021</u>	<u>Amount of the 2021 Notes</u>
06/07/16	07/14/16	School Buses	\$ 98,000	\$ 98,000	-0-	\$ 0
05/16/17	07/13/17	School Buses	300,000	150,000	-0-	150,000
06/12/18	07/12/18	School Buses	452,400	150,800	-0-	301,600
06/11/19	07/10/19	School Buses	602,400	150,600	-0-	451,800
07/07/20	09/01/20	School Buses	730,000	146,000	-0-	584,000
06/08/21	07/07/21	School Buses	-0-	-0-	750,000	750,000
			<u>\$2,182,800</u>	<u>\$695,400</u>	<u>\$750,000</u>	<u>\$2,237,400</u>

Nature of the Obligation

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

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

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate therefore. However, Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended (the "Tax Levy Limit Law"), imposes a limitation on the power of local governments and school districts, including the District, to increase their annual tax levy, with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limit Law. The Tax Levy Limit Law also provides the procedural method to overcome that limitation. In addition, the Tax Levy Limit Law expressly provides an exclusion from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, or the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes. As the Notes are being issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, the Notes qualify for such exclusion to the annual tax levy limitation. The exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments. (See "The Tax Levy Limit Law" herein.)

REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Notes, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Notes should the District default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Notes upon the occurrence of any such default. The Notes are general obligation contracts between the District and

the owners for which the faith and credit of the District are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bondholder's and/or noteholder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the District. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A Court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes, the owners of such Notes could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax, upon all taxable property of the District subject to taxation by the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Notes and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Notes. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

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

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

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

subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

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

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

No Past Due Debt

No principal or interest payment on District indebtedness is past due. The District has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on any indebtedness. However, due to an administrative oversight by DTC, and by no fault of the District, an April 15, 2017 interest payment was made 1 day late to holders of the District bonds. Interest payments are automatically withdrawn by DTC from the Districts bank account. Although the District followed the proper procedures to authorize the deduction in a timely manner, an administrative oversight by DTC resulted in the deduction being made 1 day late. The District has since obtained an email from DTC acknowledging the mistake. (See also, "*Compliance History*" under the section entitled "*Disclosure Undertaking*" herein.)

Bankruptcy

The Federal Bankruptcy Code (Chapter IX) allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law specifically authorizes any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not become applicable in the future. As such, the undertakings of the District should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX, and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities. Bankruptcy proceedings by the District if authorized by the State in the future, could have adverse effects on bondholders and/or noteholders including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the District after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Notes.

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

SECTION 99-B OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW

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

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

Upon the filing of such a certificate in the office of the State Comptroller, he shall thereafter deduct and withhold from the next succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due to such school district such amount thereof as may be required to pay (a) the school district's contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and (b) the principal of and interest on such bonds and notes of such school district then in default. In the event such State aid or assistance initially so withheld shall be insufficient to pay said amounts in full, the State Comptroller shall similarly deduct and withhold from each succeeding allotment, apportionment or payment of such State aid or assistance due such school district such amount or amounts thereof as may be required to cure such default. Allotments, apportionments and payments of such State aid so deducted or withheld by the State Comptroller for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes of such school district. The State Comptroller shall promptly notify the chief fiscal officer of such school district of any payment or payments made to any paying agent or agents of defaulted bonds or notes pursuant to said section of the SFL.

DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

In the event the Notes are issued in book-entry form, the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), Jersey City, New Jersey, 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.

DTC, the world's largest securities 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 bond or 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 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 effect 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 redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company

RISK FACTORS

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

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

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

The financial condition of the District as well as the market for the 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.

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

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

governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. The spread of the outbreak or resurgence could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District continues to monitor the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See “*State Aid*” and “*Events Affecting New York School Districts*” herein).

THE STATE COMPTROLLER’S FISCAL STRESS MONITORING SYSTEM AND OSC COMPLIANCE REVIEWS

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

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as “No Designation” with a Fiscal Score of 0.0% and an Environmental Score of 35.0%.

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The most recent such audit was released on March 13, 2020, covering the period from July 1, 2017 to June 5, 2019, to determine whether the District procured professional services in accordance with Board policies and applicable statutory requirements. Results of the audit and corresponding recommendations have been discussed with District officials and comments from the District have been included as a part of the audit report. Furthermore, the State audit report and subsequent recommendations reflect only the viewpoint of the State and are intended to be resources of the District. Full copies of the State audit may be obtained by visiting the Office of the State Comptroller’s official website.

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

CYBERSECURITY

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

digital networks and systems and the costs of remedying any such damage could be substantial. The District invests in cyber insurance policies to help with business interruption and credit monitoring if compromised.

LITIGATION

The District is subject to a number of claims and lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. Except as noted below, in the opinion of the School Attorney, such claims and suits, individually or in the aggregate, are not likely to have a material adverse effect on the financial position of the District.

The District has been sued anonymously by a former student alleging violations under the Child Victims Act seeking unspecified monetary relief. There is a pending motion to dismiss that lawsuit, but even if the plaintiff prevails, we do not believe the outcome will have a material, adverse impact on the District's financial condition.

The District has received a Notice of Claim involving discrimination. According to the District Attorney, the claim seeks \$25.0 million in damages and has been referred to the District's insurance carrier for assignment.

The District is also party to various tax certiorari proceedings instituted by various taxpayers under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law. In these actions, taxpayers have claimed that real property assessments as presently determined are excessive. Such claims seek to have the property assessment reduced and, generally, request a refund for a portion of the taxes previously paid. It is not possible to provide an estimate of the District's potential exposure with respect to all pending certiorari claims. However, most claims are settled for amounts substantially below the assessment reduction specified in the original filing. The District maintains a reserve for tax certiorari settlements. For the 2020 fiscal year the District paid \$131,062 in tax refunds pursuant to tax certiorari claims. At June 30, 2020, the District's (audited) reserve balance for tax certioraris was \$56,843. If necessary, the District may issue debt to finance judgments or settled claims.

TAX MATTERS

Opinion of Bond Counsel

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

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

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated above. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may thereafter come to its attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may thereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken or

not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Notes.

Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications

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

Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences

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

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

Original Issue Discount

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

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

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

Note Premium

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

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

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

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

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LEGAL MATTERS

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

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In order to assist the purchaser(s) in complying with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Rule 15c2-12") with respect to the Notes, the District will execute a Undertaking to Provide Notices of Events for the Notes, the form of which is attached hereto as Appendix E.

Compliance History

Due to administrative oversight by DTC, and at no fault of the District, interest payments were made 1 day late to holders of the Districts in April of 2017 and October of 2018. The District timely filed material event notices in connection with such payments.

RATINGS

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

On June 29, 2020, Moody's Investor's Service ("Moody's") affirmed the "Aa2" rating assigned to the District's outstanding uninsured, general obligation bonds .

The District's outstanding, uninsured, general obligation bonds are currently rated "AA" by S&P Global Ratings ("S&P").

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

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

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

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from Victor Karlsson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, 30 Farm to Market Road, Brewster, New York 10509, (845) 279-8000 x 6117, e-mail: vkarlsson@brewsterschools.org or from the District's Municipal Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11021, (516) 274-4504.

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.

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

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

BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: _____
Sonia Mesika
President of the Board of Education and
Chief Fiscal Officer

DATED: June __, 2021

APPENDIX A

THE DISTRICT

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General Information

The District is located in the southeast portion of Putnam County, New York, approximately 50 miles north of New York City. The District includes the Town of Southeast, Town of Patterson, and a minor portion of the Town of Carmel. Approximately 80% of the total full valuation of the District lies within the Town of Southeast.

The majority of the population for the District resides in the Town of Southeast. The District maintains four school buildings with a total of 2,984 students enrolled for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, according to data obtained from the District.

Residents of the District receive their basic municipal services from the towns making up the District. The County is responsible for providing social and certain health related programs.

The District is primarily residential in nature. Residents are employed locally and throughout the County and surrounding areas. Unemployment rates reported for the County in recent years have been substantially less than both State and national averages (see “*Economic and Demographic Data*” herein).

District Organization

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

The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education, which consists of seven members including the President and Vice President. Board members are elected for a term of three years. The administrative officers of the District who are appointed by the Board to implement the policies of the District include: Superintendent of Schools, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, District Clerk, and District Treasurer.

Financial Organization

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education is the chief fiscal officer of the District. However, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and the District Clerk.

Financial Statements and Accounting Procedures

The financial accounts of the District are maintained in accordance with the New York State Uniform System of Accounting for School Districts. Such accounts are audited annually by independent auditors, and are available for public inspection upon request.

Budgetary Procedure

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

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

On May 18, 2021, a majority of District voters voting at the Annual District Meeting and Election approved the District’s budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Summaries of the District’s Adopted Budgets for the fiscal years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 may be found in Appendix B, herein.

School Enrollment Trends

School enrollment history and projections are outlined below.

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Enrollment History ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>Enrollment Projections</u>
2017	3,119	2022	3,069
2018	3,081	2023	3,072
2019	3,004	2024	3,080
2020	3,065	2025	3,101
2021	2,984	2026	3,055

(1) Actual enrollment counts reflect only in-district students on a specific date in time, and are subject to change throughout the year. Special Education students placed out-of-district, and Private School students are excluded from these counts.

Source: Basic Educational Data System for history, outside consultant for projections and District officials.

District Facilities

The District operates four school buildings, statistics relating to each are shown below.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Year of Original Construction or Addition</u>	<u>Grades</u>
Brewster High School	840	1973,2002	9-12
Henry H. Wells Middle School	856	1959,1997,2012	6-8
John F. Kennedy Elementary School	602	1964,1971	K-2
C.V. Starr Intermediate School	634	1998	3-5

The District is presently undergoing a renovation and/or expansion as part of the current District wide improvement program.

Employees

The District provides services through approximately 772 employees, union and non-union. Union employees are represented by the following units of organized labor.

<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Union</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
305	Brewster Teachers' Association	June 30, 2024
290	Local 200 - Putnam County Public Service Employees	June 30, 2026
18	Administrators Association of Brewster	June 30, 2021 ¹
26	Clerical Chapter of the Brewster Teachers' Assoc.	June 30, 2021 ¹
95	Substitute Teacher Chapter of the Brewster Teachers' Assoc.	June 30, 2022

Source: District officials.

(1) Contract in negotiation.

Employee Benefits

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-NYS

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

On December 10, 2009 a new Tier V was signed into law. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010 and on or before April 1, 2012. Tier V ERS employees will contribute 3% of their salaries and TRS employees will contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the New York Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier VI for employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% and 6% with no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier VI, the pension multiplier will be 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

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

Due to prior poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS, the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the TRS and ERS in 2011 and certain subsequent years have increased. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted to permit school districts to amortize a portion of the contributions to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District elected to amortize a portion of the allowable ERS contribution for the years ended June 30, 2013 through 2016. The amount paid during 2016-17 was \$1,172,052. This amount was inclusive of advance payments to satisfy all balances due for the 2016 amortized balance and prior. There was no balance due at June 30, 2017. The District has not amortized any of its required contribution since 2016 and has no plans to do so in the future.

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

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

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

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget, which was signed into law as Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2019, includes a provision that will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding the cost of TRS contributions, as a sub-fund of retirement contribution reserve funds presently authorized for amounts payable to the ERS by a school district. School districts will be permitted to pay into such reserve fund during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The District established such a fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 with an initial contribution of approximately \$745,894.

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

Retirement Billing Procedures

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

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

The amounts contributed to ERS and TRS for the last five fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the two most recent fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	ERS	TRS
2016	\$2,490,586	\$4,769,300
2017	2,849,510	4,208,483
2018	1,624,581	3,645,632
2019	1,643,011	4,034,983
2020	1,694,144	3,612,807
2021 (Adopted Budget)	1,748,507	3,760,805
2022 (Adopted Budget)	2,006,947	3,952,213

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

Other Post Employment Benefits

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

GASB 75 requires state and local governments to measure a defined benefit OPEB plan as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees, attributable to past periods of service in order to calculate the total OPEB liability. Total OPEB liability generally is required to be

determined through an actuarial valuation using a measurement date that is no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer's current fiscal year.

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

The District's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 was \$218,420,163 using a discount rate of 2.44% and actuarial assumptions and other inputs as described in the District's June 30, 2020 audited financial statements.

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

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

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

Investment Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FINANCIAL FACTORS

District finances are operated primarily through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. A Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020 is contained in Appendix B. As reflected in Appendix B, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes and the use of funds reserved for capital improvements.

Impacts of COVID-19

The District realized a significant surplus in fiscal year 2020 and anticipates an additional surplus in fiscal year 2021 due to the cost avoidances associated with school closures. Additionally, the District has been allocated significant funding pursuant to the Coronavirus Recovery & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and American Rescue Plan Act.

Real Property Taxes

The District derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property (see “*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-General Fund*” in Appendix B, herein). Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, imposes a tax levy limitation upon the municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein). Property taxes accounted for 78.7% of total General Fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, while State aid accounted for 20.4%.

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

Real Property Taxes to General Fund Revenue

<u>Fiscal Years Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Real Property Tax Revenue ⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Real Property to General Fund Revenue %</u>
2016	\$88,166,867	\$70,209,440	79.6%
2017	90,207,201	71,213,942	78.9
2018	92,800,909	72,383,277	78.0
2019	95,399,551	74,377,015	78.0
2020	99,540,661	77,540,365	78.7
2021(Adopted Budget)	100,981,692	78,698,965	77.9
2022(Adopted Budget)	104,903,457	78,956,175	75.3

(1) Excludes other financing sources.

(2) Inclusive of PILOT, interest and penalties on real property taxes and Other Tax Items, which represents STAR tax payments made to the District by the State. See “STAR - School Tax Exemption” herein.

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

State Aid

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

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

State Aid to General Fund Revenue

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenue (%)</u>
2016	\$ 88,166,867	\$ 17,290,746	19.6%
2017	90,207,201	18,147,966	20.1
2018	92,800,909	19,268,463	20.8
2019	95,399,551	19,544,205	20.5
2020	98,404,776	20,122,265	20.4
2021 (Adopted Budget)	100,981,692	19,871,727	19.7
2022 (Adopted Budget)	104,903,457	21,669,000	20.7

(1) Excludes other financing sources.

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

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

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 the State has declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses for an extended period. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it may continue to negatively impact the State’s economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time; however, it is anticipated that without federal funding the State will be required to take certain gap-closing actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations and/or delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State.

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

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

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

The amount of State aid to school districts can vary from year to year and is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State’s 2010 and 2020 fiscal years, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in adoption of the State budget, which is due at the start of the State’s fiscal year of April 1. The State’s budget has been adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter for over ten (10) years. The State’s 2021-22 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 7, 2021. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in

the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

As described above, the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget included, and the State's 2021-22 Enacted Budget includes, significant amounts of federal funding. The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, the COVID-19 pandemic, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision. Reductions in federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. (See also "Impacts of COVID-19" herein.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Events Affecting New York School Districts

Following a State budgetary crisis in 2009, State aid to school districts in the State decreased for a number of years with increases established in more recent years. However, as discussed below the COVID-19 outbreak has affected and is expected to continue to affect State aid to school district.

The recent history of State aid to school districts in the State for the last five years is as follows:

School district fiscal year (2016-2017): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget included an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the State's 2015-16 Budget, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense based aid, the Governor's budget included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The majority of the remaining increase included \$100 million in Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. The funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

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

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

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

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

actual State revenues come in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. (See “*State Aid*” herein).

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

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the remainder of the current fiscal year or in future fiscal years. However, the District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing. (See also “*RISK FACTORS*” herein).

The Smart Schools Bond Act (the “SSBA”) was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds by the State to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District was awarded an allocation under the ACT to issue up to \$494,867 in bonds. The SSBA Review Board reviewed and approved districts’ Smart Schools Investment Plan and \$275,000 of the allocation has been utilized to date.

Other Revenues

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

Independent Audits

The District retained the firm of PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. Appendix B, attached hereto, presents excerpts from the District’s most recent audited reports covering the last five fiscal years.

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REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Assessed and Full Valuations

The following is the Real Property Tax Assessment and Rates for the last five fiscal years ending June 30:

Real Property Tax Assessments, Rates and Collections **Fiscal Year Ending June 30:**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assessed Values:					
Southeast	\$ 2,462,080,200	\$2,440,656,617	\$2,556,404,146	\$2,611,800,119	\$2,638,188,606
Patterson	545,423,722	527,975,629	553,193,515	569,511,100	586,901,647
Carmel	<u>14,819,857</u>	<u>14,784,049</u>	<u>25,886,868</u>	<u>26,783,792</u>	<u>27,616,484</u>
Total Assessed Values	<u>\$3,022,323,779</u>	<u>\$2,983,416,295</u>	<u>\$3,145,484,529</u>	<u>\$3,208,095,011</u>	<u>\$3,319,110,392</u>
Equalization Rates: ⁽¹⁾					
Southeast	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Patterson	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Carmel	60.00	59.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Full Values:					
Southeast	\$2,462,080,200	\$2,440,656,617	\$2,556,404,146	\$2,611,800,119	\$2,638,188,606
Patterson	545,423,722	527,975,629	553,193,515	569,511,100	586,901,647
Carmel	<u>24,699,761</u>	<u>25,057,710</u>	<u>25,886,868</u>	<u>26,783,792</u>	<u>27,616,484</u>
Total Full Values	<u>\$3,032,203,683</u>	<u>\$2,993,689,956</u>	<u>\$3,145,484,529</u>	<u>\$3,208,095,011</u>	<u>\$3,319,110,392</u>
Tax Rate Per \$1,000 AV :					
Southeast:					
Homestead	\$21.26	\$21.30	\$21.33	\$21.29	\$21.47
Non-Homestead	29.58	29.69	29.72	29.68	29.79
Patterson:					
Homestead	21.33	21.39	21.31	21.25	21.47
Non-Homestead	29.29	29.55	29.56	29.68	29.78
Carmel:					
Homestead	34.05	34.96	20.55	20.59	20.85
Non-Homestead	48.81	49.82	29.39	29.36	29.45
Tax levy ⁽²⁾	<u>\$69,702,103</u>	<u>\$70,984,558</u>	<u>\$72,502,849</u>	<u>\$74,111,529</u>	<u>\$77,117,800</u>
Levy Uncollected at End of Fiscal Year ⁽³⁾	None	None	None	None	None

(1) State Board. All equalization rates shown are final.

(2) Gross Levy, prior to additions to or deletions from tax roll and STAR exemption.

(3) See "Tax Collection Procedures."

Tax Limit

The Constitution does not limit the amount that may be raised by the District-wide tax levy on real estate in any fiscal year. However, Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, imposes a statutory limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*," herein.)

The Tax Levy Limit Law

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

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

The Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index, as described in the Law. A budget with a tax levy that does not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a budget with a tax levy increase in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, or a subsequent resubmitted budget, the tax levy for the school district’s budget for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year.

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

Tax Collection Procedures

The Board of Education of the District levies real property taxes after such taxes have been approved by the District's voters. School taxes become a lien upon the final adoption of the school tax roll by the Board of Education. Unpaid interest on school taxes is deemed part of the tax and together with such original tax remain a lien until paid.

School taxes are collected by the component towns of the District between September 1 and November 1. Such taxes may be paid during the month of September without interest. Generally, payments received on or after October 1 must include interest computed at 1% per month from September 1. On or about November 1, the various school tax collecting officers transmit a listing of unpaid taxes to the District. A certified listing of unpaid taxes must be transmitted to the County not later than November 15.

Unpaid school taxes with 7% added thereto are relieved by the County and thereafter collected and enforced in the same manner as real property taxes levied for County purposes. The County must remit the full amount of unpaid taxes to the District by April 1 of the succeeding calendar year. Thus, the District is guaranteed 100% of its taxes in the year of levy.

STAR - School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities (“STAR Adjusted Gross Income”) of \$86,000 or less, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$107,030 for the 2018-19 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$500,000 are eligible for a \$48,070 “full value” exemption on their primary residence. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the New York Laws of 2016 of the State of New York (“Chapter 60”) gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR

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

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

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

Approximately 6.5% of the District’s 2020-2021 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2021 (see “*State Aid*” herein).

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers

The following table presents the taxable assessments of ten of the District's largest taxpayers for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Name	Nature of Business	Assessed Valuation	% of Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾
City of New York	Municipal Utility	\$220,653,406	6.65%
Algonquin Gas	Utility	102,771,433	3.09
NYS Electric & Gas	Utility	47,426,527	1.43
Lakeview Plaza LLC	Shopping Center	21,734,400	0.65
Highlands Center	Retail Center	21,638,800	0.65
Putnam Ridge Real Estate LLC ⁽²⁾	Nursing Home	17,750,000	0.53
Orchard Ridge Associates	Warehouse	8,868,300	0.25
Powers Fasteners, Inc	Manufacturing	8,160,000	0.25
Garden Homes Brewster	Property Mng.	8,137,700	0.25
Putnam Associates LLC	Health Services	8,120,400	0.24
Total		\$465,260,996	13.9%

(1) The District's assessed value for the 2019-2020 fiscal year is \$3,319,110,392.

(2) Pending tax certiorari.

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DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

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

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

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

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid in one of the two fiscal years immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which such indebtedness was contracted; indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose determined by statute or the weighted average maturity of the several objects or purposes for which such indebtedness is to be contracted; no installment may be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment, unless the District has authorized the issuance of indebtedness having substantially level or declining annual debt service. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds, bond anticipation notes and capital notes

General. The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness to prevent abuses in the exercise of such power; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted. There is no constitutional limitation on the amount that may be raised by the District by tax on real estate in any fiscal year to pay principal of and interest on all indebtedness. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a statutory limitation on the power of the District to increase its annual tax levy. (See "*The Tax Levy Limit Law*" herein).

Statutory Procedure

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

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

The Local Finance Law also provides a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution, together with a statutory form of notice which, in effect, stops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. It is a procedure generally recommended by bond counsel, but is not an absolute legal requirement.

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

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

Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

The debt limit of the District is \$331,319,110,392, as of June 16, 2021. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District.

**Computation of Statutory
Debt Contracting Limitation
As of June 16, 2021**

Town	Assessed Valuations ⁽¹⁾	Equalization Rate ⁽²⁾	Full Valuations
Southeast	\$2,638,188,606	100.00%	\$2,638,188,606
Patterson	586,901,647	100.00	586,901,647
Carmel	27,616,484	100.00	27,616,484
Total Full Valuation			\$3,319,110,392
Debt-Contracting Limitation: (10% of Full Valuation)			\$331,911,039

(1) Town assessment rolls completed in 2019 for taxes levied in 2020.

(2) ORPTS.

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Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness
As of June 16, 2021

	Amount	Percentage
Debt Contracting Limitation:	\$331,911,039	100.00%
Gross Indebtedness ⁽¹⁾ :		
Serial Bonds	49,465,000	14.90
Bond Anticipation Notes	2,182,800	0.65
Gross Indebtedness	51,647,800	15.56
Exclusions and Deductions ⁽²⁾	-0-	0.00
Net Direct Debt	51,647,800	15.56
Net Debt-Contracting Margin	\$280,263,239	84.44%

(1) Excludes energy performance contract lease indebtedness that is not included in gross direct debt.

(2) The District estimates that it will receive approximately \$26.4 million of State school building aid for outstanding bonds and notes. Such estimate, however, has not been certified by the State and, therefore, no deduction has been taken to compute the District's debt limit. The District has no reason to believe that it will not ultimately receive all of the school building aid it anticipates, however, no assurance can be given as to when and how much building aid the District will receive in relation to outstanding capital debt.

Short-Term Indebtedness

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

Bond anticipation notes may be sold to provide moneys for capital projects once a bond resolution has been adopted. Generally, bond anticipation notes are issued in the anticipation of the sale of bonds at some future date and may be renewed from time to time up to five years from the date of the first note. Bond anticipation notes may not be renewed after the second year unless there is a principal payment on such notes from a source other than the proceeds of bonds. In no event, may bond anticipation notes be renewed after the sale of bonds in anticipation of which the notes were originally issued.

The District is also authorized by law to issue tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes to provide cash to pay operating expenditures. Borrowings for this purpose are restricted by formulas contained in the Local Finance Law and Regulations issued under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Bonds may be renewed from time-to-time, generally not beyond three years in the case of revenue anticipation notes, and five years for tax anticipation notes. Budget notes may be issued to finance current operating expenditures for which there is no appropriation or the amount so appropriated is not sufficient. Generally, the amount of budget notes issued may not exceed 5% of the budget and must be redeemed in the next fiscal year.

Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes

The District has not issued tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes in more than ten years.

Energy Performance Contract Lease

The District from time-to-time enters into financing leases or installment purchase contracts as such leases are described under State law. Under State law, installment purchase contracts are deemed to be executory only to the extent that moneys have been appropriated and are available therefor. Such contracts do not constitute general obligations of the District secured by a faith and credit pledge of the District's taxing powers. The total amount of

periodic payments, exclusive of interest, due on installment purchase contracts may not exceed 40% of the District's constitutional debt limit. Such obligations presently represent approximately 0.25% of the District's maximum debt authority. As of June 30, 2020, the balance for such contracts was \$501,023.

Bond Anticipation Notes

As of June 16, 2021, the District had the following bond anticipation notes outstanding:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
Buses	<u>\$ 2,182,800</u> ⁽¹⁾	07-09-2021
	<u><u>\$2,182,800</u></u>	

(1) To be redeemed at maturity with proceeds of the Notes and available funds (see "Authority for and Purpose of the Notes," herein).

Trend of Capital Indebtedness

The following table provides information relating to direct indebtedness outstanding as of June 30 for the 2016 through 2020 fiscal years. Energy performance contract debt is not included in the below calculations.

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Bonds	\$35,735,000	\$32,740,000	\$27,410,000	\$22,925,000	\$18,280,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>10,174,614</u>	<u>35,940,936</u>	<u>39,670,358</u>	<u>39,346,793</u>	<u>38,852,046</u>
Total Outstanding	<u><u>\$45,909,614</u></u>	<u><u>\$68,680,936</u></u>	<u><u>\$67,080,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$62,271,793</u></u>	<u><u>\$57,132,046</u></u>

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 equalized values. The table on the following page presents the amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's estimated share of this debt. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

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Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness
As of June 16, 2021

Gross Direct Indebtedness	\$51,647,800
Exclusions and Deductions	<u>0</u>
Net Direct Indebtedness	<u>\$51,647,800</u>

	Date	Net Debt Outstanding	Percent Applicable to District	Net Amount Applicable To District
County	07-31-20	\$ 47,560,000	23.1%	\$10,986,360
Towns:				
Southeast	07-30-19	5,967,332	82.2	4,905,147
Patterson	06-10-20	4,590,000	45.9	2,106,810
Carmel	09-17-20	19,356,416	0.6	116,138
Village:				
Brewster	07-31-20	1,117,000	100.00	<u>1,117,000</u>
				<u><u>\$19,231,455</u></u>

Debt Ratios

The following table presents certain debt ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of June 19, 2020. Energy performance contract debt has been excluded and the net effect of estimated building aid has not been included in these calculations.

	Amount	Debt Per Capita ⁽¹⁾	Debt to Full Value ⁽²⁾
Net Direct Debt	\$51,647,800	\$2,365	1.55%
Net Direct & Overlapping Debt	70,879,255	3,245	2.14

- (1) According to interim data obtained from the US Census Bureau, the 2018 population of the District is estimated to be 21,836.
(2) The District's estimated full value of taxable real property for fiscal 2019-2020 is \$3,319,110,392.

Authorized But Unissued Debt

The District does not have any authorized but unissued debt.

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Debt Service Schedule

The following table presents the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding general obligation bonded indebtedness for fiscal years ending June 30. Installment purchase contract debt has been excluded from the table.

Years Ending June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service	Cumulative % Principal Paid
2021	4,450,000	1,327,756	5,777,756	16.80
2022	4,165,000	1,488,900	5,653,900	24.50
2023	4,300,000	1,354,475	5,654,475	32.45
2024	4,450,000	1,214,706	5,664,706	40.67
2025	4,590,000	1,069,209	5,659,209	49.15
2026	4,760,000	904,725	5,664,725	57.95
2027	4,855,000	718,875	5,573,875	66.93
2028	2,255,000	568,225	2,823,225	71.09
2029	2,370,000	452,600	2,822,600	75.47
2030	2,480,000	343,750	2,823,750	80.06
2031	2,580,000	242,550	2,822,550	84.83
2032	2,675,000	150,825	2,825,825	89.77
2033	2,740,000	83,300	2,823,300	94.83
2034	2,795,000	27,950	2,822,950	100.00
Total	\$49,465,000	\$9,947,846	\$59,412,846	

ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Population

Population trends for the Town of Southeast (which comprises most of the District) are presented below, together with comparative trends for the County and State.

Population Trends (2000 – 2019)

	2000	2010	2019	<u>% Change</u>	
				2000-2010	2010-2019
Southeast (Town)	17,316	18,404	18,052	6.3%	(1.9)%
County	95,745	99,710	98,320	4.1	(1.4)
State	18,976,457	19,378,102	19,453,561	2.1	0.4

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

Income

The following table indicates comparative income statistics for the Town of Southeast, County, and State. The information presented for the Town of Southeast, the County and the State are not necessarily representative of the District as a whole.

Per Capita Money Income

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Southeast (Town)	\$41,051	\$44,661	8.79%
County	37,915	45,905	21.1
State	30,948	37,470	21.1

Source: The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

Employment

Employment information is not available for the District. The smallest area for which such information is available is the County. It should not be construed, however, that such information is necessarily representative of the District.

Average Employed Civilian Labor Force

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Change</u>	
				<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2019</u>
County	50,500	48,800	49,300	(3.4)%	1.0%
State	8,718,700	8,769,700	9,137,600	0.6	4.2

Source: New York State Department of Labor.

Average Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2016	4.0	4.9
2017	4.2	4.7
2018	3.7	4.1
2019	3.7	4.0
2020	7.6	10.0
2021: ⁽¹⁾		
Jan	5.7	9.4
Feb	6.2	9.7
Mar	5.4	8.4
Apr	4.8	7.8

(1) Monthly rates.

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

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**Major Employers in the County
(PUBLIC SECTOR ONLY)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Industry or Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Putnam County	County Government	794
Mahopac Central School District	Public Education	773
Carmel Central School District	Public Education	712
Brewster Central School District	Public Education	600
Putnam Valley Central School District	Public Education	290
Haldane Central School District	Public Education	155
Town of Carmel	Town Government	131
Town of Kent	Town Government	108

Source: Putnam County Official Statement dated August 2020.

**Major Employers in the County
(PRIVATE SECTOR ONLY)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Industry or Business</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Putnam Hospital Center	Health Services	900
Green Chimneys	Services	502
Ace Endico	Food Service & Retail	438
Putnam Associated Resource Center	Services	375
Putnam Precision Products, Inc.	Manufacturing	290
Cerebral Palsy of Putnam and Dutchess	Services	264
Big V ShopRite Supermarket	Retail	250
Arms Acres, Inc.	Services	230
CareMount Medical PC	Health Services	223
Friars of the Atonement	Services	200
Home Depot	Manufacturing	195
Acme Supermarkets (3 locations)	Retail	172
DeCiccio Family Market	Retail	150
TOPS	Food Service & Retail	125
Stop & Shop	Food Service& Retail	125
Power Fasteners, Inc.	Manufacturing	107
Kohl's Department Store	Retail	100
Dairy Conveyor Corp.	Manufacturing	100

Source: Putnam County Official Statement dated August 2020.

Financial Institutions

First Niagara Bank, JPMorgan Chase, Mahopac National Bank and M&T Bank maintain branch offices in the District.

Transportation

The District is served by all major forms of transportation. Major highways serving the District include Interstate 84 (linking Hartford, Connecticut and Scranton, Pennsylvania) and Interstate 684 (linking Brewster and the City of White Plains). The District is also served by a network of County and Town roads. Rail passenger service is available from the Metro North Commuter Railroad (Brewster and Southeast stations). Commercial air transportation is available at Stewart Airport in Newburgh (approximately 40 miles to the west).

Utilities

New York State Electric and Gas and Verizon provide residents of the District with basic utilities. Water and sewer services are comprised of both municipal and private systems.

Housing Data

	Housing Units				
	<u>2000-2017</u>			<u>% Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
	Number of Units				
<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2000-2010</u>	<u>2010-2017</u>	
Southeast (Town)	6,412	7,095	7,096	10.7%	0.0%
County	35,030	38,224	38,578	9.1	0.9
State	7,679,307	8,108,103	8,255,911	5.6	1.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates).

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

**UNAUDITED SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND ADOPTED BUDGETS**

**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION**

	As of June 30:				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
ASSETS					
Cash And Equivalents	\$ 16,557,592	\$ 6,704,108	\$ 8,753,847	\$ 8,824,427	8,082,591
Investments	72	8,009,116	4,819,864	6,841,154	11,872,852
Receivables:					
Accounts	58,736	135,212	291,662	176,835	142,244
State and Federal Aid	1,013,953	1,033,394	1,239,453	1,515,901	1,453,781
Due From Other Governments	59,516	51,657	174,692	73,728	104,568
Due From Other Funds	330,121	598,426	1,508,190	716,948	881,256
Prepaid Expenditures	379,423	567,941	359,857	237,187	217,444
Total Assets	\$ 18,399,413	\$ 17,099,854	\$ 17,147,565	\$ 18,386,180	22,754,736
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,621,684	\$ 728,980	\$ 1,736,112	\$ 1,400,308	2,120,984
Accrued Liabilities	0	58,953	195,158	566,396	309,210
Due To Other Funds	0	0	60,240	1,016,278	2,685,024
Due To Other Governments	30,764	30,764	30,764	30,764	30,764
Unearned Revenues	54,324	103,756	127,766	76,868	71,150
Due To Retirement System	5,362,931	4,824,376	4,292,709	4,571,088	4,069,257
Total Liabilities	8,069,703	5,746,829	6,442,749	7,661,702	9,286,389
Fund Balances (Deficits):					
Nonspendable	379,423	567,941	359,857	237,187	217,444
Restricted	3,194,413	3,510,762	3,558,269	4,484,377	6,046,592
Assigned	3,046,191	3,457,746	2,864,190	1,961,639	3,045,043
Unassigned	3,709,683	3,816,576	3,922,500	4,041,275	4,159,268
Total Fund Equity	10,329,710	11,353,025	10,704,816	10,724,478	13,468,347
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 18,399,413	\$ 17,099,854	\$ 17,147,565	\$ 18,386,180	22,754,736

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**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION**

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
REVENUES:					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 62,509,690	\$ 64,209,137	\$ 65,847,757	\$ 67,836,763	\$ 71,599,413
Other Tax Items	7,699,750	7,004,805	6,535,520	6,540,252	5,887,403
Charges For Services	59,539	64,209	95,279	72,878	2,178
Use Of Money And Property	118,374	111,180	320,272	775,845	429,686
Sale Of Property And Compensation For Loss	1,525	11,953	2,048	18,565	12,658
State Aid	17,290,746	18,147,966	19,268,463	19,544,205	20,122,265
Federal Aid	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	487,243	657,951	731,570	611,043	351,173
Total Revenues	<u>88,166,867</u>	<u>90,207,201</u>	<u>92,800,909</u>	<u>95,399,551</u>	<u>98,404,776</u>
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
General Government Support	7,813,472	8,055,297	8,931,216	8,828,703	8,952,028
Instruction	47,679,710	47,447,081	49,034,954	48,324,745	49,372,584
Pupil Transportation	5,272,752	5,138,339	5,449,225	5,319,606	5,294,543
Community Services	0	14,906	160,747	16,402	12,547
Employee Benefits	22,554,154	22,928,851	22,365,041	24,034,859	24,141,639
Debt Service	3,565,925	5,661,057	6,092,982	6,435,166	6,681,208
Total Expenditures	<u>86,886,013</u>	<u>89,245,531</u>	<u>92,034,165</u>	<u>92,959,481</u>	<u>94,454,549</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>1,280,854</u>	<u>961,670</u>	<u>766,744</u>	<u>2,440,070</u>	<u>3,950,227</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):					
Insurance Recoveries	64,198	131,656	219,432	142,239	66,809
Sale of Real Property	0	0	0	0	1,325,508
Operating Transfers - In	72,143	513,877	472,955	400,000	410,000
Operating Transfers - Out (a)	(1,143,438)	(583,888)	(2,107,340)	(2,962,647)	(3,008,675)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(1,007,097)</u>	<u>61,645</u>	<u>(1,414,953)</u>	<u>(2,420,408)</u>	<u>(1,206,358)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>273,757</u>	<u>1,023,315</u>	<u>(648,209)</u>	<u>19,662</u>	<u>2,743,869</u>
Fund Equity - Beginning of Year	10,056,153	10,329,910	11,353,025	10,704,816	10,724,478
Prior Year Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0
Fund Equity - End of Year	<u>10,329,910</u>	<u>11,353,225</u>	<u>10,704,816</u>	<u>10,724,478</u>	<u>13,468,347</u>

(a) Includes transfer to the Debt Service Fund and Capital Fund.

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**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF ADOPTED BUDGET
GENERAL FUND (1)**

	<u>Adopted Budget 2020-21</u>	<u>Adopted Budget 2021-22</u>
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		
Real Property Taxes (2)	\$ 78,262,965	\$ 78,956,175
Real Property Tax Items	436,000	525,000
Other Revenue (3)	961,000	641,000
State and Federal Sources	19,871,727	21,669,000
Interfund Transfers	1,450,000	112,282
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>100,981,692</u>	<u>101,903,457</u>
 APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	 <u>3,000,000</u>	 <u>3,000,000</u>
 TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	 <u>103,981,692</u>	 <u>104,903,457</u>
 APPROPRIATIONS:		
General Support	10,449,960	10,775,095
Instruction	52,130,218	53,238,230
Pupil Transportation	6,364,325	6,599,145
Home and Community Services	21,500	21,500
Employee Benefits	26,146,427	27,241,124
Debt Service	8,409,262	6,648,363
Interfund Transfers	460,000	380,000
 TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	 <u>\$ 103,981,692</u>	 <u>\$ 104,903,457</u>

(1) Does not include prior year encumbrances

(2) Inclusive of STAR

(3) Includes: Charges for Service, Interest, Donations, Refunds, Insurance Recoveries and Miscellaneous

APPENDIX C

**LINK TO
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/P11515516.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. PKF O’Connor Davies, LLP has not been requested by the District to further review and/or update such Financial Statements or opinion in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement.**

APPENDIX D

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL OPINON

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

July 7, 2021

The Board of Education of the
Brewster Central School District,
in the County of Putnam, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Brewster Central School District, (the “School District”), in the County of Putnam, a school district of the State of New York and have examined a record of proceedings relating to the authorization, sale and issuance of the \$2,237,400 Bond Anticipation Note-2021 (the “Note”), dated and delivered on the date hereof.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Very truly yours,

APPENDIX E

FORM OF UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF EVENTS

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Section 1. Definitions

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

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

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

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

“Issuer” shall mean the Brewster Central School District, in the County of Putnam, a municipal corporation of the State of New York.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Determination, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of the date hereof.

“Rule 15c2-12” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended through the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof.

“Securities” shall mean the Issuer’s \$2,237,400 Bond Anticipation Note-2021, dated July 7, 2021, maturing on July 7, 2022, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Notices of Events. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through **Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, 11 Grace Avenue, Suite 308, Great Neck, New York 11021**, to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) System implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of such Board contemplated by the Undertaking, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;

- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
- (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

Note to clause (12): For the purposes of the event identified in clause (12) above, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the Issuer in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or government authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the Issuer;

- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;

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

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

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

Section 3. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this Undertaking against the Issuer and any of the officers, agents and employees of the Issuer, and may compel the Issuer or any such officers, agents or employees to perform and carry out their duties under this Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Undertaking shall be an action to compel specific performance of the obligations of the Issuer hereunder and no person or entity shall be entitled to recover monetary damages hereunder under any circumstances. Failure to comply with any provision of this Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.

Section 4. Parties in Interest. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 5. Amendments. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

- (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);
- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby and to make any necessary or desirable provisions with respect thereto;

- (c) to evidence the succession of another person to the Issuer and the assumption of any such successor of the duties of the Issuer hereunder;
- (d) to add to the duties of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders, or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;
- (e) to cure any ambiguity, to correct or supplement any provision hereof which may be inconsistent with any other provision hereof, or to make any other provisions with respect to matters or questions arising under this Undertaking which, in each case, comply with Rule 15c2-12 or Rule 15c2-12 as in effect at the time of such amendment or change;

provided that no such action pursuant to this Section 5 shall adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect. In making such determination, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

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

Section 7. Undertaking to Constitute Written Agreement or Contract. This Undertaking shall constitute the written agreement or contract for the benefit of Holders of Securities, as contemplated under Rule 15c2-12.

Section 8. Governing Law. This Undertaking shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York determined without regard to principles of conflict of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of July 7, 2021.

**BREWSTER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK**

By _____
President of the Board of Education