

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**NEW ISSUE**

**SERIAL BONDS**

*In the opinion of Harris Beach, PLLC., Bond Counsel to the School District, under existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings, and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance by the School District with its covenants relating to certain requirements contained in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and the accuracy of certain representations made by the School District, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes and is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that under existing statutes interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof (including The City of New York). No opinion is expressed regarding other Federal or State tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.*

The Notes WILL NOT be designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.

**\$15,425,402\***

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENESEE, MONROE AND ORLEANS COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

**\$15,425,402 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020  
(referred to herein as the "Bonds")**

**Dated: June 10, 2020**

**Due: June 15, 2021-2035**

**MATURITIES\***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2021	925,402	2026	950,000	2031	1,100,000**
2022	955,000	2027	980,000	2032	1,135,000**
2023	990,000	2028	1,005,000	2033	1,170,000**
2024	895,000	2029	1,035,000**	2034	1,200,000**
2025	920,000	2030	1,065,000**	2035	1,100,000**

\* The Principal amount of the Bonds and the annual installments thereof are subject to change pursuant to the accompanying Notice of Bond Sale in order to achieve substantially level or declining annual debt service.

\*\* The Bonds maturing in the years 2029-2035 are subject to redemption prior to maturity. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS – Optional Redemption" herein and comply with the Federal tax law restriction.

The Bonds are general obligations of the Byron-Bergen Central School District Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. See "THE BONDS – Nature of the Obligation" and "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof (except for one odd denomination in excess of \$5,000 in 2021). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Interest on Bonds will be payable on December 15, 2020 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity (or early redemption). Principal and interest will be paid by the District to DTC, which in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants, for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Bonds, as described herein. See "DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS-Book-Entry-Only System" herein. The Bonds may not be converted into coupon bonds or be registered to bearer.

Proposals for the Bonds shall be for not less than \$15,425,402 and accrued interest, if any, on the total principal amount of the Bonds. Proposals must be accompanied by a good faith deposit in the form of a wire transfer or certified or cashier's check, payable to the order of Byron-Bergen Central School District Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York, in the amount of \$154,254.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the receipt of an unqualified legal opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Harris Beach, PLLC. Bond Counsel, of Pittsford, New York. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in Jersey City, New Jersey, or as otherwise may be agree upon with the purchaser, on or about June 10, 2020.

Sealed bids will be received THURSDAY May 28, 2020 until 11:00 a.m. Prevailing Time, in accordance with the Notice of Sale at R.G. Timbs, Inc., 24 Sherman Oaks Drive, New Hartford, NY 13413, fax (315)266-9212.

*THE DISTRICT DEEMS THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO BE FINAL FOR PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN OMITTED HEREFROM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID RULE AND THAT WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS UPDATED FOLLOWING THE SALE OF NOTES. THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL BE SO UPDATED UPON REQUEST OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE NOTICE OF BOND SALE WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL COVENANT IN AN UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE (SEE "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" HEREIN).*

DATED: May 14, 2020

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GENESEE, MONROE AND ORLEANS COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

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**R. G. Timbs, Inc.**

No person has been authorized by the School District to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the School District

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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

of the

### **BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT GENESEE, MONROE AND ORLEANS COUNTIES, NEW YORK**

Relating To

### **\$15,425,402\* School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, has been prepared by the Byron-Bergen Central School District, Genesee, Monroe and Orleans Counties, New York (the "School District" or the "District" in connection with the sale by the School District of \$15,425,402\* aggregate principal amount of School District (Serial) Bonds, 2020 (herein referred to as the "Bonds").

The factors affecting the District's financial condition and the Bonds are described throughout this Official Statement. Inasmuch as many of these factors, including economic and demographic factors, are complex and may influence the District tax base, revenues, and expenditures, this Official Statement should be read in its entirety, and no one factor should be considered more or less important than any other by reason of its relative position in this Official Statement

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

### **Description of the Bonds**

The Bonds are general obligations of the School District, and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York (State Constitution, Art. VIII, Section 2; Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount (See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein).

The Bonds will be dated June 10, 2020 and mature in the principal amounts and on the dates as set forth on the cover page. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as described herein under the heading "Optional Redemption" hereunder. The "Record Date" of the Bonds will be the last business day of the calendar month preceding each such interest payment date.

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds and, when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof (except for one odd denomination in excess of \$5,000 in 2021). Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Principal and Interest will be paid by the School District to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as described herein. The Bonds bear interest from June 10, 2020, with interest thereon payable on December 15, 2020 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 until maturity (or prior redemption).

\*Preliminary, subject to change in accordance with the accompanying Notice of Bond Sale.

## Nature of the Obligation

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

Holders of any series of notes or bonds 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 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 such taxation by the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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 Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor (the "Tax Levy Limitation Law" or "Chapter 97"). 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 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 (1976) 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 (1976) 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 serial 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, village, 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.

### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2028 will not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. The bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2029 will be subject to redemption prior to maturity as a whole or in part (selected at random if less than all of a maturity is to be redeemed) at the option of the District on June 15, 2028 or any date thereafter at par (100%), plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity are to be redeemed, the particular Bonds of such maturity to be redeemed shall be selected by the District at random (by lot or in any other customary manner of selection as determined by the President of the Board of Education). Notice of such call for redemption shall be given by mailing such notice to the registered owners of the Bonds not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to such date. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

### **Purpose and Authorization**

The Bonds are authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law, the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to a bond resolution dated June 21, 2018, authorizing the issuance of obligations of the District in the amount of \$16,452,902 for the financing of an addition to, and the construction and reconstruction of District buildings and facilities, various site improvements and the acquisition and installation of equipment and furnishings.

Proceeds of the Bonds along will redeem the District's outstanding \$13,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes and provide \$2,425,402 in new monies for the aforementioned purpose.

## **Book-Entry Only System**

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds 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.

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

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

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission to them of notices of significant events with respect to the Bonds, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults, and proposed amendments to the Bond documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Bonds may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Bonds for their benefit has agreed to obtain and transmit notices to Beneficial Owners. In the alternative, Beneficial Owners may wish to provide their names and addresses to the registrar and request that copies of notices be provided directly to them.

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC’s practice is to credit Direct Participants’ accounts upon DTC’s receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the 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. 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 at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

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

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

*Source: The Depository Trust Company*

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 (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS, 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; (3) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER; OR (4) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE BONDS.

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

## **Certificated Bonds**

In the event the book-entry-only system is discontinued the following provisions will apply: The Bonds will be issued registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof for any single maturity (except for one odd denomination in excess of \$5,000 in 2021). Principal of the Bonds when due will be payable upon presentation at the office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York to be named as fiscal agent by the School District upon termination of the book-entry-only system. Interest on the Bonds will remain payable on December 15, 2020 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15, in each year to maturity (or earlier redemption). Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed by the fiscal agent to the registered owners of the Bonds, as shown on the registration books of the School District maintained by the fiscal agent as of the close of business on the Record Date, being the last business day of the calendar month preceding each interest payment date. Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the registered owner for Bonds of the same maturity or any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount in the manner described on the Bonds and as referenced in certain proceedings of the School District referred to therein.



## **The School District**

### **General Information**

The Byron-Bergen Central School District, centralized in 1952, covers approximately 77 square miles in the Towns of Batavia, Bergen, Byron, Elba, LeRoy and Stafford in Genesee County, the Towns of Riga and Sweden in Monroe County and the Town of Clarendon in Orleans County.

The School District provides public education for grades PreK-12 in two buildings located on a central campus. Interstate Route #490 and the New York State Thruway provide easy access to the City of Rochester, approximately 20 miles to the east. Opportunities for higher education are available in the Cities of Rochester, Brockport and Geneseo and at Genesee County Community College in Batavia.

The School District is essentially rural in character, with many residents commuting to the Cities of Rochester, Brockport, Batavia and LeRoy for employment.

### **District Population**

The 2018 population of the School District is estimated to be 7,015 (Source: 2018 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

## Selected Wealth and Income Indicators

Per capita income statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest areas for which such statistics are available, which include the District are the Villages, Towns and Counties listed below. The Figures set below with respect to such Villages, Towns, Counties and State are included for information only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Official Statement that the Villages, Towns, Counties or State are necessarily representative of the District, or vice versa.

	<u>Per Capita Income</u>			<u>Median Family Income</u>		
	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2013-2018</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2013-2018</u>
Village of:						
Bergen	\$19,689	\$21,495	\$27,647	\$54,327	\$58,535	\$75,000
Towns Of:						
Batavia	19,563	31,729	35,822	43,425	63,081	90,142
Byron	19,825	26,729	31,121	56,927	68,523	78,813
Bergen	20,932	23,985	26,445	54,012	63,409	68,438
Elba	18,470	22,396	27,584	51,058	60,526	71,528
LeRoy	19,342	25,179	30,107	49,189	64,000	76,532
Stafford	19,775	30,425	33,164	54,667	75,347	81,042
Riga	23,590	27,010	31,602	65,106	75,912	82,844
Sweden	17,874	22,808	24,816	58,750	65,767	70,528
Clarendon	18,553	24,293	30,366	52,064	68,365	64,018
County Of:						
Genesee	18,498	24,323	29,465	47,771	60,127	75,969
Monroe	22,821	26,999	32,502	55,900	65,240	76,185
Orleans	16,457	20,812	25,261	42,830	58,535	59,384
State Of:						
New York	23,389	30,948	37,470	51,691	67,405	80,419

Note: 2015-2019 American Community Survey Estimates are not available as of the date of this Official Statement

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 census, 2006-2010 and 2014-2018 American Survey data.

## Economic Developments

Liberty Pumps is currently in the process of expansion headquartered in Bergen, NY. Liberty Pumps is a leading U.S. manufacturer of pumping products for the ground water and wastewater removal in residential and commercial applications. Liberty Pumps has a vast network of Plumbing Wholesalers and Pump Distributors. Liberty's products sold internationally.

Filings have been submitted for a Solar Field in the Town of Byron.

### District Facilities

Name	Grades	Year Built	Current Maximum Capacity	Date of Last Addition or Alteration
Elementary School	PK-4	1970	800	2018
Junior-Senior High School	5-12	1954	1200	2018
Gillam-Grant Natatorium	N/A	1973	N/A	2018
Bus Garage	N/A	2001	N/A	2018

Source: District Officials

### District Employees

The District employs a total of 182 full-time and 9 part-time employees with representation by the various bargaining units listed below

Employees	Bargaining Unit	Expiration Date
102	Faculty Association - New York State United Teachers	6/30/2022
4	School Administrator Association of New York State	6/30/2023
28	Office Personnel & Teachers' Aide Association	6/30/2020*
23	Non-Teaching Service Personnel SEIU Local 200	6/30/2021
13	Bus Driver Association	6/30/2021

\*Currently in negotiations

Source: District Officials

## Historical and Projected Enrollment

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected</u>
2015-16	1005	2020-21	925
2016-17	955	2021-22	925
2017-18	976	2022-23	920
2018-19	978	2023-24	920
2019-20	996	2024-25	920

Source: District Officials

## Employee Pension Benefits

All non-teaching and non-certified administrative 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 and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS"). Teachers and certified administrators are members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS"). Payments to TRS are deducted from the School District's State aid payments. Both the ERS and the TRS (together, the "Retirement Systems") are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. Other than those in Tier V and Tier VI, all members hired on or after July 27, 1976 with less than 10 years of service must contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, pension reform legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier V pension level. Key components of Tier V include:

- Raising the minimum age at which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38% for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
- Requiring ERS employees to continue contributing 3% of their salaries toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from 5 years to 10 years.
- Capping the amount of overtime that can be considered in the calculation of pension benefits for civilians at \$15,000 per year, and for police and firefighters at 15% of non-overtime wages.

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

- Raising the minimum age an individual can retire without penalty from 55 to 57 years.
- Contributing 3.5% of their annual wages to pension costs rather than 3% and continuing this increased contribution so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the 2% multiplier threshold for final pension calculations from 20 to 25 years.

In accordance with constitutional requirements, Tier V applies only to public employees hired after December 31, 2009 and before April 2, 2012.

On March 16, 2012, legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier VI pension program. The Tier VI plan only applies to those employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% to 6% of salary; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under previous tiers, there was no limit to the number of public employers a public employee worked for from which retirement benefits could be calculated. Tier VI permits only two salaries to be included in the calculation. The pension multiplier for Tier VI is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; Vesting will occur after 10 years of

service. The final average salary is based on a five-year average instead of the previous Tiers' three-year average. Pension eligible overtime for civilian and non-uniformed employees will be capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation. For uniformed employees outside of New York City, the cap is set at 15% of base pay. The number of sick and leave days that can be applied toward retirement service credit is reduced from 200 to 100. The legislation includes an optional defined contribution plan for new non-union employees with annual salaries of \$75,000 or more. The State is required to fund any pension enhancements on an ongoing basis. This is a potential future cost savings for local governments.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actual contribution for the last five years and the budgeted figures for the 2019-20 fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2014-2015	\$ 357,256	\$ 1,199,220
2015-2016	362,709	910,851
2016-2017	328,286	761,018
2017-2018	316,664	704,061
2018-2019	327,589	790,252
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	430,000	800,000

Source: District records

**Retirement Incentive Program** – Pursuant to various laws enacted between 1991 and 2002, the State Legislature authorized local governments to make available certain early retirement incentive programs to its employees. The District does not currently have early retirement incentive programs for its employees

**Historical Trends and Contribution Rates** – Historically there has been a State mandate requiring full (100%) funding of the annual actuarially required local governmental contribution out of current budgetary appropriations. With the strong performance of the Retirement System in the 1990s, the locally required annual contribution declined to zero. However, with the subsequent decline in the equity markets, the pension system became underfunded. As a result, required contributions increased substantially to 15% to 20% of payroll for the employees’ and the police and fire retirement systems, respectively. Wide swings in the contribution rate resulted in budgetary planning problems for many participating local governments.

A chart of average ERS and TRS rates as a percent of payroll (2016 to 2020) is show below:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2015-2016	18.2%	13.26%
2016-2017	15.5	11.72
2017-2018	15.3	9.80
2018-2019	14.9	10.62
2019-2020	14.6	8.86

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law. The amendments empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003 and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete. Under the new system, a contribution for a given fiscal year is based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2010 (Part TT) amended the Retirement and Social Security Law to authorize participating employers, if they so elect, to amortize an eligible portion of their annual required contributions to ERS when employer contribution rates rise above certain levels. The option to amortize the eligible portion began with the annual contribution due February 1, 2011. The amortizable portion of an annual required contribution is based on a “graded” rate by the State Comptroller in accordance with formulas provided in Chapter 57. Amortized contributions are to be paid in equal annual installments over a ten-year period, but may be prepaid at any time. Interest is to be charged on the unpaid amortized portion at a rate to be determined by State Comptroller, which approximates a market rate of return on taxable fixed rate securities of a comparable duration issued by comparable issuers. The interest rate is established annually for that year’s amortized amount and then applies to the entire ten years of the amortization cycle of that amount. When in any fiscal year, the participating employer’s graded payment eliminates all balances owed on prior amortized amounts, any remaining graded payments are to be paid into an employer contribution reserve fund established by the State Comptroller for the employer, to the extent that amortizing employer has no currently unpaid prior amortized amounts, for future such use.

The District is not amortizing any pension payments, nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

**Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option** - The 2013-14 State Budget included a provision that provides local governments and school districts, including the District, with the option to “lock-in” long-term, stable rate pension contributions for a period of years determined by the State Comptroller and ERS and TRS. The stable rates would be 12% for ERS and 12.5% for TRS. The pension contribution rates under this program would reduce near-term payments for employers, but will require higher than normal contributions in later years.

The District did not participate in the Stable Rate Pension Contribution Option nor does it intend to do so in the foreseeable future.

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding/offsetting the cost of TRS contributions. School districts may pay into such fund, during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The Board of Education approved the creation of the TRS reserve during the 2018-19 year. Currently the District has been able to fund \$150,000 into the reserve.

The investment of monies, and assumptions underlying same, of the Retirement Systems covering the District’s employees is not subject to the direction of the District. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of the Retirement Systems (“UAALs”). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, increases in retirement benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAALs could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the District which could affect other budgetary matters. Concerned investors should contact the Retirement Systems administrative staff for further information on the latest actuarial valuations of the Retirement Systems.

## **Other Post-Employment Benefits**

The District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. School districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees since the implementation of Chapter 729 of the Laws of 1994. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of this date. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

**OPEB** - OPEB refers to "other post-employment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits. OPEB consists primarily of health care benefits, and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Until now, these benefits have generally been administered on a pay-as-you-go basis and have not been reported as a liability on governmental financial statements.

**GASB 75** - requires municipalities and school districts to account for OPEB liabilities much like they already account for pension liabilities, generally adopting the actuarial methodologies used for pensions, with adjustments for the different characteristics of OPEB and the fact that most municipalities and school districts have not set aside any funds against this liability. However, GASB 75 also addresses certain circumstances in which a non-employer entity provides financial support for OPEB of employees of another entity and requires: (a) explanations of how and why the OPEB liability changed from year to year (b) amortization and reporting of deferred inflows and outflows due to assumption changes, (c) use of a discount rate that takes into account resources of an OPEB plan and how they will be invested to maximize coverage of the liability (d) a single actual cost method and (e) immediate recognition of OPEB expense and effects of changes to benefit terms.

Under GASB 75, a total OPEB liability is determined for each municipality or school district. A net change in the total OPEB Liability is calculated as the sum of changes for the year including service cost, interest, difference between expected and actual experience, changes in benefit terms, changes in assumptions or other inputs, less the benefit payments made by the School District for the year.

Based on the most recent actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2018 and financial data as of June 30, 2019, the School District's beginning year total OPEB liability was \$1,598,229, the net change for the year was \$495,988 resulting in a total OPEB liability of \$2,094,217 for a fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The aforementioned liability is recognized and disclosed in accordance with GASB 75 standards in the School District's June 30, 2019 financial statements.

The total OPEB liability is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation every two years, at a minimum. However, OPEB plans with fewer than 100 members may use an alternative measurement method in place of an actuarial valuation. Additional information about GASB 75 and other accounting rules applicable to municipalities and school districts may be obtained from GASB.

There is no authority in current State law to establish a trust account or reserve fund for this liability. While State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli proposed a bill in April of 2015 that would create an optional investment pool to help local governments fund their OPEB liabilities, such legislation has not advanced past the committee stage.

The School District's total OPEB liability is expected to increase. As is the case with most municipalities, this is being handled by the School District on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Substantial future increases could have a material adverse impact upon the School District's finances and could force the School District to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

## **COVID —19**

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus, which was first detected in China and has since spread to other countries, including the United States, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020. The outbreak of the disease has affected education, travel, commerce and financial markets globally and is widely expected to affect economic growth worldwide. The School District has been communicating with the New York State Education Department and with local and State level department of health agencies. The School District has been following all relevant guidance as it has been released by State and federal agencies. The School District is closed effective March 16, 2020 through the end of the academic year. Pursuant to an Executive Order of the Governor, the school district annual board of education elections and budget vote originally scheduled for May 19, 2020 has been postponed until at least June 9, 2020. The degree of the impact of COVID -19 on the School District's operations and finances is extremely difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, including uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, (ii) severity and (iii) ultimate geographic spread, as well as with regard to what actions may be taken by governmental authorities to contain or mitigate its impact. The State has publicly announced that COVID-19 will have a significant negative impact on the State's revenues and 2020-21 budget. There can be no assurances that the spread of COVID-19 will not result in a delay and/or reduction in State aid paid to school districts, including the School District. Any delay or reduction in State aid payment to the School District would have a negative impact on the School District's finances and operations.



## Major Employers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>	
Oxbo International Corp	Manufacturer	204	
Liberty Pump	Manufacturer	200	
Bonduelle USA	Food Processing	153	
Pavilion Gift Company	Warehouse Facility	45	Seasonal
Waste Management Landfill	Waste Management	35	

Source: District Officials

## Unemployment Rate Statistics

Unemployment statistics are not available for the School District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the School District) are the Counties of Genesee, Monroe and Orleans. The data set forth below with respect to the Counties is included for information purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the School District is necessarily representative of the Counties or vice versa.

Year	Genesee County Unemployment Rate	Monroe County Unemployment Rate	Orleans County Unemployment Rate	New York State Unemployment Rate	U.S. Unemployment Rate
2015	4.9%	5.1%	6.4%	5.3%	5.3%
2016	4.6%	4.7%	5.7%	4.9%	4.9%
2017	4.8%	4.9%	5.9%	4.7%	4.4%
2018	4.2%	4.3%	4.9%	4.1%	4.0%
2019	3.8%	4.0%	4.5%	4.0%	3.7%

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York. (Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted)

	<b>2019-20 Monthly Figures</b>											
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Genesee	3.30%	3.10%	3.30%	3.40%	3.30%	3.40%	3.60%	4.40%	5.10%	4.90%	5.20%	N/A
Monroe	3.70%	3.60%	4.20%	4.40%	4.00%	4.00%	3.80%	4.30%	4.50%	4.30%	4.60%	N/A
Orleans	3.90%	3.90%	4.70%	5.00%	3.90%	4.00%	4.20%	5.30%	5.80%	5.50%	5.60%	N/A
New York State	3.80%	3.80%	4.10%	4.20%	3.70%	3.90%	3.60%	3.70%	4.10%	3.90%	4.40%	N/A

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York. (Note: Figures not seasonally adjusted).

### **Investment Policy**

Pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, the School District is permitted to invest only in the following investments: (1) special time deposits or certificates of deposits in a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York; (2) obligations of the United States of America; (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America; (4) obligations of the State of New York; (5) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, tax anticipation notes and revenue anticipation notes issued by any New York municipality or district corporation, other than the School District; (6) obligations of a New York public corporation which are made lawful investments by the School District pursuant to another provision of law; (7) certain certificates of participation issued on behalf of political subdivisions of the State of New York; and, (8) in the case of School District moneys held in certain reserve funds established pursuant to law, obligations issued by the School District. These statutes further require that all bank deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, be secured by either a pledge of eligible securities, an eligible surety bond or an eligible letter of credit, as those terms are defined in the law.

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the School District's current policy to invest in: (1) certificates of deposit or time deposit accounts that are fully secured as required by statute, (2) obligations of the United States of America or (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America. In the case of obligations of the United States government, the School District may purchase such obligations pursuant to a written repurchase agreement that requires the purchased securities to be delivered to a third party custodian.

### **Form of School Government**

The Board of Education which is the policy-making body of the School District consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms so that as nearly as possible, an equal number is elected to the Board each year. Each Board member must be a qualified voter of the School District and no Board member may hold other School District offices or positions while serving on the Board of Education. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members.

## **Budgetary Procedures**

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education of the School District annually prepares, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. A public hearing on such budget is held not less than seven and not more than fourteen days prior to the vote. The Board of Education causes notice of such public hearing to be published four times beginning seven weeks prior to the vote. After the public hearing, but not less than six days prior to the budget vote, the School District must mail a school budget notice to all qualified voters which contains the total budgeted amount, the dollar and percentage increase or decrease in the proposed budget (or contingency budget) as compared to the current budget, the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index, the estimated property tax levy, the basic STAR exemption impact and the date, time and place of the budget vote. After the budget hearing and subsequent notice, a referendum upon the question of the adoption of the budget is held on the third Tuesday in May each year. All qualified School District residents are eligible to participate.

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York ("Chapter 97"), beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year, if the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that does not exceed the lesser of 2% (plus certain adjustments, if applicable) or the rate of inflation (the "Tax Cap"), then a majority vote is required for approval. If the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the Tax Cap, the budget proposition must include special language and a 60% vote is required for approval. Any separate proposition that would cause the School District to exceed the School District Tax Cap also must receive at least 60% voter approval.

If the proposed budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education may resubmit the original budget or a revised budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June, or adopt a contingency budget (which would provide for ordinary contingent expenses, including debt service) that levies a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy).

If the resubmitted and/or revised budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education must adopt a budget that requires a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy). For a complete discussion of Chapter 97, see "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

The budget for the 2018-19 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 15, 2018 by a vote of 448 to 125. The School District's 2018-19 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 21, 2019 by a vote of 285 to 107. The School District's 2019-20 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget includes a school building-based budget approval review process. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, any school district with at least four schools that receives at least 50% percent of its total revenue through State aid will be required to annually report its budgeted support for individual schools within the school district. The report must follow a format, to be developed by the State Division of Budget ("DOB") in consultation with SED. In 2019-20, this requirement will expand to all school districts with at least four schools, regardless of State aid. In 2020-21, the requirement will apply to all school districts in the State. This report will be due to the State by the beginning of the school year, and the State will have 30 days to respond. While DOB or SED will not formally approve a school district's school-based budget, DOB and SED will have authority to determine whether the information was provided in a timely and sufficient manner. The reporting must include demographic data, per pupil funding, source of funds and uniform decision rules regarding allocation of centralized spending to individual schools from all funding sources. Should either DOB or SED determine that a school district did not meet this requirement, the school district's State aid increase can be withheld for the applicable year until compliance is determined by DOB and SED. If either DOB or SED determines that a school district has not properly complied, the school district will have 30 days to "cure" the problem. In the event the problem is not cured in 30 days, the city comptroller or chief financial officer, and in the event a school district located outside a city, the chief financial officer in the municipality where the school district is most located, will be authorized, at his or her discretion, to gather information and submit on behalf of the school district. Under this newly enacted legislation, the School District will be required to annually report its budgeted support for individual schools beginning with the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The school district budget vote for the 2020-21 fiscal year was originally scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, however, annual school budget votes across the State are postponed until at least June 9, 2020 under an Executive Order from Governor Andrew Cuomo that extends and expands restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19.

## **State Aid**

The School District receives financial assistance from the State. In its adopted budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year, approximately 58.78% of the revenues of the School District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. If the State should experience difficulty borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the School District, in any year, the School District may be affected by a delay in the receipt of State aid until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments. Additionally, should the State budget not be adopted in a timely manner, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the School District, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the School District. No assurance can be given that present State aid levels will be maintained in the future. State budgetary restrictions which could eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the District requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures.

**Potential Reductions in Federal Aid Received by the State** - The State receives a substantial amount of Federal aid for education. Many of the policies that drive this Federal aid are subject to change under the current presidential administration and Congress. However, the State's current financial projections concerning Federal aid, and the assumptions on which they are based, are subject to revision as more information becomes available about the proposals for Federal tax policy and legislation, health care, including amendments to the Affordable Care Act, infrastructure, taxation, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (as amended), Federal regulatory reform, and other issues may arise, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID -19 outbreak.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act also made extensive changes to the deductibility of various taxes, including placing a cap of \$10,000 on a taxpayer's deduction of state and local taxes (the "SALT Deduction Limitation"). While it cannot yet be predicted what precise effects the SALT Deduction Limitation will have for the State, it is possible that government officials at both the State and local level may find it politically more difficult to raise new revenues via tax increases, since the deduction thereof, for taxpayers who itemize deductions, is now limited.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be processed and adopted by the new 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.

The State's Enacted 2019-20 Budget allows the Governor to reduce aid to school districts mid-year if receipts from the Federal government are less than what was expected. If federal support is reduced by \$850 million or more the New York State Director of the Budget will develop a plan to make uniform spending reductions by the State. Such plan would take effect automatically unless the State Legislature passes its own plan within 90 days.

The State's Enacted 2020-2021 Budget continues to allow the Governor to reduce aid to school districts mid-year if receipts from the Federal government are less than what was expected. If federal support is reduced by \$850 million or more, the New York State Director of the Budget will develop a plan to make uniform spending reductions by the State. Such plan would take effect automatically unless the State Legislature passes its own plan within 90 days.

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 time 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 Local Finance Law to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of uncollected State aid.

**State Aid History** -.The State's 2015-16 Budget contained a school aid increase of \$1.4 billion that is tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process. School districts must obtain approval of their revised teacher evaluation plans by November 15, 2015 in order to receive their allotted increase in State aid.

The 2016-2017 State Budget included a school aid increase of \$991 million over 2015-2016, \$863 million of which consisted of traditional operating aid. In addition to full-funding of expense based aids (\$408 million), the Enacted 20162017 State Budget included a \$266 million increase in Foundation Aid and an \$189 million restoration to the Gap Elimination Adjustment (the "GEA"). The majority of the remaining increase (\$100 million) related to Community Schools Aid, a newly adopted aid category, to support school districts that wish to create community schools. Such funds may only be used for certain purposes such as providing health, mental health and nutritional services to students and their families.

The State's 2017-18 Budget increased State aid to education by \$1.1 billion, including a \$700 million increase in Foundation Aid, bringing the total amount of State aid to education to \$25.8 billion or an increase of 4.4%. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State's 2017-18 Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans approved by September 1 of the current year in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.

The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget included nearly \$1 billion in additional education funding, representing a 3.9% increase over 2017-18. Approximately \$859 million of that increase was comprised of traditional public school aid, including increased Foundation Aid and full-funding of expense-based aids. Formula-based school aid was \$26.03 billion statewide, a 3.4% increase over the prior year. The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget included an increase of \$618 million in Foundation Aid for school districts. Foundation Aid now totals nearly \$17.8 billion statewide. For the seventh consecutive year, the Foundation Aid increase was distributed using a one year, off formula methodology. The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget guaranteed that all school districts received an increase in Foundation Aid over their 2017-18 levels. \$50 million of the Foundation Aid increase "set aside" for certain school districts to fund community schools. The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget fully funded all expense-based aid for 2018-19, including building, transportation, BOCES and special education aid. These categories serve as State reimbursements for school district expenses made in the prior year, based on school district specific aid ratios. A total of \$240 million was approved for increases in all expense-based aids in 2018-19.

The State's 2019-20 Enacted Budget includes a total of \$27.69 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of \$956 million or 3.6 percent and will provide additional funding for Foundation Aid of \$338.0 million and \$409.65 million in reimbursements for expense-based aids. In addition, the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increases the Community Schools set aside funding amount by \$49.99 million to a total of \$250 million. This increased funding is targeted to districts with failing schools and/or districts experiencing significant growth in English language learners. The 2019-20 Budget increases the minimum community schools funding amount from \$75,000 to \$100,000. This ensures all high-need districts across the State can apply the funds to a wide-range of activities.

Due to the extraordinary challenges from the COVID-19 health crisis creating a \$10 billion loss in revenue to the State, the State's Enacted 2020-21 Budget includes a total of \$27.9 billion State aid, which is essentially the same amount of State aid to school districts included in the State's 2019-20 Enacted Budget. The States Enacted 2020-21 Budget includes a "pandemic adjustment" for each school district, a reduction in State funding that will match how much school districts expect to receive from the federal CARES stimulus program. In addition, the State's Enacted 2020-21 Budget authorizes the State budget Director to make uniform reductions to appropriations (including the appropriations for State aid to school districts) if the States Enacted 2020-21 Budget becomes unbalanced because revenues fall below projections or expenditures rise above projections during a given period. The proposed reductions would be shared with the Legislature which would then have 10 days to prepare and adopt their own plan. If the Legislature does not do so, the Budget Director's proposed reductions would go into effect automatically.

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

After further litigation, on appeal in 2006, the Court of Appeals held that \$1.93 billion of additional funds for the New York City schools – as initially proposed by the Governor and presented to the Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education – was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms in the wake of The Campaign for Fiscal Equity decision included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid for school districts in the State into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. The stated purpose of foundation aid is to prioritize funding distribution based upon student need. As a result of the Court of Appeals ruling schools were to receive \$5.5 billion increase in foundation aid over a four fiscal year phase-in covering 2007 to 2011.

In school district fiscal year 2009-2010, foundation aid funding was frozen by the State Legislature to the prior fiscal year level, and in the fiscal year thereafter foundation aid funding was reduced through a “gap elimination adjustment” as described above, and other aid adjustments. The final phase-in of foundation aid as originally projected has not occurred as of this date.

A case related to the Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Inc. v. State of New York was heard on appeal on May 30, 2017 in New Yorkers for Students’ Educational Rights v. State of New York (“NYSER”) and a consolidated case on the right to a sound basic education. The NYSER lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the original decision in the Court of Appeals in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity case, and asks the Court of Appeals to require the State to develop new methodologies, formulas and mechanisms for determining State aid, to fully fund the foundation aid formula, to eliminate the supermajority requirement for voter approval of budgets which increase school district property tax levies above the property tax cap limitation, and related matters. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals held that the plaintiffs causes of action were properly dismissed by the earlier Appellate Division decision except insofar as two causes of action regarding accountability mechanisms and sufficient State funding for a “sound basic education” as applicable solely to the school districts in New York City and Syracuse. The Court emphasized its previous ruling in the CFE case that absent “gross education inadequacies”, claims regarding state funding for a “sound basic education” must be made on a district-by-district basis based on the specific facts therein.

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenue of the District for each of the below fiscal years comprised of State aid.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total State Aid</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid</u>
2014-2015	\$ 20,791,102	\$ 11,984,390	57.64%
2015-2016	21,871,545	12,572,439	57.48
2016-2017	22,088,202	13,233,189	59.91
2017-2018	22,464,982	13,422,310	59.75
2018-2019	22,808,584	13,331,740	58.45
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	23,245,342	13,665,831	58.78

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2014-2015 fiscal year through the 2018-2019 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

### **Fiscal Stress Monitoring**

The New York State Comptroller has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System ("FSMS") to provide independent information to School District officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State's diverse school districts are operating.

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each School District's ST-3 report filed yearly with the State Education Department. Using financial indicators that include year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the OSC system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a district 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 reports of State Comptroller for the past four fiscal years if the District are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending In</u>	<u>Stress Designation</u>	<u>Fiscal Score</u>
2019	No Designation	0.0
2018	No Designation	0.0
2017	No Designation	13.3
2016	No Designation	3.3

Note: See the official website of the New York State Comptroller for more information on FSMS. Reference to websites implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

### **State Comptroller Report of Examination**

The State Comptroller's office, i.e., the Department of Audit and Control, periodically performs a compliance review to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various State and Federal statutes. These audits can be found by visiting the Audits of Local Governments section of the Office of the State Comptroller website.



The State Comptroller's office released an audit report of the District on November 2, 2018. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether District officials use competitive methods to procure goods and services for the period July 1, 2016 through June 6, 2018.

### **Key Finding**

- District officials made 40 purchases, of 77 reviewed, totaling approximately \$184,000 without always obtaining or documenting price quotes as required by the purchasing policy.

### **Key Recommendation**

- Ensure that officials obtain the necessary number of competitive quotes as required by the purchasing policy. District officials generally agreed with our recommendations and indicated they planned to initiate corrective action.

A copy of the complete report and response can be found via the website of the Office of the New York State Comptroller. There are no State Comptroller's audits of the District that are currently in progress or pending release.

Note: Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

### **Other Information**

The statutory authority for the power to spend money for the object or purpose, or to accomplish the object or purpose, for which the Bonds were issued is the Education Law and the Local Finance Law.

No principal or interest upon any obligation of the School District is past due.

The fiscal year of the School District is from July 1 to June 30.

Other than "Estimated Calculation of Overlapping Indebtedness", this Official Statement does not include the financial data of any other political subdivisions of the State having power to levy taxes within the School District.

### **Financial Statements**

The School District retains an independent Certified Public Accountant, whose most recent report covers the period ended June 30, 2019 and may be found attached hereto as Appendix B

The District complies with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed for school districts in New York State. This system differs from generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Industry Audit Guide, "Audits of State and Local Governmental Units", and codified in Government Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting ("GAAFR"), published by the National Committee on Government Accounting.

**Tax Information**  
**Assessed and Full Valuations\***

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Assessed Valuations:					
Batavia	\$ 8,711,402	\$ 9,482,969	\$ 9,494,910	\$ 9,901,154	\$ 9,942,300
Bergen	152,714,752	158,627,192	157,742,120	164,966,841	166,601,170
Byron	103,237,257	104,992,702	106,340,255	106,529,278	110,992,558
Clarendon	2,250,230	2,252,485	2,260,701	2,266,702	2,379,727
Elba	1,715,390	1,727,500	1,763,561	1,750,441	1,848,478
LeRoy	6,556,236	6,805,192	6,826,524	7,456,629	7,496,000
Riga	23,924,309	23,675,108	23,736,316	25,636,063	25,815,440
Stafford	38,648,414	39,152,018	39,286,177	40,309,729	40,949,137
Sweden	<u>45,582</u>	<u>46,484</u>	<u>47,409</u>	<u>48,387</u>	<u>49,569</u>
Total	<u>\$ 337,803,572</u>	<u>\$ 346,761,650</u>	<u>\$ 347,497,973</u>	<u>\$ 358,865,224</u>	<u>\$ 366,074,379</u>

Equalization Rates:

Batavia	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Bergen	99.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Byron	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%	100.00%
Clarendon	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Elba	100.00%	100.00%	94.68%	94.00%	100.00%
LeRoy	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Riga	100.00%	100.00%	98.00%	100.00%	98.00%
Stafford	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Sweden	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Full Valuations:

Batavia	\$ 8,711,402	\$ 9,482,969	\$ 9,494,910	\$ 9,901,154	\$ 9,942,300
Bergen	154,257,325	158,627,192	157,742,120	164,966,841	166,601,170
Byron	103,237,257	104,992,702	106,340,255	108,703,345	110,992,558
Clarendon	2,250,230	2,252,485	2,260,701	2,266,702	2,379,727
Elba	1,715,390	1,727,500	1,862,654	1,862,171	1,848,478
LeRoy	6,556,236	6,805,192	6,826,524	7,456,629	7,496,000
Riga	23,924,309	23,675,108	24,220,731	25,636,063	26,342,286
Stafford	38,648,414	39,152,018	39,286,177	40,309,729	40,949,137
Sweden	<u>45,582</u>	<u>46,484</u>	<u>47,409</u>	<u>48,387</u>	<u>49,569</u>
Total	<u>\$ 339,346,145</u>	<u>\$ 346,761,650</u>	<u>\$ 348,081,481</u>	<u>\$ 361,151,021</u>	<u>\$ 366,601,225</u>

Equalized values shown here are those used by the School District for tax levy purposes as provided in the Real Property Tax Law. In some cases, equalization rates established specifically for school tax apportionment may have been used, as is also provided in the Real Property Tax Law.

## Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Batavia	\$ 24.72	\$ 24.24	\$ 24.11	\$ 23.89	\$ 24.22
Bergen	24.98	24.24	24.11	23.89	24.22
Byron	24.72	24.24	24.11	24.38	24.22
Clarendon	24.72	24.24	24.11	23.89	24.22
Elba	24.72	24.24	25.47	25.41	24.22
LeRoy	24.72	24.24	24.11	23.89	24.22
Riga	23.60	23.10	23.30	22.68	23.43
Stafford	24.82	24.24	24.11	23.89	24.22
Sweden	23.60	23.10	22.81	22.68	22.93

## Tax Collection Procedure

School taxes are due September 1, payable during the month of September without penalty. Payments during the next 30 days are subject to a 2% penalty. No payments are accepted after November 1. Uncollected school taxes are turned over to the Counties after November 15 for collection with a penalty and additional interest added. The Counties reimburse the School District in full for uncollected taxes before the end of the fiscal year for which the taxes were levied, thereby assuring the District of 100% tax collection annually.

## Tax Collection Record

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020*</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$8,364,840	\$8,366,925	\$8,366,964	\$8,599,072	\$8,849,011
Amount Uncollected	285,134	256,058	239,289	323,873	320,482
% Uncollected	3.41%	3.06%	2.86%	3.77%	4.43%

Note: \* Collection information is as of 11/15/19

## Real Property Tax Revenues

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenues of the District for each of the below fiscal years comprised of Real Property Taxes.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total Revenues</u>	<u>Total Real Property Taxes</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Taxes</u>
2014-2015	\$ 20,791,102	\$ 6,380,280	30.69%
2015-2016	21,871,545	6,545,217	29.14
2016-2017	22,088,202	6,575,208	29.77
2017-2018	22,464,982	6,645,205	29.58
2018-2019	22,808,584	6,910,719	30.30
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	23,245,342	7,227,593	31.09

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2014-15 fiscal year through 2018-19 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. This table is not audited

## Major Taxpayers 2019

### For 2019-20 Tax Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Full Value</u>
Empire State Pipeline Company	Natural Gas Pipeline	16,924,593
National Grid	Utility	8,186,795
CSX Transportation Inc	Railroad	4,330,996
Legacy Lands LLC	Agriculture	4,163,300
Rochester Gas & Electric	Utility	4,155,674
Country Meadows NY LLC	Mobile Home Park	3,890,700
Sharp, Clifford L	Agriculture	3,596,900
Kremmin Trust K	Merchandise Distributor	2,330,000
Hidden Meadows Cooperative	Senior Housing	2,110,000
RJ Properties LLC	Manufacturing	1,895,800
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$51,584,758</b>

1. The above taxpayers represent 14.07% of the School District's 2019-20 Full value of \$366,601,225.

## **General Fund Operations**

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 such revenues and expenditures for the five-year period ending June 30, 2019 is contained in the Appendices). As reflected in the Appendices, the District derives the bulk of its annual revenues from a tax on real property and from State aid. Capital improvements are generally financed by the issuance of bonds and bond anticipation notes.

## **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 receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program.

Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities (“STAR Adjusted Gross Income”) of \$88,050 or less in 2020, increased annually according to a cost-of-living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$68,700 for the 2019-20 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross Income not in excess of \$250,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a STAR credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a \$30,000 “full value” exemption on their primary residence.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 of the State of New York (“Chapter 60”) gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-16 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll. However, a new homeowner may receive a new personal income tax credit in the form of a check. The dollar benefit to eligible taxpayers will not change. A taxpayer who is eligible for the new credit will receive a check from the State equal to the amount by which the STAR exemption would have reduced his or her school tax bill. A homeowner who owned his or her home on the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-16 school year, and who received a STAR exemption on that roll, may continue to receive a STAR exemption on that home as long as he or she still owns and primarily resides in it. No further action is required (unless the homeowner has been receiving Basic STAR and wants to apply for Enhanced STAR, which is permissible).

The 2019-20 Enacted State Budget makes several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to \$250,000, compared to a \$500,000 limit for the credit. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 have the option. The amount received for the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually.

## **Real Property Tax Rebate**

Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2014 ("Chapter 59"), a newly adopted State budget bill includes provisions which provided a refundable personal income tax credit to real property taxpayers in school districts and certain municipal units of government. Real property owners in school districts were eligible for this credit in the 2014 and 2015 taxable years of those property owners. Real property taxpayers in certain other municipal units of government were eligible for this credit in the 2015 and 2016 taxable years of those real property taxpayers. The eligibility of real property taxpayers for the tax credit in each year depended on such jurisdiction's compliance with the provisions of Tax Levy Limitation Law. School districts budgets must have complied in their 2014-15 and 2015-16 fiscal years. Other municipal units of government must have had their budgets in compliance for their 2015 and 2016 fiscal years. Such budgets must have been within the tax cap limits set by the Tax Levy Limitation Law for the real property taxpayers to be eligible for this personal income tax credit. The affected jurisdictions included counties, cities (other than any city with a population of one million or more and its counties), towns, villages, school districts (other than the dependent school districts of New York City, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers, the latter four of which are indirectly affected by applicability to their respective city) and independent special districts.

Certain additional restrictions on the amount of the personal income tax credit are set forth in Chapter 59 in order for the tax cap to qualify as one which will provide the tax credit benefit to such real property taxpayers. The refundable personal income tax credit amount was increased in the second year if compliance occurs in both taxable years.

For the second taxable year of the program, the refundable personal income tax credit for real property taxpayers was additionally contingent upon adoption by the school district or municipal unit of a state approved "government efficiency plan" which demonstrates "three-year savings and efficiencies of at least one per cent per year from shared services, cooperation agreements and/or mergers or efficiencies".

Municipalities, school districts and independent special districts must have provided certification of compliance with the requirements of the new provisions to certain State officials in order to render their real property taxpayers eligible for the personal income tax credit.

While the provisions of Chapter 59 did not directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, they did provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain within the tax cap limits established by Chapter 97. The implications of this program on future tax levies and for operations and services of the School District are uncertain at this time.

An additional real property tax rebate program applicable solely to school districts was enacted by Chapter 20 of 2015, signed into law by the Governor on June 26, 2015. The program applies in the years 2016 through 2019 and includes continued tax cap compliance. It is not known at this time if the program has been extended beyond 2019.

## **Tax Levy Limitation Law**

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 was signed into law by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit Law modifies current law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. The Law affected school district tax levies for the school district fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

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

The Tax Levy Limit Law requires that a school district hereafter submit its proposed tax levy (not its proposed budget) to the voters each year, and imposes a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the CPI, as described in the Law. Tax levies that do not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the tax levy, the school district's tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year, without any stated exceptions.

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

There is also an exception for school districts for "Capital Local Expenditures" subject to voter approval where required by law. This term is defined in a manner that does not include certain items for which a school district may issue debt, including the payment of judgments or settled claims, including tax certiorari payments, and cashflow borrowings, including tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes. "Capital Local Expenditures", are defined as "the taxes associated with budgeted expenditures resulting from the financing, refinancing, acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, furnishing and equipping of or otherwise providing for school district capital facilities or school district capital equipment, including debt service and lease expenditures, and transportation capital debt service, subject to the approval of the qualified voters where required by law". The portion of the tax levy necessary to support "Capital Local Expenditures" is defined as the "Capital Tax Levy", and is an exclusion from the tax levy limitation, applicable to the Notes.

On February 20, 2013, the New York State United Teachers ("NYSUT") and several individuals filed a lawsuit in State Supreme Court seeking a declaratory judgment and a preliminary injunction that the Tax Levy Limitation Law is unconstitutional as it applies to public school districts. On September 23, 2014, a Justice of the State Supreme Court dismissed each of NYSUT's causes of action but granted NYSUT's motion to amend the complaint. After the ruling, NYSUT amended its complaint to include a challenge to the Real Property Tax Rebate, also on Federal and State constitutional grounds. On March 16, 2015, all causes of action contained in the amended complaint were dismissed. On May 5, 2016, the dismissal was upheld by the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Judicial Department to dismiss the complaint. An additional appeal by NYSUT was dismissed on October 20, 2016 by the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court, on the grounds that no substantial constitutional question was directly involved, and thereafter, leave to appeal was denied on January 14, 2017 by the Court of Appeals.

## **Status of Indebtedness**

### **Constitutional Requirements**

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

**Purpose and Pledge.** The District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual 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 expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute; unless substantially level or declining annual debt service is utilized, no installment maybe more than fifty percent in excess of the smallest prior installment. The District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its notes.

## **Statutory Procedure**

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

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

Each bond resolution usually authorizes the construction, acquisition or installation of the object or purpose to be financed, sets forth the plan of financing and specifies the maximum maturity of the bonds subject to the legal (Constitution, Local Finance Law and case law) restrictions relating to the period of probable usefulness with respect thereto.

The Local Finance Law also provides that where a bond resolution is published with a statutory form of notice, the validity of the bonds authorized thereby, including bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof, may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for a purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money, or
  - (2) There has not been substantial compliance with the provisions of law which should have been complied within the authorization of such obligations
- and an action contesting such validity, is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication or,
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Except in rare occasions, the District complies with this estoppel procedure. It is the procedure that is recommended by Bond Counsel. The District complied with such procedure with respect to the Bond Resolution that authorizes the issuance of the Bonds.

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

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; 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.

Statutory law in the State permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such notes outstanding, commencing no later than 2 years from the date of the first issuance of such notes and provided that such renewal issues do not exceed 5 years beyond the original date of borrowing.

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

**Debt Limit.** Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose so long as the principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the District and subject to certain enumerated deductions. The constitutional method for determining full valuation by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined.

**Status of Indebtedness**

**Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Serial Bonds	\$16,280,000	\$14,090,000	\$11,835,000	\$10,410,000	\$8,945,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	687,467	614,067	687,350	754,673	13,744,832
<b>Total Debt Outstanding</b>	<b>\$16,967,467</b>	<b>\$14,704,067</b>	<b>\$12,522,350</b>	<b>\$11,164,673</b>	<b>\$22,689,832</b>

**Status of Outstanding Bond Issues**

Year of Issue:	2012	
Amount Issued:	\$16,548,200	
Purpose/Instrument:	Construction/Serial Bond	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 268,350
2021	1,325,000	229,800
2022	1,365,000	190,050
2023	1,405,000	149,100
2024	1,450,000	106,950
2025	1,490,000	63,450
2026	625,000	18,750
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 8,945,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,450</b>

### Total Annual Bond Principal and Interest Due

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total Debt Service</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
2020	1,285,000	268,350	1,553,350	15.58%
2021	1,325,000	229,800	1,554,800	31.17%
2022	1,365,000	190,050	1,555,050	46.77%
2023	1,405,000	149,100	1,554,100	62.35%
2024	1,450,000	106,950	1,556,950	77.97%
2025	1,490,000	63,450	1,553,450	93.54%
2026	625,000	18,750	643,750	100.00%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 8,945,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,450</b>	<b>\$ 9,971,450</b>	

### Schedule of Principal Payments Outstanding & Proposed Bonds

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Prior Issues</u>	<u>This Issue*</u>	<u>Total Maturing Principal</u>	<u>Year-End Outstanding Principal</u>
2020	\$ 1,285,000	\$ -	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 23,085,402
2021	1,325,000	775,402	2,100,402	20,985,000
2022	1,365,000	805,000	2,170,000	18,815,000
2023	1,405,000	840,000	2,245,000	16,570,000
2024	1,450,000	875,000	2,325,000	14,245,000
2025	1,490,000	910,000	2,400,000	11,845,000
2026	625,000	945,000	1,570,000	10,275,000
2027	-	985,000	985,000	9,290,000
2028	-	1,025,000	1,025,000	8,265,000
2029	-	1,065,000	1,065,000	7,200,000
2030	-	1,105,000	1,105,000	6,095,000
2031	-	1,150,000	1,150,000	4,945,000
2032	-	1,195,000	1,195,000	3,750,000
2033	-	1,245,000	1,245,000	2,505,000
2034	-	1,295,000	1,295,000	1,210,000
2035	-	1,210,000	1,210,000	-
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 8,945,000</b>	<b>\$ 15,425,402</b>	<b>\$ 24,370,402</b>	

\*Preliminary, subject to change, as described on the cover page hereof.

## Cash Flow Borrowings

The District has not issued revenue anticipation notes or tax anticipation notes since the 2009-10 fiscal year and does not anticipate the need to issue revenue or tax anticipation notes in the near future.

### Status of Short-Term Indebtedness

<u>Type</u>	<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
BAN	6/19/2019	6/19/2020	2.50%	13,000,000*
BAN	7/25/2019	7/24/2020	1.980%	261,500
BAN	10/10/2019	7/24/2020	1.780%	508,424

\*To be paid in full with this issue.

### Capital Project Plans

The District residents approved a \$18,452,902 capital project on September 21, 2017. The Board of Education of the District adopted a bond resolution on June 21, 2018 authorizing the issuance of up to \$16,452,902 in bonds of the District to finance a portion of the cost of such capital project. The \$2,000,000 balance of the cost of the capital project is funded by expenditures from the District's capital reserve fund. This project started with Phase I in the summer of 2018. Phase I included installation of new bleachers, roofing and asbestos removal in one wing of the elementary school. Phase II of the project started in the spring of 2019. Phase II includes the reconstruction of the 200 wing of the elementary school building. This Authorization also includes a \$2,514,100 Energy Performance Project with Johnson Controls for energy improvements to the District Facilities. The issuance of Bonds will allow for the redemption of the outstanding \$13,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes that matures on June 19, 2020 and issuance of the remaining \$2,425,402 of new monies for this Authorization. .

There are presently no other capital projects authorized and unissued by the District, nor are any contemplated.

## **School Bus Borrowings**

The District typically borrows annually for the purchase of buses. The District issues Bond Anticipation Notes to finance the bus purchases.

## **Building Aid Estimate**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. The District has not applied for such estimate, but anticipates that aid may be received on its outstanding indebtedness at their Building Aid Ratio of 86.1%.

The State building aid ratio is calculated each year based upon a formula which reflects Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA) and the full value per pupil compared with the State average. Consequently, the estimated aid will vary over the life of each issue. State building aid is further dependent upon the continued apportionment of funds by the State Legislature.

A fundamental reform of building aid was enacted as Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001. The provisions legislated, among other things, a new "assumed amortization" payout schedule for future State building aid payments based on an annual "average interest rate" and mandatory periods of probable usefulness with respect to the allocation of building aid. The School District has no reason to believe that it will not ultimately receive all of the building aid it anticipates, however, no assurance can be given as to when and how much building aid the School District will receive in relation to its outstanding debt. See "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - State Aid" herein.

## Debt Statement Summary

As of May 14, 2020

<u>Town</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>State Equalization</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Taxable Full Valuation</u>
Batavia	\$ 9,942,300	100.00%	\$ 9,942,300
Bergen	166,601,170	100.00%	166,601,170
Byron	110,992,558	100.00%	110,992,558
Clarendon	2,379,727	100.00%	2,379,727
Elba	1,848,478	100.00%	1,848,478
LeRoy	7,496,000	100.00%	7,496,000
Riga	25,815,440	98.00%	26,342,286
Stafford	40,949,137	100.00%	40,949,137
Sweden	49,569	100.00%	49,569
			<hr/> <hr/> \$ 366,601,225
Debt Limit: 10% of Full Valuation			\$ 36,660,122
 Inclusions:			
Serial Bonds			\$ 8,945,000
Bond Anticipation Notes			13,769,924
Total Inclusions:			<hr/> <hr/> \$ 22,714,924
 Exclusions:			
Building Aid Estimate <sup>1</sup>			\$0
Total Exclusions:			<hr/> <hr/> \$0
Total Net Indebtedness Before Giving Effect to This Issue:			\$ 22,714,924
This Issue:	15,425,402		
Proceeds to be Used to Renew indebtedness Listed Under Inclusions	<hr/> 13,000,000		<hr/> \$ 2,425,402
Total Net Indebtedness After Giving Effect to This Issue			<hr/> <hr/> \$ 25,140,326
Net Debt Contracting Margin			\$ 11,519,796
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Power Exhausted			68.58%

Notes: 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of New York State of 1963, the School District receives aid on existing building debt. Since the Gross Indebtedness of the School District is within the debt limit, the School District is not required to apply for a Building Aid Estimate and therefore is not permitted to deduct Estimated Building Aid

### Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

<u>Overlapping Unit</u>	<u>Applicable Equalized Value</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u>	<sup>1</sup> <u>Exclusions</u>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>Estimated Applicable Overlapping Indebtedness</u>
Genesee County	\$ 337,829,643					
	\$ 2,910,472,783	11.61%	\$ 22,130,000	N/A	\$ 22,130,000	\$ 2,568,713
Monroe County	\$ 26,391,855					
	\$ 42,583,407,036	0.06%	\$ 825,499,223	N/A	\$ 825,499,223	\$ 511,618
Orleans County	\$ 2,379,727					
	\$ 1,738,071,622	0.14%	\$ 16,851,426	N/A	\$ 16,851,426	\$ 23,073
Town of Batavia	\$ 9,942,300					
	\$ 382,041,519	2.60%	\$ 11,062,220	N/A	\$ 11,062,220	\$ 287,885
Town of Bergen	\$ 166,601,170				-	
	\$ 166,601,170	100.00%	\$ 1,901,000	N/A	\$ 1,901,000	\$ 1,901,000
Town of Byron	\$ 110,992,558					
	\$ 111,822,152	99.26%	\$ 3,422,000	N/A	\$ 3,422,000	\$ 3,396,613
Town of Clarendon	\$ 2,379,727					
	\$ 160,408,925	1.48%	\$ 5,576,365	N/A	\$ 5,576,365	\$ 82,727
Town of Elba	\$ 1,848,478				-	
	\$ 116,252,358	1.59%	\$ 15,273,191	N/A	\$ 15,273,191	\$ 242,852
Town of LeRoy	\$ 7,496,000					
	\$ 353,985,000	2.12%	\$ 1,966,916	N/A	\$ 1,966,916	\$ 41,651
Town of Riga	\$ 26,342,286					
	\$ 349,962,284	7.53%	\$ 3,346,475	N/A	\$ 3,346,475	\$ 251,895
Town of Stafford	\$ 40,949,137					
	\$ 148,713,886	27.54%	\$ 3,156,732	N/A	\$ 3,156,732	\$ 869,222
Town of Sweden	\$ 49,569					
	\$ 629,600,716	0.01%	\$ 1,059,779	N/A	\$ 1,059,779	\$ 83
Village of Bergen	\$ 45,967,071					
	\$ 45,967,071	100.00%	\$ 2,795,000	N/A	\$ 2,795,000	\$ 2,795,000
<b>Total</b>						<u>\$ 12,972,334</u>

Source: Comptroller's Special Report on Municipal Affairs for Local Fiscal Years Ended in 2018

Notes: Bonds and Bond Anticipation notes as of 2018 fiscal year. Not adjusted to include subsequent bond and note sales

N/A Information not available from source document



## Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of May 14, 2020:

	Amount	Per Capita	(a) Percentage of Full Value (b)
Net Indebtedness	\$ 25,140,326	\$ 3,524.51	6.858%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness	\$ 38,112,660	\$ 5,343.15	10.396%
	(a) The District's estimated population is 7,133 (Source: 2017 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)		
	(b) The District's full valuation of taxable real estate for 2019-20 is \$366,601,225.		

Note: The above ratios do not take into account State building aid the District will receive for past and current construction building projects.

### Special Provisions Affecting Remedies Upon Default

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Bonds, 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 School 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. 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 the 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, 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 when duly issued and paid for will constitute a contract between the School District and the holder thereof. Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors of the School District to enforces 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 School District upon any judgement 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 in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds.

**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 judgement, although judicial mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgements our of certain funds or the District may not be enforced to levy and execution against property owned by the School District.

**Authority to File for Municipal Bankruptcy.** The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such a 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 or 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.

**Constitutional Non-Appropriation Provision.** There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of an 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.

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 bondholders, 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 continuations of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

**No Past Due Debt.** No principal of or interest on School District indebtedness is past due. The School has never defaulted in the payment of the principal of and interest on any indebtedness.

## **Market And Risk Factors**

There are various forms of risk associated with investing in the Bonds. The following is a discussion of certain events that could affect the risk of investing in the Bonds. In addition to the event cited herein, there are other potential risk factor that an

investor must consider. In order to make an informed investment decision, an investor should be thoroughly familiar with the entire Official Statement, including its appendices, as well as all areas of potential risk

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

The District relies in part on State aid to fund its operations. There can be no assurance that the State appropriations for State aid to school districts will be continued in futures 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 timelines of such payments may also be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget 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.

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 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.

Current and future legislative proposals, if enacted into law, or clarification of the Code or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds to be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal income taxation or to be subject to or exempted from state income taxation, or otherwise prevent the beneficial owners of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. 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 the Bonds, or tax status of interest on the Bonds

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limitation Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District could have an impact upon the market price of the Bonds See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

**COVID-19:** An outbreak of disease or similar health threat, such as the COVID-19 outbreak, or fear of such an event, could have an adverse impact on the District's financial condition and operating results by potentially delaying the receipt of real property taxes or resulting in a delay or reduction by the State in the payment of State aid. Currently, the spread of 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 declared a state of emergency and the Governor has taken steps designed to mitigate the spread and impacts of COVID-19, including closing schools and non-essential businesses. The outbreak of COVID-19 and the dramatic steps taken by the State to address it are expected to negatively impact the State's economy and financial condition. The full impact of COVID-19 upon the State is not expected to be known for some time. Similarly, the degree of the impact to the District's operations and finances is extremely difficult to predict due to the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 outbreak, including uncertainties relating to its (i) duration, and (ii) severity, as well as with regard to what actions may be taken by governmental and other health care authorities, including the State, to contain or mitigate its impact. 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 also "THE SCHOOL DISTRICT - State Aid" and "COVID-19".

## **Tax Matters**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based on existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings and court decisions and assuming compliance by the School District with certain covenants and the accuracy of certain representations, interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of federal alternative minimum tax.

The Code imposes various limitations, conditions and other requirements which must be met at and subsequent to the date of issue of the Bonds in order that interest on the Bonds will be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Included among these requirements are restrictions on the investment and use of proceeds of the Bonds and in certain circumstances, payment of amounts in respect of such proceeds to the United States. Failure to comply with the requirement of the Code may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for purposes of federal income tax, possibly from the date of issuance of the Bonds. In the arbitrage certificate to be executed by the School District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the School District will covenant to comply with certain procedures and it will make certain representations and certifications, designed to assure satisfaction of the requirements of the Code in respect to the Bonds. The opinion of Bond Counsel assumes compliance with such covenants and the accuracy, in all material respects, of such representations and certificates.

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

The Bonds shall be NOT designated by the School District as "qualified tax exempt obligations" within the meaning of, an pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State or any political subdivision thereof, including the City of New York.

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 and delivery of the Bonds may affect the tax status of interest on the Bonds.

No assurance can be given that any future legislation or governmental actions, including amendments to the Code or State income tax laws, regulations, administrative rulings, or court decisions, will not, directly or indirectly, cause interest on the Bonds to be subject to federal, State or local income taxation, or otherwise prevent holders of the Bonds from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. Further, no assurance can be given that the introduction or enactment of any such future legislation, or any judicial decision or action of the Internal Revenue Service or any State taxing authority, including, but not limited to, the promulgation of a regulation or ruling, or the selection of the Bonds for audit examination or the course or result of an audit examination of the Bonds or of obligations which present similar tax issues, will not affect the market price, value or marketability of the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

All summaries and explanations of provisions of law do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions.

**ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CODE AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING OR HOLDING THE BONDS.**

## Legal Matters

The legality of the authorization and issuance of the Bonds will be covered by the approving legal opinion of Harris Beach PLLC, Bond Counsel, Pittsford, New York. Such legal opinion will state that in the opinion of Bond Counsel (i) the Bonds 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 District, all the taxable real property within which is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount, provided, however, that the enforceability (but not the validity) of the Bonds may be limited by any applicable existing or future bankruptcy, insolvency or other law (State or Federal) affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights; (ii) under existing statutes, regulations, administrative rulings and court decisions, interest on the Bonds is excluded from the gross income of the owners thereof for Federal income tax purposes and is not an "item of tax preference" for purposes of the Federal alternative minimum taxes imposed on individuals; (iii) interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof, (including The City of New York); and (iv) based upon Bond Counsel's examination of law and review of the arbitrage certificate executed by the President of the Board of Education of the District pursuant to Section 148 of the Code and the regulations thereunder, the facts, estimates and circumstances as set forth in said arbitrage certificate are sufficient to satisfy the criteria which are necessary under Section 148 of the Code to support the conclusion that the Bonds will not be an "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of said section, and no matters have come to Bond Counsel's attention which makes unreasonable or incorrect the representations made in said arbitrage certificate. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding other Federal income tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

Such legal opinion also will state that (i) in rendering the opinions expressed therein, Bond Counsel has assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by Bond Counsel which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and has not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and Bond Counsel also has assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings and such certifications thereof; (ii) the scope of Bond Counsel's engagement in relation to the issuance of the Bonds has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed therein; (iii) the opinions expressed therein 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 District together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the District to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable; (iv) reference should be made to the Official Statement for factual information which, in the judgment of the District, would materially affect the ability of the District to pay such principal and interest; and (v) while Bond Counsel has participated in the preparation of the Official Statement, Bond Counsel has not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, no opinion is expressed by Bond Counsel as to whether the District, in connection with the sale of the Bonds, 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.

## **Continuing Disclosure Compliance**

In accordance with the provisions 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 pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the School District will enter into an Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure, the description of which is attached hereto as "Appendix C".

The District is in compliance in all material respects, within the last five years with all previous undertakings made pursuant to the Rule 15c2-12.

## **Litigation**

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

There is no action, suit, proceedings or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, public board or body pending or, to the best knowledge of the District, threatened against or affecting the District to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale or delivery of bonds and 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 notes or any proceedings or authority of the District taken with respect to the authorization, issuance or sale of the bonds and notes or contesting the corporate existence or boundaries of the District

## **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.

## **Bond Rating**

The School District has applied to Moody's Investors Service for a rating for this issue.

## **Municipal Advisor**

R.G. Timbs, Inc. is a Municipal Advisor, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor serves as independent municipal advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a municipal advisory and consulting organization and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, marketing, or trading municipal securities or any other negotiated instruments. The Municipal Advisor has provided advice as to the plan of financing and the structuring of the Bonds and has reviewed and commented on certain legal documents, including this Official Statement. The advice on the plan of financing and the structuring of the Bonds was based on materials provided by the District and other sources of information believed to be reliable. The Municipal Advisor has not audited, authenticated, or otherwise verified the information provided by the District or the information set forth in this Official Statement or any other information available to the District with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy, or completeness of disclosure of such information and no guarantee, warranty, or other representation is made by the Municipal Advisor respecting the accuracy and completeness of or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.



## Miscellaneous

So far as 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 holders of the Bonds.

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

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.

Harris Beach, PLLC, Pittsford, New York, Bond Counsel to the District, expresses no opinions as to the accuracy or completeness of information in any documents prepared by or on behalf of the District for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds, 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, the District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements herein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to a limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District.

The Official Statement is submitted only in connection with the sale of the Bonds 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.

R.G. Timbs, Inc. may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at [www.RGTimbsInc.net](http://www.RGTimbsInc.net). 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. R.G. Timbs, Inc. has prepared such website information for convenience, but no decisions should be made in reliance upon that information. Typographical or other errors may have occurred in converting original source documents to digital format, and neither the School District nor R.G. Timbs, Inc. assumes any liability or responsibility for errors or omissions on such website. Further, R.G. Timbs, Inc. and the School District disclaim any duty or obligation either to update or to maintain that information or any responsibility or liability for any damages caused by viruses in the electronic files on the website

The School District's contact information is as follows: Lori Prinz, Business Administrator, phone: (585) 494-1220; email: [lprinz@bbschools.org](mailto:lprinz@bbschools.org).

Additional copies of the Notice of Sale and the Official Statement may be obtained from the offices of R.G. Timbs, Inc., telephone number (877) 315-0100 x5 or at [www.RGTimbsInc.net](http://www.RGTimbsInc.net).

**Byron-Bergen Central School District**

**Dated: May 14, 2020  
Bergen, New York**

**DEBRA LIST**  
President of the Board of Education  
And Chief Fiscal Officer



## **APPENDIX A**

### **Financial Information**

## General Fund – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balance

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Budget					
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$3,959,855	\$4,561,062	\$5,359,514	\$5,486,007	\$3,918,676	\$4,975,959 <sup>E</sup>
<b>Revenues:</b>						
Real Property Taxes	\$6,380,280	\$6,545,217	\$6,575,208	\$6,645,205	\$6,910,719	\$8,849,011
Real Property Tax Items	1,963,106	1,951,612	1,956,513	1,913,846	1,872,679	155,000
Non-Property Tax Items	35,468	33,062	30,946	31,007	33,249	35,000
Charges for Services	120,551	542,408	13,498	88,490	163,388	16,000
Use of Money & Property	6,212	7,780	8,587	44,196	78,438	50,000
Sale of Property/Comp. for Loss	5,376	4,262	8,578	8,237	24,431	0
Miscellaneous	269,152	182,040	220,175	242,753	309,931	150,000
State Aid	11,984,390	12,572,439	13,233,189	13,422,310	13,331,740	13,665,831
Federal Aid	26,567	32,725	41,508	68,938	84,009	39,500
Interfund Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	285,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$20,791,102</b>	<b>\$21,871,545</b>	<b>\$22,088,202</b>	<b>\$22,464,982</b>	<b>\$22,808,584</b>	<b>\$23,245,342</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>						
General Support	\$2,224,171	\$2,442,726	\$2,555,797	\$2,471,010	\$2,472,572	\$2,990,135
Instruction	9,833,393	10,608,279	11,448,559	11,228,954	11,482,571	12,448,230
Transportation	1,028,518	1,135,438	1,135,320	1,165,276	1,179,950	1,270,042
Community Service	8,882	9,658	15,221	12,329	0	4,000
Employee Benefits	4,233,543	3,968,977	3,816,695	3,918,581	3,985,278	4,537,080
Debt Service	2,861,388	2,908,015	2,890,117	2,012,069	0	2,195,855
Interfund Transfer	0	0	100,000	3,224,094	2,630,930	100,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$20,189,895</b>	<b>\$21,073,093</b>	<b>\$21,961,709</b>	<b>\$24,032,313</b>	<b>\$21,751,301</b>	<b>\$23,545,342</b>
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Year End Fund Balance	\$4,561,062	\$5,359,514	\$5,486,007	\$3,918,676	\$4,975,959	\$4,675,959 <sup>E</sup>
<b>Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$601,207</b>	<b>\$798,452</b>	<b>\$126,493</b>	<b>(\$1,567,331)</b>	<b>\$1,057,283</b>	<b>(\$300,000) <sup>1</sup></b>

Source: Audited Annual Financial Reports and Annual Budget.  
This table is NOT audited.

Note: 1. Appropriated Fund Balance is planned to be used

E. Estimated

## General Fund – Comparative Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Assets:</b>					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$5,014,209	\$5,187,520	\$5,088,982	\$6,387,497	\$5,407,771
Due from Other Governments	654,488	861,473	745,882	1,008,904	790,702
State and Federal Aid Receivable	490,268	414,398	331,357	286,567	298,708
Due from Other Funds	<u>230,496</u>	<u>347,537</u>	<u>820,566</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$6,389,461</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,810,928</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,986,787</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$7,682,968</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,497,181</u></u></b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>					
Accounts Payable	\$208,668	\$134,489	\$327,097	\$242,224	\$282,491
Accrued Liabilities	179,048	171,493	137,477	77,906	146,663
Due to Other Funds	0	0	0	2,474,705	80,372
Due to Retirement Systems	1,431,329	1,145,432	1,016,035	896,650	971,372
Deferred Revenues	<u>9,354</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20,171</u>	<u>72,807</u>	<u>40,324</u>
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<b><u><u>\$1,828,399</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$1,451,414</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$1,500,780</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$3,764,292</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$1,521,222</u></u></b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>					
Restricted	\$3,169,510	\$3,696,636	\$4,185,452	2,468,357	3,433,618
Assigned	510,253	751,817	443,014	529,115	598,141
Unassigned	<u>881,299</u>	<u>911,061</u>	<u>857,541</u>	<u>921,204</u>	<u>944,200</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u><u>\$4,561,062</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$5,359,514</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$5,486,007</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$3,918,676</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$4,975,959</u></u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u><u>\$6,389,461</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,810,928</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,986,787</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$7,682,968</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>\$6,497,181</u></u></b>

Source:

Audited Annual Financial Reports. This table is NOT audited.

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Audited Financial Statements For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019**

*Note: Such Financial Reports and opinions were prepared as of the date thereof and have not been reviewed and/or updated by the District's Auditors in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this official statement. Consent of the Auditors for inclusion of the Audited Financial Reports in this Official Statement has neither been requested nor obtained*



**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**JUNE 30, 2019**

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education  
Byron-Bergen Central School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Byron-Bergen Central School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information as listed in the table of contents, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The accompanying supplementary information including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and is derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 3, 2019 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Lumaden & McCormick, LLP*

October 3, 2019

**Byron-Bergen Central School District**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**June 30, 2019**  
***(Unaudited)***

**Introduction**

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Byron-Bergen Central School District (the District) provides an overview of the District's financial activities and performance for the year ended June 30, 2019. The information contained in the MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the information presented as part of the District's financial statements that follow. This MD&A, the financial statements, and notes thereto are essential to a full understanding of the District's financial position and results of operations. The District's financial statements have the following components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) governmental fund financial statements, (3) reconciliations between the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements, (4) agency fund statements, (5) notes to the financial statements, and (6) supplementary information.

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. The difference between them is reported as net position. The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during each year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows; thus, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future periods. The government-wide financial statements present information about the District as a whole. All of the activities of the District are considered to be governmental activities.

Governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of resources, as well as on balances of resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the District's near-term financing requirements. Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, the reader may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. The reconciliation portion of the financial statements facilitates the comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

Agency funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the District. Agency funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's programs. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements.

Supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statements and includes information required by generally accepted accounting principles and the New York State Education Department.

<b>Condensed Statement of Net Position</b>	<b>Change</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
Current and other assets	\$ 20,608,000	\$ 9,116,000	\$ 11,492,000	126.1%
Capital assets	32,005,000	28,691,000	3,314,000	11.6%
Total assets	52,613,000	37,807,000	14,806,000	39.2%
Deferred outflows of resources	5,760,000	5,742,000	18,000	0.3%
Long-term liabilities	16,674,000	17,356,000	(682,000)	(3.9%)
Other liabilities	16,133,000	2,534,000	13,599,000	536.7%
Total liabilities	32,807,000	19,890,000	12,917,000	64.9%
Deferred inflows of resources	1,510,000	1,813,000	(303,000)	(16.7%)
Net position				
Net investment in capital assets	20,596,000	19,533,000	1,063,000	5.4%
Restricted	4,197,000	3,093,000	1,104,000	35.7%
Unrestricted	(737,000)	(780,000)	43,000	(5.5%)
Total net position	\$ 24,056,000	\$ 21,846,000	\$ 2,210,000	10.1%

Net position amounted to \$24,056,000 and \$21,846,000 as of June 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively. The largest portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets consisting of land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment, less outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The District uses capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

The District's net position includes resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. These reserves are set aside for specific purposes governed by statutory law and regulations and include the retirement contribution reserve, restricted to fund contributions paid by the District to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS); the capital reserve, which is dedicated for future renovations as approved by the District's voters; and an employee benefit accrued liability reserve, which must be used to pay future accumulated vacation and sick time. Other restricted resources include debt service, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, liability, insurance, and tax certiorari reserves.

Current and other assets increased by \$11,492,000 (\$1,353,000 increase in 2018) primarily due to positive operating results and unspent proceeds of bond anticipation notes (BANs) issued to pay for the ongoing 2018 capital improvements project. Also included in current and other assets is the net pension asset of \$827,000, which is the District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension position. The \$475,000 change is largely a result of changes in actuarial assumptions and actual earnings outpacing projected amounts. Capital assets increased \$3,314,000 (\$103,000 increase in 2018) as a result of the previously mentioned capital improvement project.

Long-term liabilities decreased by \$682,000 (\$1,149,000 decrease in 2018) due to current year principal payments of \$1,465,000 on outstanding bonds offset by an increase in the District's proportionate share of the ERS net pension liability of \$260,000 and an increase in the total OPEB liability of \$496,000. The increase in other liabilities of \$13,599,000 (increase of \$234,000 in 2018) is primarily due to \$13,234,000 in additional BANs issued during 2019 to fund capital projects, net of current year payments.

Changes in deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources include changes in pension activity at the State level which are required to be reflected on the District's financial statements. Deferred outflows of resources include contributions required to be paid by the District to the State pension systems after the measurement date, and as such are not included in the current net pension position. Deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources also reflect variances from actuarial assumptions, actual results of investment earnings compared to projected earnings, and changes of assumptions. The District has no control or authority over these transactions.

<b>Condensed Statement of Activities</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>Change</b>	
			<b>\$</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 357,000	\$ 287,000	\$ 70,000	24.4%
Operating grants and contributions	1,550,000	1,396,000	154,000	11.0%
General revenues				
Property taxes	8,817,000	8,590,000	227,000	2.6%
State aid	13,332,000	13,422,000	(90,000)	(0.7%)
Other	549,000	268,000	281,000	104.9%
Total revenue	<u>24,605,000</u>	<u>23,963,000</u>	<u>642,000</u>	<u>2.7%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Instruction	16,497,000	15,624,000	873,000	5.6%
Support services				
General support	3,399,000	3,300,000	99,000	3.0%
Pupil transportation	1,678,000	1,554,000	124,000	8.0%
Food service	526,000	458,000	68,000	14.8%
Interest and other	295,000	327,000	(32,000)	(9.8%)
Total expenses	<u>22,395,000</u>	<u>21,263,000</u>	<u>1,132,000</u>	<u>5.3%</u>
Change in net position	2,210,000	2,700,000	(490,000)	(18.1%)
Net position – beginning	21,846,000	19,146,000	2,700,000	14.1%
Net position – ending	<u>\$ 24,056,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,846,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,210,000</u>	<u>10.1%</u>

District revenues increased \$642,000 in 2019 (1.9% or \$445,000 increase in 2018). Other revenue increased \$281,000 (\$47,000 or 21.3% in 2018) mainly due to premiums earned on BANs of \$132,000 and insurance recoveries of \$31,000. Real property taxes increased \$227,000 (\$27,000 or 0.3% increase in 2018) due to an increase in the tax levy while staying within the tax levy cap. The increase of \$154,000 in operating grants and contributions (\$89,000 or 6.8% increase in 2018) is due to additional Title IV and pathways in technology funding.

Total expenses increased \$1,132,000 (\$553,000 or 2.5% decrease in 2018). Payroll increased \$324,000 or 3.2% due to new hires and contractual salary increases offsetting retirements at the end of 2018. Employee benefits, which are allocated amongst all instruction and support services expenses and include pension expense, OPEB expense, and health insurance premiums, increased \$500,000 from 2018. Depreciation of capital assets, which is also allocated amongst all instruction and support services expenses, increased \$204,000 from 2018.

### Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Total fund balances for the governmental funds decreased by \$2,567,000 from \$6,243,000 to \$3,676,000 as follows:

- Total fund revenue increased \$521,000 or 2.2% (increase of \$445,000 or 1.9% in 2018) and total fund expenditures increased by \$4,001,000 or 17.1% (decrease of \$242,000 or 1.0% in 2018). The overall revenue increase is due to an increase in real property taxes, as mentioned previously. The overall increase in expenditures is due to an increase in capital outlay expenditures of \$3,497,000 or 383.8% (\$811,000 or 8.1% increase in 2018) as spending continued on the 2018 improvements project.
- The general fund experienced an increase in fund balance of \$1,057,000 compared to a decrease in fund balance of \$1,567,000 in 2018. This change was attributable to a reduction in transfers to other funds.

## General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The revenue budget for 2019 was \$22,438,000, with actual revenues amounting to \$22,809,000, a positive variance of \$371,000 or 1.7%. This was primarily caused by charges for services and miscellaneous income in excess of amounts budgeted.

Actual expenditures and carryover encumbrances were less than the final budget by \$1,150,000 or 5.5%. The difference is attributable to many factors and many unknown items at the time the budget is prepared. The District was able to generate savings in central services, instruction, and pupil services.

## Capital Assets

	2019	2018
Land	\$ 139,000	\$ 139,000
Construction in progress	3,293,000	814,000
Buildings and improvements	44,535,000	42,617,000
Machinery and equipment	3,577,000	3,560,000
	51,544,000	47,130,000
Accumulated depreciation	(19,539,000)	(18,439,000)
	<b>\$ 32,005,000</b>	<b>\$ 28,691,000</b>

The investment in capital assets of \$4,685,000 during the year was offset by current year depreciation and disposals of \$1,371,000.

## Debt

At June 30, 2019, the District had \$8,945,000 in bonds outstanding, with \$1,285,000 due within one year (\$10,410,000 outstanding at June 30, 2018). Outstanding compensated absences payable were \$5,037,000, with \$812,000 expected to be paid within one year (\$4,953,000 outstanding at June 30, 2018).

Additional information on the District's long-term liabilities can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

## Current Financial Issues and Concerns

School districts in New York State are impacted by the political pressures imposed on elected officials in funding of education. Year to year changes in funding levels and State aid formulas complicate this process.

The District will continue to mitigate uncertainty on State funding on the overall budget, including using reserve funds as permitted by law to lessen the budgetary impact. The property tax levy cap further emphasizes the importance of using reserves judiciously. These issues and concerns require management to plan carefully and prudently to provide the educational resources necessary to meet student needs.

## Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Lori Prinz, School Business Administrator, Byron-Bergen Central School District, 6917 W. Bergen Road, Bergen, New York 14416-9747.

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Net Position**

**June 30, 2019**

**(With comparative totals as of June 30, 2018)**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 18,193,480	\$ 7,263,047
Due from other governments	790,702	1,008,904
State and federal aid receivable	777,992	469,562
Due from fiduciary funds	257	-
Inventory	18,714	22,266
Net pension asset	826,614	352,039
Capital assets (Note 5)	51,544,798	47,130,368
Accumulated depreciation	(19,539,688)	(18,439,094)
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>52,612,869</b>	<b>37,807,092</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>		
Defeasance loss	-	14,534
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	4,819,429	5,423,449
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	940,478	303,603
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>5,759,907</b>	<b>5,741,586</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	1,119,862	648,997
Accrued liabilities	220,758	95,901
Due to retirement systems	976,618	896,650
Due to fiduciary funds	-	59,643
Unearned revenue	70,648	78,131
Bond anticipation notes	13,744,832	754,673
Long-term liabilities		
Due within one year:		
Bonds	1,285,000	1,465,000
Compensated absences	812,000	851,000
Due beyond one year:		
Bonds and related premiums	7,775,808	9,117,470
Compensated absences	4,225,000	4,102,000
Net pension liability	481,904	221,884
Total OPEB liability	2,094,217	1,598,229
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>32,806,647</b>	<b>19,889,578</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	1,309,290	1,812,958
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	201,144	-
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>1,510,434</b>	<b>1,812,958</b>
<b>Net Position</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	20,596,222	19,533,311
Restricted	4,197,186	3,092,532
Unrestricted	(737,713)	(779,701)
<b>Total net position</b>	<b>\$ 24,055,695</b>	<b>\$ 21,846,142</b>

See accompanying notes.

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Activities**

For the year ended June 30, 2019  
(with summarized comparative totals for June 30, 2018)

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2019	2018
<b>Governmental activities</b>					
General support	\$ 3,399,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,399,597)	\$ (3,289,297)
Instruction	16,497,674	183,074	1,214,315	(15,100,285)	(14,463,545)
Pupil transportation	1,678,025	-	-	(1,678,025)	(1,553,804)
Community service	-	-	-	-	(12,329)
Interest expense	294,861	-	-	(294,861)	(315,566)
School food service	525,839	174,461	336,204	(15,174)	53,826
	<u>\$ 22,395,996</u>	<u>\$ 357,535</u>	<u>\$ 1,550,519</u>	<u>(20,487,942)</u>	<u>(19,580,715)</u>
<b>General revenues</b>					
				8,816,647	8,590,058
Real property and sales taxes				549,108	268,309
Miscellaneous				13,331,740	13,422,310
State aid				<u>22,697,495</u>	<u>22,280,677</u>
<b>Total general revenues</b>					
<b>Change in net position</b>				2,209,553	2,699,962
<b>Net position - beginning</b>				<u>21,846,142</u>	<u>19,146,180</u>
<b>Net position - ending</b>				<u>\$ 24,055,695</u>	<u>\$ 21,846,142</u>

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

June 30, 2019

(With summarized comparative totals as of June 30, 2018)

	General	Capital Projects	Special Aid	Debt Service	School Lunch	Total Governmental Funds	
						2019	2018
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash	\$ 5,407,771	\$ 11,736,859	\$ 204,626	\$ 631,192	\$ 213,032	\$ 18,193,480	\$ 7,263,047
Due from other governments	790,702	-	-	-	-	790,702	1,008,904
State and federal aid receivable	298,708	-	460,706	-	18,578	777,992	469,562
Due from other funds, net	-	395,331	-	132,376	86,235	613,942	2,607,670
Inventory	-	-	-	-	18,714	18,714	22,266
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,497,181</b>	<b>\$ 12,132,190</b>	<b>\$ 665,332</b>	<b>\$ 763,568</b>	<b>\$ 336,559</b>	<b>\$ 20,394,830</b>	<b>\$ 11,371,449</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>							
Accounts payable	\$ 282,491	\$ 735,438	\$ 101,695	\$ -	\$ 238	\$ 1,119,862	\$ 648,997
Accrued liabilities	146,663	-	-	-	46,395	193,058	83,101
Due to retirement systems	971,372	-	-	-	5,246	976,618	896,650
Due to other funds, net	80,372	-	533,313	-	-	613,685	2,667,313
Unearned revenue	40,324	-	30,324	-	-	70,648	78,131
Bond anticipation notes	-	13,744,832	-	-	-	13,744,832	754,673
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,521,222</b>	<b>14,480,270</b>	<b>665,332</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,879</b>	<b>16,718,703</b>	<b>5,128,865</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>							
Nonspendable:							
Inventory	-	-	-	-	18,714	18,714	22,266
Restricted:							
Debt service	-	-	-	763,568	-	763,568	624,175
Liability	5,823	-	-	-	-	5,823	5,758
Unemployment insurance	126,425	-	-	-	-	126,425	125,003
Capital	977,686	-	-	-	-	977,686	1,462,066
Employee benefit accrued liability	1,429,574	-	-	-	-	1,429,574	1,599,162
Insurance	2,836	-	-	-	-	2,836	2,836
Retirement contribution	506,328	-	-	-	-	506,328	302,886
Tax certiorari	152,780	-	-	-	-	152,780	151,064
Workers' compensation	232,166	-	-	-	-	232,166	229,555
Assigned:							
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	300,000	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
Other purposes	298,141	-	-	-	265,966	564,107	496,609
Unassigned	944,200	(2,348,080)	-	-	-	(1,403,880)	921,204
<b>Total fund balances (deficit)</b>	<b>4,975,959</b>	<b>(2,348,080)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>763,568</b>	<b>284,680</b>	<b>3,676,127</b>	<b>6,242,584</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 6,497,181</b>	<b>\$ 12,132,190</b>	<b>\$ 665,332</b>	<b>\$ 763,568</b>	<b>\$ 336,559</b>	<b>\$ 20,394,830</b>	<b>\$ 11,371,449</b>



**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**

**June 30, 2019**

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**Total fund balances - governmental funds** \$ 3,676,127

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds. 32,005,110

The District's proportionate share of the net pension position as well as pension-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the government-wide statements and include:

Net pension asset	826,614	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	4,819,429	
Net pension liability	(481,904)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(1,309,290)</u>	3,854,849

The District's total OPEB liability as well as OPEB-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized on the government-wide statements and include:

Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	940,478	
Total OPEB liability	(2,094,217)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(201,144)</u>	(1,354,883)

Certain liabilities are not due and payable currently and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. These liabilities are:

Bonds and related premiums	(9,060,808)	
Accrued interest	(27,700)	
Compensated absences	<u>(5,037,000)</u>	(14,125,508)

**Net position - governmental activities** \$ 24,055,695

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**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**

For the year ended June 30, 2019  
(with summarized comparative totals for June 30, 2018)

	General	Capital Projects	Special Aid	Debt Service	School Lunch	Total Governmental Funds	
						2019	2018
<b>Revenues</b>							
Real property taxes	\$ 6,910,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,910,719	\$ 6,645,205
Real property tax items	1,872,679	-	-	-	-	1,872,679	1,913,846
Nonproperty taxes	33,249	-	-	-	-	33,249	31,007
Charges for services	163,388	-	-	-	-	163,388	88,490
Use of money and property	78,438	560	-	7,017	-	86,015	44,425
Sale of property and compensation for loss	24,431	27,500	-	-	-	51,931	8,237
Miscellaneous	309,931	-	-	-	6,714	316,645	249,058
State sources	13,331,740	-	542,401	-	69,474	13,943,615	13,914,042
Federal sources	84,009	-	587,905	-	266,730	938,644	904,372
Sales	-	-	-	-	167,747	167,747	164,459
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,808,584</b>	<b>28,060</b>	<b>1,130,306</b>	<b>7,017</b>	<b>510,665</b>	<b>24,484,632</b>	<b>23,963,141</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
General support	2,472,572	-	-	-	140,703	2,613,275	2,565,998
Instruction	11,482,571	-	1,062,680	-	-	12,545,251	12,213,967
Pupil transportation	1,179,950	232,037	44,746	-	-	1,456,733	1,437,925
Community service	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,329
Employee benefits	3,985,278	-	22,880	-	70,599	4,078,757	3,982,683
Debt service							
Principal	-	-	-	1,708,841	-	1,708,841	1,652,677
Interest	-	-	-	322,089	-	322,089	359,392
Cost of sales	-	-	-	-	293,786	293,786	289,904
Capital outlay	-	4,397,917	-	-	10,657	4,408,574	911,216
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>19,120,371</b>	<b>4,629,954</b>	<b>1,130,306</b>	<b>2,030,930</b>	<b>515,745</b>	<b>27,427,306</b>	<b>23,426,091</b>
<b>Excess revenues (expenditures)</b>	<b>3,688,213</b>	<b>(4,601,894)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,023,913)</b>	<b>(5,080)</b>	<b>(2,942,674)</b>	<b>537,050</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>							
BANs redeemed from appropriations	-	243,841	-	-	-	243,841	227,677
BAN premiums	-	-	-	132,376	-	132,376	-
Operating transfers	(2,630,930)	600,000	-	2,030,930	-	-	-
	<b>(2,630,930)</b>	<b>843,841</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,163,306</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>376,217</b>	<b>227,677</b>
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<b>1,057,283</b>	<b>(3,758,053)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>139,393</b>	<b>(5,080)</b>	<b>(2,566,457)</b>	<b>764,727</b>
<b>Fund balances - beginning</b>	<b>3,918,676</b>	<b>1,409,973</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>624,175</b>	<b>289,760</b>	<b>6,242,584</b>	<b>5,477,857</b>
<b>Fund balances (deficit) - ending</b>	<b>\$ 4,975,959</b>	<b>\$ (2,348,080)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 763,568</b>	<b>\$ 284,680</b>	<b>\$ 3,676,127</b>	<b>\$ 6,242,584</b>

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities**

**For the year ended June 30, 2019**

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**Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds** \$ (2,566,457)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of the assets is allocated over estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense and disposals. 3,313,836

Pension expense is recognized when paid on the fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and actuarially determined on the statement of activities. These differences are:

2019 TRS and ERS contributions	1,115,186	
2019 ERS accrued contribution	111,019	
2018 ERS accrued contribution	(102,858)	
2019 TRS pension expense	(626,729)	
2019 ERS pension expense	<u>(382,415)</u>	114,203

OPEB expense is recognized when paid on the fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and actuarially determined on the statement of activities.

(60,257)

Payments of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds and as a reduction of debt in the statement of net position.

1,465,000

In the statement of activities, certain expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds these expenditures are reported when paid. These differences are:

Amortization of defeasance loss	(14,534)	
Amortization of bond premiums	56,662	
Interest	(14,900)	
Compensated absences	<u>(84,000)</u>	(56,772)

**Change in net position - governmental activities** \$ 2,209,553

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**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in  
Fund Balance Budget (Non-GAAP) and Actual - General Fund**

For the year ended June 30, 2019

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Variance with Final Budget Over/(Under)
	Original	Final			
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local sources					
Real property taxes	\$ 6,799,072	\$ 6,910,717	\$ 6,910,719		\$ 2
Real property tax items	1,935,217	1,823,572	1,872,679		49,107
Nonproperty taxes	35,000	35,000	33,249		(1,751)
Charges for services	46,000	46,000	163,388		117,388
Use of money and property	15,000	15,000	78,438		63,438
Sale of property and compensation for loss	5,000	5,000	24,431		19,431
Miscellaneous	125,000	125,000	309,931		184,931
State sources	13,458,221	13,458,221	13,331,740		(126,481)
Federal sources	19,500	19,500	84,009		64,509
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>22,438,010</b>	<b>22,438,010</b>	<b>22,808,584</b>		<b>370,574</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
General support					
Board of education	16,873	34,823	22,168	10,036	(2,619)
Central administration	246,641	253,199	240,826	3,865	(8,508)
Finance	309,300	280,407	271,010	250	(9,147)
Staff	111,500	112,824	100,437	-	(12,387)
Central services	1,935,450	1,857,849	1,474,245	231,373	(152,231)
Special items	434,114	386,503	363,886	-	(22,617)
Instruction					
Instruction, administration, and improvement	593,995	652,068	619,833	3,411	(28,824)
Teaching - regular school	6,163,363	6,118,999	5,739,868	21,692	(357,439)
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	2,539,788	2,562,222	2,492,016	714	(69,492)
Occupational education	864,093	773,861	739,044	-	(34,817)
Teaching - special schools	40,753	43,036	43,036	-	-
Instructional media	752,757	842,594	808,697	-	(33,897)
Pupil services	1,293,332	1,302,826	1,040,077	20,411	(242,338)
Pupil transportation	1,211,598	1,272,281	1,179,950	6,389	(85,942)
Community service	4,270	4,270	-	-	(4,270)
Employee benefits	4,581,115	4,070,933	3,985,278	-	(85,655)
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>21,098,942</b>	<b>20,568,695</b>	<b>19,120,371</b>	<b>298,141</b>	<b>(1,150,183)</b>
<b>Excess revenues (expenditures)</b>	<b>1,339,068</b>	<b>1,869,315</b>	<b>3,688,213</b>	<b>(298,141)</b>	<b>1,520,757</b>
<b>Other financing sources (uses)</b>					
Operating transfers out	(2,128,183)	(2,658,430)	(2,630,930)		(27,500)
Appropriated fund balance, reserves, and carryover encumbrances	789,115	789,115	-		(789,115)
<b>Total other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>(1,339,068)</b>	<b>(1,869,315)</b>	<b>(2,630,930)</b>		<b>(761,615)</b>
<b>Excess revenues (expenditures) and other financing sources (uses)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,057,283</b>	<b>\$ (298,141)</b>	<b>\$ 759,142</b>

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

**June 30, 2019**

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	<b>Private-Purpose Trusts</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 689,404	\$ 448,074
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Extraclassroom activities balances	-	\$ 85,839
Agency liabilities	50	361,978
Due to governmental funds	-	257
<b>Total liabilities</b>	50	\$ 448,074
<b>Net Position</b>		
Restricted for scholarships	\$ 689,354	

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**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

**For the year ended June 30, 2019**

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	<b>Private-Purpose Trusts</b>
<b>Additions</b>	
Gifts and donations	\$ 153,154
Interest income	8,245
	<u>161,399</u>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Scholarship awards	<u>9,350</u>
<b>Change in net position</b>	152,049
<b>Net position - beginning</b>	<u>537,305</u>
<b>Net position - ending</b>	<u>\$ 689,354</u>

**Notes to Financial Statements**

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Reporting Entity**

Byron-Bergen Central School District (the District) is governed by Education and other laws of the State of New York (the State). The District's Board of Education has responsibility and control over all activities related to public school education within the District. The District's Superintendent is the chief executive officer and the President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer. The Board members are elected by the public and have decision-making authority, the power to designate management, the ability to influence operations, and the primary accountability for fiscal matters.

The District provides education and support services such as administration, transportation, and plant maintenance. The District receives funding from local, state, and federal sources and must comply with requirements of these funding sources. However, the District is not included in any other governmental reporting entity as defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, nor does it contain any component units.

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

**Joint Venture**

The District is one of 22 participating school districts in the Genesee Valley BOCES (BOCES). Formed under §1950 of Education Law, a BOCES is a voluntary cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs, and also provides educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which the District can terminate its status as a component of BOCES.

The component school district boards elect the members of the BOCES governing body. There are no equity interests and no single participant controls the financial or operating policies. BOCES may also contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under State General Municipal Law.

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate spending plans for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component school district shares in administrative and capital costs determined by its enrollment. Participating districts are charged a service fee for programs in which students participate, and for other shared contracted administrative services. Participating districts may issue debt on behalf of BOCES; there is no such debt issued by the District.

During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District was billed \$3,323,000 for BOCES administrative and program costs and recognized revenue of \$190,000 as a refund from prior year expenditures paid to BOCES. Audited financial statements are available from BOCES' administrative offices.

**Public Entity Risk Pools**

The District participates in the Genesee Area Healthcare Plan and the Genesee County Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Plan, which are public entity risk pools. These plans are designed to provide health insurance and workers' compensation coverage for participating entities. These activities are further presented in Note 10.

## Basis of Presentation

*Government-wide Statements:* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display financial activities of the overall District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize double counting of internal activities. These statements are required to distinguish between *governmental* and *business-type* activities of the District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties. The District does not maintain any business-type activities.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities.

- Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses relate to the administration and support of the District's programs, including personnel, overall administration, and finance. Employee benefits are allocated to functional expenses as a percentage of related payroll expense.
- Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes and state aid, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements:* The fund financial statements provide information about the District's funds, including fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category - *governmental and fiduciary* - are presented. The emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following major funds:

- *General fund.* This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- *Capital projects fund.* This fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

The District also elected to display the following as major funds:

- *Special aid fund.* This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources – other than expendable trusts or major capital projects – such as federal, state, and local grants and awards that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes. Either governments or other third parties providing the grant funds impose these restrictions.
- *Debt service fund.* This fund is used to account for resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. Financial resources that are being accumulated for principal and interest payments maturing in future years are also included in this fund.
- *School lunch fund.* This fund is a special revenue fund whose specific revenue sources, including free and reduced meal subsidies received from state and federal programs, are assigned to the operation of the District's breakfast and lunch programs.

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

- *Private-purpose trust fund.* This fund reports trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit various third party scholarship arrangements.
- *Agency fund.* This fund accounts for assets held by the District as agent for various student groups and clubs, payroll, and employee third party withholdings. The agency fund is custodial in nature and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by separate governmental activities and major funds. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018, from which the summarized information was derived.

### **Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value directly without giving equal value in exchange, include property and sales taxes, grants, and donations. Revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes are levied. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if they are collected within ninety days after year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset purchases are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of long-term liabilities and equipment and property purchased under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Under the terms of grant agreements, revenues are recognized to the extent of program expenditures. Amounts received in advance of the expenditures are considered unearned and reported as revenue when the expense is incurred.

### **Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### **Property Taxes**

The District levies real property taxes no later than September 1. For the year ended June 30, 2019, the tax lien was issued on July 12, 2018 for collection from September 1, 2018 through October 30, 2018. Thereafter, uncollected amounts became the responsibility of Monroe, Orleans, and Genesee Counties. Such amounts were submitted to the District by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year as required by law.

The District is subject to tax abatements granted by the Genesee County Industrial Development Agency (GCIDA), a public benefit corporation created by an act of the New York State Legislature to promote and assist private sector industrial and business development.

Through GCIDA, companies promise to expand or maintain facilities or employment within the communities served by the District, to establish a new business, or to relocate an existing business to the communities. Economic development agreements entered into by GCIDA can include the abatement of county, town, and school district taxes, in addition to other assistance. In the case of the District, these abatements have resulted in reductions of property taxes, which the District administers as a temporary reduction in the assessed value of the property involved. The abatement agreements stipulate a percentage reduction of property taxes, which can be as much as 100%.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District's taxes were abated \$385,000 under these agreements. However, because the abated amounts are spread across the District's entire tax base, there is no impact on the overall property taxes collected.



## Budget Process, Amendments, and Encumbrances

District administration prepares a proposed budget for the general fund requiring approval by the Board. A public hearing is held upon completion and filing of the tentative budget. Subsequently, the budget is adopted by the Board. The proposed budget is then presented to voters of the District. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 was approved by a majority of the voters in a general election held on May 15, 2018.

Annual appropriations are adopted and employed for control of the general fund. These budgets are adopted on a GAAP basis under the modified accrual basis of accounting. Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) which may be incurred. Appropriations authorized for the current year may be increased by the planned use of specific restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances and subsequent budget amendments approved by the Board as a result of new revenue sources not included in the original budget.

Major capital expenditures are subject to individual project budgets based on the cost of the project and external financing rather than annual appropriations. For the capital projects fund, these budgets do not lapse at year end and are carried over to the completion of the project.

Encumbrance accounting is used to assure budgetary control over commitments related to unperformed (executory) contracts for goods or services outstanding at the end of each year. Encumbrances are budgetary expenditures in the year committed and again in the subsequent period when the expenditure is paid. All budget appropriations that are unencumbered lapse at the end of the fiscal year. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are presented for GAAP-related purposes as committed or assigned fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. At July 1, encumbrances carried forward from the prior year are reestablished as budgeted appropriations.

## Inventory

Inventory consists of food and similar food service goods related to school lunch operations and is recorded at the lower of first-in, first-out cost or net realizable value. Donated commodities are stated at values which approximate market.

## Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals. Contributed assets are recorded at fair value at the time received. Depreciation is provided in the government-wide statements over estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred; significant improvements are capitalized.

Capitalization thresholds for determining which asset purchases are added to capital accounts and the estimated useful lives of capital assets are:

	<b>Capitalization Policy</b>	<b>Estimated Useful Life in Years</b>
Buildings and improvements	\$ 50,000	15 - 50
Machinery and equipment	\$ 1,000	5 - 25

## Bond Defeasances

In the government-wide financials statements, gains or losses on bond refundings represent the difference between the price required to repay previously issued debt and the net carrying amount of the retired debt, and are recorded as either a deferred outflow or deferred inflow of resources. In subsequent years, these amounts are amortized on a straight-line basis as a component of interest expense over the shorter of the life of the old or new debt.

## **Bond Premiums**

Premiums received upon the issuance of debt are included as other financing sources in the governmental funds statements when issued. In the government-wide statements, premiums are recognized with the related debt issue and amortized on a straight-line basis as a component of interest expense over the life of the related obligation.

## **Pensions**

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS) (the Systems) as mandated by State law. The Systems recognize benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms; investment assets are reported at fair value. On the government-wide statements, the District recognizes its proportionate share of net pension position, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, pension expense (revenue), and information about and changes in the fiduciary net position on the same basis as reported by the respective defined benefit pension plans.

## **Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

The total OPEB liability, deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources, and OPEB expense of the District's defined benefit healthcare plan (Note 9) have been measured on the same basis as reported by the plan on the government-wide statements. Benefit payments in the plan are recognized when due and payable in accordance with benefit terms.

## **Compensated Absences**

The liability for compensated absences reported in the government-wide financial statements consists of unpaid accumulated sick and vacation time. The liability has been calculated using the vesting method, in which leave amounts for both employees currently eligible to receive payments and those expected to become eligible to receive such payments are included. Sick pay is accrued on the basis of negotiated contracts with administrative and employee groups which provide for the payment of accumulated sick time at retirement or the option of converting this vested amount to provide for payment of health insurance until exhausted.

The government-wide financial statements reflect the entire liability, while in the governmental funds financial statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued based on expendable available financial resources.

## **Equity Classifications**

### **Government-Wide Statements**

- *Net investment in capital assets* – consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- *Restricted* – consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or the terms of the District's bonds.
- *Unrestricted* – the net amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position and therefore are available for general use by the District.

### **Governmental Fund Statements**

The District considers unrestricted resources to have been spent first when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, unless the use of the restricted amount was appropriated in the current year's budget. Within unrestricted fund balance, the District considers committed, assigned, then unassigned resources to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for which amounts in any of those fund balance classifications could be used.

Restricted fund balances generally result from reserves created by the State of New York Legislature and included in General Municipal Law, State Education Law, or Real Property Tax Law as authorized for use by the Board of Education. Certain reserves may require voter approval for their establishment and/or use. Earnings on invested resources are required to be added to the various reserves.

Committed fund balances are authorized by the Board of Education as recommended by the District's management prior to the end of the fiscal year, although funding of the commitment may be established subsequent to year end. Assigned fund balances include the planned use of existing fund balance to offset the subsequent year's tax levy. Additionally, the Board of Education has given the District's management the authority to assign fund balances for specific purposes that are neither restricted nor committed. Nonspendable fund balances represents resources that cannot be spent as they are not expected to be converted to cash and include inventory.

Fund balance restrictions consist of the following reserves:

- *Debt service* – is used to account for proceeds from the sale of property that was financed by obligations still outstanding, interest and earnings on outstanding obligations (including bond and BAN premiums), and remaining bond proceeds not needed for their original purpose as required under §165 of Finance Law. This reserve must be used to pay the debt service obligations for which the original money was generated.
- *Liability* – is used to pay for liability claims incurred. Annual funding of this reserve may not exceed 3% of the budget.
- *Unemployment insurance* – is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants as the District has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method.
- *Capital* – is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects for which bonds may be issued. Voter authorization is required for both the establishment of the reserve and payments from the reserve. In May 2019, voters approved the establishment of two reserves, with funding not to exceed \$2,000,000 and \$500,000, plus interest, over a 10-year period. Voters also authorized transfer of the remaining balance of \$52,686 from the 2014 capital reserve into the \$2,000,000 reserve. That reserve has been funded \$777,686 to date. The second reserve has been funded \$200,000 to date.
- *Employee benefit accrued liability* – is used to account for the payment of accumulated vacation and sick time due upon termination of an employee's services. It is established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.
- *Insurance* – is used to pay liability, casualty, and other types of losses except losses incurred for which insurance may be purchased. The amount is funded through budgetary appropriations which may not exceed 5% of the budget.
- *Retirement contribution* – is used to finance retirement contributions payable to ERS and TRS. For TRS, funding is limited to 2% annually of eligible salaries with a maximum reserve of 10% of eligible salaries. At June 30, 2019, the retirement contribution reserve includes \$357,405 for ERS and \$148,923 for TRS.
- *Tax certiorari* – is used to pay judgments and claims resulting from certiorari proceedings. Funds not used by July 1 of the fourth fiscal year following their deposit must be returned to unassigned fund balance.
- *Workers' compensation* – is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this program.

### **Interfund Balances**

The operations of the District include transactions between funds including resources for cash flow purposes. These interfund receivables and payables are repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds provide financing or other services.

In the government-wide statements, the amounts reported on the statement of net position for interfund receivables and payables represent amounts due between different fund types (governmental activities and fiduciary funds). Eliminations have been made for all interfund receivables and payables between the funds, with the exception of those due from or to fiduciary funds.

Interfund receivables and payables are netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet as the right of legal offset exists. It is the District's practice to settle these amounts at the net balances due between funds.

## 2. Stewardship and Compliance

The capital projects deficit fund balance of \$2,348,080 will be funded when bond anticipation notes are converted to permanent financing.

## 3. Cash

Cash management is governed by State laws and as established in the District’s written policies. Cash resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Policies permit the Treasurer to use demand accounts and certificates of deposit. Invested resources are limited to obligations of the United States Treasury and its Agencies, repurchase agreements, and obligations of the State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its agencies and obligations of the State and its municipalities and school districts.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. At June 30, 2019, the District’s bank deposits were fully collateralized by FDIC coverage and securities held in trust by the pledging institution’s agent in the District’s name.

## 4 Interfund Transactions – Fund Financial Statements

Fund	Receivable	Payable	Transfers	
			In	Out
General	\$ 533,570	\$ 613,942	\$ -	\$ 2,630,930
Capital projects	527,707	132,376	600,000	-
Special aid	-	533,313	-	-
Debt service	132,376	-	2,030,930	-
School lunch	86,235	-	-	-
Fiduciary	-	257	-	-
	<b>\$ 1,279,888</b>	<b>\$ 1,279,888</b>	<b>\$ 2,630,930</b>	<b>\$ 2,630,930</b>

The District’s general fund provides cash flow to the various other funds; these amounts are repaid in the subsequent year when funds are received from the State after final expenditure reports have been submitted and approved or when permanent financing is obtained. The amounts owed to the school lunch and capital projects funds from the general fund represent federal and state funds initially received in the general fund. Amounts owed to the debt service fund from the capital projects fund represent BAN premiums, the proceeds of which were originally deposited into the capital projects fund but which are restricted for debt service. The general fund made a permanent transfer to the capital projects fund to pay the local share of capital projects costs and to the debt service fund for principal and interest payments.

## 5. Capital Assets

	July 1, 2018	Increases	Retirements/ Reclassifications	June 30, 2019
<b>Non-depreciable capital assets:</b>				
Land	\$ 139,383	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 139,383
Construction in progress	813,620	4,397,917	(1,918,424)	3,293,113
Total non-depreciable assets	953,003	4,397,917	(1,918,424)	3,432,496
<b>Depreciable capital assets:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	42,616,822	-	1,918,424	44,535,246
Machinery and equipment	3,560,543	286,652	(270,139)	3,577,056
Total depreciable assets	46,177,365	286,652	1,648,285	48,112,302
<b>Less accumulated depreciation:</b>				
Buildings and improvements	16,182,331	999,987	-	17,182,318
Machinery and equipment	2,256,763	359,287	(258,680)	2,357,370
Total accumulated depreciation	18,439,094	1,359,274	(258,680)	19,539,688
Total depreciable assets, net	27,738,271	(1,072,622)	1,906,965	28,572,614
	<b>\$ 28,691,274</b>	<b>\$ 3,325,295</b>	<b>\$ (11,459)</b>	<b>\$ 32,005,110</b>

Depreciation expense has been allocated to the following functions: general support \$231,650, instruction \$996,695, school lunch \$17,649, and pupil transportation \$113,280.

At June 30, 2019, net investment in capital assets consists of the following:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 32,005,110
Cash held for capital projects, net of related payables	11,396,752
Bonds anticipation notes	(13,744,832)
Bonds and related premiums	(9,060,808)
	<b>\$ 20,596,222</b>

## 6. Short-Term Debt

Aggregate bond anticipation notes (BANs) outstanding at June 30, 2019 amounted to \$13,744,832 (\$754,673 at June 30, 2018) and carry interest from 2.50% to 3.00% (1.58% at June 30, 2018). In 2019, BANs of \$13,234,000 were issued and \$243,841 were redeemed from appropriations. The District intends to continue to reissue the BANs until paid or converted to permanent financing.

## 7. Long-Term Liabilities

	July 1, 2018	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2019	Amount Due in One Year
Bonds	\$ 10,410,000	\$ -	\$ 1,465,000	\$ 8,945,000	\$ 1,285,000
Bond premiums	172,470	-	56,662	115,808	-
Compensated absences	4,953,000	84,000	-	5,037,000	812,000
	<b>\$ 15,535,470</b>	<b>\$ 84,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,662</b>	<b>\$ 14,097,808</b>	<b>\$ 2,097,000</b>

**Existing Obligations**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Serial bonds – 2012	June 2026	2.5% - 3.0%	\$ 8,945,000

**Debt Service Requirements**

<u>Years ending June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 268,350
2021	1,325,000	229,800
2022	1,365,000	190,050
2023	1,405,000	149,100
2024	1,450,000	106,950
2025-2026	2,115,000	82,200
	<b>\$ 8,945,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,026,450</b>

**8. Pension Plans**

**Plan Descriptions**

The District participates in the following cost-sharing, multiple employer, public employee retirement systems:

- TRS is administered by the New York State Teachers’ Retirement Board and provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York. TRS issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained from the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System at [www.nystrs.org](http://www.nystrs.org).
- ERS provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. New York State Retirement and Social Security Law governs obligations of employers and employees to contribute and provide benefits to employees. ERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained from the New York State and Local Retirement System at [www.osc.state.ny.us/retire](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire).

*Benefits:* The Systems provide retirement, disability, and death benefits for eligible members, including automatic cost of living adjustments. In general, retirement benefits are determined based on an employee’s individual circumstances using a pension factor, an age factor, and final average salary. The benefits vary depending on the individual’s employment tier. Pension factors are determined based on tier and an employee’s years of service, among other factors.

*Contribution Requirements:* No employee contribution is required for those hired prior to July 1976. The Systems require employee contributions of 3% of salary for the first 10 years of service for those employees who joined the Systems from July 1976 through December 2009. Participants hired on or after January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012 are required to contribute 3.5% (TRS) or 3% (ERS) of compensation throughout their active membership in the Systems. Participants hired on or after April 1, 2012 are required to contribute a percentage ranging from 3% to 6% each year, based on their level of compensation. Pursuant to Article 11 of Education Law, an actuarially determined contribution rate is established annually for TRS by the New York State Teachers’ Retirement Board. This rate was 10.62% for 2019. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the rates used, expressed as a percentage of the wages of participants, to compute the contributions required to be made by the District to the pension accumulation fund. For 2019, these rates ranged from 9.4% - 21.6%.

The amount outstanding and payable to TRS for the year ended June 30, 2019 was \$802,101. A liability to ERS of \$111,019 is also accrued based on the District’s legally required contribution for employee services rendered from April 1 through June 30, 2019.

**Net Pension Position, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

At June 30, 2019, the District reported an asset of \$826,614 for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension position and a liability of \$481,904 for its proportionate share of the ERS net pension position.

The TRS net pension position was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017, with update procedures applied to roll forward the net pension position to June 30, 2018. The District’s proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to TRS’s total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At June 30, 2018, the District’s proportion was 0.045713%, a decrease of 0.000602 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

The ERS net pension position was measured as of March 31, 2019, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2018. The District’s proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to ERS’s total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At the March 31, 2019 measurement date, the District’s proportion was 0.0068015%, a decrease of 0.0000734 from its proportion measured as of March 31, 2018.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,009,144 on the government-wide statements (TRS expense of \$626,729 and ERS expense of \$382,415). At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

	TRS		ERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 617,722	\$ 111,894	\$ 94,897	\$ 32,349
Changes of assumptions	2,889,559	-	121,131	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	917,605	-	123,683
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	51,058	117,504	131,942	6,255
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	802,101	-	111,019	-
	<b>\$ 4,360,440</b>	<b>\$ 1,147,003</b>	<b>\$ 458,989</b>	<b>\$ 162,287</b>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an addition to (a reduction of) the net pension asset (liability) in the year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	TRS	ERS
2020	\$ 814,118	\$ 158,345
2021	548,107	(59,206)
2022	44,900	13,058
2023	546,160	73,486
2024	364,815	-
Thereafter	93,236	-
	<b>\$ 2,411,336</b>	<b>\$ 185,683</b>

## Actuarial Assumptions

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2018, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. These assumptions are:

**Inflation** – 2.25% (2.5% for the 2017 measurement)

**Salary increases** – Based on TRS member experience, dependent on service, ranging from 1.90% - 4.72%

**Projected Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)** – 1.5% compounded annually

**Investment rate of return** – 7.25% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

**Mortality** – Based on TRS member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014, applied on a generational basis

**Discount rate** – 7.25%

The long-term expected rate of return on TRS pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 27, *Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations*. Consideration was given to expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) for each major asset class as well as historical investment data and plan performance.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2018 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2019, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2015. These assumptions are:

**Inflation** – 2.5%

**Salary increases** – 4.2% (3.8% for the 2018 measurement)

**COLA** – 1.3% annually

**Investment rate of return** – 7.0% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

**Mortality** – Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014

**Discount rate** – 7.0%

The long-term expected rate of return on ERS pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.



## Investment Asset Allocation

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return (net of long term inflation assumptions) for each major asset class included in the Systems' target asset allocations as of the applicable valuation dates are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	TRS		ERS	
	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equities	33%	5.8%	36%	4.6%
Global and International equities	20%	6.7%-7.3%	14%	6.4%
Private equities	8%	8.9%	10%	7.5%
Real estate	11%	4.9%	10%	5.6%
Inflation-indexed bonds	-	-	4%	1.3%
Domestic fixed income securities	16%	1.3%	-	-
Global fixed income securities	2%	0.9%	-	-
Bonds and mortgages	7%	2.8%	17%	1.3%
Short-term	1%	0.3%	1%	(0.3)%
Other	2%	3.5%-6.8%	8%	3.8%-5.7%
	<b>100%</b>		<b>100%</b>	

## Discount Rate

The discount rate projection of cash flows assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the Systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The following presents the District's proportionate share of its net pension position calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% (TRS) and 7.0% (ERS) and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	At Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (5,678,974)	\$ 826,614	\$ 6,276,489
District's proportionate share of the ERS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (2,106,960)	\$ (481,904)	\$ 883,259

## 9. OPEB

### Plan Description

The District maintains a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Plan) providing for continuation of medical insurance benefits for District employees and their spouses based on various bargaining unit agreements and individual contracts. Eligibility for benefits is based on covered employees who retire from the District at age 55 or older and have met vesting requirements. The Plan provides an implicit rate subsidy for retirees that choose to remain on the District's healthcare plans subsequent to retirement. The retiree pays the entire amount of the monthly insurance premium. The Plan has no assets, does not issue financial statements, and is not a trust.

At July 1, 2018, employees covered by the Plan include:

Active employees	131
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	75
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
	<b>206</b>

**Total OPEB Liability**

The District’s total OPEB liability of \$2,094,217 was measured as of June 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018.

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

**Healthcare cost trend rates** – initially 6.1% (previously 7.5%), decreasing 0.5% per year to an ultimate rate of 4.1% (previously 4.5%) after 2076

**Salary increases** – 2.6% (previously 3.0%)

**Mortality** – RP-2014 Adjusted to 2006 Total Data Set Mortality Table projected to the valuation date with Scale MP-2016, fully generational

**Discount rate** – 3.5% (previously 3.0%) based on a yield or index rate for 20-Year, tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher as of the measurement date

**Inflation rate** – 2.6%

**Changes in the Total OPEB Liability**

	<b>Total OPEB Liability</b>
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 1,598,229
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	53,894
Interest	47,597
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(227,267)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	753,889
Benefit payments	(132,125)
Net changes	495,988
Balance at June 30, 2019	<b>\$ 2,094,217</b>

The following presents the sensitivity of the District’s total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate, including what the District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current discount rate:

	<b>1.0% Decrease (2.50%)</b>	<b>Discount Rate (3.50%)</b>	<b>1.0% Increase (4.50%)</b>
Total OPEB liability	<b>\$ (2,257,954)</b>	<b>\$ (2,094,217)</b>	<b>\$ (1,936,543)</b>

The following presents the sensitivity of the District’s total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates, including what the District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using trend rates that are 1% higher or lower than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	<b>1.0% Decrease (5.10% to 3.10%)</b>	<b>Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.10% to 4.10%)</b>	<b>1.0% Increase (7.10% to 5.10%)</b>
Total OPEB liability	<b>\$ (1,856,438)</b>	<b>\$ (2,094,217)</b>	<b>\$ (2,368,982)</b>

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$192,382. At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 273,243	\$ 201,144
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	667,235	-
	<b>\$ 940,478</b>	<b>\$ 201,144</b>

Amounts reports as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Years ending June 30,</b>	
2020	\$ 90,891
2021	90,891
2022	90,891
2023	90,891
2024	90,891
Thereafter	284,879
	<b>\$ 739,334</b>

**10. Risk Management**

**General Liability**

The District purchases commercial insurance for various risks of loss due to torts, theft, damage, errors and omissions, and natural disasters. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

**Health Insurance**

The District participates in the Genesee Area Healthcare Plan (the Plan). The Plan has been established to administer a health insurance program to lower the costs of such coverage to the 24 participating members as of June 30, 2018 (the most recent information available).

The District has transferred all risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Refunds are not made nor additional assessments charged other than the annual premium equivalents. If the Plan’s assets were to be exhausted, members would be equally responsible for the remaining liabilities.

The Plan has published its own financial report for the year ended June 30, 2018, which can be obtained from Genesee Valley BOCES, 80 Munson Street, LeRoy, NY 14482.

### **Workers' Compensation**

The District participates in the Genesee County Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Plan (the Plan) sponsored by Genesee County. The Plan administers a workers' compensation insurance fund pursuant to Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation Law to finance the liability and risk related to workers' compensation claims and to lower the costs of coverage to the participating members. The Plan includes 47 members as of December 31, 2018 (the most recent information available).

The District has transferred partial risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Plan members could be subjected, however, to pro-rata supplemental assessments in the event that the Plan's assets are not adequate to meet claims. To date, these supplemental assessments have not been required.

The Plan has published its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2018 which can be obtained from Genesee County Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation Plan, 15 Main Street, Batavia, NY 14020.

## **11. Commitments and Contingencies**

### **Grants**

The District receives financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants and calculated aid as determined by the State. The expenditure of grant funds generally requires compliance with the terms and conditions specified in the agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. State aid payments are based upon estimated expenditures and pupil statistics, are complex, and subject to adjustment. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the District. Based on prior experience, management expects such amounts to be immaterial.

### **Construction Commitments**

The District has entered into contracts with various construction companies for its ongoing capital project. District voters approved spending up to \$18,452,902 and the District currently has open commitments totaling \$11,837,000.

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Position  
New York State Teachers' Retirement System**

As of the measurement date of June 30,	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.045713%	0.046315%	0.044178%	0.044391%	0.043960%	0.045931%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ 826,614	\$ 352,039	\$ (473,160)	\$ 4,610,808	\$ 4,896,911	\$ 302,339
District's covered payroll	\$ 7,446,153	\$ 7,339,377	\$ 6,817,044	\$ 6,805,183	\$ 6,580,736	\$ 6,788,265
District's proportionate share of the net pension position as a percentage of its covered payroll	11.10%	4.80%	6.94%	67.75%	74.41%	4.45%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%	100.70%
The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:						
Inflation	2.25%	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Salary increases	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	4.0%-10.9%	4.0%-10.9%	4.0%-10.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.625%	1.625%	1.625%
Investment rate of return	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Discount rate	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	AA	AA	AA

*Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.*

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of District Contributions  
New York State Teachers' Retirement System**

<b>June 30,</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 802,101	\$ 729,723	\$ 860,175	\$ 903,940	\$ 1,168,923	\$ 1,055,215	\$ 796,575
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(802,101)	(729,723)	(860,175)	(903,940)	(1,168,923)	(1,055,215)	(796,575)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 7,552,740	\$ 7,446,153	\$ 7,339,377	\$ 6,817,044	\$ 6,805,183	\$ 6,580,736	\$ 6,788,265
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.18%	16.03%	11.73%

*Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.*

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Position  
New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System**

As of the measurement date of March 31,	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.0068015%	0.0068749%	0.0068653%	0.0070527%	0.0066416%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ (481,904)	\$ (221,884)	\$ (645,081)	\$ (1,131,975)	\$ (224,368)
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,240,209	\$ 2,331,766	\$ 2,308,649	\$ 2,075,859	\$ 1,916,607
District's proportionate share of the net pension position as a percentage of its covered payroll	21.51%	9.52%	27.94%	54.53%	11.71%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%
The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:					
Inflation	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Salary increases	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	4.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment rate of return	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Discount rate	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%

*Data prior to 2015 is unavailable.*

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of District Contributions  
New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System**

<b>June 30,</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 313,085	\$ 338,197	\$ 346,515	\$ 409,084	\$ 365,998	\$ 417,270	\$ 347,923
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(313,085)	(338,197)	(346,515)	(409,084)	(365,998)	(417,270)	(347,923)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,240,209	\$ 2,331,766	\$ 2,308,649	\$ 2,075,859	\$ 1,916,607	\$ 1,974,974	\$ 2,001,052
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	13.98%	14.50%	15.01%	19.71%	19.10%	21.13%	17.39%

*Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.*



**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Required Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Changes in the District's  
Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**

<b>June 30,</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>\$ 1,598,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,588,609</u>
Changes for the year:		
Service cost	53,894	72,974
Interest	47,597	43,287
Changes of benefit terms	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(227,267)	333,963
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	753,889	-
Benefit payments	<u>(132,125)</u>	<u>(440,604)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>495,988</u>	<u>9,620</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 2,094,217</u>	<u>\$ 1,598,229</u>
Covered-employee payroll	<u>\$ 8,980,099</u>	<u>\$ 9,483,905</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	<u>23.3%</u>	<u>16.9%</u>

*Data prior to 2018 is unavailable.*

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Change from Original to Final Budget and  
Calculation of Unrestricted Fund Balance Limit - General Fund**

**For the year ended June 30, 2019**

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<b>Original expenditure budget</b>	\$ 22,998,010
Encumbrances carried over from prior year	<u>229,115</u>
<b>Revised expenditure budget</b>	<b><u>\$ 23,227,125</u></b>

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**Unrestricted Fund Balance**

Assigned	\$ 598,141
Unassigned	<u>944,200</u>
	1,542,341
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	(298,141)
Appropriated fund balance used for tax levy	<u>(300,000)</u>
<b>Amount subject to 4% limit pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1318</b>	<b><u>\$ 944,200</u></b>

**§1318 of Real Property Tax Law - unrestricted fund balance limit calculation**

2020 expenditure budget (unaudited)	\$ 23,545,342
4% of budget	<u>941,814</u>
<b>Actual percentage of 2020 expenditure budget</b>	<b><u>4.0%</u></b>

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BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of Capital Project Expenditures**

June 30, 2019

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Project Title	Original Budget	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
2018-2019 Capital Outlay Project	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
2018 Capital Improvements Project	18,452,902	813,620	4,297,917	5,111,537	13,341,365
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,552,902</b>	<b>\$ 813,620</b>	<b>\$ 4,397,917</b>	<b>\$ 5,211,537</b>	<b>\$ 13,341,365</b>

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Supplementary Information  
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

**For the year ended June 30, 2019**

<b>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</b>	<b>CFDA Number</b>	<b>Grantor Number</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Education:</b>			
<b>Passed Through New York State Education Department:</b>			
<b>Special Education Cluster:</b>			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032-19-0278	\$ 278,670
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-19-0278	14,355
<b>Total Special Education Cluster</b>			<u>293,025</u>
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-19-1005	239,233
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-18-1005	37,805
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-19-1005	17,729
Disaster Recovery Assistance for Education	84.938	0084-19-1005	113
Disaster Recovery Assistance for Education	84.938	0080-18-1005	18,000
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>			<u>605,905</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</b>			
<b>Passed Through New York State Education Department:</b>			
<b>Child Nutrition Cluster:</b>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	N/A	57,721
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	169,871
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	14,082
<b>Total Child Nutrition Cluster</b>			<u>241,674</u>
<b>Passed Through New York State Office of General Services:</b>			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	10.579	N/A	25,056
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<u>266,730</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<u>\$ 872,635</u>

**Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards**

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activity of all federal award programs administered by Byron-Bergen Central School District (the District), an entity as defined in Note 1 to the District’s basic financial statements. Federal awards received directly from federal agencies, as well as federal awards passed through from other governmental agencies, are included on the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

**Basis of Accounting**

The District uses the modified accrual basis of accounting for each federal program, consistent with the fund basis financial statements.

The amounts reported as federal expenditures generally were obtained from the appropriate federal financial reports for the applicable programs and periods. The amounts reported in these federal financial reports are prepared from records maintained for each program, which are periodically reconciled with the District’s financial reporting system.

**Indirect Costs**

The District does not use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate permitted by the Uniform Guidance.

**Non-Monetary Federal Program**

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements, termed a “non-monetary program.” During the year ended June 30, 2019, the District used \$25,056 worth of commodities under the Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability program (CFDA Number 10.579).

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

The Board of Education  
Byron-Bergen Central School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Byron-Bergen Central School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 3, 2019.

**Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Lumaden & McCormick, LLP*

October 3, 2019

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

The Board of Education  
Byron-Bergen Central School District

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Byron-Bergen Central School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the District's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2019.



## Report on Internal Control over Compliance

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Lumaden & McCormick, LLP*

October 3, 2019

**BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**

**For the year ended June 30, 2019**

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**Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements**

Type of auditors' report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: *Unmodified*

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

Identification of major programs:

<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>	<u>CFDA #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>Special Education Cluster:</b>		
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	\$ 278,670
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	14,355
		<u>\$ 293,025</u>

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

**Section II. Financial Statement Findings**

No matters were reported.

**Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs**

No matters were reported.

**APPENDIX C**

**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

## FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

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 School District has agreed to provide or cause to be provided,

- (i) to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") systems 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 dated May 28, 2020 of the School District relating to the Bonds by December 31 following the end of each succeeding fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and (ii) a copy of the audited financial statements 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, 2020; such audit, if any, will be so provided on or prior to the later of either December 31 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 School District of its audited financial statement for the proceeding fiscal year, but in any event not later than June 30 of each succeeding fiscal year; and provided further in the event that the audited financial statement for any fiscal year is not available by December 31 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 the determination by the School District of whether such provision is compliant with the requires of federal Securities laws including Rule 10b-5 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17(a) (2) of Securities Act of 1933
- (ii) in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds, to EMMA or any other entity designated or authorized by the Commission to receive reports pursuant to the Rule:
  - (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies
  - (b) non-payment related defaults, if material
  - (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
  - (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
  - (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
  - (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bond, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bond
  - (g) modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material
  - (h) Bond calls, if material and tender offers
  - (i) defeasances
  - (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the bond
  - (k) rating changes
  - (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District

(m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School 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

(n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material

(o) 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 of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material: and

(p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

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

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

With respect to event (l) above, the event is considered to occur whether any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the School 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 governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the School 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 School District.

For the purpose of events (o) and (p), "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or source of pay for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii), but shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

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

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the afore described notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Bond within the meaning of the Rule. The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described under this heading is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Bond (including holders of beneficial interests in the Bond). The right of holders of the Bond to enforce the provisions of the undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the School District's obligations under its material event notices undertaking and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Bond nor entitle any holder of the Bond to recover monetary damages.

The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the School District; provided that the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule

A Continuing Disclosure Undertaking Certificate to this effect shall be provided to the purchaser at Closing.

The School District may amend the Undertaking without the consent of the holders of the Bonds, provided that (a) the Undertaking, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances and (b) that no such amendment shall adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Bonds (including holders of beneficial interests in the Bonds) in any material respect. In making such determinations, the Issuer shall rely upon an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel.

