

# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED MAY 15, 2023

## 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 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 imposed under the Code, however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 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. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

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

## WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK

**\$6,730,375**  
**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES – 2023**  
**(the "Notes")**

**Dated Date:** June 6, 2023

**Maturity Date:** June 6, 2024

The Notes are general obligations of the Williamsville Central School District, in Erie 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.

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

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

If the Notes are issued registered in the name of the successful bidder(s), a single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to the respective successful bidder 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(s).

The Notes are dated June 6, 2023 and will bear interest from that date until maturity at the annual rate or rates as specified by the purchaser(s) of the Notes, payable on maturity. The Notes will mature on June 6, 2024. The Notes will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Interest on the Notes will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the approval of the legality thereof by Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. It is anticipated that the Notes will be available for delivery on or about June 6, 2023.

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

Dated: May 15, 2023

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained in it are subject to completion and amendment in a final Official Statement. This Preliminary Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, and there may not be any sale of the Notes offered by this Preliminary Official Statement, in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to the registration or qualification of the Notes under the securities laws of that jurisdiction.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF  
WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

relating to

**\$6,730,375  
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - 2023  
(the "Notes")**

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page, inside cover page, and appendices hereto, presents certain information relating to the Williamsville Central School District, Erie County, in the State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State" respectively), in connection with the sale of \$6,730,375 Bond Anticipation Notes – 2023 (the "Notes").

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

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 of the Notes***

The Notes will be dated and will mature, without option of prior redemption, as set forth on the front cover page.

***Authority for and Purpose of the Notes***

The Notes are authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Education Law, the Local Finance Law and a bond resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education on July 1, 2020, following the approval by the qualified voters of the District on June 16, 2020 authorizing the issuance of \$29,894,273 in serial bonds to finance in part, the construction of improvements and alterations to various District building and/or sites (the "Project").

A \$2,530,375 portion of the proceeds of the Notes, along with \$19,869,625 of budgetary appropriations, will redeem a \$22,400,000 portion of the District's \$24,900,000 Bond Anticipation Note – 2022 which matures June 7, 2023 (the "2022 BAN"). The \$4,200,000 balance of the proceeds of the Notes will be used to provide original financing for the Project. The \$2,500,000 balance of the 2022 BAN will be redeemed with \$2,500,000 in District funds available thereof.

***Optional Redemption for the Notes***

The Notes are not subject to prior redemption.

### ***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 will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. For the payment of such principal of and interest on the 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 therefor. Chapter 97 of the 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, increase their annual tax levy. The amount of such year-to-year increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limit Law. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law, as amended, expressly provides an exception from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay the local share of debt service on notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, or the refinancing or refunding of such notes. As the Notes are being issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures, the Notes qualify for such exception to the annual tax levy limitation. (See “*The Tax Levy Limit Law*” herein).

### ***Book-Entry-Only System***

The following applies to the Notes if issued in book-entry form. DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes if so requested. 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 the Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world’s largest depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com) and [www.dtc.org](http://www.dtc.org).

Purchases of the Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each note (“Beneficial Owner”) is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants’ records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial

Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

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

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

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).

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Notes 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.

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

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

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

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

**THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCE THAT DTC DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR**

REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

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

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

*Source: The Depository Trust Company.*

### ***Certificated Notes***

DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the District may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions will apply: the Notes will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof for any single maturity. Principal of the Notes when due will be payable upon presentation at the principal corporate trust office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business and act as a fiscal agent in the state of New York to be named by the District. Notes may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the registered owner at any time prior to maturity at the office of the fiscal agent for the Notes of the same if any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount upon the terms set forth in respective Certificates of Determination executed by the President of the Board of Education authorizing the sale of the Notes and fixing the details thereof and in accordance with the Local Finance Law.

## **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*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

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

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



constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

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

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

### **SECTION 99-B OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW**

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

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

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

### **No Past Due Debt**

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

## **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.

## **MARKET MATTERS AFFECTING FINANCINGS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES OF THE STATE**

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

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

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Notes. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the 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 initially declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19. The spread of the outbreak or future resurgence could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "State Aid" and "Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts" herein).

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

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

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

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

## **TAX MATTERS**

### ***Opinion of Bond Counsel***

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the 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, however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial

income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of 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 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 and 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 the 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 Note 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 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 Note 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.

## **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.

## **DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

### ***Disclosure Undertaking for the Notes***

At the time of the delivery of the Notes, the District will provide an executed copy of its “Undertaking to Provide Notices of Events” substantially as set forth in Appendix E.

### ***Prior Disclosure History***

The District is in compliance with all prior undertakings pursuant to the Rule for the past five years.

## **RATINGS**

The Notes are not rated.

Moody's has previously assigned a rating of “Aa1” to the uninsured outstanding bonded indebtedness of the District.

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

such rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of such bonds and notes or the availability of a secondary market for such debt, including the Notes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, Orchard Park, New York, (the "Municipal Advisor") is an independent municipal advisor registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor has served as the independent 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 Mr. Thomas Maturski, Assistant Superintendent for Finance Management Services and Paying Agent Contact: Phone (716) 626-8012; Email: tmaturski@williamsvillek12.org; Address: 105 Casey Road, East Amherst, NY 14051 or from the District's Financial Advisor, Capital Markets Advisors, LLC, (716) 662-3910.

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

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at [www.capmark.org](http://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.

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### **WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

By: /s/ Dr. Susan McClary  
Dr. Susan McClary  
President of the Board of Education

DATED: May \_\_, 2023



## **APPENDIX A**

## **THE DISTRICT**

### ***General Information***

The District, with an area of approximately 44 square miles and an estimated population of 72,448, is located in the north central portion of Erie County, approximately seven miles northeast of the City of Buffalo. Approximately 95% of the District is in the Town of Amherst, with the balance in the Towns of Cheektowaga and Clarence. The entire Village of Williamsville is located within the District.

The District is primarily suburban residential. Residents find employment in various professional, industrial and commercial concerns located in Buffalo and the other nearby cities of the region.

The Amherst Campus of State University of New York-Buffalo is adjacent to the District, serving approximately 25,000 students through a faculty and staff of approximately 17,325 of which 5,400 are full time.

Bus and rail transportation are available to Buffalo and other cities of the region. Air transportation is available at Greater Buffalo International Airport. The District is served by a nearby interchange of the New York State Thruway and a network of other highways and State and town roads.

The District has been named the number one public school district in Western New York, according to the annual rankings posted by Business First, in several of the past years. The District topped the list many times since 1992 when the paper began its comparative analysis of 97 school districts in an eight-county area.

### ***District Organization***

Subject to the provisions of the State Constitution, the District operates pursuant to the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, other laws generally applicable to the District, and any special laws applicable to the District. Under such laws, there is no authority for the District to have a charter or adopt local laws.

The legislative power of the District is vested in the Board of Education. On the third Tuesday of May of each year an election is held within the District boundaries to elect members to the Board. They are elected for a term of three years. There are nine members of the Board of Education and three members are elected each year.

Within the first fifteen days of July of each year, the Board meets for the purposes of reorganization. At that time an election is held within the Board to elect a president and vice president, as well as to appoint a 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, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Management Services and the District Treasurer.

## ***District Facilities***

The District operates thirteen schools as follows:

**TABLE 1**  
**School Statistics**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Year Built</u></b>	<b><u>Enrollment</u></b>	<b><u>Capacity</u></b>	<b><u>Insured Value</u></b>
Elementary Schools:				
Dodge	1954	620	702	\$10,164,173
Forest	1955	568	702	9,385,410
Maple East	1958	662	645	9,813,157
Heim	1965	670	810	8,277,835
Maple West	1965	628	810	9,161,145
Country Parkway	1967	588	810	9,242,274
Middle Schools:				
Mill	1958	914	1,063	15,334,030
Heim	1964	624	1,086	16,752,115
Casey	1969	823	1,154	23,676,698
Transit	1993	990	1,390	18,744,792
Senior High Schools:				
South	1949	1,002	1,011	28,198,611
North	1966	1,565	1,603	43,290,035
East	1973	1,048	1,986	28,871,192

*Source: School Officials*

## ***Employees***

The District provides services through 1,808 full and part-time employees, who are represented by the following units of organized labor. Approximately 11 confidential clerical employees are not covered by any bargaining unit.

**TABLE 2**  
**Employees**

<b><u>Number of Employees</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Contract Expiration Date</u></b>
1,062	Williamsville Teachers' Association	8/31/2025
36	Williamsville Administrators' Association	6/30/2026
11	Williamsville Director's Association (Formerly Coordinators)	6/30/2026
424	Williamsville Association of Clerical Personnel	6/30/2024
239	Civil Service Employees Association (Maint., Custodial & Cafe)	6/30/2026
36	Williamsville Supervisors and Computer Operators Association	6/30/2026

*Source: School Officials*

## ***Employee Pension Benefits***

New York State Certified (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System (“TRS”). Payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-certified employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System (“ERS”).

Both the TRS and ERS (the “State Retirement System” or “SRS”) are noncontributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. All members of the respective systems that were hired on or after July 1, 1976 and before December 31, 2009, with less than 10 year’s full-time service, contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

The following table details the District’s contractually required contributions to the ERS for the preceding three audited fiscal years, and the estimated amount for the fiscal years ending March 31, 2023 (for ERS, the Comptroller

annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31.):

<b><u>Fiscal Year End 3/31</u></b>	<b><u>ERS</u></b>
2023 (Budgeted)	\$3,092,823
2022	2,718,253
2021	2,559,992
2020	2,624,531

Source: Audited Financial Statements and District Officials

The following table details the District's actual required contributions to the TRS for the preceding three audited fiscal years ended June 30 and the estimated amount for 2023:

<b><u>Fiscal Year End 6/30</u></b>	<b><u>TRS</u></b>
2023 (Budgeted)	\$8,417,472
2022	9,492,150
2021	8,261,695
2020	7,516,311

Source: Audited Financial Statements and District Officials

On December 10, 2009, then Governor Paterson signed into law a new Tier 5. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010. New ERS employees will now contribute 3% of their salaries and new TRS employees will contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

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

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

The New York State ERS rate for the 2021-22 ERS rate was 16.2%. The 2022-23 ERS decreased to 11.6%. The 2022-23 TRS rate is 10.3%. The 2023-24 ERS is estimated to be 13.1%

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of the State Retirement System, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli has announced that the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the SRS will continue to increase. To help mitigate the impact of their ERS increases, legislation has been enacted that permits local governments and school districts to amortize a portion of such contributions. Under such legislation, local governments and school districts that choose to amortize a portion of their ERS contributions will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the SRS for certain future rate increases.

In Spring 2013, the State and TRS approved a Stable Contribution Option ("SCO") that gives school districts the ability to better manage the spikes in Actuarially Required Contribution rates ("ARCs"). ERS followed suit and modified its existing SCO, which was adopted in 2010. Each plan allows school districts to pay the SCO amount in lieu of the ARC amount, which is higher, and defer the difference in payment amounts as described below. The plan, which was approved in Governor Cuomo's 2016-17 budget would let districts contribute 14.13% of employee costs toward pensions. The District has not opted into the pension smoothing plan.

The TRS SCO deferral plan is available to school districts. Under the TRS SCO plan, payment of the deferred amount will commence in year six of the program (2019-20) 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.

***Other Post-Employment Benefits***

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

The District early implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The implementation of GASB Statement No. 75 requires the District’s net OPEB liability to be measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees’ past periods of service (total OPEB liability), less the amount of the OPEB plan’s fiduciary net position. As a result, the OPEB liability was restated from \$689,340 to \$2,168,930 at June 30, 2016. Net position of governmental activities at June 30, 2016 has been restated.

The District is in compliance with the requirements of GASB 75, and a summary of the actuarial valuation is included in the District’s June 30, 2022 Financial Audit attached herein. The following table summarizes the District’s annual OPEB statements for the year ended June 30, 2022:

The following table presents the changes to the total OPEB liability during the fiscal year, by source:

	<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>
Balances as June 30, 2021, as restated	\$1,671,820
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	44,433
Interest	37,514
Change in assumptions	(102,021)
Differences between expected and actual experience	286,797
Benefit payments	<u>(63,663)</u>
Net changes in total OPEB liability	<u>203,060</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$1,874,880</u>

***Investment Policy/Permitted Investments***

Pursuant to State law, including Sections 10 and 11 of the General Municipal Law (the "GML"), the District is generally permitted to deposit moneys in banks and trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State. All such deposits, including special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount

insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, are required to be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the GML.

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

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

## FINANCIAL FACTORS

### *Revenues*

More than 98% of all District revenues come from three sources, property taxes, state aid and non-property taxes. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 property taxes accounted for 67.7% of total general fund revenues while state aid accounted for 23.7%.

**Property Taxes.** The District derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property taxes. For purposes of the following table, real property taxes include the tax levy, payments received in lieu of taxes and the interest and penalties collected on delinquent taxes.

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

<b>Table 3</b>			
<b><u>Property Taxes</u></b>			
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>General Fund Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Real Property Tax Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Real Property Taxes To Revenues</u></b>
2018	\$179,849,342	\$123,600,160	68.7%
2019	185,381,337	125,894,055	67.9%
2020	189,856,901	129,839,100	68.4%
2021	188,374,369	133,263,326	70.7%
2022	202,004,696	136,822,982	67.7%
2023 <i>Budget</i>	212,528,086	137,200,000	64.6%
2024 <i>Proposed Budget</i>	223,388,003	139,945,000	62.6%

*Source: Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2018-2022, 2023 Approved Budget, and 2024 Proposed Budgets*

**State Aid.** The District receives State aid. However, there is no assurance that the State appropriation for State Aid to school districts will continue, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue such aid. State budgetary restrictions which eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the District, requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures.

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Due the outbreak of COVID-19 the State initially declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses for an extended period. 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, the State has received \$12.7 billion in federal funding that is available for a wide range of eligible State purposes, along with \$774 million to fund eligible local governments. The use of federal funds has allowed the State to avoid gap closing measurements; however, the State may be required to implement gap closing measurements in the future. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations and/or delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State. If this were to occur, reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District.

The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget provides \$31.3 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year. This represents a year-to-year funding increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.07%. and includes \$21.4 billion of Foundation Aid which increased 8.1% from 2021-22. The 2022-23 school year increase in Foundation Aid primarily reflects the second year of the three-year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula.

The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget also increases the State's annual investment in prekindergarten to \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$125 million, or 13%. The Budget also includes a total of \$100 million of matching funds over two years to be provided to school districts and BOCES with the highest needs to address student wellbeing and learning loss in response to the trauma brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes support for extended school day or school year programs, afterschool programs, mental health professionals and other locally determined initiatives.

The State's 2023-24 Proposed Budget provides \$34.48 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2023-24 school year the highest level of State aid ever. This represents a year-to-year funding increase of \$3.1 billion or 9.97%. and includes \$24.1 billion of Foundation Aid which increased 12.82% from 2022-23. The 2023-24 school year increase in Foundation Aid primarily reflects the third year of the three-year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula.

The State's 2023-24 Proposed Budget also increases the State's annual investment in prekindergarten to \$1.16 billion, an increase of \$160 million. The Budget also includes a total of \$100 million of matching funds over two years to be provided to school districts and BOCES with the highest needs to address student wellbeing and learning loss in response to the trauma brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes support for extended school day or school year programs, afterschool programs, mental health professionals and other locally determined initiatives. Another \$25 million of grants will be issued through a competitive proceed to further expand the number of full-day four-year-old slots.

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 2022-23 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 9, 2022. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget A-14 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.

In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and the current Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 outbreak.

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

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

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

**Table 4**  
**State Aid**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid To Revenues</u>
2018	\$179,849,342	\$41,600,053	23.1%
2019	185,381,337	43,463,887	23.4%
2020	189,856,901	43,723,989	23.0%
2021	188,374,369	38,928,101	20.7%
2022	202,004,696	47,840,089	23.7%
2023 Budget	212,528,086	49,628,712	23.4%
2024 Proposed Budget	223,388,003	58,875,503	26.4%

*Source: Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2018-2022, 2023 Approved Budget, and 2024 Proposed Budgets*

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

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-15 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to financed improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District’s estimated allocation of funds is \$3,474,731.

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. The State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available, therefore. The availability of such monies and



the timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. In any event, State aid appropriated and apportioned to the District can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor.

No delays in payment of State aid for the District’s 2022-23 fiscal year is presently anticipated, although no assurance can be given that there will not be a delay in payment thereof. Should the District fail to receive monies expected from the State in the amounts or at the times expected, the District is permitted to issue notes in anticipation of the receipt of delayed State aid.

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision in the future as a result of changes in federal policy, the general condition of the global and national economies and other circumstances, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID-19 outbreak.

**Non-Property Taxes.** This revenue represents the District's share of the County's 7.1% sales tax, a portion of which is allocated to school districts pursuant to a formula based upon the District's weighted average daily attendance.

The following table sets forth total general fund revenues and non-property taxes received during the last five fiscal years and budgeted for the current and ensuing fiscal years.

**Table 5**  
**Non-Property Taxes**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>Non-Property Taxes</u>	<u>Non-Property To Revenues</u>
2018	\$179,849,342	\$11,647,483	6.5%
2019	185,381,337	11,705,769	6.3%
2020	189,856,901	11,862,104	6.2%
2021	188,374,369	13,460,001	7.1%
2022	202,004,696	14,587,982	7.2%
2023 <i>Budget</i>	212,528,086	12,150,000	5.7%
2024 <i>Proposed Budget</i>	223,388,003	13,750,000	6.2%

*Source: Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2018-2022, 2023 Approved Budget, and 2024 Proposed Budgets*

***Recent Events Affecting New York School Districts***

School district fiscal year (2016-17): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2016. The budget includes an increase of \$991 million in State aid for school districts over the 2015-16 budget, \$863 million of which consists of traditional operating aid. In addition to the \$408 million of expense-based aid, the budget includes a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and a \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The majority of the remaining increase includes \$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. The budget includes School Aid spending of \$24.8 billion, a \$1.5 billion increase (6.5% increase) from the prior fiscal year.

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

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

School district fiscal year (2019-20): The budget increased Education aid by more than \$1 billion which included a \$618 million dollar increase in Foundation Aid. The new Education Aid total was \$27.9 billion — an increase of

3.8%. The budget directed a majority of such additional funding (over 70%) to the State's more economically disadvantaged school districts.

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.

School district fiscal year (2022-23): The Governor's State budget proposal proposed \$31.2 billion in School Aid for the 2022-23 fiscal year, an increase of \$2.1 billion (7.1 percent) from \$29.1 billion 2021-22. Foundation Aid is increased by \$1.6 billion (8.1%), This is the second year of the Foundation Aid Formulation, a three-year phase-in of the restoration of the full Foundation Aid formula to finally fulfill the State's commitments from the *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* case from the early 2000s. The budget continues the expansion of full-day prekindergarten that will provide funding to 200 school districts with an increase of \$6.62 million from the 2021-22 fiscal year. The total funding for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten includes \$103.36 million in expansion grants supported by the American Rescue Plan Act.

School district fiscal year (2023-24): The Governor's State budget proposal proposes \$34.48 billion in School Aid for the 2023-24 fiscal year, an increase of \$3.1 billion (9.97 percent) from \$31.2 billion 2022-23. Foundation Aid is increased by \$2.7 billion (12.82%). This is the third year of the Foundation Aid Formulation, a three-year phase-in of the restoration of the full Foundation Aid formula to finally fulfill the State's commitments from the *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* case from the early 2000s. The budget continues the expansion of full-day prekindergarten that will provide funding to 200 school districts with an increase of \$1.16 million from the 2022-23 fiscal year. The total funding for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten includes \$25 million in expansion grants supported by the American Rescue Plan Act.

The State Budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year provides \$64.51 million of State Aid to the District, a 18.66% increase from the District's 2022-23 school year.

The District presently anticipates an increase in its State Aid not related to building aid for its 2023-2024 fiscal year in an amount of \$8,114,136.

It should also be noted that the School District receives federal aid for certain programs. In its last audited fiscal year, the School District received \$792,727 in such direct federal aid. It is not possible to predict whether such aid will continue in the future, or if continued, whether it will be funded at present levels.

The District cannot predict at this time whether there will be any reductions in and/or delays in the receipt of State aid during the District's 2023-24 fiscal year. The District believes that it would mitigate the impact of any delays or the reduction in State aid by reducing expenditures, increasing revenues, appropriating other available funds on hand, and/or by any combination of the foregoing.

### ***The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System***

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

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as "No Designation" (see <https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/fiscal-monitoring/pdf/2021-school-summary-list.pdf>).

### ***New York State Comptroller's Audit***

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

On April 14, 2023, OSC, Division of Local Government and School Accountability released an audit of the District to review whether the District's Board of Education and District Officials managed fund balance and reserves. The audit's resulting opinion was that the Board and District officials did not properly manage the District's fund balance and reserves. As a result, the District levied more taxes than needed to fund operations. The Board and District officials overestimated general fund appropriations from 2018-19 through 2021-22 by a total of \$47 million and appropriated \$22 million of fund balance that was not used, adopted annual budgets during the same period that gave the impression the District was operating in a deficit of \$38 million when it actually had surpluses of \$40 million, and were not fully transparent with the public regarding the funding and replenishment of all reserves. The OSC audit recommended the District develop budgets that include reasonable appropriation estimates and only appropriate fund balances when needed, and include provisions in adopted budgets funding and replenishing reserves. The District disagrees with their findings and plans to initiate corrective actions.

The District's reasoning for their disagreement is that the audit's review period was two years that were impacted by COVID-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21. In these years there were lower expenses versus appropriations, and the district received federal grant funding. The District's full response can be found on page 10 of the OSC report linked below.

The link to this OSC report is:

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/files/local-government/audits/2023/pdf/williamsville-central-school-district-2022-193.pdf>

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

On May 17, 2022, the qualified voters of the District approved the District’s budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

**TAX INFORMATION**

**Real Property Tax Assessment and Rates**

**Table 6**  
**Real Property Tax Assessment and Rates**  
(Fiscal Year Ending June 30)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assessed Value	\$7,347,653,592	\$7,389,530,191	\$7,456,818,007	\$7,647,001,043	\$7,680,514,782
Equalization Rate	100.00%	95.00%	91.00%	88.00%	74.00%
Full Value	\$7,347,653,592	\$7,778,452,833	\$8,194,305,502	\$8,689,773,913	\$10,379,074,030
Tax Levy	\$123,050,851	\$126,925,908	\$130,415,000	\$133,790,000	\$137,200,000
Tax Rate <sup>(a)</sup>	\$16.81	\$17.33	\$17.58	\$17.83	\$18.45

<sup>(a)</sup> Composite rate for the Towns of Amherst, Cheektowaga, and Clarence. Per \$1,000 taxable assessed value.  
Source: State Board of Real Property Services.

**Tax Limit**

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

**The Tax Levy Limit Law**

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (herein referred to as the “Tax Levy Limit Law” or “Law”) was signed by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit Law modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. The Law is effective for school district’s 2012-13 fiscal year, commencing July 1, 2012.

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

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

fiscal year. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law permits certain significant exclusions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures ( such as the 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.

***Tax Collection Procedure***

Property taxes for the school districts in Erie County are collected by the town tax receivers. Such taxes are due September 15 and payable without penalty for 30 days. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 5% on October 16 and 1% per month each month thereafter taxes are due and payable.

Uncollected school taxes are reported to the County on or about December 1. Prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> of the same fiscal year, the County reimburses the District in full for the uncollected portion of the taxes levied. Any deficiency in tax collection is the County's responsibility.

***STAR - School Tax Exemption***

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

For the 2022-23 school levy year, homeowners subject to certain household income limitations are eligible for an enhanced exemption and basic exemption as follows:

<u>Towns of:</u>	<u>Enhanced Exemption</u>	<u>Basic Exemption</u>
Amherst	\$60,240	\$23,500
Cheektowaga	81,400	30,540
Clarence	77,330	28,500

*Date Certified: 04/06/2023*

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

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

The maximum savings for each of the municipalities within the District for the 2022-23 are as follows:

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Basic Maximum Savings</u>	<u>Enhanced Maximum Savings</u>
Town of Amherst	\$487	\$1,123
Town of Cheektowaga	468	1,119
Town of Clarence	431	1,076

*Updated: 03/23/23*

The District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**Ten of the Largest Taxpayers for 2022-23**

The following table presents the District’s top ten taxpayers for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

**Table 7**  
**Taxable Assessments**

<b><u>Taxpayer</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Assessed Valuation</u></b>	<b><u>% of Total Assessed Valuation</u></b> <sup>(a)</sup>
Uniland	Office	\$78,291,208	1.02%
Niagara Mohawk/National Grid	Utility	71,702,710	0.93%
Benderson	Office	70,422,350	0.92%
B.M.W Development	Apartment	42,286,360	0.55%
Dockside Village III LLC	Apartments	42,272,300	0.55%
West College Park Assoc. LLC	Office	37,260,200	0.37%
National Fuel	Utility	29,023,019	0.49%
Ciminelli	Office	28,529,000	0.38%
Ingram Micro	Office	20,425,000	0.27%
Wegmans	Retail	<u>18,450,000</u>	<u>0.24%</u>
	Total:	<u>\$438,662,147</u>	<u>5.71%</u>

<sup>(a)</sup>The District's assessed value for fiscal year 2022-23 was \$7,680,514,782.

Source: Town Assessors.

**DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS**

***Constitutional Requirements***

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

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

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

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

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

### ***Statutory Procedure***

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

The 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 or notes in anticipation of bonds. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000 until the plans and specifications 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, estops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. It is a procedure that is generally recommended by Bond Counsel, but it is not an absolute legal requirement.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, also has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of bonds and notes. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell such securities 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 so long as the principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated deductions such as State aid for building purposes. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio, which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as 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.

### ***Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness***

The debt limit of the District is \$1,037,907,403. This is calculated by taking 10% of the current full value of the District.

**Table 8**  
**Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness**  
*As of May 15, 2023*

Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property	\$10,379,074,030
Debt Limit (10% of Full Valuation)	<u>\$1,037,907,403</u>
Outstanding Indebtedness:	
Bonds	\$5,595,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	<u>24,900,000</u>
Gross Indebtedness	\$30,495,000
Exclusions:	
Estimated Building Aid <sup>(a)</sup>	<u>0</u>
Net Indebtedness of the District	<u>\$30,495,000</u>
Net Debt-Contracting Margin	<u>\$1,007,412,403</u>
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Margin Exhausted	<u>2.94%</u>

- (a) The District has received and expects to continue to receive State Aid on a portion of existing indebtedness contracted for school building purposes pursuant to Section 121.20 of the Local Finance Law. However, since the District has not applied for a building aid exclusion certificate from the Commissioner of Education, the District may not exclude such portion from the gross indebtedness. State aid for qualifying building purposes is currently estimated by District officials at 70.7%.

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

Following the Issuance of the Notes, the District will have \$6,730,375 of bond anticipation notes maturing on June 6, 2024.

### ***Revenue and Tax Anticipation Notes***

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

### ***Outstanding Indebtedness***

The following table provides information relating indebtedness outstanding at year-end for the five prior fiscal years.

**Table 9**  
**Outstanding Indebtedness**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Bonds	\$13,090,000	\$10,535,000	\$8,325,000	\$6,725,000	\$5,810,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	16,804,935	6,643,436	15,000,000	15,557,263	24,900,000
Total	<u>\$29,896,953</u>	<u>\$10,535,000</u>	<u>\$23,325,000</u>	<u>\$22,282,263</u>	<u>\$30,710,000</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 values. The following table presents an estimated amount of overlapping and underlying debt and the District's share of this debt as of the dates shown. Authorized but unissued debt has not been included.

**Table 10**  
**Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness**

<b><u>Issuer</u></b>	<b><u>Net Debt</u></b>		<b><u>District Share</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Applicable to District</u></b>
	<b><u>Outstanding</u></b>	<b><u>As of:</u></b>		
Erie County	\$293,705,000	06/30/2022	11.50%	\$33,776,075
Amherst Town	100,414,368	10/18/2022	60.98%	61,232,682
Cheektowaga Town	43,710,000	06/29/2022	0.12%	52,452
Clarence Town	43,265,000	07/29/2022	20.57%	8,899,611
Village of Williamsville	4,775,000	05/31/21	100.00%	<u>4,775,000</u>
Total Net Overlapping Debt				\$108,735,819
Total Net Direct Debt				<u>\$30,495,000</u>
				<u>\$139,230,819</u>

Source: Data provided by County, Town and Village officials and the Office of the State Comptroller.

### ***Debt Ratios***

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

**Table 11**  
**Debt Ratios**

	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Per Capita</u></b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b><u>Debt to Full Value</u></b> <sup>(2)</sup>
Net Direct Debt	\$30,495,000	\$421	0.29%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$139,230,819	\$1,922	1.34%

(1) The population of the District is estimated by District officials to be approximately 72,448.

(2) The District's full value of taxable real property for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 is \$10,379,074,030.



***Debt Service Schedule***

The following table shows the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding bonded indebtedness (as of May 15, 2023).

**Table 12**

<b><u>Annual Maturity Schedule</u></b>			
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Principal</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2022-23	\$750,000	\$90,284	\$840,284
2023-24	1,005,000	165,119	1,170,119
2024-25	1,050,000	121,741	1,171,741
2025-26	1,095,000	78,353	1,173,353
2026-27	590,000	33,194	623,194
2027-28	360,000	22,569	382,569
2028-29	370,000	15,369	385,369
2029-30	<u>375,000</u>	<u>7,969</u>	<u>382,969</u>
	<b><u>\$5,595,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$534,598</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,129,598</u></b>

***Authorized but Unissued Indebtedness***

A majority of the qualified voters of the District voting at the Annual District Meeting and Election duly called and held on May 19, 2015, authorized the issuance of \$35,568,000 serial bonds of the District to finance the improvements of various District facilities and sites. The District has previously issued \$31,553,087 against this authorization. On December 13, 2018, the qualified voters of the District approved on a \$36.6 million capital project authorizing the issuance of \$22,400,000 in serial bonds. The District has previously issued \$21,056,893 against this authorization. The District will not borrow any additional money against this authorization. On July 1, 2020, the qualified voters of the District approved on a \$43.2 million capital project authorizing the issuance of \$29,894,273 in serial bonds. The District has issued \$22,400,000 against this authorization.

A majority of the qualified voters of the District voting at the Annual District Meeting and Election duly called and held on May 17, 2022, authorized the issuance of \$64,119,318 serial bonds of the District to finance the air conditioning improvements plan for the District facilities and sites.

**ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

***School Enrollment Trends***

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

**Table 13**

<b><u>School Enrollment Trends</u></b>			
<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Actual Enrollment</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b>	<b><u>Projected Enrollment</u></b>
2020-21	9,795	2023-24	9,337
2021-22	9,780	2024-25	9,401
2022-23	9,631	2025-26	9,576

Source: District Officials

## Population

The District estimates its population to be approximately 72,448. The following table presents population trends for the Town of Amherst, County and State, based upon recent census data.

**Table 14**

<b>Population Trend</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
Town	122,366	129,595	5.9%
County	919,040	954,236	3.8%
State	19,378,102	20,201,249	4.3%

*Source: US Census Bureau*

Figures not necessarily representative of the District.

## Employment and Unemployment

The following tables provide information concerning employment and unemployment in the County and State. Unemployment rates are not compiled for the Town or the District and data provided for the County and State is not necessarily representative of the District.

**Table 15**  
**Civilian Labor Force**  
(Thousands)

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
County	451.6	452.5	445.1	435.6	443.9
State	9,842.3	9,880.2	9,595.0	9,441.5	9,481.3

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

**Table 16**  
**Yearly Average Unemployment Rates**

<b>Year</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
2018	4.4%	4.1%
2019	4.1%	3.8%
2020	9.5%	9.9%
2021	5.5%	6.9%
2022	3.7%	4.4%

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

**Table 17**  
**Monthly Unemployment Rates**

<b>Month</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>State</b>
April 2022	3.3%	4.1%
May	3.1%	4.0%
June	3.5%	4.1%
July	3.8%	4.3%
August	3.9%	4.2%
September	3.2%	3.6%
October	3.0%	3.7%
November	3.2%	3.8%
December	3.3%	3.8%
January 2023	4.2%	4.6%
February	3.9%	4.5%
March	3.5%	4.0%

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

## **LITIGATION**

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

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

On September 14, 2021 the District was served with a summons and complaint alleging claims under the Child Victims Act. The claim summons and complaint have been publicly filed in Erie County Supreme Court and names the District as one of several defendants. At this early stage it is not possible to determine the potential cost to the District arising from this claim.

At this time the only other current, pending, or threatened legal actions against the District we are aware of would not have a material, adverse impact on the on the financial condition of the District.

**End of Appendix A**

**APPENDIX B**

**SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS**

**WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**  
**Balance Sheets**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30:**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets:</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$23,445,115	\$19,614,186
Restricted Cash	66,667,016	61,580,355
Accounts Receivable	495,100	715,987
Due From Other Governments	3,098,685	4,460,737
Due From Other Funds	2,798,485	6,394,342
Other	640,000	640,000
 Total Assets	 \$97,144,401	 \$93,405,607
 <u>Liabilities :</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$1,640,971	\$2,116,230
Accrued Liabilities	2,690,373	2,469,977
Due to other funds	0	459,284
Due to Retirement System	9,521,721	10,003,986
Deferred Revenues	6,997	20,460
Total Liabilities	13,860,062	15,069,937
 <u>Fund Balance:</u>		
Nonspendable:	640,000	640,000
Restricted:	66,660,019	61,559,895
Assigned:	7,783,519	7,634,653
Unassigned:	8,200,801	8,501,122
Total Fund Balance	83,284,339	78,335,670
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	 \$97,144,401	 \$93,405,607

Source: Audited Financial Statements  
Summary not Audited

**WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Fiscal Year Ended June 30:**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$123,600,160	\$125,894,055	\$129,839,100	\$133,263,326	\$136,822,982
Non-Property Taxes	11,647,483	11,705,769	11,862,104	13,460,001	14,587,776
Charges for Services	620,960	727,746	464,390	446,885	500,199
Use of Money & Property	626,465	2,193,155	1,728,671	251,981	414,528
Sale of Prop. & Comp. for Loss	277,292	27,694	964,511	14,234	41,953
Miscellaneous	544,154	705,853	661,473	470,511	1,004,442
State Aid	41,600,053	43,463,887	43,723,989	38,928,101	47,840,089
Federal Aid	932,775	663,178	612,663	1,539,330	792,727
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>179,849,342</u>	<u>185,381,337</u>	<u>189,856,901</u>	<u>188,374,369</u>	<u>202,004,696</u>
Expenditures:					
General Support	17,746,231	18,974,112	18,977,998	19,843,507	19,249,581
Instruction	100,886,408	106,063,328	107,638,784	112,512,248	112,307,761
Pupil Transportation	9,192,704	8,999,799	6,546,452	7,408,362	8,981,761
Community Services	915	7,741	0	0	0
Employee Benefits	34,081,130	36,270,264	32,546,300	35,031,756	37,844,130
Debt Service	486,107	476,708	132,869	261,771	653,400
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>162,393,495</u>	<u>170,791,952</u>	<u>165,842,403</u>	<u>175,057,644</u>	<u>179,036,633</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>17,455,847</u>	<u>14,589,385</u>	<u>24,014,498</u>	<u>13,316,725</u>	<u>22,968,063</u>
Other Financing Sources and (Uses)					
Issuances of Leases	0	0	0	0	503,325
Transfers In	0	0	0	9,521	0
Transfers Out	(10,985,005)	(14,189,156)	(9,470,774)	(18,143,923)	(28,420,057)
Net change in fund balances	<u>(10,985,005)</u>	<u>(14,189,156)</u>	<u>(9,470,774)</u>	<u>(18,134,402)</u>	<u>(27,916,732)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	6,470,842	400,229	14,543,724	(4,817,677)	(4,948,669)
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year	<u>66,687,221</u>	<u>73,158,063</u>	<u>73,558,292</u>	<u>88,102,016</u>	<u>83,284,339</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$73,158,063</u></u>	<u><u>\$73,558,292</u></u>	<u><u>\$88,102,016</u></u>	<u><u>\$83,284,339</u></u>	<u><u>\$78,335,670</u></u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements  
Summary not Audited

**WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Estimated Revenues and Budget Appropriations**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30:**

	Adopted Budget <u>2022-23</u>	Proposed Budget <u>2023-24</u>
<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>		
Real Property Tax	\$137,200,000	\$139,945,000
Real Property Tax Items	2,978,680	2,504,000
Non-Property Taxes	12,150,000	13,750,000
Charges for Services	143,000	172,000
Use of Money and Property	40,000	40,000
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss	20,550	2,500
Miscellaneous	468,144	550,000
State Aid	49,628,712	58,875,503
Federal Aid	195,000	275,000
Total Estimated Revenues	\$202,824,086	\$216,114,003
Appropriated Reserve Funds	4,130,000	2,950,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	5,574,000	4,324,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$212,528,086</b>	<b>\$223,388,003</b>
 <b>Appropriations:</b>		
General Support	\$21,895,250	\$23,177,511
Instruction	129,580,660	132,464,743
Public Safety and Transportation	9,051,185	10,554,475
Community Services	21,000	21,000
Employee Benefits	40,562,687	45,752,970
Interfund Transfers	11,417,304	11,417,304
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$212,528,086</b>	<b>\$223,388,003</b>

Source: School District Officials

**APPENDIX C**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2022**

**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/P11631694-P11257075-P11682233.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. Drescher & Malecki 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

Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP  
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June 6, 2023

The Board of Education of the  
Williamsville Central School District,  
in the County of Erie, New York

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to the Williamsville Central School District, (the “School District”), in the County of Erie, 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 \$6,730,375 Bond Anticipation Note-2023 (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, however for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Note is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of 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 for

federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the 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 District, which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in the Note.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP

## **UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF EVENTS**

### Section 1. Definitions

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

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

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

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

“Issuer” shall mean Williamsville Central School District, in the County of Erie, a School District of the State of New York.

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

“Purchaser” shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Determination, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of June 6, 2023.

“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 \$6,730,375 Bond Anticipation Note-2023, dated June 6, 2023, maturing on June 6, 2024, 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 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 material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
- (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

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

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

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

(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 **June 6, 2023**.

**WILLIAMSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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