

NEW & RENEWAL ISSUES

SERIAL BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, Bond Counsel, based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the further opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds and the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Bonds and the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds and the Notes. See “TAX MATTERS” herein.

The District will NOT designate the Bonds and the Notes as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

\$32,355,087*

**SCHOOL DISTRICT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2023
(the “Bonds”)**

Dated Date: Date of Delivery

Maturity Dates: August 1, 2024-2046

\$5,684,015

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2023
(the “Notes”)**

Date of Issue: August 9, 2023

Maturity Date: August 9, 2024

The Bonds and the Notes are general obligations of the Wappingers Central School District, in Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York (the “District”), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon and, unless paid from other sources, the Bonds and 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 Bonds are dated their Date of Delivery and will bear interest from that date until maturity at the annual rate or rates as specified by the purchaser of the Bonds, payable on August 1, 2024 and semiannually thereafter on February 1 and August 1 in each year until maturity. The Bonds shall mature on August 1 each year in the principal amounts specified on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein (see “Optional Redemption”).

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

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be (i) registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or (ii) registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey (“DTC”) as book entry notes.

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

If the Notes are issued in book-entry form, such Notes will be delivered to DTC which will act as securities depository for the Notes. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds and such Notes issued in book-entry-only form. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry form only, in principal amounts of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, except for an necessary odd denomination in both the Bonds and Notes maturing in 2024, which is or includes \$5,087 and \$9,015, respectively. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds or the Notes. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and Notes as described herein. (See “DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM” herein.)

The Bonds and the Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of the respective final approving opinions of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has served as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the Notes. It is anticipated that the Bonds and the Notes will be available for delivery through the offices of DTC on or about August 9, 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 AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE “DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING” HEREIN.

Dated: July __, 2023

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The Bonds will mature, subject to optional redemption, on August 1 in the following years and principal amounts:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP***</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Coupon</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP***</u>
2024	\$395,087				2036**	\$1,415,000			
2025	995,000				2037**	1,470,000			
2026	1,025,000				2038**	1,525,000			
2027	1,060,000				2039**	1,585,000			
2028	1,090,000				2040**	1,650,000			
2029	1,125,000				2041**	1,720,000			
2030	1,160,000				2042**	1,790,000			
2031	1,200,000				2043**	1,865,000			
2032**	1,235,000				2044**	1,945,000			
2033**	1,275,000				2045**	2,030,000			
2034**	1,320,000				2046**	2,115,000			
2035**	1,365,000								

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

** The Bonds maturing in the years 2032 through 2046, inclusive, are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein. (See “*Optional Redemption*” herein.)

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**WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT DUTCHESS AND PUTNAM COUNTIES, NEW YORK

relating to

\$32,355,087*

**SCHOOL DISTRICT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2023
(the "Bonds")**

and

\$5,684,015

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2023
(the "Notes")**

This Official Statement, including the cover page, inside cover page and appendix hereto, presents certain information relating to the Wappingers Central School District in Dutchess and Putnam Counties, State of New York (the "District," "Counties" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$32,355,087* School District (Serial) Bonds, 2023 (the "Bonds") and \$5,684,015 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 Bonds, the Notes, and the proceedings of the District relating thereto are qualified in their entirety by reference to the definitive form of the Bonds, 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. (See "RISK FACTORS" herein.)

THE BONDS

Description

The Bonds are dated their Date of Delivery and will bear interest from that date until maturity, payable on August 1, 2024, and semiannually thereafter on February 1 and August 1 in each year until maturity. The Bonds shall mature on August 1 each year in the principal amounts specified on the inside cover page hereof. The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as described herein (see "*Optional Redemption*").

The record payment date for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds is the fifteenth day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date.

Authority for and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the State Constitution and statutes of the State, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education on July 9, 2018 for the issuance of serial bonds to pay the cost of capital improvements. The proceeds from the sale of the Bonds in the amount of \$32,355,087, together with \$591,058 in available funds, will be used to redeem a \$32,946,145 portion of the District's \$38,550,525 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 (Renewals) which mature on August 10, 2023.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

THE NOTES

Description of the Notes

The Notes will be dated and will mature as reflected on the cover page hereof.

The Notes will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The District will act as Paying Agent for any Notes issued in book-entry form. Paying agent fees, if any, for non-book-entry notes will be paid by the purchaser(s). The District's contact information is Ms. Kristen Crandall, (845) 298-5000 ext. 40150, email: kristen.crandall@wcsdny.org.

Authority for and Purpose of the Notes

The BANs are issued pursuant to the State Constitution and statutes of the State, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and various bond resolutions adopted by the Board of Education on various dates for the issuance of serial bonds to pay the cost of buses as indicated below. The proceeds from the sale of the BANs in the amount of \$3,548,088, together with \$2,056,292 in available funds, will be used to redeem a \$5,604,380 portion of the District's \$38,550,525 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 (Renewals) which mature on August 10, 2023. The remaining proceeds from the sale of the Notes in the amount of \$2,135,927 will provide original financing for the purchase of buses as described below. Details of the BANs are summarized in the table below:

<u>Date of Authorization</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Principal Paydown</u>	<u>New Money</u>	<u>Amount of The Notes</u>
07-09-18	Purchase of Buses	\$391,801	\$391,801	\$ 0	\$ 0
07-02-19	Purchase of Buses	1,205,910	587,881	0	618,029
07-01-20	Purchase of Buses	1,745,505	552,992	0	1,192,513
07-06-21	Purchase of Buses	2,261,164	523,618	0	1,737,546
07-05-23	Purchase of Buses	0	0	2,135,927	2,135,927
Totals		<u>\$5,604,380</u>	<u>\$2,056,292</u>	<u>\$2,135,927</u>	<u>\$5,684,015</u>

THE BONDS AND NOTES

Optional Redemption

The Bonds maturing on or before August 1, 2031 are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity. The Bonds maturing on or after August 1, 2032 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District, on any date on or after August 1, 2031, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity), at the redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Bonds to be redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

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

The Notes will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity.

Nature of Obligation

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

Holders of any series of bonds or notes of the District may bring an action or commence a proceeding in accordance with the civil practice law and rules to enforce the rights of the holders of such series of notes or bonds.

The Bonds and 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 as required by the Constitution and laws of the State. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all real property within the District, subject to applicable statutory limitations.

Although the State Legislature is restricted by Article VIII, Section 12 of the State Constitution from imposing limitations on the power to raise taxes to pay “interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted” prior to the effective date of any such legislation, the New York State Legislature may from time to time impose additional limitations or requirements on the ability to increase a real property tax levy or on the methodology, exclusions or other restrictions of various aspects of real property taxation (as well as on the ability to issue new indebtedness). On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the New York New York Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the “Tax Levy Limitation Law”). The Tax Levy Limitation Law applies to local governments and school districts in the State (with certain exceptions) and imposes additional procedural requirements on the ability of municipalities and school districts to levy certain year-to-year increases in real property taxes.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and Notes and is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District’s power to increase its annual tax levy with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See “Tax Levy Limitation Law,” herein.

The Constitutionally-mandated general obligation pledge of municipalities and school districts in New York State has been interpreted by the Court of Appeals, the State’s highest court, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), as follows:

“A pledge of the City’s faith and credit is both a commitment to pay and a commitment of the City’s revenue generating powers to produce the funds to pay. Hence, an obligation containing a pledge of the City’s “faith and credit” is secured by a promise both to pay and to use in good faith the City’s general revenue powers to produce sufficient funds to pay the principal and interest of the obligation as it becomes due. That is why both words, “faith” and “credit” are used and they are not tautological. That is what the words say and this is what the courts have held they mean...So, too, although the Legislature is given the duty to restrict municipalities in order to prevent abuses in taxation, assessment, and in contracting of indebtedness, it may not constrict the City’s power to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness previously contracted...While phrased in permissive language, these provisions, when read together with the requirement of the pledge and faith and credit, express a constitutional imperative: debt obligations must be paid, even if tax limits be exceeded”.

In addition, the Court of Appeals in the Flushing National Bank case has held that the payment of debt service on outstanding general obligation bonds and notes takes precedence over fiscal emergencies and the police power of political subdivisions in New York State.

The pledge has generally been understood as a promise to levy property taxes without limitation as to rate or amount to the extent necessary to cover debt service due to language in Article VIII Section 10 of the Constitution which provides an exclusion for debt service from Constitutional limitations on the amount of a real property tax levy, insuring the availability of the levy of property tax revenues to pay debt service. As the Flushing National Bank Court noted, the term “faith and credit” in its context is “not qualified in any way”. Indeed, in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct constitutional mandate. In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals stated that, while holders of general obligation debt did not have a right to particular revenues such as sales tax, “with respect to traditional real estate tax levies, the bondholders are constitutionally protected against an attempt by the State to deprive the City of those revenues to meet its obligations.”

According to the Court in Quirk, the State Constitution “requires the City to raise real estate taxes, and without specification other revenues, if such a levy be necessary to repay indebtedness.”

In addition, the Constitution of the State requires that every county, city, town, village, and school district in the State provide annually by appropriation for the payment of all interest and principal on its Bonds and certain other obligations, and that, if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriation, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes.

In the event that an appropriating authority were to make an appropriation for debt service and then decline to expend it for that purpose, this provision would not apply. However, the Constitution of the State does also provide that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, or school district may be required to set apart and apply such first revenues at the suit of any holder of any such obligations.

In Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp., 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 New York 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 not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues.

While the courts in New York 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.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

State Aid Intercept For School Districts. In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds and the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds and the Notes. The covenant between the State of New York and the purchasers and the holders and owners from time to time of the notes and bonds issued by the school districts in the State for school purposes provides that it will not repeal, revoke or rescind the provisions of Section 99-b, 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 issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller a verified statement describing such bond 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. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall cover the current status with respect to the payment of principal of and interest on all outstanding bonds of such school district issued for school purposes and the statement prepared and filed by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds 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 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 bonds shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds. If any of such successive allotments, apportionments or payments of such State Aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds 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 in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds 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 pursuant to said Section 99-b.

General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision. Each Bond and Note when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action. Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the District upon any judgment or accrued claim against it on an amount adjudged due to a creditor shall not exceed nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Bonds and the Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and the Notes.

Execution/Attachment of Municipal Property. 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, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgments out of certain funds or the proceeds of a tax levy. In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the District.

Authority to File For Municipal Bankruptcy. The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for 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 be made so applicable in the future.

State Debt Moratorium Law. There are separate State law provisions regarding debt service moratoriums enacted into law in 1975.

At the Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature held in November, 1975, legislation was enacted which purported to suspend the right to commence or continue an action in any court to collect or enforce certain short-term obligations of The City of New York. The effect of such act was to create a three-year moratorium on actions to enforce the payment of such obligations. On November 19, 1976, the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, declared such act to be invalid on the ground that it violates the provisions of the State Constitution requiring a pledge by such City of its faith and credit for the payment of obligations.

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision in Flushing National Bank v. Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), 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.

Right of Municipality or State to Declare a Municipal Financial Emergency and Stay Claims Under State Debt Moratorium Law. The State Legislature is authorized to declare by special act that a state of financial emergency exists in any county, city, town or village. (The provision does not by its terms apply to school districts or fire districts.) In addition, the State Legislature may authorize by special act establishment of an "emergency financial control board" for any county, city, town or village upon determination that such a state of financial emergency exists. Thereafter, unless such special act provides otherwise, a voluntary petition to stay claims may be filed by any such municipality (or by its emergency financial control board in the event said board requests the municipality to petition and the municipality fails to do so within five days thereafter). A petition filed in supreme court in the county in which the municipality is located in accordance with the requirements of Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law ("Title 6-A") effectively prohibits the doing of any act for ninety days in the payment of claims against the municipality, including payment of debt service on outstanding indebtedness.

This includes staying the commencement or continuation of any court proceedings seeking payment of debt service due, the assessment, levy or collection of taxes by or for the municipality or the application of any funds, property, receivables or revenues of the municipality to the payment of debt service. The stay can be vacated under certain circumstances with provisions for the payment of amounts due or overdue upon a demand for payment in accordance with the statutory provisions set forth therein. The filing of a petition may be accompanied with a proposed repayment plan which, upon court order approving the plan, may extend any stay in the payment of claims against the municipality for such "additional period of time as is required to carry out fully all the terms and provisions of the plan with respect to those creditors who accept the

plan or any benefits thereunder.” Court approval is conditioned, after a hearing, upon certain findings as provided in Title 6-A.

A proposed plan can be modified prior to court approval or disapproval. After approval, modification is not permissible without court order after a hearing. If not approved, the proposed plan must be amended within ten days or else the stay is vacated and claims, including debt service due or overdue, must be paid. It is at the discretion of the court to permit additional filings of amended plans and continuation of any stay during such time. A stay may be vacated or modified by the court upon motion of any creditor if the court finds after a hearing that the municipality has failed to comply with a material provision of an accepted repayment plan or that due to a “material change in circumstances” the repayment plan is no longer in compliance with statutory requirements.

Once an approved repayment plan has been completed, the court, after a hearing upon motion of any creditor, or a motion of the municipality or its emergency financial control board, will enter an order vacating any stay then in effect and enjoining of creditors who accepted the plan or any benefits thereunder from commencing or continuing any court action, proceeding or other act described in Title 6-A relating to any debt included in the plan.

Title 6-A requires notice to all creditors of each material step in the proceedings. Court determinations adverse to the municipality or its financial emergency control board are appealable as of right to the appellate division in the judicial department in which the court is located and thereafter, if necessary, to the Court of Appeals. Such appeals stay the judgment or appealed from and all other actions, special proceedings or acts within the scope of Section 85.30 of Title 6-A pending the hearing and determination of the appeals.

Whether Title 6-A is valid under the Constitutional provisions regarding the payment of debt service is not known. However, based upon the decision in the Flushing National Bank case described above, its validity is subject to doubt.

While the State Legislature has from time to time adopted legislation in response to a municipal fiscal emergency and established public benefit corporations with a broad range of financial control and oversight powers to oversee such municipalities, generally such legislation has provided that the provisions of Title 6-A are not applicable during any period of time that such a public benefit corporation has outstanding indebtedness issued on behalf of such municipality.

Fiscal Stress and State Emergency Financial Control Boards. Pursuant to Article IX Section 2(b)(2) of the State Constitution, any local government in the State may request the intervention of the State in its “property, affairs and government” by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of its legislative body or on request of its chief executive officer concurred in by a majority of such membership. This has resulted in the adoption of special acts for the establishment of public benefit corporations with varying degrees of authority to control the finances (including debt issuance) of the cities of Buffalo, Troy and Yonkers and the County of Nassau. The specific authority, powers and composition of the financial control boards established by these acts varies based upon circumstances and needs. Generally, the State legislature has granted such boards the power to approve or disapprove budget and financial plans and to issue debt on behalf of the municipality, as well as to impose wage and/or hiring freezes and approve collective bargaining agreements in certain cases. Implementation is left to the discretion of the board of the public benefit corporation. Such a State financial control board was first established for New York City in 1975. In addition, on a certificate of necessity of the governor reciting facts which in the judgment of governor constitute an emergency requiring enactment of such laws, with the concurrences of two-thirds of the members elected in each house of the State legislature, the State is authorized to intervene in the “property, affairs and governments” of local government units. This occurred in the case of the County of Erie in 2005. The authority of the State to intervene in the financial affairs of local government is further supported by Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution which declares it to be the duty of the State legislature to restrict, subject to other provisions of the Constitution, the power of taxation, assessment, borrowing money and contracting indebtedness and loaning the credit of counties, cities, towns and villages so as to prevent abuses in taxation and assessment and in contracting indebtedness by them.

In 2013, the State established a new state advisory board to assist counties, cities, towns and villages in financial distress. The Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments (the “FRB”), is authorized to conduct a comprehensive review of the finances and operations of any such municipality deemed by the FRB to be fiscally eligible for its services upon request by resolution of the municipal legislative body and concurrence of its chief executive. The FRB is authorized to make recommendations for, but cannot compel improvement of fiscal stability, management and delivery of municipal services, including shared services opportunities, and is authorized to offer grants and/or loans of up to \$5,000,000 through a Local Government Performance and Efficiency Program to undertake certain recommendations. If a municipality agrees to undertake the FRB recommendations, it will be automatically bound to fulfill the terms in order to receive the aid.

The FRB is also authorized to serve as an alternative arbitration panel for binding arbitration.

Although from time to time there have been proposals for the creation of a statewide financial control board with broad authority over local governments in the State, the FRB does not have emergency financial control board powers to intervene such as the public benefit corporations established by special acts as described above.

School districts and fire districts are not eligible for FRB assistance.

Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision. There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: "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. See "General Municipal Law Contract Creditors' Provision" herein.

The Constitutional provision providing for first revenue set asides does not apply to tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes.

Default Litigation. In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of noteholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in political subdivisions of the State, 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. See "Nature of Obligation" and "State Debt Moratorium Law" herein.

No Past Due Debt

No principal or interest payment on District indebtedness is past due. To the best knowledge of District officials, the District has never defaulted on the payment of the principal of and/or interest on any indebtedness.

DESCRIPTION OF BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds and, if so requested, the Notes. The Bonds and if so requested, the Notes will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully registered bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds and will be deposited with DTC. One fully registered note certificate will be issued for the Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP and deposited with DTC.

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

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

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds and 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 Bonds and Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and Notes; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds and 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 Bonds and Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC’s Money Market Instruments (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 Bonds and 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 Bonds and 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 Bonds and 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 Bonds and Notes at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, bond and 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, bond and note certificates will be printed and delivered as applicable.

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ABOVE SECTION CONCERNING DTC AND DTC'S BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM SAMPLE OFFERING DOCUMENT LANGUAGE SUPPLIED BY DTC, BUT THE DISTRICT TAKES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY THEREOF. IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPANTS, TO INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WITH RESPECT TO: (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC, ANY PARTICIPANT OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT; (II) THE PAYMENTS BY DTC OR ANY PARTICIPANT OR ANY INDIRECT PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT WITH RESPECT TO THE PRINCIPAL OF, OR PREMIUM, IF ANY, OR INTEREST ON THE BONDS AND NOTES OR (III) ANY NOTICE WHICH IS PERMITTED OR REQUIRED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS.

THE DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS AND NOTES (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS AND NOTES OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS AND 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 OBLIGATIONS 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 BONDS AND 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 BONDS AND NOTES.

RISK FACTORS

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

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

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

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

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, COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, 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 affect economic growth worldwide. The current outbreak has caused the Federal government to declare a national state of emergency. The State has also initially declared a state of emergency and the Governor took steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19 initially. The continued spread of the outbreak could have a material adverse effect on the State and municipalities and school districts located in the State, including the District. The District is monitoring the situation and will take such proactive measures as may be required to maintain its operations and meet its obligations. (See "*State Aid*" and "*Events Affecting New York School Districts*" herein).

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

CYBERSECURITY

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

LITIGATION

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

Various property owners have filed certiorari claims under Article 7 of the Real Property Tax Law. These taxpayers assert that their property values, as presently determined, are excessive and request assessment reductions and, in most actions, a refund of property taxes previously paid. It is not possible to provide an estimate of the District's ultimate financial exposure but historically tax certiorari settlements have resulted in assessment reductions and related tax refunds for amounts less than the original claim. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the District has been made aware of a number of settled tax certiorari proceedings by counsel for area towns, but it is not anticipated these refunds will have a material, adverse financial impact on the District.

The District is presently a defendant in two separate lawsuits brought by former students for allegations of sexual abuse by teachers decades ago. These lawsuits were filed under the Child Victims Act, a New York statute that revived previously time-barred claims arising from alleged sexual abuse of a child. For one of the lawsuits, the District was able to identify its insurer at the time of the alleged sexual abuse, and the insurer has confirmed that any adverse judgment would be covered under the applicable insurance policy. For the other lawsuit, which concerns allegations of sexual abuse in 1975 and 1976,

the District has been unsuccessful in identifying applicable insurance coverage.

Based on the information presently available to it, including the plaintiff's deposition, the District believes that, for the lawsuit where there appears to be no available insurance coverage, a potential adverse judgment could be significant and in excess of \$750,000. In the other lawsuits where there is insurance coverage, a judgment against the District would have no potential adverse impact on the District's financial status. If, for some reason, insurance coverage is withdrawn in this lawsuit, any potential judgment could also be significant and also in excess of \$500,000. The Local Finance Law authorizes borrowing for the payment of judgments and settled claims.

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

TAX MATTERS

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP ("Bond Counsel"), based upon an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings, and court decisions, and assuming, among other matters, the accuracy of certain representations and compliance with certain covenants, interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that interest on the Bonds and the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel observes that, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds and the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual, or receipt of interest on, the Bonds or the Notes. Complete copies of the proposed forms of opinion of Bond Counsel are set forth in Appendices D & E hereto.

To the extent the issue price of any maturity of the Bonds and the Notes is less than the amount to be paid at maturity of such Bonds and Notes (excluding amounts stated to be interest and payable at least annually over the term of such Bonds and Notes), the difference constitutes "original issue discount," the accrual of which, to the extent properly allocable to each owner thereof, is treated as interest on the Bonds and the Notes which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and exempt from State of New York personal income taxes. For this purpose, the issue price of a particular maturity of the Bonds and the Notes is the first price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Bonds and the Notes is sold to the public (excluding bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The original issue discount with respect to any maturity of the Bonds and the Notes accrues daily over the term to maturity of such Bonds and Notes on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded semiannually (with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates). The accruing original issue discount is added to the adjusted basis of such Bonds and Notes to determine taxable gain or loss upon disposition (including sale, redemption, or payment on maturity) of such Bonds and Notes. Owners of the Bonds and the Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Bonds and Notes with original issue discount, including the treatment of owners who do not purchase such Bonds and Notes in the original offering to the public at the first price at which a substantial amount of such Bonds is sold to the public.

Bonds and Notes purchased, whether at original issuance or otherwise, for an amount higher than their principal amount payable at maturity (or, in some cases, at their earlier call date) ("Premium Bonds") will be treated as having amortizable bond premium. No deduction is allowable for the amortizable bond premium in the case of bonds, like the Premium Bonds, the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, the amount of tax-exempt interest received, and an owner's basis in a Premium Bond, will be reduced by the amount of amortizable bond premium properly allocable to such owner. Owners of Premium Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the proper treatment of amortizable bond premium in their particular circumstances.

Bond Counsel is of the further opinion that the amount treated as interest on the Notes and excluded from gross income will depend upon the taxpayer's election under Internal Revenue Notice 94-84. Notice 94-84, 1994-2 C.B. 559, states that the

Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) is studying whether the amount of the stated interest payable at maturity on short-term debt obligations (i.e., debt obligations with a stated fixed rate of interest which mature not more than one year from the date of issue) that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes should be treated (i) as qualified stated interest or (ii) as part of the stated redemption price at maturity of the short-term debt obligation, resulting in treatment as accrued original issue discount (the “original issue discount”). The Notes will be issued as short-term debt obligations. Until the IRS provides further guidance with respect to tax-exempt short-term debt obligations, taxpayers may treat the stated interest payable at maturity either as qualified stated interest or as includable in the stated redemption price at maturity, resulting in original issue discount as interest that is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. However, taxpayers must treat the amount to be paid at maturity on all tax-exempt short-term debt obligations in a consistent manner. Taxpayers should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of Notes (as well as the first maturity of the Bonds) if the taxpayer elects original issue discount treatment.

The Code imposes various restrictions, conditions and requirements relating to the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on obligations such as the Bonds and the Notes. The District has covenanted to comply with certain restrictions designed to ensure that interest on the Bonds and the Notes will not be included in federal gross income. Inaccuracy of these representations or failure to comply with these covenants may result in interest on the Bonds and the Notes being included in gross income for federal income tax purposes possibly from the date of original issuance of the Bonds and the Notes. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with these covenants. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to determine (or to inform any person) whether any actions taken (or not taken) or events occurring (or not occurring) after the date of issuance of the Bonds and the Notes may adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds and the Notes. Further, no assurance can be given that pending or future legislation or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, or any proposed legislation or amendments to the Code, will not adversely affect the value of, or the tax status of interest on, the Bonds and the Notes.

Certain requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate, and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Bonds and the Notes) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any Bonds and Notes or the interest thereon if any such change occurs or action is taken or omitted.

Although Bond Counsel is of the opinion that interest on the Bonds and the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York), the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds and the Notes may otherwise affect an owner’s federal or state tax liability. The nature and extent of these other tax consequences will depend upon the particular tax status of the owner or the owner’s other items of income or deduction. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such other tax consequences.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds and the Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent owners from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. The introduction or enactment of any such legislative proposals, clarification of the Code or court decisions may also affect the market price for, or marketability of, the Bonds and the Notes. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds and the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation, as to which Bond Counsel expresses no opinion.

The opinion of Bond Counsel is based on current legal authority, covers certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities, and represents Bond Counsel’s judgment as to the proper treatment of the Bonds and the Notes for federal income tax purposes. It is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) or the courts. Furthermore, Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the future activities of the District, or about the effect of future changes in the Code, the applicable regulations, the interpretation thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS. The District has covenanted, however, to comply with the requirements of the Code.

Bond Counsel’s engagement with respect to the Bonds and the Notes ends with the issuance of the Bonds and the Notes, and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the District or the owners regarding the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and the Notes in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. Under current procedures, owners would have little, if any, right to participate in the audit examination process. Moreover, because achieving judicial review in connection with an audit examination of tax-exempt bonds is difficult, obtaining an independent review of IRS positions with which the District legitimately disagrees, may not be practicable. Any action of the IRS, including but not limited to selection of the Bonds and the Notes for audit, or the course or result of such audit, or an audit of bonds presenting similar tax issues may

affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Bonds and the Notes, and may cause the District or the owners to incur significant expense.

Payments on the Bonds and the Notes generally will be subject to U.S. information reporting and possibly to “backup withholding.” Under Section 3406 of the Code and applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations issued thereunder, a non-corporate owner of Bonds and Notes may be subject to backup withholding with respect to “reportable payments,” which include interest paid on the Bonds and Notes and the gross proceeds of a sale, exchange, redemption, retirement or other disposition of the Bonds and the Notes. The payor will be required to deduct and withhold the prescribed amounts if (i) the payee fails to furnish a U.S. taxpayer identification number (“TIN”) to the payor in the manner required, (ii) the IRS notifies the payor that the TIN furnished by the payee is incorrect, (iii) there has been a “notified payee underreporting” described in Section 3406(c) of the Code or (iv) the payee fails to certify under penalty of perjury that the payee is not subject to withholding under Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Code. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be refunded or credited against an owner’s federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. Certain owners (including among others, corporations and certain tax-exempt organizations) are not subject to backup withholding. The failure to comply with the backup withholding rules may result in the imposition of penalties by the IRS.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds and the Notes are subject to the respective approving legal opinions of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel. Bond Counsel’s opinions will be in substantially the forms attached hereto as Appendices D and E.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKINGS

Disclosure Undertaking for the Bonds

This Official Statement is in a form “deemed final” by the District for the purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”). At the time of the delivery of the Bonds, the District will provide an executed copy of its undertaking to provide continuing disclosure certificate (the “Undertaking”). Said Undertaking will constitute a written agreement or contract of the District for the benefit of holders of and owners of beneficial interests in the Bonds. In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12, as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the “Rule”), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), the District has agreed to provide, or cause to be provided,

(1) to the Electronic Municipal Market Access (“EMMA”) system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (“MSRB”) or any other entity designated or authorized by the Commission to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, during each fiscal year in which the Bonds are outstanding, (i) certain annual financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year in a form generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the final Official Statement anticipated to be dated July 27, 2023 of the District relating to the Bonds under the headings “LITIGATION” and in Appendix A under the headings “THE DISTRICT”, “FINANCIAL FACTORS”, “TAX INFORMATION”, and “DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS” and Appendix B by the end of the sixth month following the end of each succeeding fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, and (ii) a copy of the audited financial statement, if any, (prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in effect at the time of the audit) for the preceding fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024; such audit (prepared in accordance with the accounting principles the District may be required to employ pursuant to State law or regulation), if any, will be so provided on or prior to the later of either the end of the sixth month of each such succeeding fiscal year or, if an audited financial statement is not available at that time, within sixty days following receipt by the District of its audited financial statement for the preceding fiscal year, but, in any event, not later than the last business day of each such succeeding fiscal year; and provided further, in the event that the audited financial statement for any fiscal year is not available by the end of the sixth month following the end of any such succeeding fiscal year, unaudited financial statements in the form provided to the State, if available, will be provided no later than said date; provided however, that provision of unaudited financial statements in any year shall be further conditioned upon a determination by the District of whether such provision is compliant with the requirements of federal securities laws including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(2) timely notice, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of such event, of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material; (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (vi) 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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds; (vii) modifications to rights of Bondholders and Noteholders, if material; (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material; (xi) rating changes; (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District; (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, 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; (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (xv) incurrence of a “financial obligation” (as defined in the Rule) of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a financial obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material; (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a financial obligation of the District, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

Event (iii) is included pursuant to a letter for the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated September 19, 1995. However, event (iii) is not applicable, since no “debt service reserves” will be established for the Bonds.

With respect to event (iv) the District does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Bonds.

With respect to event (xii) 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 District 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 District, 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 District.

With respect to events (xv) and (xvi) above, the term “Financial Obligation” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The District may provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if it determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Bonds; but the District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above; and

(3) in a timely manner, notice of a failure to provide the annual financial information and operating data and such audited financial statement by the date specified.

The District’s Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the principal of, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Bonds shall have been paid in full or in the event that those portions of the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (“Rule 15c2-12”) which require the Undertaking, or such provision, as the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Bonds. The sole and exclusive remedy for breach or default under the Undertaking is an action to compel specific performance of the undertakings of the District, and no person or entity, including a Holder of the Bonds, shall be entitled to recover monetary damages thereunder under any circumstances. Any failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default with respect to the Bonds.

The District reserves the right to amend or modify the Undertaking under certain circumstances set forth therein; provided that any such amendment or modification will be done in consultation with nationally recognized bond counsel in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12, as amended.

Disclosure Undertaking for the Notes

This Official Statement is in a form “deemed final” by the District for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”). At the time of the delivery of the Notes, the District will provide an executed copy of its “Undertaking to Provide Notice of Materials Events” (the “Undertaking”). Said Undertaking will constitute a written agreement or contract of the District for the benefit of holders of and owners of beneficial interests in the Notes, to provide, or cause to be provided, timely notice not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes:

(i) principal and interest payment delinquencies; (ii) non-payment related defaults, if material; (iii) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties; (iv) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties; (v) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform; (vi) 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 Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes; (vii) modifications to rights of Noteholders, if material; (viii) Note calls, if material, and tender offers; (ix) defeasances; (x) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material; (xi) rating changes; (xii) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District; (xiii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, 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; and (xiv) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material; (xv) incurrence of a “financial obligation” of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights or other similar terms of a financial obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material; (xvi) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms or other similar events under a financial obligation of the District, if any such event reflects financial difficulties.

Event (iii) is included pursuant to a letter from the SEC staff to the National Association of Bond Lawyers dated September 19, 1995. However, event (iii) is not applicable, since no “debt service reserves” will be established for the Notes.

With respect to event (iv) the Issuer does not undertake to provide any notice with respect to credit enhancement added after the primary offering of the Notes.

With respect to event (xii) 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.

With respect to events (xv) and (xvi) above, the term “Financial Obligation” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into with, or pledged as security or source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The District may provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if it determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Notes; but the District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

The District’s Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the principal of, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Notes shall have been paid in full. The sole and exclusive remedy for breach or default under the Undertaking is an action to compel specific performance of the undertakings of the District, and no person or entity, including a holder of the Notes, shall be entitled to recover monetary damages thereunder under any circumstances. Any failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default with respect to the Notes.

The District reserves the right to amend or modify the Undertaking under certain circumstances set forth therein; provided that, any such amendment or modification will be done, in consultation with nationally recognized bond counsel in a manner consistent with Rule 15c2-12 as then in effect.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

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

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

RATING

On July 18, 2023, Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) upgraded the District’s underlying credit rating to “A1” from “A2” and applied such rating to the Bonds. At the same time, Moody’s assigned a “MIG 1” rating to the Notes.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Statements in the Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are “forward-looking statements”, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and which are based on the District management’s beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District 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”, “believe”, “intend”, “plan”, “foresee”, “likely”, estimate”, “expect”, “objective”, “projection”, “forecast”, “goal”, “will, or “should”, or similar words or phrases are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, New York, New York, bond counsel to the District, expresses no opinion 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 Bonds and 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 Bonds and 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 limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District, as to which no representation can be made.

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

The District hereby disclaims any obligation to update developments of the various risk factors or to announce publicly any revision to any of the forward-looking statements contained herein or to make corrections to reflect future events or developments except to the extent required by Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Capital Markets Advisors, LLC may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at www.capmark.org. Unless this Official Statement specifically indicates otherwise, no statement on such website is included by specific reference or constitutes a part of this Official Statement. Capital Markets Advisors, LLC has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original sourced 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 disclaims any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain the 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 assumes no liability or responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any updates to dated website information.

Additional information may be obtained upon request from Capital Markets Advisors, LLC at (516) 570-0340 or from the District's Assistant Superintendent for Finance at (845) 298-5000 ext. 40150.

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
John Lumia
President of the Board of Education

DATED: July __, 2023

APPENDIX A
THE DISTRICT

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General Information

Wappingers Central School District was created in 1938 from the merger of fifteen union free and common school districts. Prior to 1973, the District was known as the Wappingers, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill, LaGrange, Kent and Philipstown Central School District No. 1. In 1973, the District adopted its present legal name, the Wappingers Central School District.

The District, located approximately 70 miles north of New York City in the lower Hudson Valley, is situated in southwestern Dutchess County with a small portion in northwestern Putnam County. The District includes portions of the Towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange, Poughkeepsie and Wappinger in Dutchess County and Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County. The Villages of Fishkill and Wappingers Falls are also located within the District. The District encompasses an area of approximately 95 square miles.

The character of the District has been and remains suburban residential with some commercial activity. The majority of homes within the District are single-family residences. Commercial activity is primarily centered in shopping centers and malls. Previously the Dutchess County's largest private employer, International Business Machines ("IBM") transferred ownership of its East Fishkill site to GlobalFoundries during 2015. Several jobs at the site were reclassified due to recent enhancements in technology and a rise in automation. The County estimates IBM presently employs approximately 4,100 within its limits, which is down from 11,410 in 2008. Employment at GlobalFoundries is currently estimated at 2,500.

The District is served by a network of highways, which includes Interstate 84, the Taconic Parkway and State Routes 9 and 9D. Commuter rail passenger service is provided by the Metro-North a Division of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Amtrak provides long-distance rail passenger service at the nearby City of Poughkeepsie, while Conrail provides rail freight services.

Electricity and natural gas are provided throughout the District by the CH Energy Group, Inc. Water service is provided in certain areas of the District by the towns and villages, which also provide sanitary sewer services to certain areas. Water and sewer services are primarily supported by special assessments. Police protection is provided by the New York State Police, the Dutchess County Sheriff, the Putnam County Sheriff, and local police departments of certain towns and villages. Fire protection and ambulance service is provided by several volunteer fire departments located throughout the District.

The following commercial banks have offices located within the District: Bank of America; JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA; Citizens Bank; HSBC; M&T Bank; Mahopac National Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.

District Organization

The District is an independent entity governed by an elected board of education comprised of nine members. District operations are subject to the provisions of the State Education Law affecting school districts and other statutes applicable to the District.

Members of the Board of Education are chosen on a rotating basis by qualified voters at the annual election of the District (held the third Tuesday each May). The term of office for each board member is 3 years and the number of terms that may be served is unrestricted. A president is selected by the board from its members and also serves as the chief fiscal officer of the District. The Board of Education is vested with various powers and duties as set forth in the Education Law. Among these are the adoption of annual budgets (subject to voter approval), the levy of real property taxes for the support of education, the appointment of such employees as may be necessary, and other such duties reasonably required to fulfill the responsibilities provided by law.

The Board of Education appoints the Superintendent of Schools who serves at the pleasure of the Board. The Superintendent is the Chief Executive Officer of the District and is an ex-officio member of the Board of Education with the right to speak on all matters before the Board but not to vote. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to

enforce all provisions of law and all rules and regulations relating to the management of the schools and other educational, social and recreational activities under the direction of the Board of Education. In addition, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Business Development.

Financial Organization

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education is the Chief Fiscal Officer of the District. However, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools, the Executive Director for Finance & Business Development and the District Clerk.

Financial Reporting Statements and Accounting Procedures

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

Budgetary Procedure

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

The District’s budget is subject to the provisions of Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See “*Tax Levy Limitation Law*,” herein.)

On May 17, 2022, qualified voters of the District approved the 2022-2023 budget. On May 16, 2023, qualified voters of the District approved the 2023-2024 budget. See Appendix B for summaries of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 adopted budgets of the District.

School Enrollment Trends

Actual District Enrollment – Fiscal 2019 to 2025

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Grades K-5</u>	<u>Grades 6-8</u>	<u>Grades 9-12</u>	<u>Total Enrollment</u>
2018-19	4,414	2,517	3,740	10,671
2019-20	4,402	2,526	3,740	10,668
2020-21	4,165	2,468	3,582	10,215
2021-22	4,250	2,401	3,524	10,175
2022-23	4,534	2,364	3,489	10,387
2023-24 (Projected)	4,473	2,335	3,419	10,227
2024-25 (Projected)	4,468	2,286	3,313	10,067

Source: District Officials.

District Facilities

The District presently operates ten elementary schools, two junior high schools and two high schools:

	Grades	State Rated Capacity	Original Construction	Years	
				Original Construction	Addition or Renovation
Brinkerhoff Elementary	K-6	837	1963	1973,1989,1995,2007, 2013, 2015	
Evans Elementary	K-6	621	1952	1955,1989,1995,2005, 2013	
Fishkill Elementary	K-6	594	1908	1952,1955,1962,1989,1995,2002, 2003, 2013, 2014	
Fishkill Plains Elementary	K-6	867	1956	1989,1995, 2013	
Gayhead Elementary	K-6	1,188	1965	1989,1995,2004, 2013	
Myers Corners Elementary	K-6	1,213	1967	1989,1995,1999,2004, 2013, 2015	
Oak Grove Elementary	K-6	702	1963	1973,1989,1995,2004, 2013	
Sheafe Road Elementary	K-6	837	1965	1973,1985, 1989,1995,2002,2004, 2013	
Vassar Road Elementary	K-2	540	1957	1989,1995,2007, 2013	
Kinry Road Elementary	3-6	621	1967	1989,1995, 2013	
Van Wyck Junior High	7-8	1,663	1965	1973,1989,1995,2004, 2013, 2015	
Wappingers Junior High	7-8	926	1938	1965,1989,1995, 2013	
Ketcham High	9-12	1,836	1962	1968,1989,1995,2002,2004,2005, 2013	
John Jay High	9-12	1,941	1969	1989,1995,1999,2002, 2013, 2015	
Total School Capacity		<u>14,386</u>			

The District is presently in the process of completing a renovation project at various facilities and sites (see “*Authorized but Unissued Debt*,” herein.).

Source: District Officials.

Employees

Information on District employees, collective bargaining units, and labor contracts is shown below.

Employees Represented	Union	Expiration Date
902	Wappingers Congress of Teachers	June 30, 2027
359	Wappingers Federation of Workers	June 30, 2027
116	Civil Service Employees Association	June 30, 2027
68	Wappingers Cafeteria Association	June 30, 2023*
43	Wappingers Administrators Association	June 30, 2024
23	Supervisory, Technical, Executive, Professional Staff (S.T.E.P.S.)	June 30, 2023*
171	School Monitors	June 30, 2026
247	Teaching Assistants	June 30, 2026
29	Wappingers Registered Professional Nurses Assoc.	June 30, 2026

* Contract currently in negotiations.

Source: District Officials.

Employee Benefits

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

year's full-time service contribute 3% (ERS) or 3.5% (TRS) of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

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

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier VI for employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% and 6% with no provision for these contributions to cease after a certain period of service; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier VI, the pension multiplier will be 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; As of April 9, 2022, Tier 5 and 6 members only need five years of service credit to be vested. This affects members of both ERS and PFRS. Previously, Tier 5 and 6 members needed 10 years of service to be eligible for a service retirement benefit; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

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

Due to prior poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS, the employer contribution rates for required pension contributions to the TRS and ERS in 2011 and certain subsequent years have increased. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted to permit school districts to amortize a portion of the contributions to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize will be required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases.

The District has not and does not reasonably expect to amortize such contributions.

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

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

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

The District has not and does not reasonably expect to participate in the ERS or TRS SCO program.

Uncertainty regarding the short, medium and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused extreme volatility across all financial markets, including those markets in which the Retirement System funds are invested. While State Comptroller DiNapoli has made recent comments that the Common Retirement Fund is well-positioned

to withstand current market disruption, the impacts of such volatility on future contribution rates, if any, cannot be known at this time. (See “RISK FACTORS” herein for further detail.)

Retirement Billing Procedures

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

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

The amounts contributed to ERS and TRS for the audited fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 through 2022, and the budgeted amounts for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 fiscal years are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	TRS	ERS
2018	\$ 9,217,742	\$ 3,650,453
2019	10,358,471	3,554,382
2020	10,201,502	3,665,478
2021	10,590,589	3,855,512
2022	9,989,455	3,118,000
2023 (Adopted Budget)	10,925,758	3,213,869
2024 (Adopted Budget)	10,906,506	4,056,336

Source: The audited financial statements, District officials, and the 2022-23 and 2023-24 adopted budgets of the District. The summary itself is not audited.

Other Post Employment Benefits

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

GASB 75 requires state and local governments to measure a defined benefit OPEB plan as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided to current active and inactive employees, attributable to past periods of service in order to calculate the total OPEB liability. Total OPEB liability generally is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation using a measurement date that is no earlier than the end of the employer’s prior fiscal year and no later than the end of the employer’s current fiscal year.

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

The District’s total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 was \$661,353,576 using a discount rate of 3.54% and actuarial assumptions and other inputs as described in the District’s June 30, 2022 audited financial statements.

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

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

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

Investment Policy

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

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

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

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

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

custodial agreement must also provide that the custodian shall confirm the receipt, substitution or release of the collateral, the frequency of revaluation of eligible securities and the substitution of collateral when a change in the rating of a security may cause ineligibility.

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

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

FINANCIAL FACTORS

District finances are operated primarily through its General Fund. All taxes and most other revenues are paid into this fund and all current operating expenditures are made from it. A Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the five-year period ending June 30, 2022 is contained in Appendix B of this Official Statement. As reflected in Appendix B, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes and the use of funds reserved for capital improvements.

Impacts of COVID-19

On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”). Included in this bill was \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments. Payments to local governments will be made in two tranches, the first half 60 days after enactment and the second half one year later. The funding is available through, and must be spent by, September 30, 2026.

Specifically, eligible uses of the aid include: (i) revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent the reduction in revenue is due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the emergency; (ii) premium pay for essential workers; (iii) assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery; and (iv) investments in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. The bill also contains two restrictions on eligible uses: (i) funds cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset tax reductions or delay a tax increase; and (ii) funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund.

Currently, the District is eligible to receive \$18 million in total federal funding and received the first tranche of ARPA funding in the winter of 2022 in the amount of approximately \$7.4 million. The District received the second tranche of funding (ARP State Reserves) in winter of 2022 in the amount of \$1.2 million. The District expects to use the federal funding for student support, address academic learning loss, contracts, transportation, PPE, HVAC, and facility upgrades. The District received \$1,090,199 of CARES Act funds in fiscal year 2021 along with \$10,103,745 from CRRSA in fiscal year 2022.

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

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

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

The most current applicable report of the State Comptroller designates the District as “No Designation” with a fiscal score of “15.0” and an environmental score of “20.0”.

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance reviews by OSC to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and federal statutes. The most recent audit by OSC was conducted on August 26, 2022 to determine whether the District officials sought competition for the procurement of professional services in accordance with the procurement policy.

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

Real Property Taxes

The District derives a major portion of its revenues from a tax on real property (see “*Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-General Fund*” in Appendix B, herein). Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, as amended, imposes a tax levy limitation upon the municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District. (See “*Tax Levy Limitation Law*,” herein.)

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

<u>General Fund Real Property Taxes</u>			
Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾	Real Property Taxes	Real Property Taxes To Revenue (%)
2018	\$225,402,457	\$146,874,518	65.2%
2019	231,314,752	152,007,891	65.7
2020	233,920,352	157,165,734	67.2
2021	243,326,584	163,789,199	67.3
2022	255,208,163	168,737,673	66.1
2023 (Adopted Budget)	261,964,022	181,192,000	69.2
2024 (Adopted Budget)	287,091,282	184,223,905	65.4

(1) Exclusive of other financing sources and appropriated fund balances.

Source: The audited financial statements and adopted budgets of the District. The summary itself is not audited.

State Aid

The District receives State aid for operating and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. Excluding other financing sources, State aid accounted for approximately 27.9% of General Fund revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

The following table sets forth General Fund revenue and State aid revenue during the last five audited fiscal years and the amounts budgeted for the most recent and current fiscal years.

General Fund State Aid

<u>Fiscal Year Ended June 30:</u>	<u>General Fund Revenue ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>State Aid</u>	<u>State Aid to Revenue (%)</u>
2017	\$221,083,292	\$56,960,083	25.8%
2018	225,402,457	60,523,139	26.9
2019	231,314,752	61,382,586	26.5
2020	233,920,352	60,355,810	25.8
2021	243,326,584	62,940,715	25.9
2022	255,208,163	71,720,144	27.9
2023 (Adopted Budget)	261,964,022	76,930,151	29.4
2024 (Adopted Budget)	281,639,368	93,622,593	33.2

(1) Exclusive of other financing sources.

Source: The audited financial statements and adopted budgets of the District. The summary itself is not audited.

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 the State 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 use of federal stimulus funds has allowed the State to avoid gap closing measures; however, the State may be required to implement gap closing measures in the future in response to the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the State’s finances. 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 2023-24 Enacted Budget provides \$34.5 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 10.00%. and includes \$24.1 billion of Foundation Aid which increased 12.8% from 2022-23. The 2023-24 school A-7 year increase in Foundation Aid is to complete the three-year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula.

The State’s 2023-24 Enacted Budget also increases the State’s annual investment in prekindergarten to \$1.2 billion, an increase of \$125 million, or 9.09%. The Budget also includes a total of \$20 million in grant funding to support the establishment of new early college high school programs.

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 2023-24 Enacted Budget was adopted on May 2, 2023, which was later than in most recent years. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in 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, the COVID-19 pandemic, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and Congress. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision. Reductions in federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget.

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

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

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

Events Affecting New York School Districts

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

School district fiscal year (2020-2021): Due to the anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget was 3.7 percent lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but was offset in part with increased Federal support. This 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 was continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflected 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 came in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceeded 101% of estimates. See "*State Aid*" herein for a discussion of this provision set forth in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget.

School district fiscal year (2021-2022): For the 2021-2022 school year, the State's Enacted budget provided \$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 represented 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 allocated \$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, helped 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 allocated \$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 used \$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 (2022-2023): For the 2022-2023 school year, the State's Enacted provides \$31.3 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year the highest level of State aid ever. This represented a year-to-year funding increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.07%. and included \$21.4 billion of Foundation Aid which increased 8.1% from 2021-22. The 2022-23 school year increase in Foundation Aid primarily reflected the second year of the three-year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula. The Enacted Budget also increased the State's annual investment in prekindergarten to \$1.1 billion, an increase of \$125 million, or 13%. The Budget also included 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 included support for extended school day or school year programs, afterschool programs, mental health professionals and other locally determined initiatives.

School district fiscal year (2023-2024): For the 2023-2024 school year, the Enacted Budget provides \$34.5 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 10.00%. and includes \$24.1 billion of Foundation Aid which increased 12.8% from 2022-23. The 2022-23 school year increase in Foundation Aid is to complete the three-year phase-in of full funding of the current Foundation Aid formula. The Enacted Budget also increases the State's annual investment in prekindergarten to \$1.2 billion, an increase of \$125 million, or 9.09%. The Budget also includes a total of \$20 million in grant funding to support the establishment of new early college high school programs.

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

The Smart Schools Bond Act (the "SSBA") was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds to financed improved educational technology and infrastructure to improve learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The SSBA requires that a Review Board review and approve districts' Smart Schools Investment Plan before any funds may be made available for the program.

Other Revenues

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

Independent Audits

Audited Financial Statements. The District retained the firm of Bonadio & Co. LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to audit its financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Appendix B, attached hereto, presents excerpts from the District's most recent audited reports covering the last five fiscal years. However, the summary itself has not been audited or reviewed by the Districts independent auditor.

State Audits. In addition, the District is subject to audit by the State Comptroller to review compliance with legal requirements and the rules and regulations established by the State. (See also, "*The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and Compliance Reviews*," herein.) Additional information about State audits can also be obtained by visiting the by visiting the Office of the State Comptroller's – Audits of Local Governments website. Reference to this website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein, nor incorporation herein by reference.

REAL PROPERTY TAXES

Real Property Tax Assessments and Rates

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

<u>Assessed Valuation:</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	
East Fishkill	\$3,398,306,512		\$3,606,707,453		\$3,575,159,949		\$3,861,140,723		\$4,214,961,348	
Fishkill	1,820,899,448		1,858,144,333		1,859,828,444		1,952,797,358		2,120,985,271	
Kent	6,946,394		6,942,574		6,955,078		7,104,657		8,484,014	
LaGrange	108,435,895		110,218,831		110,583,978		110,810,388		136,902,295	
Philipstown	1,113,663		1,113,613		1,113,615		803,177		2,044,257	
Poughkeepsie	1,225,316,669		1,306,367,819		1,281,522,386		1,310,678,843		1,500,176,326	
Wappinger	2,537,676,892		2,621,090,432		2,651,397,586		2,833,063,336		3,110,656,992	
Total Assessed Valuation	\$9,098,695,473		\$ 9,510,535,555		\$9,486,561,036		\$10,076,398,482		\$11,094,210,503	
State Equalization Rates:										
East Fishkill	100.00%		100.00%		98.00%		100.00%		100.00%	
Fishkill	100.00		100.00		99.00		100.00		100.00	
Kent	100.00		95.85		91.25		90.55		83.70	
LaGrange	100.00		100.00		98.00		92.69		81.00	
Philipstown	46.95		45.85		44.65		44.60		39.35	
Poughkeepsie	100.00		100.00		99.00		100.00		100.00	
Wappinger	100.00		100.00		99.00		100.00		100.00	
Full Valuation:										
East Fishkill	\$3,398,306,512		\$3,606,707,453		\$3,648,125,458		\$3,861,140,723		\$4,214,959,848	
Fishkill	1,820,899,448		1,858,148,333		1,878,617,620		1,952,797,358		2,120,983,771	
Kent	6,946,394		7,243,165		7,622,003		7,846,115		7,101,120	
LaGrange	108,435,895		110,218,831		112,840,794		119,549,453		110,890,859	
Philipstown	2,372,019		2,428,818		2,494,099		1,800,845		804,415	
Poughkeepsie	1,225,316,669		1,306,367,819		1,294,467,057		1,310,678,843		1,500,173,326	
Wappinger	2,537,676,892		2,621,090,432		2,678,180,895		2,833,063,336		3,100,653,992	
Total Full Valuation	\$9,099,953,829		\$9,512,204,851		\$9,622,347,926		\$10,086,876,673		\$11,065,567,331	
Total Tax Levy:	\$165,627,869		\$169,171,293		\$175,328,236		\$179,99,213		\$181,192,000	
Tax Rates Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation:										
	<u>H</u> <u>NH</u>		<u>H</u> <u>NH</u>		<u>H</u> <u>NH</u>		<u>H</u> <u>NH</u>		<u>H</u> <u>NH</u>	
East Fishkill	\$16.64	\$22.68	\$16.34	\$22.15	\$17.18	\$23.14	\$16.56	\$22.27	\$14.84	\$22.26
Fishkill	16.64	22.90	16.31	22.41	16.97	23.14	16.54	22.35	14.83	22.27
Kent	17.43	22.63	17.88	23.06	19.37	24.79	19.20	24.41	18.61	26.40
LaGrange	16.60	22.63	16.31	22.11	17.14	24.20	17.88	23.85	18.33	27.28
Philipstown	34.64	47.62	34.84	48.29	36.99	51.05	36.41	49.56	37.02	56.15
Poughkeepsie	16.65	22.70	16.33	22.17	17.00	22.93	16.58	22.18	14.83	22.34
Wappinger	16.67	22.71	16.37	22.17	17.01	22.99	16.58	22.24	14.85	22.23

H = Homestead
NH = Nonhomestead

Source: The District's Joint Statement of School Tax Levy and District officials.

Tax Collection Procedures

The District derives its power to levy an ad valorem real property tax from the State Constitution; methods and procedures to levy, collect and enforce this tax are governed by the Real Property Tax Law. Real property assessment rolls used by the District are prepared by the Towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange, Poughkeepsie, Wappinger, Kent and Philipstown. Assessment valuations are determined by the Town assessors and the State Office of Real Property Tax Services (the “ORPTS”) which is responsible for certain utility and railroad property. In addition, the ORPTS annually establishes State Equalization Rates for all localities in the State, which are determined by statistical sampling of market sales/assessment studies. The equalization rates are used in the calculation and distribution of certain state aids and are used by many localities in the calculation of debt contracting and real property taxing limitations. The District is not subject to constitutional real property taxing limitations.

The real property taxes of the District are levied by the District and collected by the Tax Receivers of the Towns of East Fishkill, Fishkill, LaGrange, Poughkeepsie and Wappinger, and by the Board Appointed Tax Collector for the Towns of Kent and Philipstown. Such taxes are due and payable on September 21 but may be paid through October 20 without penalty. Tax payments are subject to a 2% penalty from October 21 through November 10. On or before November 15, each Tax Receiver and the Board Appointed Tax Collector files a report of any uncollected taxes with the Counties. The Counties thereafter, on or before April 1, pay to the District the amount of its uncollected taxes. Thus, the full amount of the District's real property tax levy is collected by the District in the fiscal year of the levy. The Counties have the power to issue and sell tax anticipation notes in order to reimburse any uncollected taxes to the District.

STAR - School Tax Exemption

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. School districts are reimbursed in full by the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program on or before the first business day of January in each year.

For 2022-23, a majority of District homeowners 65 years of age or older with qualifying income received a minimum “full value” exemption of ranging from \$89,900 to \$106,690. Other homeowners in the counties of Dutchess and Putnam received a minimum “full value” exemption which ranged from \$36,010 to \$44,100. Full value exemptions are based on housing values within the various assessing jurisdictions of the District as well as State equalizations rates. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the District has applied to the State for a STAR reimbursement of \$10.05 million for school taxes exempted by the STAR program. (See “*State Aid*” herein.)

Ten of the Largest Taxpayers

Larger Taxpayers 2022-2023 Taxes

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Full Valuation</u>	<u>% of Total Full Valuation ⁽¹⁾</u>
CHG & E Corp	Public Utility	\$623,673,385	5.64%
Meric Assoc, LLC	Apartments	29,169,168	0.26
Global Foundries	Computers & Manufacturing	21,336,132	0.19
Consolidated Edison	Public Utility	9,495,687	0.09
I Park East Fishkill LLC	Office Park	7,500,272	0.07
Nature Preserve MGT LLC	Apartments	6,527,393	0.06
Westage Medical Dev II LLC	Real Estate Developers	3,944,207	0.04
Verizon NY	Communications	3,637,100	0.03
Toll Van Wyck LLC	Apartments	3,494,518	0.03
HP Coolidge Wappinger LLC	Apartments	3,144,563	0.03
Total		\$703,611,960	6.43%

(1) The total full value for 2022-23 is \$11,065,567,331.

DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS

Constitutional Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

Statutory Procedure

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

The District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds and notes in anticipation of 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 of such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State.

The LFL 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. The District has complied with such procedure with respect to the BANs. The LFL limits the Districts statutory debt limit to 10% of the full valuation.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, has the power to enact tax anticipation note resolutions . Such resolutions may authorize the issuance of tax anticipation notes in an aggregate principal amount necessary to fund anticipated cash flow deficits but in no event exceeding the amount of real property taxes levied or to be levied

by the District, less any tax anticipation notes previously issued and less the amount of such taxes, previously received by the District.

Statutory Debt Limit and Net Indebtedness

The following table presents the debt-incurring power of the District and shows that the District is within its constitutional debt limit.

**Statement of Debt Contracting Power
As of July 18, 2023**

Full Valuation of Taxable Real Property ⁽¹⁾	\$11,065,567,331
Debt Limit (10% of Full Valuation)	1,106,556,733
Outstanding Indebtedness:	
Serial Bonds ⁽²⁾	53,910,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	38,550,525
 Total Gross Indebtedness	 92,460,525
 Less Exclusions and Deduction	 -0-
 Total Net Indebtedness	 92,460,525
 Net Debt Contracting Margin	 \$1,014,096,208
 Percentage of Debt Contracting Margin Exhausted	 8.36%

- (1) As reported on the Joint Statement of School Tax Levy for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.
- (2) Exclusive of energy performance contract obligations (\$9,591,779 outstanding as of June 30, 2022), which while not considered general obligation debt, does count toward the statutory debt limit. (See “EPC Financing” herein.)

Short-Term Indebtedness

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

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

The District is also authorized by law to issue tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes to provide cash to pay operating expenditures. Borrowings for these purposes are restricted by formulas contained in the Local Finance Law and Regulations issued under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Such notes may be renewed from time to time generally not beyond three years in the case of revenue anticipation notes and five years for tax anticipation notes. The District has generally not issued revenue anticipation notes, except for delays in State aid due to the lack of a timely State budget.

Budget notes may be issued to finance current operating expenditures for which there is no appropriation or the amount so appropriated is not sufficient. Generally, the amount of budget notes issued may not exceed 5% of the budget and must be redeemed in the next fiscal year. Deficiency notes may be issued in the context in which budgeted revenues will not be received.

Tax Anticipation Notes

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
2018-19	\$6,000,000	07-25-18	10-15-18
2019-20	6,000,000	07-15-19	10-15-19
2020-21	6,000,000	07-14-20	10-14-20
2021-22	4,500,000	07-13-21	10-21-21
2022-23	4,500,000	08-02-22	10-02-22
2023-24 (Projected)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Bond Anticipation Notes

The District currently has the following bond anticipation notes outstanding.

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Current Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amount Currently Outstanding</u>
Purchase of Buses ⁽¹⁾	08-11-22	\$ 391,801
Various Facilities Improvements ⁽¹⁾	08-11-22	32,946,145
Purchase of Buses ⁽¹⁾	08-11-22	1,205,910
Purchase of Buses ⁽¹⁾	08-11-22	1,745,505
Purchase of Buses ⁽¹⁾	08-11-22	2,261,164
Total:		<u><u>\$38,550,525</u></u>

(1) To be redeemed with proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and Notes and \$2,647,350 in available District funds (see “*Authority for and Purpose of the Bonds*” and “*Authority for and Purpose of the Notes*” herein).

Energy Performance Contract Financing

The District has outstanding two equipment lease purchase agreements the proceeds of which were used to finance equipment and related work for the implementation of energy conservation measures pursuant to energy performance contracts.

Lease Summary

<u>Closing Date</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Lease Maturity</u>	<u>Annual Debt Service</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding as of 6/30/2022</u>
3/11/2020	\$5,381,510	2.33%	3/11/2035	\$444,555	\$4,961,326
3/27/2020 ⁽¹⁾	4,791,293	1.75%	3/27/2027	733,214	4,630,453

(1) Refinance of 2012 Lease Purchase Agreement in original amount of \$8,540,634 with final maturity of March 28, 2027.

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Trend of Capital Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the total capital indebtedness outstanding at the end of each of the last five completed fiscal years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Bonded Indebtedness	\$48,070,000	\$44,004,314	\$38,929,321	\$42,042,954	\$58,655,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	17,325,645	30,055,779	57,641,618	72,337,668	40,947,162
Total Outstanding Indebtedness ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$65,395,645</u>	<u>\$74,060,093</u>	<u>\$96,570,939</u>	<u>\$114,380,622</u>	<u>\$99,602,162</u>

(1) Exclusive of refunded debt being paid through escrow, debt issued for operational purposes (Revenue Anticipation Notes, Tax Anticipation Notes, etc.), and energy performance contract lease purchase. (See “*Energy Performance Contract Financing*,” herein.)

Overlapping and Underlying Debt

In addition to the District, the following 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 estimated gross outstanding indebtedness (bonds and notes) of such political subdivisions, based on information furnished by such entities, but not independently verified, is as follows:

Statement of Direct and Overlapping Indebtedness As of July 18, 2023

Gross Direct Indebtedness				\$92,460,525
Exclusions and Deductions				-0-
Net Direct Indebtedness				<u>\$92,460,525</u>
Jurisdiction	As of Date	Net Indebtedness	Percent Applicable	Amount Applicable
County:				
Dutchess	03-06-23	\$246,375,000	28.46%	\$70,118,325
Putnam	06-29-23	39,145,000	0.07	27,402
Towns:				
East Fishkill	12-31-21	21,685,276	78.22	16,962,223
Fishkill	06-08-23	8,920,000	69.04	6,158,368
Kent	12-31-21	7,405,000	0.46	34,063
LaGrange	04-19-23	16,259,269	5.98	972,304
Philipstown	06-15-23	5,389,161	0.11	5,928
Poughkeepsie	06-26-23	18,190,145	33.72	6,133,717
Wappinger	06-21-23	15,244,176	92.39	14,084,094
Villages:				
Fishkill	05-31-22	4,220,000	100.00	4,220,000
Wappingers Falls	09-16-21	7,614,080	100.00	7,614,080
				<u>\$126,330,504</u>

Source: County officials, the Office of the State Comptroller and Official Statements obtained from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain debt ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of July 18, 2023.

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Debt Per Capita ⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Debt to Estimated Full Value ⁽²⁾</u>
Net Direct Debt	\$ 92,460,525	\$1,278.44	0.84%
Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	218,791,029	3,025.19	1.98

(1) The District's population is estimated at 72,323 for 2019 (US Census Bureau).

(2) The District's full valuation of taxable real estate for 2021-22 is \$11,065,567,331.

Authorized but Unissued Debt

On June 18, 2018, after voter approval, a resolution in the amount of \$38,822,560 was approved by the Board authorizing improvements to various schools. Following the issuance of the BANs, the District will have \$5,000,000 remaining authorized but unissued for such project.

Debt Service Schedule

The following table presents the debt service requirements to maturity on the District's outstanding general obligation bonded indebtedness, excluding the Bonds, and excluding energy performance lease obligations and refunded debt.

<u>Year Ending June 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>	<u>% Cumulative Principal Paid</u>
2023	\$4,215,000	\$2,576,299	\$6,791,299	7.19%
2024	4,165,000	1,825,623	5,990,623	14.29
2025	4,330,000	1,662,048	5,992,048	21.67
2026	4,510,000	1,491,448	6,001,448	29.36
2027	4,695,000	1,313,373	6,008,373	37.36
2028	4,880,000	1,127,748	6,007,748	45.68
2029	5,085,000	934,123	6,019,123	54.35
2030	5,295,000	731,973	6,026,973	63.38
2031	5,500,000	530,048	6,030,048	72.76
2032	5,710,000	332,698	6,042,698	82.49
2033	2,695,000	193,623	2,888,623	87.09
2034	2,760,000	121,423	2,881,423	97.79
2035	2,825,000	60,993	2,885,993	96.61
2036	1,990,000	16,169	2,006,169	100.00
	<u>\$58,655,000</u>	<u>\$12,917,589</u>	<u>\$71,572,589</u>	

(1) For the entire fiscal year.

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ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Population

The following table sets forth population statistics for the District, the Counties and the State.

<u>Population</u>				
<u>Year</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Dutchess County</u>	<u>Putnam County</u>	<u>State</u>
1990	63,000	259,462	83,941	17,990,455
2000	67,779	280,150	95,745	18,976,457
2010	73,132	297,488	99,710	19,378,102
2020	72,323 ⁽¹⁾	295,911	97,668	19,835,913

(1) As of 2019

Source: The United States Census Bureau.

Income

The following table presents per capita money income statistics for all of the towns comprising the District, and comparative information for the Counties and State.

<u>Per Capita Money Income</u>	
<u>Unit</u>	<u>2021</u>
Town of East Fishkill	\$52,598
Town of Fishkill	43,280
Town of Kent	50,711
Town of LaGrange	50,730
Town of Philipstown	60,062
Town of Poughkeepsie	40,158
Town of Wappinger	42,811
Dutchess County	44,800
Putnam County	49,808
New York State	43,208

Source: The United States Census Bureau

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Employment

Unemployment information is not available for the District per se. The smallest area for which such statistics are available, which includes the District, is the County of Dutchess. The data set forth above with respect to such County is included for information purposes only. It should not be implied from the inclusion of such data that the County is necessarily representative of the District or vice versa.

Average Unemployment Rates

<u>Year</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>State</u>
2018	3.7%	4.1%
2019	3.4	3.9
2020	7.3	9.8
2021	4.5	7.0
2022	3.1	4.3
2023 ⁽¹⁾		
January	3.6	4.6
February	3.3	4.5
March	2.9	4.0
April	2.3	3.7
May	2.8	3.8

(1) Monthly Rates.

Source: The New York State Department of Labor. Information not seasonally adjusted.

Major Non-Government Employers in the County (1,000 or More Employees)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Industry or Business</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>
Nuvance	Healthcare	5,600
International Business Machine Corp.	Technology	4,100
GlobalFoundries/iPark	Manufacturing	2,500
GAP Inc.	Logistics	2,000
Bard College	Higher Education	1,800
Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital	Healthcare	1,800
Culinary Institute of America	Higher Education	1,500
Marist College	Higher Education	1,300
Vassar College	Higher Education	1,100
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.	Utility	1,000

As of June 22, 2022
Source: County Officials.

END OF APPENDIX A

APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARIES

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

AS OF FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
ASSETS					
Unrestricted Cash And Equivalents	\$ 28,272,133	\$ 15,842,496	\$ 11,318,069	\$ 19,106,182	\$ 28,416,975
Restricted Cash	330,009	332,672	334,910	376,055	376,223
Due From Other Funds	2,722,386	5,973,694	5,760,461	3,782,412	2,589,512
Due From Other Governments	282,292	197,465	185,189	144,378	86,905
Receivables	33,712	61,836	102,696	5,858,908	37,951
State and Federal Aid	3,626,144	3,870,948	4,492,992	37,701	5,499,360
Prepaid Expenditures	3,665,156	3,868,234	3,899,309	3,838,206	3,813,262
	Total Assets	\$ 30,147,345	\$ 26,093,626	\$ 33,143,842	\$ 40,820,188
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities	\$ 1,735,001	\$ 1,955,625	\$ 1,763,026	\$ 2,887,464	\$ 3,903,891
Due To Other Funds	1,037,752	439,583	447,431	888,009	0
Due To Retirement System	10,651,622	11,757,770	10,275,056	11,168,394	11,765,806
Bond Anticipation Note	0	0	0	0	0
Unearned Revenues	78,105	82,204	5,942	125,932	266,835
	Total Liabilities	14,235,182	12,491,455	15,069,799	15,936,532
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Deferred Excess State Aid	0	0	837,103	0	0
Fund Balance:					
Nonspendable:	3,665,156	3,868,234	3,899,309	3,838,206	3,813,262
Restricted	372,384	372,384	378,219	376,055	376,223
Assigned	4,425,419	4,384,878	5,077,830	4,676,890	4,849,378
Unassigned	16,966,393	7,286,667	3,409,710	9,182,892	15,844,793
	Total Fund Balance	15,912,163	12,765,068	18,074,043	24,883,656
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 38,931,832	\$ 30,147,345	\$ 26,093,626	\$ 33,143,842	\$ 40,820,188

The financial data presented on this page has been excerpted from the audited financial statements of the District for the year ended June 30, 2018 through 2022. Such presentation, however, has not been audited. Complete copies of the District's audited financial statements are available upon request to the District.

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

AS OF FISCAL YEAR END JUNE 30:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Revenues:					
Real Property Taxes	\$ 146,874,518	\$ 152,007,891	\$ 157,165,734	\$ 163,789,199	\$ 168,737,673
Other Tax Items ⁽¹⁾	15,636,883	14,966,518	13,525,575	12,908,101	12,107,337
Charges For Services	582,764	434,129	495,347	268,141	576,681
Use Of Money and Property	99,343	297,496	173,433	62,552	28,470
Sale Of Property and					
Compensation For Loss	165,972	363,404	218,948	220,586	108,752
Interfund Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
State Aid	60,523,139	61,382,586	60,355,810	62,940,715	71,270,144
Federal aid	441,279	863,235	698,782	1,630,566	803,384
Miscellaneous	1,078,559	999,493	1,286,723	1,506,724	1,575,722
Total Revenues	225,402,457	231,314,752	233,920,352	243,326,584	255,208,163
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General Support	17,742,843	18,081,202	17,777,741	18,558,357	20,193,055
Instruction	119,456,783	125,727,257	130,873,911	130,583,467	134,504,211
Pupil Transportation	12,864,244	13,258,907	12,936,897	13,400,574	17,072,576
Employee Benefits	64,376,584	68,020,417	66,814,199	65,619,119	66,548,778
Debt Service	1,917,556	1,922,282	1,157,402	2,236,933	3,976,577
Total Expenditures	216,358,010	227,010,065	229,560,150	230,398,450	242,295,197
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	9,044,447	4,304,687	4,360,202	12,928,134	12,912,966
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Proceeds from Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Issuance of Leases	0	0	0	0	1,227,434
Operating Transfers - In	1,577,775	23,355	25,430	25,068	69,960
Operating Transfers - Out ⁽²⁾	(9,041,944)	(13,845,231)	(7,532,727)	(7,644,227)	(7,400,747)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(7,464,169)	(13,821,876)	(7,507,297)	(7,619,159)	(6,103,353)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,580,278	(9,517,189)	(3,147,095)	5,308,975	6,809,613
Fund Equity - Beginning of Year	23,849,074	25,429,352	15,912,163	12,765,068	18,074,043
Fund Equity - End of Year	\$ 25,429,352	\$ 15,912,163	\$ 12,765,068	\$ 18,074,043	\$ 24,883,656

(1) Includes STAR reimbursement, P.I.L.O.T. payments and interest and penalties.

(2) Includes transfer to Debt Service Fund.

The financial data presented on this page has been excerpted from the audited financial statements of the District for the years ended June 30, 2017-2021. Such presentation, however, has not been audited. Complete copies of the District's audited financial statements are available upon request to the District.

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS
UNAUDITED PRESENTATION

	Adopted Budget 2022-23	Adopted Budget 2023-24
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		
Real Property Tax Levy	\$ 181,192,000	\$ 184,223,905
State Aid	76,930,151	93,622,593
Other Revenue	3,841,871	3,792,870
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	<u>261,964,022</u>	<u>281,639,368</u>
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>3,750,000</u>	<u>5,451,914</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 265,714,022</u>	<u>\$ 287,091,282</u>
APPROPRIATIONS:		
General Support	\$ 21,264,806	\$ 23,221,366
Instruction	143,163,189	150,074,656
Pupil Transportation	14,956,618	17,201,239
Employee Benefits	75,728,250	87,344,191
Debt Service	2,267,374	35,000
Interfund Transfers	8,333,785	9,214,830
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 265,714,022</u>	<u>\$ 287,091,282</u>

APPENDIX C

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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/P11692931.pdf>

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

*** Bonadio & Co., LLP has not commented on or approved this Official Statement, has not been requested to perform any procedures on the information in its included report since its date and has not been asked to consent to the inclusion of its report in this Official Statement.**

APPENDIX D

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION FOR THE BONDS

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL’S OPINION FOR THE BONDS

Wappingers Central School District,
Dutchess and Putnam Counties,
State of New York

August 9, 2023

Re: Pawling Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York,
\$32,355,087 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of an issue of \$32,355,087 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2023 (the “Obligations”), of the Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York (the “Obligor”), dated August 9, 2023, initially issued in registered form in denominations such that one bond shall be issued for each maturity of bonds in such amounts as hereinafter set forth, bearing interest at the rate of _____ hundredths per centum (_____%) per annum as to bonds maturing in each of the years 20____ to 20____, both inclusive, payable on August 1, 2024, and semi-annually thereafter on February 1 and August 1, and maturing in the amount of

\$ _____ on August 1, 2024, \$ _____ on August 1, 2025,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2026, \$ _____ on August 1, 2027,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2028, \$ _____ on August 1, 2039,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2030, \$ _____ on August 1, 2031,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2032, \$ _____ on August 1, 2033,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2034, \$ _____ on August 1, 2035,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2036, \$ _____ on August 1, 2037,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2038, \$ _____ on August 1, 2039,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2040, \$ _____ on August 1, 2041,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2042, \$ _____ on August 1, 2043,
\$ _____ on August 1, 2044, \$ _____ on August 1, 2045,
and \$ _____ on August 1, 2046

Obligations maturing on or before August 1, 2031 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Obligations maturing on or after August 1, 2032 are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Obligor on August 1, 2031 and thereafter on any date, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity selected by lot within a maturity), at a price equal to the par principal amount, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;

(2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including particularly Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder (collectively, the “Code”);

(3) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Obligations that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligations not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Obligations and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Obligations to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Obligations and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes (the “Arbitrage Certificate”); and

(4) a certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, a statement that compliance with such covenants is not prohibited by, or violative of, any provision of local or special law, regulation or resolution applicable to the Obligor.

We also have examined a certified copy of proceedings of the finance board of the Obligor and other proofs authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Obligations, including the form of the Obligations. In rendering the opinions expressed herein we have assumed (i) the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings, including factual information, expectations and statements contained therein, examined by us which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and (ii) compliance by the Obligor with the covenants contained in the Arbitrage Certificate. We also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and the certifications thereof.

In our opinion:

- (a) The Obligations have been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitute valid and legally binding general obligations of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligations and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligations: (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights, and (ii) may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.
- (b) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligations; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of such covenants may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights.

- (c) Interest on the Obligations is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Interest on the Obligations is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that, for the years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Obligations included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Obligations.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Obligations) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. Accordingly, this opinion is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Obligations has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this opinion. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Arbitrage Certificate, including without limitation covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Obligations to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligations and the Arbitrage Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations on legal remedies against municipal corporations such as the Obligor in the State of New York. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, or waiver provisions contained in the foregoing documents.

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Obligations has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the Obligor, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the Obligor to pay the principal of or interest on the Obligations as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligations for factual information which, in the judgment of the Obligor, could materially affect the ability of the Obligor to pay such principal and interest. While we have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, we have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the Obligor, in connection with the sale of the Obligations, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact

necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

/s/ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

APPENDIX E

FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION FOR THE NOTES

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Wappingers Central School District,
Dutchess and Putnam Counties,
State of New York

August 9, 2023

Re: Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York
\$5,684,015 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have been requested to render our opinion as to the validity of a \$5,684,015 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2023) (the "Obligation"), of the Wappingers Central School District, Dutchess and Putnam Counties, New York (the "Obligor"), dated August 9, 2023, numbered ____, of the denomination of \$5,684,015, bearing interest at the rate of _____% per annum, payable at maturity, and maturing August 9, 2024.

We have examined:

- (1) the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York;
- (2) the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, including particularly Sections 103 and 141 through 150 thereof, and the applicable regulations of the United States Treasury Department promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Code");
- (3) an arbitrage certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the Code, with the owners of the Obligation that the Obligor will, among other things, (i) take all actions on its part necessary to cause interest on the Obligation not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon, making required payments to the Federal government, if any, and maintaining books and records in a specified manner, where appropriate, and (ii) refrain from taking any action which would cause interest on the Obligation to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes, including, without limitation, refraining from spending the proceeds of the Obligation and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes (the "Arbitrage Certificate"); and
- (4) a certificate executed on behalf of the Obligor which includes, among other things, a statement that compliance with such covenants is not prohibited by, or violative of, any provision of local or special law, regulation or resolution applicable to the Obligor.

We also have examined a certified copy of proceedings of the finance board of the Obligor and other proofs authorizing and relating to the issuance of the Obligation, including the form of the Obligation. In rendering the opinions expressed herein we have assumed (i) the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings, including factual information, expectations and statements contained therein, examined by us which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the

accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and (ii) compliance by the Obligor with the covenants contained in the Arbitrage Certificate. We also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and the certifications thereof.

In our opinion:

- (a) The Obligation has been authorized and issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York and constitutes a valid and legally binding general obligation of the Obligor, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Obligation and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Obligation: (i) may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights, and (ii) may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.
- (b) The Obligor has the power to comply with its covenants with respect to compliance with the Code as such covenants relate to the Obligation; provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of such covenants may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other law now existing or hereafter enacted by said State or the Federal government affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights.
- (c) Interest on the Obligation is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York and any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). Interest on the Obligation is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal individual alternative minimum tax. We observe that, for tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Notes included in adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations is not excluded from the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. We express no opinion regarding other tax consequences related to the ownership or disposition of, or the amount, accrual or receipt of interest on, the Obligation.

Certain agreements, requirements and procedures contained or referred to in the Arbitrage Certificate and other relevant documents may be changed and certain actions (including, without limitation, economic defeasance of the Obligation) may be taken or omitted under the circumstances and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in such documents.

The opinions expressed herein are based on an analysis of existing laws, regulations, rulings and court decisions and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authorities. Such opinions may be affected by actions taken or omitted or events occurring after the date hereof. Accordingly, this opinion is not intended to, and may not, be relied upon in connection with any such actions, events or matters. Our engagement with respect to the Obligation has concluded with their issuance, and we disclaim any obligation to update this opinion. We have assumed, without undertaking to verify, the accuracy of the factual matters represented, warranted or certified in the documents. Furthermore, we have assumed compliance with all covenants and agreements contained in the Arbitrage Certificate, including without limitation covenants and agreements compliance with which is necessary to assure that future actions, omissions or events will not cause interest on the Obligation to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. We call attention to the fact that the rights and obligations under the Obligation and the Arbitrage Certificate and their enforceability may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium or other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitations

on legal remedies against municipal corporations such as the Obligor in the State of New York. We express no opinion with respect to any indemnification, contribution, penalty, choice of law, choice of forum, choice of venue, or waiver provisions contained in the foregoing documents.

The scope of our engagement in relation to the issuance of the Obligation has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of revenues or moneys of the Obligor legally available will be sufficient to enable the Obligor to pay the principal of or interest on the Obligation as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the Obligor in relation to the Obligation for factual information which, in the judgment of the Obligor, could materially affect the ability of the Obligor to pay such principal and interest. While we have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, we have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, we express no opinion as to whether the Obligor, in connection with the sale of the Obligation, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

/s/ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP