

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

REFUNDING NEW ISSUE
STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS:

SERIAL BOND
See "BOND RATING" herein

Insured: "AA" (Stable Outlook)/"A+" Underlying (Stable Outlook)
Uninsured Bonds (2021-2022) "A+" (Stable Outlook)

KROLL RATING:

Insured "AA+" (Stable Outlook)

In the opinion of Barclay Damon LLP, Albany, New York, Bond Counsel, under existing law (1) 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 the purposes of the individual alternative minimum tax imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), except that the School District, by failing to comply with certain restrictions contained in the Code, may cause interest on the Bonds to become subject to federal income taxation from the date of issuance thereof, and (2) 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). See the caption "TAX MATTERS" herein.

The Bonds will be designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

\$3,520,000
WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
HERKIMER AND ONEIDA COUNTIES, NEW YORK
GENERAL OBLIGATIONS
CUSIP BASE:951716

\$3,520,000 School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2020
(the "Bonds")

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: June 15, 2021-2026

MATURITIES*

Year	Amount	Rate	Yield	CSP	Year	Amount	Rate	Yield	CSP
2021	\$ 795,000	2.000%	0.400%	GM5	2025*	\$ 85,000	1.250%	0.650%	GR4
2022	790,000	2.000%	0.500%	GN3	2025*	365,000	4.000%	0.650%	GS2
2023*	800,000	1.000%	0.500%	GP8	2026*	235,000	4.000%	0.800%	GT0
2024*	450,000	1.250%	0.550%	GQ6					

*The scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds maturing on June 15 in the years 2023 through 2026, inclusive (the "Insured Bonds") when due will be guaranteed under an insurance policy to be issued concurrently with the delivery of the Insured Bonds by ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. See "APPENDIX - D" herein.



The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

The Bonds are general obligations of the West Canada Valley Central School District, Herkimer and Oneida Counties, New York, 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. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" and "NATURE OF OBLIGATION" 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, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 each or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. (See "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM").

Interest on the Bonds will be payable on December 15, 2020, and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity. Principal and interest will be paid by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants, for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Bonds, as described herein.

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser and subject to the receipt of the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Bonds of Barclay Damon LLP, Bond Counsel, Albany, New York. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the Underwriter by its Counsel, Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey on or about October 7, 2020.

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HERKIMER AND ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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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

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. "The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as a part of its responsibilities under the federal securities law as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guaranty the accuracy or completeness of such information."

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS WHICH STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKETS. SUCH STABILIZATION, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

of the

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HERKIMER AND ONEIDA COUNTIES, NEW YORK

Relating To

\$3,520,000 School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2020

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, has been prepared by the West Canada Valley Central School District, Herkimer and Oneida Counties, New York (the “School District” or “District”, “Counties”, and “State”, respectively) in connection with the sale by the School District of \$3,520,000 aggregate principal amount of School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2020 (the “Bonds”).

The factors affecting the School 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 School District tax base, revenues, and expenditures, this Official Statement should 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 Bonds 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 the date of delivery and will mature in the principal amounts as set forth on the cover page. The Bonds are not subject to redemption. 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 DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry form only, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on December 15, 2020, and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity. Principal and interest will be paid by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as described herein.

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 Notes and is required to raise real estate taxes, and without specification, other revenues, if such levy is necessary to repay such indebtedness. While the Tax Levy Limitation Law imposes a statutory limitation on the District's power to increase its annual tax levy, with the amount of such increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limitation Law, it also provides the procedural method to surmount that limitation. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW" herein.

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

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

In addition, the Court of Appeals in the Flushing National Bank (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.

No Optional Redemption

The Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to maturity.

Purpose and Authorization

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State, including particularly section 90.00 or 90.10 of the Local Finance Law, a refunding bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education on August 10, 2020 (the "Refunding Bond Resolution") and other proceedings and determinations related thereto. The Refunding Bond Resolution authorizes the refunding of all or a portion of the \$1,040,000 outstanding principal balance of the School District (Serial) Bonds, 2007, dated June 15, 2007, originally issued by the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$4,140,000 (collectively, "Refunded Bonds") and all or a portion of the \$2,485,000 outstanding principal balance of the School District (Serial) Bonds, 2011, dated December 27, 2011, originally issued by the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,920,000 ("Refunded Bonds") and the issuance of the Bonds to provide the funds necessary to effect the refunding of the Refunded Bonds.

The Refunded Bonds were authorized by the Board of Education pursuant to a bond resolution adopted to provide funds for the following purposes and amounts:

\$4,140,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2007 – June 15, 2007
\$5,920,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2011 – December 27, 2011

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Originally Issued</u>
Construction and reconstruction of school buildings and addition to bus storage facility	\$ 4,140,000
Additions to and reconstruction of school buildings and facilities	\$5,920,000

The proceeds of the Bonds are intended to be used to purchase a portfolio of non-callable direct obligations of the United States of America (the "Government Obligations") and pay certain costs of issuance related to the Bonds. The principal of and investment income on the portfolio of Government Obligations together with other available cash on deposit in the Escrow Deposit Fund (as hereinafter defined) are expected to be sufficient to pay the maturing principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds.

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 and 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

DTC may discontinue providing its services with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving notice to the District and discharging its responsibilities with respect thereto under applicable law, or the District may terminate its participation in the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC at any time. In the event that such book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions will apply: the Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof for any single maturity. Principal of the 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 as a fiscal agent bank to be named by the District upon termination of the book-entry-only system. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on December 15, 2020, and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity. Such interest will be payable by check drawn on the fiscal agent and mailed to the registered owner on each interest payment date at the address as shown on the registration books of the fiscal agent as of the last business day of the calendar month preceding each such interest payment date. Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the registered owner at any time prior to maturity at the office of the fiscal agent for Bonds of the same or any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount upon the

terms set forth in the Bond Determinations Certificate of the President of the Board of Education authorizing the sale of the Bonds and fixing the details thereof and in accordance with the Local Finance Law. The fiscal agent shall not be obligated to make any such transfer or exchange of Bonds between the last business day of the calendar month preceding an interest payment date and such interest payment date.

The Refunding Financial Plan

The Bonds are being issued to effect the refunding of the Refunded Bonds pursuant to the District's refunding financial plan (the "Refunding Financial Plan") dated July 15, 2020. The Refunding Financial Plan provides that the proceeds of the Bonds (after payment of the underwriting fee and other costs of issuance related to the Bonds) are to be applied to the purchase of the Government Obligations. The Government Obligations are to be placed in an irrevocable trust fund (the "Escrow Deposit Fund") with Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company (the "Escrow Holder"), pursuant to the terms of an escrow contract (the "Escrow Contract") by and between the District and the Escrow Holder. The Refunding Financial Plan further provides that the Government Obligations will mature in amounts and bear interest sufficient, together with any un-invested cash deposited into the Escrow Deposit Fund from proceeds of the Bonds, to meet principal and interest payments with respect to the Refunded Bonds on the dates such payments are due or, in the case of Refunded Bonds subject to redemption prior to maturity, upon their earliest redemption dates (the "Payment Dates"). The Refunding Financial Plan calls for the Escrow Holder, pursuant to the Refunding Bond Resolution and the Escrow Contract, to call for redemption all the then outstanding Refunded Bonds on their respective first permitted redemption date. The owners of the Refunded Bonds will have a first lien on all of the respective cash and securities necessary for the refunding in the Escrow Deposit Fund into which are required to be deposited all investment income on and maturing principal of the Government Obligations, together with the un-invested cash deposit, until the Refunded Bonds have been paid, whereupon the Escrow Contract, given certain conditions precedent, shall terminate.

The District is expected to realize, as a result of the issuance of the Bonds, and in accordance with the Refunding Financial Plan, cumulative dollar and present value debt service savings.

Under the Refunding Financial Plan, the Refunded Bonds will continue to be general obligations of the District and will continue to be payable from District sources legally available therefore. However, inasmuch as the Government Obligations and cash held in the Escrow Deposit Fund will have been verified to be sufficient to meet all required payments of principal and interest on the Refunded Bonds, it is not anticipated that such District sources of payment will be used.

The list of Refunded Bond maturities set forth on the following page, may be changed by the District in its sole discretion due to market or other factors considered relevant by the District at the time of pricing of the Bonds and no assurance can be given that any particular series of bonds listed or that any particular maturity thereof will be refunded.

\$4,140,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2007 – June 15, 2007
CUSIP BASE: 951716

Due June 15 th	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Redemption Date	Redemption Price	CSP
2021	\$335,000	4.000%	12/15/2020	100.00%	DB2
2022	345,000	4.000	12/15/2020	100.00	DC0
2023	<u>360,000</u>	4.100	12/15/2020	100.00	DD8
	\$1,040,000				

\$5,920,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2011 – December 27, 2011
CUSIP BASE: 951716

Due June 15 th	Principal Amount	Interest Rate	Redemption Date	Redemption Price	CSP
2021	\$425,000	2.500%	12/15/2020	100.00%	DR7
2022	435,000	2.500	12/15/2020	100.00	DS5
2023	445,000	2.625	12/15/2020	100.00	DT3
2024	460,000	2.750	12/15/2020	100.00	DU0
2025	470,000	3.000	12/15/2020	100.00	DV8
2026	<u>250,000</u>	3.000	12/15/2020	100.00	DW6
	\$2,485,000				

The proceeds of the Refunded Bonds have been expended.

Verification of Mathematical Computations

Causey Demgen & Moore PC, a firm of independent public accountants, will deliver to the District, on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds, its attestation report indicating that it has verified, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the information and assertions provided by the District and its representatives. Included in the scope of its engagement will be a verification of the mathematical accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and the maturing principal of and interest on, the Government Obligations used to fund the Escrow Deposit Fund to be established by the Escrow Holder to pay, when due, the maturing principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds.

The verification performed by Causey Demgen & Moore PC will be solely based upon data, information and documents provided to Causey Demgen & Moore PC by the District and its representatives. Causey Demgen & Moore PC reports of its verification will state Causey Demgen & Moore PC has no obligations to update the report because of events occurring, or data or information coming to their attention, subsequent to the date of the report.

Sources and Uses of Bond Proceeds

Proceeds of the Bonds are to be applied as follows:

Sources:	Par Amount of the Bonds	\$3,520,000.00
	Original Issue Premium (Discount)	<u>151,246.50</u>
	Total	\$ 3,671,246.50
Uses:	Deposit to Escrow Fund	\$3,579,106.70
	Underwriter's Discount	23,000.00
	Costs of Issuance and Contingency (Including Bond Insurance)	<u>69,139.80</u>
	Total	\$ 3,671,246.50

The School District

General Information

The West Canada Valley School District is in the Towns of Fairfield, Herkimer, Manheim, Newport, Norway and Schuyler in Herkimer County and the Town of Deerfield in Oneida County. The District covers approximately 112 square miles. The School is located on an 88-acre campus approximately mid-way between the Villages of Middleville and Newport.

The School District is primarily a rural area, with some residents employed in agriculture. Other residents also commute to the Herkimer and Utica areas for employment. Opportunities for higher education are available nearby at the Herkimer County and Mohawk Valley Community Colleges, Utica College, and SUNY Institute of Technology.

The Villages of Middleville and Newport provide public water to their residents, while the remainder of the District is served by private wells. Telephone service is provided by the Newport Telephone Company and Verizon New York Inc. Electricity is provided by National Grid. The Newport Volunteer Fire Company provides fire protection for the School District's buildings, while various additional volunteer organizations serve the remainder of the District. Police protection is provided by the New York State Police.

Residents find commercial and financial services in the Villages of Middleville and Newport as well as in the Herkimer and Utica areas. Cultural and recreational opportunities are provided by the various colleges and the Adirondack

A network of road and highways serve this area, including New York State Routes 28, 29 and 169, with access to the New York State Thruway at Little Falls, Utica, or Herkimer. Bus and rail transportation are also available in Utica. Air transportation is available in Syracuse or Albany.

Police protection is provided by the New York State police, the Johnstown Police Department, the county Sheriff's Office, and by police departments of the respective Towns; fire protection service is provided by the Johnstown Fire Department and by local volunteer units; ambulance service is provided by private companies.

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 (“SED”) 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 was closed effective March 16, 2020 through the end of the 2019-20 academic year. The School District has developed a fall 2020 reopening plan consistent with the process established by the State. 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 was postponed until 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.

SED posted an announcement on its State aid website noting that on August 13, 2020, the Division of the Budget (“DOB”) issued the FY 2021 First Quarterly State Budget Financial Plan Update which notes that, in the absence of Federal action since enactment of the FY 2021 budget, DOB began withholding 20 percent of most local aid payments in June, and that all or a portion of these withholds may be converted to permanent reductions, depending on the size and timing of new Federal aid, if any.

The announcement further noted that in July, DOB began approving General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) payments to school districts (including 3609-a General Aid, 3609-b Excess Cost Aid, and 3609-d BOCES Aid payments) at 80% of the otherwise scheduled amounts.

DOB’s Updated Financial Plan includes \$8.2 billion in recurring local aid reductions, and states that the earliest DOB expects to transmit a detailed aid-to-localities reduction plan to the Legislature is late in the second quarter of the State’s FY 2021, and that, in the absence of unrestricted Federal aid, DOB will continue to withhold a range of payments through the second quarter of FY 2021.

There can be no assurances that the spread of COVID-19 will not result in additional delays and/or reductions 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.

District Population

The 2018 population of the School District is estimated to be 4,518 (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 Towns, Villages and Counties listed below. The Figures set below with respect to such 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 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>2014-2018</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2014-2018</u>
Village Of:						
Middleville	\$17,499	\$18,836	\$24,308	\$42,727	\$51,731	\$82,857
Newport	18,324	18,376	25,849	41,111	33,571	71,250
Towns Of:						
Fairfield	15,603	23,944	33,568	45,069	56,016	78,224
Herkimer	17,211	18,478	26,029	42,296	44,681	57,278
Manheim	15,429	23,860	23,065	39,032	53,724	61,699
Newport	17,044	21,350	24,711	42,273	59,850	57,404
Norway	15,396	23,603	27,593	41,250	60,250	78,393
Schuyler	17,039	21,772	26,328	41,441	54,386	63,359
Deerfield	20,676	26,507	33,210	53,631	68,302	88,355
County Of:						
Herkimer	16,141	21,908	26,151	40,570	53,288	65,612
Oneida	18,516	23,458	28,548	45,341	58,017	67,773
State Of:						
New York	23,389	30,948	37,470	51,691	67,405	80,419

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

District Facilities

Name	Grades	Year Built	Current Maximum Capacity	Date of Last Addition or Alteration
West Canada Valley Central School	PK-12	1963	1,223	2017

Source: District Officials

District Employees

The School District employs 138 full-time and 8 part-time employees. The number of members, the collective bargaining units which represent them and their current contract expiration dates are as follows:

Employees	Bargaining Unit	Expiration Date
71	West Canada Valley Teachers Association	6/30/2021
68	West Canada Valley Unit CSEA	6/30/2021
3	West Canada Valley Administrators' Association	6/30/2020*
4	Employees not in a bargaining unit	N/A

*Note: This contract is currently under negotiation.:
Source: District Officials

Historical and Projected Enrollment

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected</u>
2015-16	701	2020-21	715
2016-17	686	2021-22	715
2017-18	727	2022-23	715
2018-19	720	2023-24	715
2019-20	719	2024-25	715

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 four years and the budgeted figures for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2015-2016	\$ 206,397	\$ 564,273
2016-2017	204,405	512,193
2017-2018	249,140	407,513
2018-2019	232,821	497,310
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	243,466	445,373
2020-21 (Budgeted)	269,143	493,853

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 Budgets 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 deposited \$35,000 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 - 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 \$43,979,679, the net change for the year was (\$4,992,796) resulting in a total OPEB liability of \$38,986,883 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.

Major Employers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Estimated Number of Employees</u>
West Canada Valley Central School District	Public Education	148
First Light (formerly Todd Cable)	Utility	105
Newport Telephone Company	Utility	20
Renee Shevat	Campground/Restaurant	15
Left Over Express	Refuse Removal	12
E.J. Willis	Manufacturing	8

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) is Herkimer County. The data set forth below with respect to the County 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 County or vice versa.

Year	County Unemployment Rate	New York State Unemployment Rate	U.S. Unemployment Rate
2015	6.2%	5.3%	5.3%
2016	5.5%	4.8%	4.9%
2017	5.7%	4.7%	4.4%
2018	4.9%	4.1%	3.9%
2019	4.9%	4.0%	3.7%

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

	<u>2019-20 Monthly Figures</u>											
	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
Herkimer County	4.6%	4.4%	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%	5.4%	6.1%	5.8%	5.9%	14.9%	10.2%	9.9%
Oneida County	4.3%	4.2%	3.9%	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%	4.7%	15.1%	11.3%	11.0%
New York State	4.2%	4.1%	3.6%	3.7%	3.6%	3.7%	4.1%	3.9%	4.2%	15.1%	14.2%	15.6%

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

Unemployment rates for 2020 and potentially for the foreseeable future are expected to increase substantially over prior years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 deposit accounts in, certificates of deposit issued by or a deposit placement program (as provided by statute) with 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) obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Sections 24.00 (tax anticipation notes) or 25.00 (revenue anticipation notes) with approval of the State Comptroller, by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the School District; and (6) in the case of the 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 a pledge of eligible securities, an eligible letter of credit or an eligible surety bond, as each such term is defined in the law, or satisfy the statutory requirements of the deposit placement program.

Form of School Government

The legislative power of the School District is vested in the Board of Education (the "Board"). Each year an election is held within the School District to elect one or more members to the Board. The Board consists of seven members with overlapping three-year terms. Therefore, as nearly as practicable, an equal number of members is elected to the Board each year.

During the first 14 days in July of each year the Board meets for the purpose of reorganization. At that time, an election is held within the Board to elect a President and Vice President and to appoint other School District officials.

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board is the chief fiscal officer of the School District. However, certain of the financial management functions of the School District are the responsibility of the Superintendent of Schools and Business Manager.

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. The School District's 2018-19 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97.

The budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 21, 2019. The School District's 2019-20 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97.

The budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters by a vote of 399 to 64. Due to COVID-19 and pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo, voting was done by absentee ballots and all ballots were counted as of June 16, 2020.

The State's 2018-19 Enacted Budget included 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 DOB in consultation with SED. In 2019-20, this requirement expanded 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.

State Aid

The School District receives financial assistance from the State. In its adopted budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year, approximately 65.91% 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.

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.

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 that may arise, including the diversion of federal resources to address the current COVID -19 outbreak.

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 2020-2021 Budget authorizes the State Budget Director to make uniform reductions to appropriations (including the appropriations for State aid to school districts) if the State's Enacted 2020-2021 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. See "COVID-19" above.

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 2016-2017 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 anticipated impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on State revenues, State aid in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget is 3.7 percent lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but is offset in part with increased Federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support will be offset by approximately \$1.1 billion in

funding provided to the State through the Federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these Federal funds, State aid totals \$27.9 billion in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent.

The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continues prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provides over \$200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including \$1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and \$10 million for a Student Mental Health program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid is continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflects current projections of the ten-year average growth in State personal income.

Provisions in the State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget grant the Budget Director the authority to reduce "aid-to-localities" appropriations and disbursements by any amount needed to achieve a balanced budget, as estimated by the New York State Division of the Budget. Aid-to-localities is a broad spending category that includes funding for health care, K-12 schools, and higher education as well as support for local governments, public transit systems, and the State's not-for-profit partners. In addition, the Budget Director is authorized to withhold and reduce specific local aid payments during the fiscal year. The State's Enacted Budget is deemed out of balance for the fiscal year, and the Budget Director's powers are activated, if actual tax receipts are less than 99 percent of estimated tax receipts, or actual disbursements are more than 101 percent of estimated disbursements, as measured at three points during the year (April 1-30, May 1-June 30, and July 1-December 31). The State's 2020-2021 Enacted Budget is premised on the assumption that the Budget Director's powers will be activated and across-the-board and targeted reductions to local aid programs will be taken to close a substantial portion of the State fiscal year 2021 budget gap caused by the receipts shortfall. Due principally to the COVID-19 pandemic, reduced receipts are expected through State fiscal year 2024. According to the four-year financial plan released by the State on May 8, 2020, as a result of the COVID_19 pandemic, State spending will be significantly reduced. Such reductions will include reductions to "aid to localities" which includes State aid to school districts, including the School District. Any significant reductions or delays in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State. See "COVID-19" above.

As described above the amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2011 to 2019 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 fiscal year, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. Although the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget was adopted on March 31, 2019 and the State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget was adopted on March 30, 2018, both in advance of the April 1 deadline, the State's 2017-2018 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 9, 2017, a delay of approximately 8 days, and the State's 2020-21 Enacted Budget was adopted on April 2, 2020, a one-day delay. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

The State receives a substantial amount of Federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as Federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this Federal aid may be subject to change under the Federal administration and Congress. Current Federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision because of changes in Federal policy and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Reductions in Federal funding levels could have a materially adverse impact on the State budget. In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the Federal administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the Federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to Federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

There can be no assurance that the State's financial position will not change materially and adversely from current projections. If this were to occur, the State would be required to take additional gap-closing actions. Such

actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations; delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid including school districts in the State.

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.

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total State Aid	Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid
2015-2016	\$ 15,203,967	\$ 9,664,488	63.57%
2016-2017	15,361,619	9,919,826	64.58
2017-2018	15,535,407	10,108,407	65.07
2018-19	16,837,941	11,041,051	65.57
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	17,305,923	11,565,083	66.83
2020-2021 (Budgeted)	17,425,623	11,484,924	65.91

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2015-2016 fiscal year through the 2018-2019 fiscal year and the adopted budgets of the District for the 2019-20 and 2020-2021 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	0.0
2016	No Designation	6.7

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.

Currently the State Comptroller is performing an audit of the District, the results of which are not yet available.

The most recent available audit report of the West Canada Valley Central School District was released on July 8, 2016. The purpose of this audit was to examine information technology (IT) access controls over personal, private and sensitive information (PPSI) in the District's student information system (SIS) for the period July 1, 2014 through January 31, 2016.

Key Findings

- Twenty-nine users without grade change responsibilities had been granted permission to change certain grades in the SIS.
- Permissions and accounts were not properly assigned or maintained in accordance with employees' job responsibilities and changing employment status.
- Unnecessary accounts could be used to inappropriately access the SIS

Key Recommendations

- Communicate the Student Grading Information Systems policy to all District employees and provide training as needed to clarify roles and responsibilities.
- Evaluate permissions currently granted to each SIS user, including MORIC employees, and remove any permissions deemed unnecessary.
- Evaluate all existing SIS user accounts and remove any accounts deemed unnecessary.

A copy of the complete report and the District's response can be found by visiting the Audits of Local Governments section of the Office of the State Comptroller website:

www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/audits/schools/2016/westcanadavalley.htm

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 C.

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:					
Fairfield	\$ 72,893,526	\$ 72,659,844	\$ 73,875,315	\$ 74,119,886	\$ 74,853,444
Herkimer	13,886,951	14,081,925	14,257,172	14,365,119	14,459,994
Manheim	543,316	545,224	548,940	555,449	578,429
Newport	103,009,248	104,024,988	104,731,605	106,007,456	106,854,210
Norway	25,617,711	25,915,436	26,199,550	26,308,712	26,303,733
Schuyler	27,774,127	28,191,176	28,376,163	28,430,944	28,775,221
Deerfield	<u>337,288</u>	<u>337,837</u>	<u>337,818</u>	<u>406,056</u>	<u>413,240</u>
Total	<u>\$ 244,062,167</u>	<u>\$ 245,756,430</u>	<u>\$ 248,326,563</u>	<u>\$ 250,193,622</u>	<u>\$ 252,238,271</u>

Equalization Rates:

Fairfield	80.00%	80.00%	78.00%	76.00%	76.00%
Herkimer	94.00%	94.00%	94.00%	93.60%	90.50%
Manheim	68.00%	68.00%	70.00%	67.00%	67.00%
Newport	106.00%	106.00%	103.50%	100.50%	100.50%
Norway	72.70%	72.70%	72.00%	68.80%	68.20%
Schuyler	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%	88.40%	83.00%
Deerfield	16.30%	15.50%	15.50%	15.30%	14.00%

Full Valuations:

Fairfield	\$ 91,116,908	\$ 90,824,805	\$ 94,711,942	\$ 97,526,166	\$ 98,491,374
Herkimer	14,773,352	14,980,771	15,167,204	15,347,349	15,977,894
Manheim	798,994	801,800	784,200	829,028	863,327
Newport	97,178,536	98,136,781	101,189,957	105,480,056	106,322,597
Norway	35,237,567	35,647,092	36,388,264	38,239,407	38,568,523
Schuyler	30,860,141	31,323,529	31,529,070	32,161,701	34,668,941
Deerfield	<u>2,069,252</u>	<u>2,179,594</u>	<u>2,179,471</u>	<u>2,653,961</u>	<u>2,951,714</u>
Total	<u>\$ 272,034,749</u>	<u>\$ 273,894,372</u>	<u>\$ 281,950,108</u>	<u>\$ 292,237,668</u>	<u>\$ 297,844,370</u>

Valuations Based on Regular Equalizations Ratios

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>
Fairfield	\$ 22.81	\$ 22.66	\$ 22.37	\$ 22.57	\$ 22.48
Herkimer	19.41	19.29	18.56	18.33	18.88
Manheim	26.84	26.66	24.93	25.60	25.50
Newport	17.22	17.10	16.86	17.07	17.00
Norway	25.10	24.94	24.23	24.93	25.05
Schuyler	20.28	20.14	19.39	19.41	20.58
Deerfield	111.96	116.97	112.58	112.12	122.03

Tax Collection Procedure

School taxes are due September 1. If paid by September 30, no penalty is imposed. There is a 2% penalty if paid by the end of October. On November 15, a list of all unpaid taxes is given to the Counties to be re-levied on County/Town tax rolls. The School District is reimbursed by the Counties for all unpaid taxes the first week of April in each year and is thus assured of 100% collection of its annual levy.

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	\$4,965,087	\$4,965,087	\$5,013,797	\$5,107,273	\$5,182,472
Less STAR Reimbursement	871,593	862,974	855,921	848,128	791,687
Adjustments	-2,016	-			-316
Total Taxes to be Collected	4,091,478	4,102,113	4,157,876	4,258,477	4,390,469
Taxes Collected Prior to Return to County	3,555,986	3,598,698	3,624,396	3,746,956	3,886,687
Returned to County	\$535,492	\$503,415	\$533,972	\$512,188	\$503,782
% Collected Prior to Return	86.91%	87.73%	87.20%	87.99%	88.53%

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.

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total Real Property Taxes	Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of Real Property Taxes
2015-2016	\$ 15,203,967	\$ 3,997,505	26.30%
2016-2017	15,361,619	4,008,112	26.09
2017-2018	15,535,407	4,063,876	26.16
2018-2019	16,837,941	4,162,233	24.72
2019-2020 (Budgeted)	17,305,923	5,088,472	29.40
2020-2021 (Budgeted)	17,425,623	5,139,357	29.50

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2015-16 fiscal year through 2018-19 fiscal year and the adopted budgets of the District for the 2019-2020 and 2020-21 fiscal year. This table is not audited

Major Taxpayers 2019

For 2019-20 Tax Roll

Name	Type	Full Value
Iroquois Gas Transmission	Pipeline	\$13,453,732
National Grid	Utility	6,781,048
Newport Telephone Company	Utility	2,101,980
Renee (Scialdo) Shevat	Campground/Restaurant	1,791,045
WKTV, LLC	Television Tower	1,973,684
City of Little Falls	Watershed	1,802,122
Frances Kelleher	Farm	1,174,848
Patrick Maxwell	Farm/Residence	937,517
Bruce Moody	Residence/Retail	860,896
Devries, Thomas	Residence	965,036
Total		\$31,841,908

1. The above taxpayers represent 10.7% of the School District's 2019-20 Full value of \$297,844,370.

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 made 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 to elect the credit or the exemption. 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.

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 may be 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 Bonds.

Debt Limit 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.

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.

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 (an "estoppel 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.

Pursuant to an Executive Order issued by Governor Cuomo, the statute of limitations has been tolled on a variety of actions, including actions contesting the validity of bonds, including the Bonds. The Executive Order is in effect until September 4, 2020 but may be extended. Therefore, the School District has not published an estoppel notice.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the School 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 School District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

The School 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 School District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted.

Status of Indebtedness

Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Serial Bonds	\$ 7,838,748	\$ 7,190,512	\$ 6,522,729	\$ 12,874,381	\$ 11,760,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	-	6,960,000	-	-
Revenue Anticipation Notes	600,000	600,000	-	-	-
Total Debt Outstanding	\$ 8,438,748	\$ 7,790,512	\$ 13,482,729	\$ 12,874,381	\$ 11,760,000

Status of Outstanding Bond Issues

Year of Issue:	2007	2011
Amount Issued:	\$4,140,000	\$5,920,000
Purpose:	Building	Building

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2021	\$ 335,000	\$ 41,960	\$ 425,000	\$ 67,431
2022	345,000	28,560	435,000	56,806
2023	360,000	14,760	445,000	45,931
2024	-	-	460,000	34,250
2025	-	-	470,000	21,600
2026	-	-	<u>250,000</u>	<u>7,500</u>
Totals:	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 85,280	\$ 2,485,000	\$ 233,518

Year of Issue:	2015
Amount Issued:	\$265,000
Purpose:	Buses

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2021	<u>\$ 55,000</u>	<u>\$ 516</u>
Totals:	\$ 55,000	\$ 516

Year of Issue:	2016	2017
Amount Issued:	\$280,000	\$275,000
Purpose:	Buses	Buses

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2021	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,575	\$ 55,000	\$ 3,469
2022	60,000	525	55,000	2,506
2023	-	-	<u>60,000</u>	<u>978</u>
Totals:	\$ 120,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 170,000	\$ 6,953

Year of Issue:	2018		2018	
Amount Issued:	\$7,039,381		\$280,000	
Purpose:	Building		Buses	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2021	\$ 405,000	\$ 188,225	\$ 55,000	\$ 5,328
2022	410,000	176,075	55,000	3,884
2023	420,000	163,775	55,000	2,406
2024	430,000	151,175	60,000	825
2025	445,000	138,275	-	-
2026	460,000	124,925	-	-
2027	475,000	111,125	-	-
2028	490,000	96,875	-	-
2029	510,000	82,175	-	-
2030	525,000	66,875	-	-
2031	540,000	51,125	-	-
2032	560,000	34,925	-	-
2033	<u>580,000</u>	<u>18,125</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals:	\$ 6,250,000	\$ 1,403,675	\$ 225,000	\$ 12,444

Year of Issue:	2019	
Amount Issued:	\$285,000	
Purpose/Instrument:	Buses	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2021	\$ 55,000	\$ 6,904
2022	55,000	3,544
2023	55,000	2,581
2024	60,000	1,575
2025	<u>60,000</u>	<u>525</u>
Totals:	\$ 285,000	\$ 15,129

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>
2021	1,445,000	369,892	1,814,892	14.58%
2022	1,415,000	271,900	1,686,900	28.14%
2023	1,395,000	230,432	1,625,432	41.20%
2024	1,010,000	187,825	1,197,825	50.83%
2025	975,000	160,400	1,135,400	59.95%
2026	710,000	132,425	842,425	66.72%
2027	475,000	111,125	586,125	71.43%
2028	490,000	96,875	586,875	76.15%
2029	510,000	82,175	592,175	80.91%
2030	525,000	66,875	591,875	85.66%
2031	540,000	51,125	591,125	90.41%
2032	560,000	34,925	594,925	95.19%
2033	580,000	18,125	598,125	100.00%
Totals:	\$ 10,630,000	\$ 1,814,099	\$ 12,444,099	

Outstanding Debt Service - Current and Subsequent Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year Ending June 30th	PRIOR TO REFUNDING BONDS			REFUNDED BONDS DEBT SERVICE	REFUNDING BONDS			TOTAL NEW DEBT SERVICE
	Principal	Interest	Total		Principal	Interest	Total	
2021	\$ 1,445,000	\$ 369,892	\$1,814,892	\$ 869,391	\$ 795,000	\$ 48,489	\$ 843,489	\$ 1,788,990
2022	1,415,000	271,900	1,686,900	865,366	790,000	54,488	\$844,488	1,666,022
2023	1,395,000	230,432	1,625,432	865,691	800,000	38,688	\$838,688	1,598,429
2024	1,010,000	187,825	1,197,825	494,250	450,000	30,688	\$480,688	1,184,263
2025	975,000	160,400	1,135,400	491,600	450,000	25,063	\$475,063	1,118,863
2026	710,000	132,425	842,425	257,500	235,000	9,400	\$244,400	829,325
2027	475,000	111,125	586,125					586,125
2028	490,000	96,875	586,875					586,875
2029	510,000	82,175	592,175					592,175
2030	525,000	66,875	591,875					591,875
2031	540,000	51,125	591,125					591,125
2032	560,000	34,925	594,925					594,925
2033	580,000	18,125	598,125					598,125
TOTALS	\$10,630,000	\$1,814,099	\$12,444,099	\$ 3,843,798	\$3,520,000	\$206,814	\$3,726,814	\$12,327,115

Status of Short-Term Indebtedness

The School District has no outstanding short-term indebtedness as of the date of this Official Statement

Cash Flow Borrowings

The School District issued a \$600,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes for operational purposes in the 2015-16 Fiscal year. The RAN was paid in full on June 16, 2017. The School District does not expect to issue such notes in the current fiscal year.

Capital Project Plans

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 in September for the purchase of buses. The District issues 5-year bonds 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 90.8%.

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 "State Aid" herein.

Debt Statement Summary

As of September 16, 2020

<u>Town</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>State Equalization</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Taxable Full Valuation</u>
Fairfield	\$ 74,853,444	76.00%	\$ 98,491,374
Herkimer	14,459,994	90.50%	15,977,894
Manheim	578,429	67.00%	863,327
Newport	106,854,210	100.50%	106,322,597
Norway	26,303,733	68.20%	38,568,523
Schuyler	28,775,221	83.00%	34,668,941
Deerfield	413,240	14.00%	2,951,714
Total			<u>\$ 297,844,370</u>
Debt Limit: 10% of Full Valuation			\$ 29,784,437
Inclusions:			
Serial Bonds			\$ 10,630,000 ²
Bond Anticipation Notes			-
Principal of this Issue:			<u>3,520,000</u>
Total Inclusions:			<u>\$ 14,150,000</u>
Exclusions:			
Building Aid Estimate ¹			<u>\$0</u>
Total Exclusions:			<u>\$0</u>
Total Net Indebtedness			<u>\$ 14,150,000</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin			\$ 15,634,437
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Power Exhausted			47.51%

Notes: 1. The calculation of such indebtedness has not been taken into account any deductions therefrom of any apportionment of State Aid for debt service for School District purposed for which the District may be entitled. Since the gross indebtedness of the District is within its constitutional debt limit, the District is not required to apply for a Building Aid Estimate from the State Department of Education. The District anticipates the receipt of building aid

2. \$3,525,000 of the Serial Bonds listed above are expected to be refunded with the proceeds of the bonds.

Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

<u>Overlapping Unit</u>	<u>Applicable Equalized Value</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u>	¹ <u>Exclusions</u>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>Estimated Applicable Overlapping Indebtedness</u>
Herkimer County	\$ 294,892,656 \$ 4,704,606,500	6.27%	\$ 24,349,224	N/A	\$ 24,349,224	\$ 1,526,250
Oneida County	\$ 2,951,714 \$ 10,925,588,421	0.03%	301,168,501	N/A	301,168,501	81,365
Town of Fairfield	\$ 98,491,374 \$ 98,491,374	100.00%	148,000	N/A	148,000	148,000
Town of Herkimer	\$ 15,977,894 \$ 366,712,091	4.36%	922,078	N/A	922,078	40,176
Town of Manheim	\$ 863,327 \$ 171,223,007	0.50%	238,000	N/A	238,000	1,200
Town of Newport	\$ 106,322,597 \$ 117,395,022	90.57%	150,000	N/A	150,000	135,852
Town of Norway	\$ 38,568,523 \$ 50,375,832	76.56%	223,752	N/A	-	-
Town of Schuyler	\$ 34,668,941 \$ 166,282,746	20.85%	275,305	N/A	275,305	57,399
Town of Deerfield	\$ 2,951,714 \$ 272,459,574	1.08%	4,013,600	N/A	4,013,600	43,482
Village of Middleville	\$ 19,338,838 \$ 19,338,838	100.00%	168,245	N/A	168,245	168,245
Village of Newport	\$ 23,991,478 \$ 23,991,478	100.00%	682,852	N/A	682,852	682,852
Total						<u><u>\$ 2,884,822</u></u>

Notes:

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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 September 16, 2020:

	Amount	Per Capita ^(a)	Percentage of Full Value ^(b)
Net Indebtedness	\$ 14,150,000	\$ 3,131.92	4.751%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness	\$ 17,034,822	\$ 3,770.43	5.719%

(a) The District's estimated population is 4,518 (Source: 2018 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

(b) The District's full valuation of taxable real estate for 2019-20 is \$297,844,370

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 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.

Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by the District upon any judgment or accrued claim against it shall not exceed nine per centum per annum. 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 or interest on the Bonds.

In accordance with the general rule with respect to municipalities, judgments against the District may not be enforced by levy and execution against property owned by the District.

The Federal Bankruptcy Code allows public bodies, such as the District, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for any municipality in the State to file a petition under any provision of Federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While these Local Finance Law provisions do not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that they will not be made so applicable in the future.

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

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

There is in the Constitution of the State, Article VIII, Section 2, the following provision relating to the annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due principal of and interest on indebtedness of every county, city, town, village and school district in the State: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to

such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness.”

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

MARKET AND RISK FACTORS

The financial 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 or 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 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 is dependent in part on financial assistance from the State. However, if the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, in any year, the District may be affected by a delay, until sufficient taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments to the District. In several recent years, the District has received delayed payments of State aid which resulted from the State's delay in adopting its budget and appropriating State aid to municipalities and school districts, and consequent delay in State borrowing to finance such appropriations. 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.

TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Barclay Damon LLP, Albany, New York, Bond Counsel under existing law, (1) 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 individual alternative minimum tax imposed by the Code, except that the District, by failing to comply with certain restrictions contained in the Code, may cause interest on the Bonds to become subject to Federal income taxation from the date of issuance thereof and (2) 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).

In rendering the foregoing opinions, Bond Counsel noted that exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for Federal income tax purposes is dependent, among other things, on compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds for interest thereon to be and remain excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes. Non-compliance with such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Those requirements include, but are not limited to, provisions that prescribe yield and other limits within which the proceeds of the Bonds are to be invested and require, under certain circumstances, that certain investment earnings on the foregoing to be rebated on a periodic basis to the Treasury Department of the United States of America. The District will covenant in the Tax Certificates as to Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds and Instructions as to Compliance with Provisions of Section 103(a) of the Code, that, to maintain the Code, and for no other purpose, the District shall comply with each applicable provision of the Code.

The Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005, enacted on May 17, 2006, contains a provision under which interest paid on tax-exempt obligations will be subject to information reporting in a manner similar to interest paid on taxable obligations. Although the new reporting requirement does not, in and of itself, affect the excludability of such interest from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the reporting requirement causes the payment of interest on the Bonds to be subject to backup withholding if such interest is paid to registered owners who either (a) fail to provide certain identifying information (such as the registered owner's taxpayer identification number) in the required manner or (b) have been identified by the IRS as having failed to report all interest and

dividends required to be shown on their income tax returns. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to beneficial owner would be allowed as a refund or a credit against such beneficial owner's federal income tax liability provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

Bond Counsel also has advised that (1) with respect to certain insurance companies, the Code reduces the deduction for loss reserves for a portion of the sum of certain items, including interest on the Bonds; (2) interest on the Bonds earned by certain foreign corporations doing business in the United States could be subject to a branch profits tax imposed by the Code; (3) passive investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may be subject to Federal income taxation under the Code for certain Subchapter S corporations that have certain earnings and profits; (4) the Code requires recipients of certain Social Security and certain Railroad Retirement benefits to take into account, in the determining the taxability of such benefits, receipts or accruals of interest on the Bonds; and (5) under the Code, receipt of investment income, including interest on the Bonds, may disqualify the recipient thereof from obtaining the earned income tax credit.

A Bondholder's federal, state and local tax liability may otherwise be affected by the ownership or disposition of the Bonds. The nature and extent of these other consequences will depend upon the Bondholder's other item of income or deduction. Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion regarding any such tax consequences. Each purchaser of the Bonds should consult its tax advisor regarding the impact of the foregoing and other provisions of the Code on its individual tax position.

The Bonds will be designated "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

The opinion of Bond Counsel set forth above with respect to the Federal income tax treatment of interest paid on the Bonds is based upon the current provisions of the Code. Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities and court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, may adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds under federal or state law and could affect the market price for, or the marketability of, the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisers regarding the foregoing matters. Bond Counsel has not undertaken to advise.

LEGAL MATTERS

The legality of the authorization and issuance of the Bonds will be covered by the unqualified legal opinions of Barclay Damon LLP, Albany, New York, Bond Counsel, each to the effect that the Bonds as the case may be, are valid and legally binding obligations of the District, that all the taxable real property therein will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon without limitations as to rate or amount, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purpose of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals and that interest on the Bonds is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by New York State or any political subdivision thereof, including The City of New York. The opinion set forth in the preceding sentence is subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The District will covenant to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with all such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Such opinion will state that (a) the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity; (b) Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the accuracy, adequacy, or completeness of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds; and (c) such opinion is given as of its dated date and that Bond Counsel assumes no obligation to update or supplement their opinion to reflect any facts or circumstance that may thereafter come to their attention or any changes in law that may occur thereafter.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the underwriter by its counsel, Timothy R. McGill, Esq. Fairport, New York.

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 Material Event Notices, 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 School District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The School 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 School District.

UNDERWRITING

The Bonds are being purchased by Roosevelt & Cross Incorporated (the "Underwriter") for reoffering to the public. The purchase contract for the Bonds provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds, if any are purchased, at a purchase price equal to \$3,648,246.50 (being the par amount of the Bonds plus a net original issue premium of \$151,246.50 less an underwriter's discount for the transaction of \$23,000). The Underwriter is initially offering the Bonds to the public at the public offering yields indicated on the cover page but the Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers, institutional investors and others (including sales for deposit into investment trusts, certain of which may be sponsored or managed by the Underwriter) at yields higher than the public offering yields stated on the cover page and the public offering yields may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

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 cyberattacks, the District invests in various forms of cybersecurity and operation 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

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, ("S & P") is expected to assign its bond rating "AA (Stable Outlook)" and Kroll is expected to assign its bond rating "AA+" (Stable Outlook) to the Insured Bonds based upon the issuance by Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. The significance of the AGM policy as well as its terms and conditions can be obtained from Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp., 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019 (for information concerning AGM Policy, see APPENDIX - E hereto).

S&P Global Ratings has assigned its rating of "A+" with a "Stable" outlook to the uninsured Bonds maturing in 2021 and 2022 and its underlying rating of "A+" with a "Stable Outlook" to the Insured Bonds. No application was made to any other rating agency for the purpose of obtaining an additional rating on the Bonds. A rating reflects only the view of the rating agency assigning such rating. Any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from S&P, Public Finance Ratings, 55 Water Street, 38th Floor, New York, New York 10041, Phone: (212) 438-2118.

Generally, ratings agencies base their ratings on the information and materials furnished to it and on investigations, studies and assumptions by the respective rating agency. There is no assurance that a particular rating will apply for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgement of the agency originally establishing the rating circumstances so warrant. Any downward revision or withdrawal of the rating of the outstanding bonds may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

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. 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. The fees to be paid by the District to the Municipal Advisor are partially contingent on the successful closing of the Bonds.

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 the Official Statement and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are "forward-looking statements", within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties, and which are based on the District management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District'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 document or oral presentation, the words "anticipate", "believe", "intend", "plan", "foresee",

“likely”, “estimate”, “expect”, “objective”, “projection”, “forecast”, “goal”, “will”, or “should”, or similar words or phrases are intended to identify forward looking statements.

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Neither Barclay Damon LLP, Albany, New York, Bond Counsel to the District nor Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York, counsel to the Underwriter, expresses no opinion as to the accuracy or completeness of information in any document 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 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 circumstance under which they were made, not misleading, subject to limitation as to information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District, as to which no representation can be made.

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

R.G. Timbs, Inc. may place a copy of this Official Statement on its website at 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: Kelley Crossett, Business Manager/Treasurer Phone (315) 845-6800 ext. 384, email: kcrossett@westcanada.org.

Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. (“AGM”) makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading “Bond Insurance” and “Appendix D – Specimen Municipal Bond Insurance Policy”.

West Canada Valley Central School District

**Dated: September 16, 2020
Newport, New York**

Shawn Schultz
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:	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	Budget
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$1,786,263	\$1,942,465	\$2,609,864	\$2,879,621	\$3,038,919	\$3,638,467	
Revenues:							
Real Property Taxes	\$4,775,575	\$4,871,087	\$4,008,112	\$4,063,876	\$4,162,233	\$5,088,472	
Other Tax Items	286,870	288,424	1,154,792	1,158,674	1,159,425	311,448	
Charges for Services	9,088	7,103	8,382	4,104	5,403	68,900	
Use of Money & Property	1,756	3,268	3,338	4,315	16,443	5,720	
Sale of Property/Comp. for Loss	5,474	580	8,163	3,530	741	6,500	
Miscellaneous	229,709	341,217	195,198	182,086	303,006	150,000	
State Aid	10,523,339	9,664,488	9,919,826	10,108,407	11,041,051	11,565,083	
Federal Aid	1,259	24,563	46,140	10,415	82,098	109,800	
Interfund Transfers	2,691	3,237	17,668	0	67,541	0	
Total Revenues	<u>\$15,835,761</u>	<u>\$15,203,967</u>	<u>\$15,361,619</u>	<u>\$15,535,407</u>	<u>\$16,837,941</u>	<u>\$17,305,923</u>	
Expenditures:							
General Support	\$2,001,254	\$1,733,954	\$1,861,334	\$1,963,411	\$2,101,386	\$2,501,161	
Instruction	6,438,111	6,816,381	7,027,917	7,196,515	7,289,282	8,293,142	
Transportation	764,820	755,194	747,764	825,497	867,181	1,026,878	
Employee Benefits	4,175,277	3,995,211	4,209,765	4,032,906	4,178,511	4,665,875	
Debt Service	1,307,951	1,161,026	1,173,359	1,294,584	1,767,868	1,765,769	
Interfund Transfer	987,335	74,802	71,723	63,196	55,651	85,204	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$15,674,748</u>	<u>\$14,536,568</u>	<u>\$15,091,862</u>	<u>\$15,376,109</u>	<u>\$16,259,879</u>	<u>\$18,338,029</u>	
Adjustments	-4,811 ²	0	0	0	21,486	0	
Year End Fund Balance	<u>\$1,942,465</u>	<u>\$2,609,864</u>	<u>\$2,879,621</u>	<u>\$3,038,919</u>	<u>\$3,638,467</u>	<u>\$2,606,361</u>	E
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$161,013</u>	<u>\$667,399</u>	<u>\$269,757</u>	<u>\$159,298</u>	<u>\$578,062</u>	<u>(\$1,032,106)</u>	1, E

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

Source:

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

2. Other change to Fund Balance

E. Estimated

General Fund Budget Summary

2020-21 Adopted Budget

Revenues:

Real Property Taxes	\$5,139,357
Other Tax Items	325,483
Charges for Services	68,900
Use of Money & Property	7,300
Sale of Property/Comp. for Loss	9,500
Miscellaneous	150,000
State Aid	11,484,924
Federal Aid	240,159
Interfund Transfers	0
Appropriation of Fund Balance	1,426,537
Total Revenues	<hr/> <hr/> \$18,852,160

Expenditures:

General Support	\$2,403,626
Instruction	8,588,426
Transportation	1,061,989
Employee Benefits	4,952,507
Debt Service	1,760,408
Interfund Transfer	85,204
Total Expenditures	<hr/> <hr/> \$18,852,160

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>
Assets:					
Unrestricted Cash	\$1,911,127	\$3,018,556	\$2,638,668	\$2,890,133	\$2,241,907
Restricted	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$935,003
Other Receivables	334	160	5,235	4,881	668
Due from Other Funds	344,901	551,854	372,947	372,198	372,132
Due from State & Federal	1,348,759	660,117	583,360	580,702	714,816
Due from Fiduciary Funds	<u>33</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>56</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$3,605,154</u>	<u>\$4,230,789</u>	<u>\$3,600,249</u>	<u>\$3,847,961</u>	<u>\$4,264,582</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$173,054	\$271,895	\$34,781	\$212,859	\$14,218
Accrued Liabilities	16,431	24,219	26,668	26,157	5,976
Notes Payable:					
Revenue Anticipation Notes	600,000	600,000	0	0	0
Due to Other Funds	66,742	61,739	51,790	37,116	30,736
Due to Retirement Systems	806,462	663,072	606,005	531,526	575,185
Deferred Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,384</u>	<u>1,384</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$1,662,689</u>	<u>\$1,620,925</u>	<u>\$720,628</u>	<u>\$809,042</u>	<u>\$626,115</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	0	0	0	0	935,003
Assigned:					
Encumbrances	633	2,547	0	6,987	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	805,304	915,844	999,029	1,202,990	1,038,654
Unassigned					
Unappropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,136,528</u>	<u>1,691,473</u>	<u>1,880,592</u>	<u>1,828,942</u>	<u>1,664,810</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$1,942,465</u>	<u>\$2,609,864</u>	<u>\$2,879,621</u>	<u>\$3,038,919</u>	<u>\$3,638,467</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$3,605,154</u>	<u>\$4,230,789</u>	<u>\$3,600,249</u>	<u>\$3,847,961</u>	<u>\$4,264,582</u>

Source:

Audited 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

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

JUNE 30, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
West Canada Valley Central School District
Newport, New York

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Canada Valley 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 auditors consider 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 aggregate remaining fund information of West Canada Valley Central School District, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of changes in total other post-employment benefits liability and related ratios and schedules of local government's proportionate share of the net pension liability and contributions on pages 3 through 11 and pages 45 through 49 be presented to supplement the basic 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 basic 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 basic financial statements and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic 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.

Other 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 other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information on pages 50 through 52, as described in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 9, 2019, on our consideration of West Canada Valley Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and 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 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 West Canada Valley Central School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 9, 2019

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

The following is a discussion and analysis of the School District's financial performance for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. This section is a summary of the School District's financial activities based on currently known facts, decisions or conditions. It is also based on both the government-wide and fund-based financial statements. The results of the current year are discussed in comparison with the prior year, with an emphasis placed on the current year. This section is only an introduction and should be read in conjunction with the School District's financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>
Net position (deficiency) of the District at year end	\$ (31,534,068)	\$(33,612,230)	\$ 2,078,162
General Fund fund balance	\$ 3,638,467	\$ 3,038,919	\$ 599,548
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Resources available for appropriation	\$ 16,695,248	\$ 16,837,941	\$ 142,693

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: MD&A (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the School District:

The first two statements are *District-wide* financial statements that provide both *short-term* and *long-term* information about the School District's *overall* financial status.

The remaining statements are *fund financial statements* that focus on *individual parts* of the School District, reporting the School District's operations in *more detail* than the District-wide statements. The *governmental funds statements* tell how basic services such as regular and special education were financed in the *short-term*, as well as what remains for future spending.

Fiduciary funds statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the School District acts solely as a *trustee* or *agent* for the benefit of others.

The financial statements also include notes that provide additional information about the financial statements and the balances reported. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the School District's budget for the year.

Table A-1 summarizes the major features of the School District's financial statements, including the portion of the School District's activities that they cover and the types of information that they contain. The remainder of this overview section highlights the structure and contents of each statement.

Table A-1 Major Features of the District-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Financial Statements		
	District-Wide	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire District (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as instruction and special education	Instances in which the School District administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net position • Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/deferred outflows of resources/liability/deferred inflows of resources information	All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally, assets and deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that come due or available during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets, deferred outflows of resources (if any), liabilities and deferred inflows of resources (if any), both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

District-Wide Statements

The District-wide statements report information about the School District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the School District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two District-wide statements report the School District's *net position* and how they have changed. Net position – the difference between the School District's assets and liabilities – is one way to measure the School District's financial health or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the School District's net position is an indicator of whether its financial position is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- For assessment of the overall health of the School District, additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the property tax bases and the condition of buildings and other facilities should be considered.

Net position of the governmental activities differ from the governmental fund balance because governmental fund level statements only report transactions using or providing current financial resources. Also, capital assets are reported as expenditures when financial resources (dollars) are expended to purchase or build such assets. Likewise, the financial resources that may have been borrowed are considered revenue when they are received. Principal and interest payments are considered expenditures when paid. Depreciation is not calculated. Capital assets and long-term debt are accounted for in account groups and do not affect the fund balance.

District-wide statements use an economic resources measurement focus and full accrual basis of accounting that involves the following steps to prepare the statement of net position.

- Capitalize current outlays for capital assets.
- Report long-term debt as a liability.
- Calculate revenue and expenditures using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting.
- Allocate net position balances as follows:
 - Net position invested in capital assets, net of debt.
 - Restricted net positions are those with constraints placed on use by external sources or imposed by law.
 - Unrestricted net positions are net positions that do not meet any of the above restrictions.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School District's funds, focusing on its most significant or "major" funds - not the School District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices the School District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending on particular programs:

- Some funds are required by state law and by bond covenants.
- The District establishes other funds to control and to manage money for particular purposes (such as repaying its long-term debts) or to show that it is properly using certain revenues (such as federal grants).

The District has two kinds of funds:

- **Governmental Funds:** Most of the School District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can be readily converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School District's programs.

Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the District-wide statements, additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statements explains the relationship (or differences) between them. The governmental fund statements focus primarily on current financial resources and often have a budgetary orientation. Governmental funds include the general fund, special aid fund, school lunch fund and the capital project fund. Required financial statements are the balance sheet and the statement of revenue, expenditures and changes in fund balances.

- **Fiduciary Fund:** The School District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others, such as the scholarship fund and the student activities funds. The School District is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong. The School District excludes these activities from the District-wide financial statements because it cannot use these assets to finance its operations. Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net positions and changes in net positions.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Table A-2

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	<u>Fiscal Year 2019</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2018</u>	<u>Percentage Change (Incr.;-Decr.)</u>
Assets			
Current and other assets	\$ 4,832,115	\$ 4,226,767	14.3%
Capital assets	<u>22,805,878</u>	<u>22,846,630</u>	-0.2%
Total Assets	<u>27,637,993</u>	<u>27,073,397</u>	2.1%
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Other post-employment benefits	1,082,351	753,494	43.6%
Pensions	<u>2,967,333</u>	<u>3,332,076</u>	-10.9%
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,049,684</u>	<u>4,085,570</u>	-0.9%
Liabilities			
Long-term debt outstanding	51,718,971	57,588,919	-10.2%
Other liabilities	<u>639,577</u>	<u>797,214</u>	-19.8%
Total Liabilities	52,358,548	58,386,133	-10.3%
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Other post-employment benefits	10,081,679	5,219,014	93.2%
Pensions	<u>781,518</u>	<u>1,166,050</u>	-33.0%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>10,863,197</u>	<u>6,385,064</u>	70.1%
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	11,045,878	9,972,249	10.8%
Restricted	985,808	92,998	960.0%
Unrestricted	<u>(43,565,754)</u>	<u>(43,677,477)</u>	0.3%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (31,534,068)</u>	<u>\$ (33,612,230)</u>	6.2%

Changes in Net Position

The School District's 2019 revenue was \$17,601,323 (see Table A-3). Property taxes and New York State aid accounted for the majority of revenue by contributing 30.2% and 62.8%, respectively, of the total revenue raised (see Table A-4). The remainder of revenue came from fees for services, use of money and property, operating grants and other miscellaneous sources.

The total cost of all programs and services totaled \$15,533,151 for 2019. Of these expenses (76.1%) are predominantly for the education, supervision and transportation of students (see Table A-5). The School District's administrative, occupancy and business activities accounted for 18.5% of total costs.

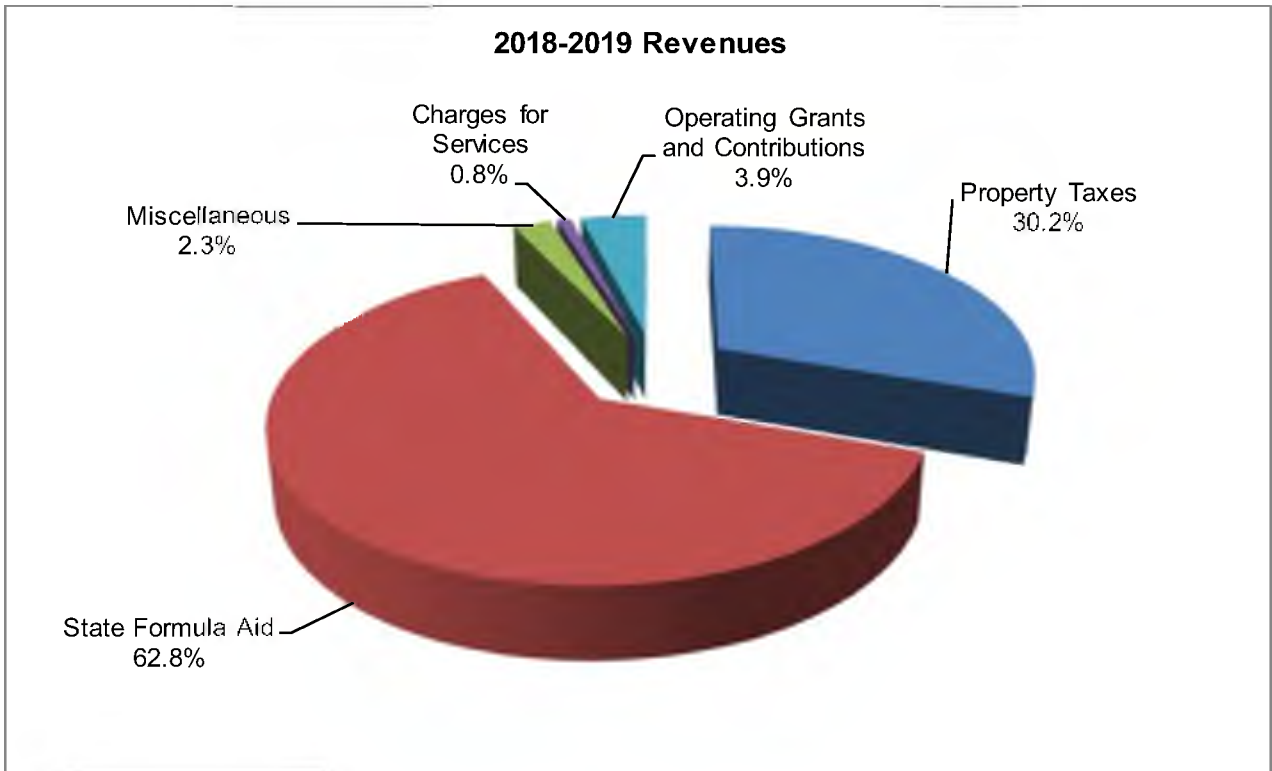
Net position increased during the year by \$2,078,162 after an other increase in net position of \$9,990.

Table A-3

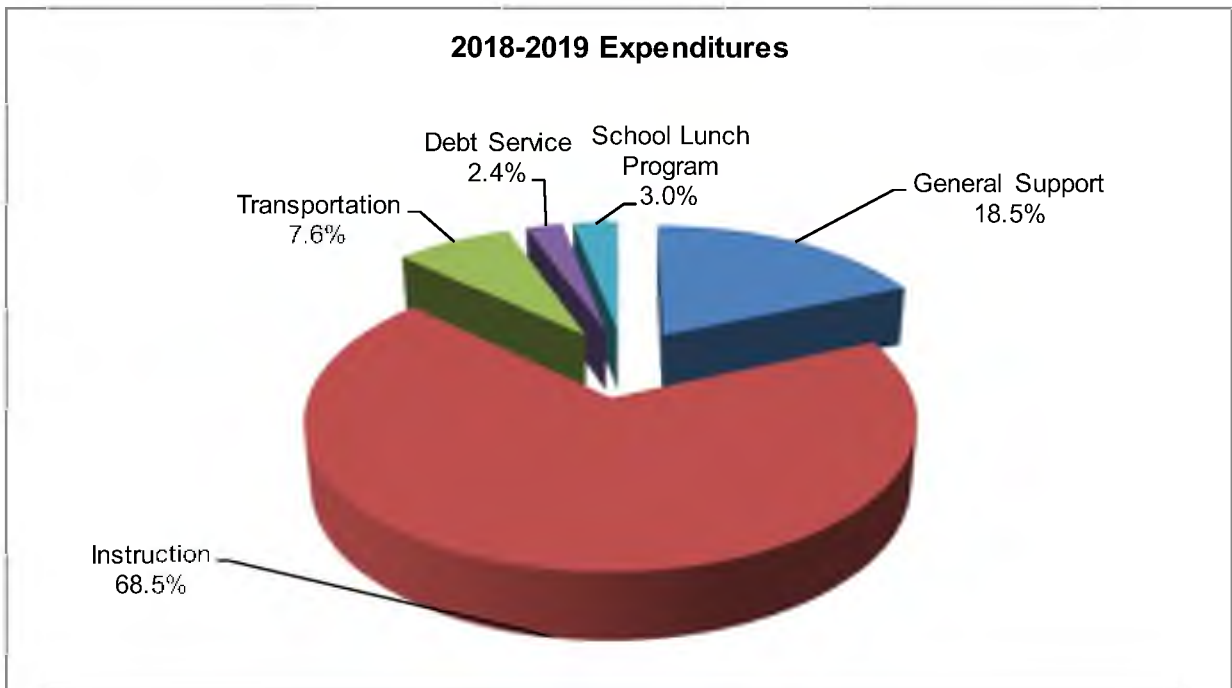
Changes in Net Position from Operating Results

	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Percentage Change (Incr.;-Decr.)
Revenues			
Program revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 147,513	\$ 137,812	7.0%
Operating grants and contributions	688,770	651,881	6%
General revenues			
Property taxes	5,321,658	5,222,550	1.9%
State formula aid	11,041,051	10,569,027	4%
Other	402,331	200,614	100.5%
Total revenues	17,601,323	16,781,884	4.9%
Expenses			
General support	2,869,384	2,990,511	-4.1%
Instruction	10,646,146	11,513,021	-7.5%
Transportation	1,184,111	1,257,331	-5.8%
Other	833,510	855,892	-2.6%
Total expenses	15,533,151	16,616,755	-6.5%
OTHER CHANGE IN NET POSITION	9,990	0	100.0%
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	\$ 2,078,162	\$ 165,129	-1158.5%

REVENUES – TABLE A-4



EXPENDITURES – TABLE A-5



Governmental Activities

Revenue for the School District's governmental activities totaled \$17,601,323 while total expenses were \$15,533,151. Accordingly, net position increased by \$2,078,162 after an other increase in net position of \$9,990.

Table A-6 presents the cost of several of the School District's major activities. The table also shows each activity's net cost (total cost less fees generated by the activity and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden placed on the School District's taxpayers by each of these functions.

Table A-6

Net Cost of Governmental Activities

	Total Cost of Services		Percentage	Net Cost of Services		Percentage
	2019	2018	Change (Incr.;-Decr.)	2019	2018	Change (Incr.;-Decr.)
General support	\$ 2,869,384	\$ 2,990,511	-4.1%	\$ 2,869,384	\$ 2,990,511	-4.1%
Instruction	10,646,146	11,513,021	-7.5%	10,150,004	11,067,110	-8.3%
Pupil	1,184,111	1,257,331	-5.8%	1,184,111	1,257,331	-5.8%
Other	833,510	855,892	-2.6%	493,369	512,110	-3.7%
Totals	\$15,533,151	\$16,616,755	-6.5%	\$14,696,868	\$15,827,062	-7.1%

- The cost of all governmental activities for the year was \$15,533,151.
- The users of the School District's programs financed \$147,513 of the costs.
- The federal and state government grants financed \$688,770.
- The majority of costs were financed by the School District's taxpayers and state aid.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

	Final Budget	Actual	Increase/ (Decrease)	Percentage Variance
Revenues:				
Local sources	\$ 5,551,213	\$ 5,647,251	\$ 96,038	1.7%
State and federal sources	11,096,805	11,123,149	26,344	0.2%
Transfers	47,230	67,541	20,311	43.0%
Total	16,695,248	16,837,941	142,693	0.9%
Expenses:				
General support	2,419,008	2,101,386	(317,622)	-13.1%
Instruction	8,018,785	7,289,282	(729,503)	-9.1%
Pupil transportation	980,156	867,181	(112,975)	-11.5%
Employee benefits	4,595,905	4,178,511	(417,394)	-9.1%
Debt service	1,780,447	1,767,868	(12,579)	-0.7%
Total	17,794,301	16,204,228	(1,590,073)	-8.9%
Other financing uses	110,924	55,651	(55,273)	-49.8%
Net change in fund balances	\$ (1,209,977)	\$ 578,062	\$ 1,788,039	147.8%

This section presents an analysis of significant variances between original and final budget amounts and between final budget amounts and actual results for the General Fund.

The District saw reduced revenues as it was affected by a reduced state aid. In the area of employee benefits, the District's health insurance did not increase to the level that they had expected.

The General Fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally adopted.

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

As of June 30, 2019, the School District had \$22,805,878 (net of depreciation) invested in a broad range of capital assets including land, buildings, buses, athletic facilities, computers and other educational equipment.

Capital Assets

Table A-7

Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Percentage Change (Incr.; -Decr.)
Land and construction in progress	\$ 7,267,091	\$ 7,246,142	0.3%
Buildings and equipment	15,538,787	15,600,488	-0.4%
Totals	\$ 22,805,878	\$ 22,846,630	-0.2%

Long-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2019, the School District had \$51,348,074 in general obligation and other long-term debt outstanding. More detailed information about the School District's long-term debt is included in the notes to the basic financial statements.

Table A-8

Outstanding Long-Term Debt

	Fiscal Year 2019	Fiscal Year 2018	Percentage Change (Incr.; -Decr.)
General obligation bonds	\$ 11,760,000	\$ 12,874,381	-9%
Other debt	39,588,074	44,536,325	-11.1%
Totals	\$ 51,348,074	\$ 57,410,706	-10.6%

During 2019, the School District issued \$280,000 in new bonds and paid down its debt by retiring \$1,394,381 of outstanding bonds. Other debt represented compensated absences and other post-employment benefits.

FACTORS BEARING ON THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE

The District continues to re-establish stability and a long-term vision with respect to financial constraints and academic programs.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide the School District's citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the School District's finances and to demonstrate the School District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, please contact:

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WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash	
Unrestricted	\$ 2,410,796
Restricted	935,003
Receivables	
Other receivables	668
State and federal aid	965,769
Due from fiduciary fund	56
Inventories	10,712
Net pension asset - proportionate share	509,111
Capital assets, net of depreciation	<u>22,805,878</u>
Total Assets	<u>27,637,993</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Other post-employment benefits	1,082,351
Pensions	<u>2,967,333</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>4,049,684</u>
LIABILITIES	
Payables	
Accounts payable	14,218
Accrued liabilities	9,149
Unearned grant revenues	12,000
Due to other governments	200
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	531,829
Due to Employees' Retirement System	72,181
Long-term liabilities	
Due and payable within one year	
Bonds payable	1,360,000
Due and payable after one year	
Bonds payable	10,400,000
Other post-employment benefits payable	38,986,883
Net pension liability - proportionate share	370,897
Compensated absences payable	<u>601,191</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>52,358,548</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Other post-employment benefits	10,081,679
Pensions	<u>781,518</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>10,863,197</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	11,045,878
Restricted for:	
Debt service	50,805
Workers' compensation reserve	100,000
Retirement contribution reserve - ERS	800,003
Retirement contribution reserve - TRS	35,000
Unrestricted	<u>(43,565,754)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$ (31,534,068)</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS				
General support	\$ 2,869,384	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ (2,869,384)
Instruction	10,646,146	5,403	490,739	(10,150,004)
Pupil transportation	1,184,111	0	0	(1,184,111)
Debt service	373,487	0	0	(373,487)
School lunch program	460,023	142,110	198,031	(119,882)
Total Functions and Programs	<u>\$ 15,533,151</u>	<u>\$ 147,513</u>	<u>\$ 688,770</u>	<u>(14,696,868)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES				
Real property taxes				4,162,233
Other tax items				1,159,425
Use of money and property				16,486
Sale of property and compensation for loss				741
Miscellaneous				303,006
State sources				11,041,051
Medicaid reimbursement				82,098
Total General Revenues				<u>16,765,040</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION				2,068,172
TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR				(33,612,230)
OTHER CHANGE IN NET POSITION				<u>9,990</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION - END OF YEAR				<u>\$ (31,534,068)</u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

**WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

JUNE 30, 2019

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash						
Unrestricted	\$ 2,241,907	\$ 28,593	\$ 51,311	\$ 0	\$ 88,985	\$ 2,410,796
Restricted	935,003	0	0	0	0	935,003
Due from other funds	372,132	30,736	0	50,805	0	453,673
Due from fiduciary funds	56	0	0	0	0	56
State and Federal aid	714,816	250,422	531	0	0	965,769
Other receivables	668	0	0	0	0	668
Inventories	0	0	10,712	0	0	10,712
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,264,582	\$ 309,751	\$ 62,554	\$ 50,805	\$ 88,985	\$ 4,776,677
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	\$ 14,218	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 14,218
Accrued liabilities	5,976	1,794	1,379	0	0	9,149
Due to other funds	30,736	267,132	105,000	0	50,805	453,673
Due to other governments	0	0	200	0	0	200
Due to Employees' Retirement System	72,181	0	0	0	0	72,181
Due to Teachers' Retirement System	503,004	28,825	0	0	0	531,829
Collections in advance	0	12,000	0	0	0	12,000
Total Liabilities	626,115	309,751	106,579	0	50,805	1,093,250
FUND BALANCE						
Nonspendable - Inventory	0	0	10,712	0	0	10,712
Restricted						
Reserve for debt service	0	0	0	50,805	0	50,805
Workers' compensation reserve	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
Retirement contribution reserve - ERS	800,003	0	0	0	0	800,003
Retirement contribution reserve - TRS	35,000	0	0	0	0	35,000
Assigned	1,038,654	0	0	0	38,180	1,076,834
Unassigned	1,664,810	0	(54,737)	0	0	1,610,073
Total Fund Balance	3,638,467	0	(44,025)	50,805	38,180	3,683,427
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 4,264,582	\$ 309,751	\$ 62,554	\$ 50,805	\$ 88,985	\$ 4,776,677

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Total fund balance - governmental funds balance sheet (page 14)	\$ 3,683,427
Add:	
Pensions	2,324,029
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>22,805,878</u>
Totals	25,129,907
Deduct:	
Other post-employment benefits	8,999,328
Long-term debt	<u>51,348,074</u>
Totals	<u>60,347,402</u>
NET POSITION, GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u><u>\$ (31,534,068)</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	General	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Capital	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Real property taxes	\$ 4,162,233	\$ 0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 4,162,233
Other tax items	1,159,425	0	0	0	0	1,159,425
Charges for services	5,403	0	0	0	0	5,403
Use of money and property	16,443	0	8	35	0	16,486
Sale of property and compensation for loss	741	0	0	0	0	741
Miscellaneous	303,006	0	0	0	0	303,006
State sources	11,041,051	281,684	5,117	0	0	11,327,852
Federal sources	82,098	209,055	168,834	0	0	459,987
Surplus food	0	0	24,080	0	0	24,080
Sales - school lunch	0	0	142,110	0	0	142,110
Total Revenues	16,770,400	490,739	340,149	35	0	17,601,323
EXPENDITURES						
General support	2,101,386	0	0	0	0	2,101,386
Instruction	7,289,282	507,397	0	0	0	7,796,679
Pupil transportation	867,181	0	0	0	0	867,181
Employee benefits	4,178,511	14,078	45,687	0	0	4,238,276
Debt service						
Principal	1,394,381	0	0	0	0	1,394,381
Interest	373,487	0	0	0	0	373,487
Cost of sales	0	0	290,021	0	0	290,021
Capital outlay	0	0	0	0	362,302	362,302
Total Expenditures	16,204,228	521,475	335,708	0	362,302	17,423,713
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	566,172	(30,736)	4,441	35	(362,302)	177,610
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND USES						
Proceeds from debt	0	0	0	0	280,000	280,000
Operating transfers in	67,541	55,651	0	0	0	123,192
Operating transfers (out)	(55,651)	(20,311)	0	(42,228)	(5,002)	(123,192)
Total Other Sources (Uses)	11,890	35,340	0	(42,228)	274,998	280,000
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND USES	578,062	4,604	4,441	(42,193)	(87,304)	457,610
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,038,919	6,892	(48,466)	92,998	125,484	3,215,827
OTHER CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	21,486	(11,496)	0	0	0	9,990
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 3,638,467	\$ 0	\$ (44,025)	\$ 50,805	\$ 38,180	\$ 3,683,427

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES TO STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

REVENUES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS AND STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES		\$ 17,601,323
EXPENDITURES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS	17,423,713	
Add:		
Depreciation expense	535,937	
Change in compensated absences	44,545	
Pensions	(122,490)	
Other post-employment benefits	(458,988)	
Total	(996)	
Deduct:		
Principal payments on long-term debt	1,394,381	
Change in fixed assets	495,185	
Total	1,889,566	
EXPENDITURES - STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES		<u>15,533,151</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		<u><u>\$ 2,068,172</u></u>

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

JUNE 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trusts	Agency
ASSETS		
Cash		
Restricted	\$ 59,806	\$ 80,924
	Total Assets	\$ 80,924
	\$ 59,806	\$ 80,924
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds	\$ 0	\$ 56
Extraclassroom activity balances	0	62,568
Other liabilities	0	18,300
	Total Liabilities	\$ 80,924
	0	\$ 80,924
NET POSITION		
Reserved for scholarships	\$ 59,806	

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	Private Purpose Trusts
ADDITIONS	
Gifts and contributions	\$ 3,212
Investment earnings	12
	Total Additions
	3,224
DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships and awards	2,270
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	954
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	58,852
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$ 59,806

See notes to basic financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the West Canada Valley Central School District (the “District”) have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. Those principles are prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), which is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

A. Reporting Entity

The West Canada Valley Central School District is governed by the laws of New York State. The District is an independent entity governed by an elected Board of Education consisting of 7 members. The President of the Board serves as the chief fiscal officer and the Superintendent is the chief executive officer. The Board is responsible for, and controls, all activities related to public school education within the District. Board members have authority to make decisions, power to appoint management and primary accountability for all fiscal matters.

The reporting entity of the District is based upon criteria set forth by GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement 39, *Component Units*. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity’s financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District and other organizational entities determined to be includable in the District's financial reporting entity. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District’s reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, the following is a brief description of an entity included in the District’s reporting entity.

i) Extraclassroom Activity Funds

The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the District represent funds of the students of the District. The Board of Education exercises general oversight of these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to its financial transactions and the designation of student management. Separate audited financial statements (cash basis) of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds can be found with these financial statements. The District accounts for assets held as an agent for various student organizations in an agency fund.

B. Joint Venture

The District is a component district in the Herkimer County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services and programs that provide educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component.

BOCES are organized under Section 1950 of the New York State Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section 1950 of the New York State Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation (Section 1950(6)). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section 119-n(a) of the New York State General Municipal Law.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

B. Joint Venture – (Continued)

A BOCES' budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment, as defined in the New York State Education Law, Section 1950(4)(b)(7). In addition, component districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

During the year, the District was billed \$2,593,979 for BOCES administrative and program costs.

Participating school districts issue debt on behalf of BOCES. During the year, the District issued \$-0- of serial bonds on behalf of BOCES. As of year-end, the District had outstanding BOCES debt of \$-0-.

The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$1,066,747.

Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative office.

C. Basis of Presentation

1. District-Wide Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present financial information about the District's governmental activities. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government in its entirety, except those that are fiduciary.

Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year-end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expenses, principally employee benefits, are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs, and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

2. Funds Statements

The fund 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 fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

The District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This is the District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial transactions that are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

C. Basis of Presentation – (Continued)

2. Funds Statements – (Continued)

Special Revenue Funds – These funds account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as federal and state grants, that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes, child nutrition or other activities whose funds are restricted as to use. These legal restrictions may be imposed either by governments that provide the funds or by outside parties.

Capital Projects Fund – These funds are used to account for the financial resources used for acquisition, construction or major repair of capital facilities.

Debt Service Fund: This fund accounts for the accumulation of resources and the payment of principal and interest on long-term general obligation debt of governmental activities. When a capital asset is sold and all or a portion of the bonds used to finance the capital asset are outstanding, this fund must be used to account for the proceeds from the sale of capital assets up to the balance of the related bonds outstanding.

The District reports the following fiduciary funds:

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary activities are those in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the District-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District and are not available to be used. There are two classes of fiduciary funds:

- i) **Private Purpose Trust Funds** – These funds are used to account for trust arrangements in which principal and income benefit annual third-party awards and scholarships for students. Established criteria govern the use of the funds and members of the District or representatives of the donors may serve on committees to determine who benefits.
- ii) **Agency Funds** – These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups or Extraclassroom Activity Funds and for payroll or employee withholding.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as current financial resources or economic resources. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

The District-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 transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include property taxes, state aid, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from state aid is recognized in the fiscal year it is appropriated by the state. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting – (Continued)

The fund statements 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 the revenues are collected within 65 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

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. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

E. Property Taxes

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than September 1 and become a lien on September 1. Taxes are collected during the period September 1 to October 31.

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by the Counties of Herkimer and Oneida in which the District is located. The Counties pay an amount representing uncollected real property taxes transmitted to the Counties for enforcement to the District no later than the following April 1.

F. Restricted Resources

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net positions are available, the District's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use, and with associated legal requirements, many of which are described elsewhere in these Notes.

G. Interfund Transactions

The operations of the District include transactions between funds. These transactions may be temporary in nature, such as with interfund borrowings. The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of providing cash flow. These interfund receivables and payables are expected to be repaid within one year. Permanent transfers of funds include the transfer of expenditure and revenues to provide financing or other services.

In the District-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 the fiduciary funds.

The governmental funds report all interfund transactions as originally recorded. Interfund receivables and payables may be netted on the accompanying governmental funds balance sheet when it is the District's practice to settle these amounts at a net balance based upon the right of legal offset.

Refer to Note 8 for a detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, expenditures and revenues activity.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

H. 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 reported amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including computation of encumbrances, compensated absences, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

I. Cash (and Cash Equivalents)/Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition.

New York State law governs the District's investment policies. Resources must be deposited in FDIC-insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the State. Permissible investments include obligations of the United States Treasury, United States Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities.

Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC 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 Districts.

Investments are stated at fair value.

J. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are shown gross, with uncollectible amounts recognized under the direct write-off method. No allowance for uncollectible accounts has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

K. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories of food in the School Lunch Fund are recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis, or in the case of surplus food, at stated value which approximates market. Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase and are considered immaterial in amount.

Prepaid items represent payments made by the District for which benefits extend beyond year end. These payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the District-wide and fund financial statements. These items are reported as assets on the statement of net position or balance sheet using the consumption method. A current asset for the prepaid amount is recorded at the time of purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods or services are consumed.

A reserve for these nonliquid assets (inventories) has been recognized to signify that a portion of fund balance is not available for other subsequent expenditures.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

L. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported at actual cost when such data was available. For assets in which there was no data available, estimated historical costs, based on direct costing, standard costing or normal costing methods, were used. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the time received.

Land and construction in process are not depreciated. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the District-wide statements are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 10,000	Straight-line	50
Building improvements	10,000	Straight-line	50
Site improvements	10,000	Straight-line	50
Furniture and equipment	10,000	Straight-line	8-15

M. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. The separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions reported in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability and difference during the measurement period between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The second is the District contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS Systems) and OPEB subsequent to the measurement date. The third item relates to OPEB reporting in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net change in the actual and expected experience.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has four items that qualify for reporting in this category. First arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting and is reported as unavailable revenue – property taxes. The second item is related to pensions reported in the District's proportion of the collective net pension liability (ERS System) and net pension asset (TRS System) and difference during the measurement periods between the District's contributions and its proportion share of total contributions to the pension systems not included in pension expense. The third item is revenues from grants received that have met all other eligibility requirements except those related to time restrictions. The fourth item is related to OPEB reporting in the District-wide Statement of Net Position. This represents the effect of the net changes of assumptions or other inputs.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

M. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Pension Assets, Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2019, the District reported the following asset (liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) for each of the Systems. The net pension asset (liability) was measured as of March 31, 2019 for ERS and June 30, 2018 for TRS. The total pension asset (liability) used to calculate the net pension asset (liability) was determined by an actuarial valuation. The District's proportion of the net pension asset (liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the Systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the ERS and TRS Systems in reports provided to the District.

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (370,897)	\$ 509,111
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset (liability)	0.0052347%	0.028155%
Change in proportion since the prior measurement date	(0.0002871)%	0.000037%

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District's recognized pension expense of \$232,821 for ERS and \$497,310 for TRS. At June 30, 2019, the District's reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources were:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>		<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 73,037	\$ 380,455	\$ 24,898	\$ 68,915
Changes of assumptions	93,228	1,779,678	0	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	0	95,193	565,152
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	57,367	14,077	13,462	13,898
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	72,181	497,310	0	0
Total	\$ 295,813	\$ 2,671,520	\$ 133,553	\$ 647,965

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

M. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Pension Assets, Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions – (Continued)

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

	<u>ERS</u>		<u>TRS</u>
Year ended:			
2020	\$ 91,197	\$	345,463
2021	(59,593)		35,538
2022	4,928		344,264
2023	53,548		236,115
2024	0		55,566
Thereafter	0		0

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of the measurement date was determined by using an actuarial valuation as noted in the table below, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to the measurement date. The actuarial valuations used the following actuarial assumptions:

Significant actuarial assumptions used in the valuations were as follows:

	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018
Actuarial valuation date	April 1, 2018	June 30, 2017
Interest rate	7.0%	7.25%
Salary scale	4.2%	1.90% - 4.72%
Decrement tables	April 1, 2010 - March 31, 2015	July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014
	Systems experience	Systems experience
Inflation rate	2.5%	2.25%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.5%

For ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on MP-2014. For TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 System's experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries Scale AA.

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2018 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2015. For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

M. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions – (Continued)

The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by each target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation are summarized below:

Measurement date	<u>ERS</u> March 31, 2019	<u>TRS</u> June 30, 2018
<u>Asset type</u>		
Domestic equity	4.55%	5.8%
International equity	6.35	7.3
Global equities	0	6.7
Real estate	5.55	4.9
Domestic fixed income securities	0	1.3
Global fixed income securities	0	0.9
High-yield fixed income securities	0	3.5
Mortgages	0	2.8
Private debt	0	6.8
Short-term	0	0.3
Private equity/alternative investments	7.50	8.9
Absolute return strategies	3.75	0
Opportunistic portfolio	5.68	0
Bonds and mortgages	1.31	0
Cash	(0.25)	0
Inflation index bonds	1.25	0
Real assets	5.29	0

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to calculate the total pension liability was 7.0% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially. Based upon the 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.

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) calculated using the discount rate of 7.0% for ERS and 7.25% for TRS, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (6.0% for ERS and 6.25% for TRS) or 1 percentage point higher (8.0% for ERS and 8.25% for TRS) than the current rate:

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

M. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to the Discount Rate Assumption – (Continued)

	1% Decrease <u>(6.0%)</u>	Current Assumption <u>(7.0%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.0%)</u>
<u>ERS</u>			
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$(1,621,621)	\$ (370,897)	\$ 679,800
	1% Decrease <u>(6.25%)</u>	Current Assumption <u>(7.25%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(8.25%)</u>
<u>TRS</u>			
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$(3,497,678)	\$ 509,111	\$ 3,865,688

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension asset (liability) of the employers as of the respective valuation dates were as follows:

	(Dollars in thousands)		
	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Measurement date	March 31, 2019	June 30, 2018	
Employers' total pension asset (liability)	\$(189,803,429)	\$(118,107,253)	\$(307,910,682)
Plan fiduciary net position asset (liability)	182,718,124	119,915,518	302,633,642
Employers' net pension asset (liability)	(7,085,305)	1,808,265	(5,277,040)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to the employers' total pension asset (liability)	96.27%	101.53%	98.29%

Payables to the Pension Plans

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the System's fiscal year which ends on March 31. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 based on paid ERS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amounted to \$72,181.

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 are paid to the System in September, October and November 2019 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 represent employee and employer contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 based on paid TRS wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS System. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2019 amount to \$531,829.

Additional pension information can be found in Note 9.

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NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

N. Unearned Revenue

The District reports unearned revenues on its Statement of Net Position and its Balance Sheet. On the Statement of Net Position, unearned revenue arises when resources are received by the District before it has legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the District has legal claim to resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized. The District has no unearned revenue at June 30, 2019.

O. Vested Employee Benefits

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences consist of unpaid accumulated annual sick leave, vacation and sabbatical time.

Sick leave eligibility and accumulation is specified in negotiated labor contracts and in individual employment contracts. Upon retirement, resignation or death, employees may contractually receive a payment based on unused accumulated sick leave.

District employees are granted vacation in varying amounts, based primarily on length of service and service position. Some earned benefits may be forfeited if not taken within varying time periods.

Consistent with GASB Statement 16, *Accounting for Compensated Absences*, the liability has been calculated using the vesting/termination method and an accrual for that liability is included in the District-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability is calculated based on the pay rates in effect at year end.

In the fund statements, only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the General Fund based upon expendable and available financial resources. These amounts are expensed on a pay-as-you go basis.

P. Other Benefits

District employees participate in the New York State Employees' Retirement System and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

In addition to providing pension benefits, the District provides post-employment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits to retired employees and their survivors in accordance with the provision of various employment contracts in effect at the time of retirement.

Substantially all of the District's employees may become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

Q. Short-Term Debt

The District may issue Revenue Anticipation Notes (RANs) and Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs), in anticipation of the receipt of revenues. These notes are recorded as a liability of the fund that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of the notes. The RANs and TANs represent a liability that will be extinguished by the use of expendable, available resources of the fund.

The District may issue budget notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of the annual budget during any fiscal year for expenditures for which there is an insufficient or no provision made in the annual budget. The budget note must be repaid no later than the close of the second fiscal year succeeding the year in which the note was issued.

The District may issue deficiency notes up to an amount not to exceed 5% of the amount of that same year's annual budget in any fund or funds arising from revenues being less than the amount estimated in the budget for that fiscal year. The deficiency notes may mature no later than the close of the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which they were issued. However, they may mature no later than the close of the second fiscal year after the fiscal year in which they were issued, if the notes were authorized and issued after the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year following the year in which they were issued.

The District may issue Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs), in anticipation of proceeds from the subsequent sale of bonds. These notes are recorded as current liabilities of the funds that will actually receive the proceeds from the issuance of bonds. State law requires that BANs issued for capital purposes be converted to long-term financing within five years after the original issue date.

R. Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations

Payables, accrued liabilities and long-term obligations are reported in the District-wide financial statements. In the governmental funds, payables and accrued liabilities are paid in a timely manner and in full from current financial resources. Claims and judgments, other post-employment benefits payable and compensated absences that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund's financial statements only to the extent that they are due for payment in the current year. Bonds and other long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

Long-term obligations represent the District's future obligations or future economic outflows. The liabilities are reported as due in one year or due within more than one year in the Statement of Net Position.

S. Equity Classifications

District-Wide Statements

In the District-wide statements, there are three classes of net position:

i) **Net Investment in Capital Assets**

Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, constructions or improvements of those assets.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

S. Equity Classifications – (Continued)

District-Wide Statements – (Continued)

ii) Restricted Net Position

Reports net positions when constraints placed on the assets or deferred outflows of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

iii) Unrestricted Net Position

Reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications and is deemed to be available for general use by the District.

Funds Statements

In the fund basis statements, there are five classifications of fund balance:

1. Nonspendable

Includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance includes the inventory recorded in the School Lunch Fund of \$10,712.

2. Restricted

Includes amounts with constraints placed on the use of resources either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. All encumbrances of funds other than the General Fund are classified as restricted fund balance.

The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

Currently Utilized by the District:

Debt Service

According to General Municipal Law §6-1, the Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service, must be established for the purpose of retiring the outstanding obligations upon the sale of District property or capital improvement that was financed by obligations that remain outstanding at the time of sale. The funding of the reserve is from the proceeds of the sale of School District property or capital improvement. This reserve is accounted for in the Debt Service Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

S. Equity Classifications – (Continued)

Funds Statements – (Continued)

2. Restricted – (Continued)

Currently Utilized by the District: – (Continued)

Retirement Contributions

According to General Municipal Law §6-r, must be used for financing retirement contributions. The reserve must be accounted for separate and apart from all other funds and a detailed report of the operation and condition of the fund must be provided to the Board. Under the new amendments to General Municipal Law §6-r, the Board of Education, by resolution, can establish a sub-fund within its retirement contribution reserve fund to finance retirement contributions to the New York State Teacher Retirement System. In addition, the amount of monies contributed annually to the sub-fund cannot exceed 2%, nor can the balance of the sub-fund exceed 10% of the compensation or salaries of the TRS members during the immediate preceding fiscal year. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

Workers' Compensation

According to General Municipal Law §6-j, must be 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 self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. This reserve is accounted for in the General Fund under Restricted Fund Balance.

3. Committed

Includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision making authority, i.e., the Board of Education. The School District has no committed fund balances as of June 30, 2019.

4. Assigned

Includes amounts that are constrained by the District's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The purpose of the constraint must be narrower than the purpose of the General Fund, and in funds other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance also includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

S. Equity Classifications – (Continued)

Funds Statements – (Continued)

5. Unassigned

Includes all other General Fund amounts that do not meet the definition of the above four classifications and are deemed to be available for general use by the District and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the General Fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from overspending for specific purposes for which amounts had been restricted or assigned.

NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318 limits the amount of unexpended surplus funds a school district can retain to no more than 4% of the School District's budget for the General Fund for the ensuing fiscal year. Nonspendable and restricted fund balance of the General Fund are excluded from the 4% limitation. Amounts appropriated for the subsequent year and encumbrances are also excluded from the 4% limitation.

Order of Use of Fund Balance

The Board has adopted Policy #5571 allowing establishment or removal of assignments of fund balance through Board resolution based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. Policy #5571 further denotes the order of use of fund balance to be recommended to the Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools on an annual basis.

T. New Accounting Standards

The District has adopted all current Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are applicable. At June 30, 2019, the District implemented the following new standards issued by GASB:

GASB has issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2019. This statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of liability and corresponding deferred outflow of resources for asset retirement obligations.

GASB has issued Statement No. 88, *Certain Disclosures Related to Debt, including Direct Borrowings and Direct Placements*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2019. This statement establishes new disclosure requirements related to debt.

U. Future Changes in Accounting Standards

GASB has issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2020. This statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities.

GASB has issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2021. This statement requires the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases previously classified as operating leases along with recognition of inflows and outflows of resources, as appropriate.

GASB has issued Statement No. 89, *Accounting Interest Cost Incurred before the End of a Construction Period*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2021. This statement requires that interest cost incurred during construction be expensed in that period rather than being included in the cost of the capital asset.

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NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – (CONTINUED)

U. Future Changes in Accounting Standards – (Continued)

GASB has issued Statement No. 90, *Majority Equity Interests – an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 61*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2020. This statement requires the reporting of majority equity interests which meet the definition of an investment at fair value and requires the reporting of majority equity interests which do not meet the definition of an investment as a component unit.

GASB has issued Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, effective for the year ending June 30, 2022. This statement provides a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers.

The District will evaluate the impact each of these pronouncements may have on its financial statements and will implement them as applicable and when material.

NOTE 2 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Due to the differences in the measurement focus and basis of accounting used in the funds statements and the District-wide statements, certain financial transactions are treated differently. The basic financial statements contain a full reconciliation of these items. The differences result primarily from the economic focus of the District-wide statements, compared with the current financial resources focus of the governmental funds.

A. Total Fund Balance of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the District’s governmental funds differ from “net position” of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the solely current financial resources focus of the governmental fund balance sheets, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term liabilities, including pensions.

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities

Differences between the funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance and the Statement of Activities fall into one of five broad categories, as described below:

i) Long-Term Revenue Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered “available”, whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a modified accrual basis, whereas the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities.

ii) Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds for the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

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NOTE 2 – EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS – (CONTINUED)

B. Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance vs. Statement of Activities – (Continued)

iii) Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because both interest and principal payments are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund statements, whereas interest payments are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

iv) Pension Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of changes in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset (liability) and differences between the District's contributions and its proportionate share of the total contributions to the pension systems.

v) OPEB Differences

OPEB differences occur as a result of changes in the District's total OPEB liability and differences between the District's contributions and OPEB expense.

NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the following governmental funds for which legal (appropriated) budgets are adopted.

The voters of the District defeated the proposed appropriation budget; consequently, the Board of Education adopted a contingency budget, which includes appropriations for teachers' salaries and other ordinary contingent expenses. Under a contingency budget, the District's tax levy may not be greater than the tax levied for the prior school year. However, the administrative component of a contingency budget, exclusive of the capital component, may not comprise a greater percentage of the budget than the lesser of that percentage of the prior year's budget, or the percentage in the last defeated budget.

Appropriations are adopted at the program line item level.

Appropriations established by the adoption of the budget constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year are increased by the planned use of specific reserves, and budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law). These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. No supplemental appropriations occurred during the year.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year.

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NOTE 3 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY – (CONTINUED)

Budgets – (Continued)

Budgets are established and used for individual capital project fund expenditures as approved by a special referendum of the District’s voters. The maximum project amount authorized is based primarily upon the cost of the project, plus any requirements for external borrowings, not annual appropriations. These budgets do not lapse and are carried over to subsequent fiscal years until the completion of the projects.

Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting is used for budget control and monitoring purposes and is reported as a part of the governmental funds. Under this method, purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded to reserve applicable appropriations. Outstanding encumbrances as of year-end are presented as restrictions or assignments of fund balance and do not represent expenditures or liabilities. These commitments will be honored in the subsequent period. Related expenditures are recognized at that time, as the liability is incurred, or the commitment is paid.

New York State Real Property Tax Law Limit

The portion of the District’s fund balance subject to the New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318 limit exceeded the amount allowable, which is 4% of the District’s budget for the upcoming school year.

Deficit Fund Balance

The School Lunch Fund had a deficit fund balances at June 30, 2019. This deficit will be eliminated in future years.

NOTE 4 – CASH (AND CASH EQUIVALENTS) – CUSTODIAL CREDIT, CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT, INTEREST RATE AND FOREIGN CURRENCY RISKS

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. While the District does not have a specific policy for custodial credit risk, New York State statutes govern the District’s investment policies, as discussed previously in these Notes.

The District’s aggregate bank balances (disclosed in the financial statements), included balances not covered by depository insurance at year-end, collateralized as follows:

Uncollateralized	\$	0
Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent, but not in the District’s name		2,212,542

Restricted cash represents cash and cash equivalents where use is limited by legal requirements. These assets represent amounts required by statute to be reserved for various purposes. Restricted cash as of year-end includes \$935,003 in governmental funds and \$140,730 in fiduciary funds.

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NOTE 5 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2019, were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Retirements/ Reclassifications	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets that are not depreciated:				
Land	\$ 54,970	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 54,970
Construction in progress	7,191,172	20,949	0	7,212,121
Total nondepreciable historical cost	7,246,142	20,949	0	7,267,091
Capital assets that are depreciated:				
Buildings	21,072,058	0	0	21,072,058
Furniture and equipment	2,491,210	551,484	256,115	2,786,579
Total depreciable historical cost	23,563,268	551,484	256,115	23,858,637
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Buildings	6,921,342	255,015	0	7,176,357
Furniture and equipment	1,041,438	280,922	178,867	1,143,493
Total accumulated depreciation	7,962,780	535,937	178,867	8,319,850
Total depreciable historical cost – net	15,600,488	15,547	77,248	15,538,787
GRAND TOTAL – NET	\$22,846,630	\$ 36,496	\$ 77,248	\$ 22,805,878
Depreciation was allocated to the following programs as follows:				
General support		\$ 101,411		
Instruction		376,262		
Pupil transportation		41,849		
School lunch program		16,415		
Total		\$ 535,937		

NOTE 6 – SHORT-TERM DEBT

The District had no short-term debt for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

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NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM DEBT

Interest paid on long-term debt for the year was \$373,487.

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year are summarized below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Government activities:					
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 12,874,381	\$ 280,000	\$ 1,394,381	\$ 11,760,000	\$ 1,360,000
Other liabilities:					
Other post-employment benefits	43,979,679	0	4,992,796	38,986,883	0
Compensated absences	556,646	44,545	0	601,191	0
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	\$ 57,410,706	\$ 324,545	\$ 6,387,177	\$ 51,348,074	\$ 1,360,000

The following is a summary of the maturity of long-term indebtedness:

<u>Description of Issue</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Outstanding at June 30, 2019</u>
Serial Bonds	9/15/2016	9/15/2021	1.750%	\$ 175,000
Serial Bonds	9/15/2018	9/15/2023	2.625-2.75%	280,000
Serial Bonds	6/15/2018	6/15/2033	2.75%-3.125%	6,645,000
Serial Bonds	9/15/2017	9/15/2023	0.5%-3.26%	225,000
Serial Bonds	9/17/2014	9/15/2019	1.75-1.80%	65,000
Serial Bonds	9/15/2015	9/15/2020	1.820%	110,000
Serial Bonds	6/15/2007	6/15/2023	4.010%	1,360,000
Serial Bonds	12/27/2011	6/15/2026	2.25%-3.00%	2,900,000
TOTAL				\$ 11,760,000

The following is a summary of maturing debt service requirements:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fiscal year ending June 30:			
2020	\$ 1,415,000	\$ 349,733	\$ 1,764,733
2021	1,390,000	307,988	1,697,988
2022	1,360,000	268,357	1,628,357
2023	1,340,000	227,851	1,567,851
2024	950,000	186,250	1,136,250
Thereafter	5,305,000	753,525	6,058,525
TOTALS	\$ 11,760,000	\$ 2,093,704	\$ 13,853,704

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NOTE 8 – INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

	<u>Interfund</u>		<u>Interfund</u>	
	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 372,188	\$ 30,736	\$ 67,541	\$ 55,651
Special Aid Funds	30,736	267,132	55,651	20,311
School Lunch Fund	0	105,000	0	0
Capital Fund	0	50,805	0	5,002
Debt Service Fund	50,805	0	0	42,228
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Total government activities	453,729	453,673	123,192	123,192
Fiduciary Agency Fund	0	56	0	0
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Totals	<u>\$ 453,729</u>	<u>\$ 453,729</u>	<u>\$ 123,192</u>	<u>\$ 123,192</u>

Interfund receivables and payables, other than between governmental activities and fiduciary funds, are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.

The District typically loans resources between funds for the purpose of mitigating the effects of transient cash flow issues.

NOTE 9 – PENSION PLANS

General Information

The District participates in the New York State Employees' Retirement System (NYSERS) and the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (NYSTRS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer public employee retirement systems. The Systems offer a wide range of plans and benefits, which are related to years of service and final average salary, vesting of retirement benefits, death and disability.

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided:

Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as, death and disability 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. The System is governed by a 10 member Board of Trustees. System benefits are established under New York State Law. Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The System issues a publicly available financial report that contains financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395 or by referring to the TRS Comprehensive Annual Financial report, which can be found on the System's website at www.nystrs.org.

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NOTE 9 – PENSION PLANS – (CONTINUED)

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided: – (Continued)

Employees' Retirement System (ERS)

The District participates in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). This is a cost-sharing multiple-employer retirement system. The System provides retirement benefits as well as death and disability benefits. The net position of the System is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the System. The Comptroller of the State of New York serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the System. The New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL) govern obligations of employers and employees to contribute, and benefits to employees. Once a public employer elects to participate in the System, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The System is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. The System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, Office of the State Comptroller, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244 or by referring to the ERS Comprehensive Annual Report, which can be found at www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php.

The Systems are noncontributory except for employees who joined after July 27, 1976, who contribute 3% of their salary for the first ten years of membership, and employees who joined on or after January 1, 2010, who generally contribute 3.0% to 3.5% of their salary for their entire length of service. In addition, employee contribution rates under ERS tier VI vary based on a sliding salary scale. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions based on salaries paid during the Systems' fiscal year ending March 31. For TRS, contribution rates are established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board pursuant to Article 11 of the Education Law.

The District is required to contribute at a rate determined actuarially by the Systems. The District contributions made to the Systems were equal to 100% of the contributions required for each year. Required contributions for the current and two preceding years were:

	<u>NYSTRS</u>	<u>NYSERS</u>
2018-2019	\$ 497,310	\$ 232,821
2017-2018	407,513	249,140
2016-2017	512,193	204,405

Since 1989, the NYSERS billings have been based on Chapter 62 of the Laws of 1989 of the State of New York. This legislation requires participating employers to make payments on a current basis, while amortizing existing unpaid amounts relating to the System's fiscal years ending March 31, 1988 and 1989, over a 17 year period, with an 8.75% interest factor added. Local governments were given the option to prepay this liability, which the District did not exercise.

ERS has provided additional disclosures through entities that elected to participate in Chapter 260, 57 and 105.

Additional pension information can be found in Note 1 M.

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NOTE 10 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS

General Information About the OPEB Plan:

Plan Description

The District's defined benefit OPEB plan, provides OPEB for all permanent full-time general and public safety employees of the District. The plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. Article 11 of the State Compiled Statutes grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements to the District Board. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Benefits Provided

The District provides healthcare and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At June 30, 2019, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	93
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active employees	<u>118</u>
Total	<u>211</u>

Total OPEB Liability:

The District's total OPEB liability of \$38,986,883 was measured as of July 1, 2018 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2018.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

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:

Inflation	2.4%
Salary Increases	4%, average, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.87%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	5.40% for 2019, decreasing to an ultimate rate of 3.94% for 2089 and later years.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE 10 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS – (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – (Continued)

The discount rate was based on the Bond Buyer Weekly 20-Bond GO Index.

Mortality rates were based on the RPH-2014 Mortality Table for employees, sex distinct, with generational mortality adjusted to 2006 using scale MP-2014, and projected forward with scale MP-2018.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability:

Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 43,979,679
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	1,532,616
Interest	1,622,167
Changes in benefit terms	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	(4,271,214)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(2,972,172)
Benefit payments	<u>(904,193)</u>
Net changes	<u>(4,992,796)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 38,986,883</u>

Changes in assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 3.6% to 3.87% as well as an update to the mortality tables.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.87%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.87%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 45,832,630	\$ 38,986,883	\$ 33,501,022

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NOTE 10 – POST-EMPLOYMENT (HEALTH INSURANCE) BENEFITS – (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (4.40% decreasing to 2.94%) or 1 percentage point higher (6.40% decreasing to 4.94%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease (4.40%) Decreasing to <u>2.94%</u>	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (5.40%) Decreasing to <u>3.94%</u>	1% Increase (6.40%) Decreasing to <u>4.94%</u>
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 32,933,457	\$ 38,986,883	\$ 46,785,904

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

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the District recognized a negative OPEB expense of \$458,988. At June 30, 2019, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 0	\$ 3,509,857
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	0	6,571,822
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>1,085,351</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,085,351</u>	<u>\$10,081,679</u>

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

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

2020	\$ (1,295,370)
2021	(2,380,721)
2022	(2,380,721)
2023	(2,151,910)
2024 and thereafter	<u>(787,606)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (8,996,328)</u>

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NOTE 11 – RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft, damage, injuries, errors and omissions, natural disasters, and other risks. The risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage.

Consortiums and Self-Insured Plans

The District participates in Oneida Herkimer Madison Consortium Workers' Compensation Plan, a risk-sharing pool to insure Workers' Compensation claims. This is a public entity risk pool created under Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation Law to finance liability and risks related to Workers' Compensation claims. The District's share of the liability for unbilled and open claims has not been provided by the Pool at the time these financial statements were prepared but is thought to be no greater than prior contribution which the District has made to the Pool. The liability would be reported as a long-term debt.

NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The District has received grants which are subject to audit by agencies of the federal and state governments. Such audits may result in disallowances and a request for a return of funds to the federal and state governments. The District's administration believes that disallowances, if any, would be immaterial.

NOTE 13 – TAX ABATEMENTS

The County of Herkimer enters into various property tax and sales tax (if applicable) abatement programs for the purpose of economic development. The School District's property tax revenue was reduced \$2,054,020. The District received Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) payment totaling \$288,669.

NOTE 14 – OTHER CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE AND NET POSITION

Net position and total fund balance of the District increased by \$9,990. This increase was comprised of an increase of \$21,846 to the general fund and a decrease of \$11,496 to write off old outstanding balances from prior years.

NOTE 15 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the issuance of the audit report. None were considered material to the issued financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Revenues</u>	<u>Final Budget Variance with Budgetary Actual Over (Under)</u>
REVENUES:				
Local Sources				
Real property taxes	\$ 5,013,273	\$ 4,165,145	\$ 4,162,233	\$ (2,912)
Real property tax items	311,820	1,159,948	1,159,425	(523)
Charges for services	68,900	68,900	5,403	(63,497)
Use of money and property	5,720	5,720	16,443	10,723
Sale of property and compensation for loss	6,500	6,500	741	(5,759)
Miscellaneous	145,000	145,000	303,006	158,006
Total Local Sources	5,551,213	5,551,213	5,647,251	96,038
State Sources	11,071,805	11,071,805	11,041,051	(30,754)
Federal Sources	25,000	25,000	82,098	57,098
Total Revenues	16,648,018	16,648,018	16,770,400	122,382
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Transfers from other funds	47,230	47,230	67,541	20,311
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	16,695,248	16,695,248	16,837,941	\$ 142,693

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – BUDGET (NON-GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures</u>	<u>Year End Encumbrances</u>	<u>Final Budget Variance With Budgetary Actual and Encumbrances (Over) Under</u>
EXPENDITURES					
General Support					
Board of Education	16,310	16,310	10,514	\$ 0	\$ 5,796
Central administration	190,311	190,311	187,558	0	2,753
Finance	481,869	481,869	438,381	0	43,488
Staff	56,006	56,006	22,141	0	33,865
Central services	1,301,571	1,303,317	1,080,235	0	223,082
Special items	371,195	371,195	362,557	0	8,638
Instructional					
Instruction, administration and improvements	392,814	392,852	390,310	0	2,542
Teaching – regular school	4,147,794	4,128,068	3,904,821	0	223,247
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	1,718,795	1,718,795	1,425,615	0	293,180
Occupational education	386,316	386,316	367,920	0	18,396
Teaching - special school	13,218	24,106	13,524	0	10,582
Instructional media	590,413	597,539	470,743	5,400	121,396
Pupil services	767,158	771,109	716,349	3,648	51,112
Pupil Transportation	977,192	980,156	867,181	0	112,975
Employee Benefits	4,595,905	4,595,905	4,178,511	0	417,394
Debt Service	1,780,447	1,780,447	1,767,868	0	12,579
Total Expenditures	17,787,314	17,794,301	16,204,228	9,048	1,581,025
Other Financing Uses					
Transfers to other funds	110,924	110,924	55,651	0	55,273
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	17,898,238	17,905,225	16,259,879	\$ 9,048	\$ 1,636,298
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,202,990)	(1,209,977)	578,062		
FUND BALANCE – BEGINNING	3,038,919	3,038,919	3,038,919		
OTHER CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	0	0	21,486		
FUND BALANCE – ENDING	\$ 1,835,929	\$ 1,828,942	\$ 3,638,467		

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN TOTAL OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS**

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019 AND 2018

Measurement Date	July 1, 2018	July 1, 2017
Total OPEB Liability		
Service cost	\$ 1,532,616	\$ 1,948,258
Interest	1,622,167	1,404,992
Change of benefit terms	0	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	(4,271,214)	0
Change of assumptions or other inputs	(2,972,172)	(6,308,579)
Benefit payments	<u>(904,193)</u>	<u>(829,451)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	(4,992,796)	(3,784,780)
Total OPEB Liability - beginning	<u>43,979,679</u>	<u>47,764,459</u>
Total OPEB Liability - ending	<u>\$ 38,986,883</u>	<u>\$ 43,979,679</u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 6,648,613	\$ 6,648,613
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	586.39%	661.49%
Plan's fiduciary net position	\$ 0	\$ 0
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 38,986,883	\$ 43,979,679

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

NYS Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0052347%	0.0055218%	0.0050638%	0.0051216%	0.0051012%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 370,897	\$ 178,213	\$ 475,807	\$ 822,027	\$ 172,331
District's covered-employee payroll	1,617,598	1,574,196	1,401,025	1,394,126	1,484,259
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	22.9%	11.3%	34.0%	59.0%	11.6%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	96.3%	98.2%	94.7%	90.7%	97.9%

NYS Teachers' Retirement System

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.028155%	0.028118%	0.028177%	0.027883%	0.028427%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ (509,111)	\$ (213,726)	\$ 301,792	\$ (2,896,191)	\$(3,166,568)
District's covered-employee payroll	5,042,484	4,555,199	4,621,368	4,491,961	4,235,645
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	10.1%	4.7%	6.5%	64.5%	74.8%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	101.53%	100.70%	99.00%	110.50%	111.48%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 AND 2015

NYS Employees' Retirement System

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 232,821	\$ 249,140	\$ 204,405	\$ 206,397	\$ 289,475
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>232,821</u>	<u>249,140</u>	<u>204,405</u>	<u>206,397</u>	<u>289,475</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,617,598	\$ 1,574,196	\$ 1,401,025	\$ 1,394,126	\$ 1,484,259
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.39%	15.83%	14.59%	14.80%	19.50%

NYS Teachers' Retirement System

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 535,512	\$ 446,410	\$ 541,624	\$ 595,634	\$ 734,237
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>535,512</u>	<u>446,410</u>	<u>541,624</u>	<u>595,634</u>	<u>734,237</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 5,042,484	\$ 4,555,199	\$ 4,621,368	\$ 4,491,961	\$ 4,235,645
Contribution as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.33%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET –
GENERAL FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

ADOPTED BUDGET	\$ 17,898,238
ADDITIONS:	
Prior year's encumbrances	<u>6,987</u>
FINAL BUDGET	<u><u>\$ 17,905,225</u></u>

SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

2019-2020 voter-approved expenditure budget	\$ 18,335,529
Maximum allowed (4% of 2019-2020 budget)	733,421
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:	
Unrestricted fund balance:	
Assigned fund balance	1,038,654
Unassigned fund balance	<u>1,664,810</u>
Total unrestricted fund balance	2,703,464
Less:	
Appropriated fund balance and encumbrances	<u>1,038,654</u>
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to Section 1318 of Real Property Tax Law	<u><u>\$ 1,664,810</u></u>
Actual percentage	9.1%

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

**WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND – PROJECT EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING RESOURCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Project Title	Original Appropriation	Revised Appropriation	Expenditures to Date		Unexpended Balance	Methods of Financing			Fund Balance
			Prior Year	Current Year		Proceeds of Obligations	State Aid	Local Sources	
Renovation:									
Bus	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	\$ 0	\$ 279,109	\$ 891	\$ 280,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 891
School renovations/alterations	6,157,000	6,157,000	6,771,395	83,193	(697,588)	6,431,258	460,619	0	37,289
Excel school renovation	6,159,000	6,159,000	6,153,998	5,002	0	5,920,000	239,000	0	0
TOTALS	\$ 12,596,000	\$ 12,596,000	\$ 12,925,393	\$ 367,304	\$ (696,697)	\$ 12,631,258	\$ 699,619	\$ 0	\$ 38,180

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in independent auditors' report.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	\$ 22,805,878
DEDUCT:	
Short-term portion of bonds payable	1,360,000
Long-term portion of bonds payable	<u>10,400,000</u>
NET INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 11,045,878</u></u>

See paragraph on supplementary schedules included in auditors' report.



**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**

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
West Canada Valley Central School District
Newport, New York

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 aggregate remaining fund information of West Canada Valley Central School 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 September 9, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Canada Valley Central School 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 West Canada Valley Central School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of West Canada Valley Central School 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 West Canada Valley Central School 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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

WEST & COMPANY CPA PC

Gloversville, New York
September 9, 2019

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
West Canada Valley Central School District
Newport, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of West Canada Valley Central School District as of June 30, 2019, and the related statement of revenues collected and expenses paid for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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 an opinion 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. 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 qualified audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Insufficient accounting controls are exercised over cash receipts at the point of collections to the time of submission to the Central Treasurer. Accordingly, it was impracticable to extend our audit of such receipts beyond the amounts recorded.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and fund balances of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds of the West Canada Valley Central School District as of June 30, 2019, and the revenues collected and expenses paid for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

Gloversville, New York
September 9, 2019

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES ARISING FROM CASH TRANSACTIONS

JUNE 30, 2019

ASSETS	
Cash	<u>\$ 62,568</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 62,568</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND CLUB BALANCES	
Club balances	<u>\$ 62,568</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CLUB BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 62,568</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

<u>Activity Names</u>	<u>Beginning Balance July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Ending Balance June 30, 2019</u>
BAA	\$ 3,840	\$ 7,175	\$ 8,186	\$ 2,829
Band Club	3,598	15,352	16,158	2,792
Class of 2019	7,618	17,838	25,456	0
Class of 2020	2,378	10,595	8,309	4,664
Class of 2021	1,294	8,477	6,062	3,709
Class of 2022	1,963	1,737	1,228	2,472
Class of 2023	939	3,881	3,477	1,343
Class of 2024	0	2,727	1,543	1,184
Dramatics Club	3,200	13,886	15,666	1,420
FCCLA	477	315	242	550
GAA	8,889	16,007	13,021	11,875
International Club	0	1,213	914	299
NYS Sales Tax	394	4,732	4,901	225
PALS	2,856	3,876	3,187	3,545
Senior Honor Society	310	0	10	300
Sisters	907	4,124	4,002	1,029
Ski Club	26	3,004	2,958	72
Student Council Checking	3,957	8,753	7,862	4,848
Student Council Mun. Savings	2,995	16	0	3,011
West Canadians	12,419	5,614	6,319	11,714
Yearbook	9,482	8,224	13,019	4,687
TOTALS	<u>\$ 67,542</u>	<u>\$ 137,546</u>	<u>\$ 142,520</u>	<u>\$ 62,568</u>

See notes to financial statements.

WEST CANADA VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXTRACLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The transactions of the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are considered part of the reporting entity of the West Canada Valley Central School District. The related year end cash balances are shown as part of the Trust and Agency Fund with the offset being shown as agency liabilities. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds of West Canada Valley Central School District represent funds of the students of the District. The District's Board exercises general oversight on these funds. The Extraclassroom Activity Funds are independent of the District with respect to the financial transactions and the designation of student management.

The books and records of the West Canada Valley Central School District's Extraclassroom Activity Funds are maintained on the cash basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when cash is received and expenditures recognized when cash is disbursed.

NOTE 2 – MANAGEMENT LETTER

Management letter items associated with the Extraclassroom Activity Funds are included in the management letter accompanying the District's financial statements.



September 9, 2019

To the President and the Other Members
of the Board of Education of the
West Canada Valley Central School District
Newport, New York

Re: Management Letter
June 30, 2019

In planning and performing our audit of the basic financial statements of the West Canada Valley Central School District for the year ended June 30, 2019, we considered the District's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the basic financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the School District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the basic financial statements.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily disclose all matters that might be reportable. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected by such controls.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of these specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level risk that errors or fraud, in amounts that would be material in relation to the basic financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control and its operations to be material weaknesses as defined above.

However, during our audit we became aware of the following matters and we would like to make the following comments and recommendations:

Prior-Year Findings

1. Extraclassroom Activity Funds

Prior Condition: In the prior year testing of Extraclassroom Activity Funds, we found one instance where sales tax was not paid.

Status: In the current year, we noted one instance where sales tax was not charged.

Recommendation: We recommend the District review and ensure compliance with NYS Pamphlet #2.

2. **School Lunch Fund Deficit**

Prior Condition: The School Lunch Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$48,466.

Status: In the current year, the School Lunch Fund decreased the deficit by \$4,441 to a total deficit of \$44,025.

Recommendation: As food requirements are changing and costs continue to increase that are beyond the control of the school lunch manager, management and the Board of Education should review the School Lunch Fund pricing to determine if changes need to be made in order to restore fund balance.

3. **General Fund – Unassigned Fund Balance**

Prior Condition: The District currently has unassigned fund balance that has exceeded 4% of the subsequent year’s General Fund appropriation budget. Real property tax law states that the unassigned fund balance should not exceed 4% of the subsequent year’s General Fund appropriation budget.

Status: This condition remains unchanged as of June 30, 2019.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Board of Education take the necessary actions to reduce the District’s General Fund unassigned fund balance to statutory limits.

4. **Summer Handicapped**

Prior Condition: The summer handicapped program has over 3 years of receivables recorded in the Federal Fund.

Status: This condition has been corrected for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Current-Year Findings

1. **Disbursement Testing**

Condition: During our testing of disbursements, we noted two instances where the purchase orders were dated after the invoice date.

Recommendation: We recommend that management ensure all purchasing follows the purchasing policy.

We appreciate the assistance and courtesies extended to us by your staff during our fieldwork. The Business Office was well prepared for our audit.

Please let us know if you would like to discuss our comments and recommendations.

Very truly yours,

WEST & COMPANY CPAs PC

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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 September 16, 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 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.

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.

APPENDIX D

Bond Insurance and Specimen Policy

BOND INSURANCE

BOND INSURANCE POLICY

Concurrently with the issuance of the Bonds, Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp. ("AGM") will issue its Municipal Bond Insurance Policy (the "Policy") for the Bonds maturing on June 15 of the years 2023 through 2026, inclusive (the "Insured Bonds"). The Policy guarantees the scheduled payment of principal of and interest on the Insured Bonds when due as set forth in the form of the Policy included as an appendix to this Official Statement.

The Policy is not covered by any insurance security or guaranty fund established under New York, California, Connecticut or Florida insurance law.

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

AGM is a New York domiciled financial guaranty insurance company and an indirect subsidiary of Assured Guaranty Ltd. ("AGL"), a Bermuda-based holding company whose shares are publicly traded and are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "AGO". AGL, through its operating subsidiaries, provides credit enhancement products to the U.S. and international public finance (including infrastructure) and structured finance markets and, as of October 1, 2019, asset management services. Neither AGL nor any of its shareholders or affiliates, other than AGM, is obligated to pay any debts of AGM or any claims under any insurance policy issued by AGM.

AGM's financial strength is rated "AA" (stable outlook) by S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), "AA+" (stable outlook) by Kroll Bond Rating Agency, Inc. ("KBRA") and "A2" (stable outlook) by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"). Each rating of AGM should be evaluated independently. An explanation of the significance of the above ratings may be obtained from the applicable rating agency. The above ratings are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold any security, and such ratings are subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating agencies, including withdrawal initiated at the request of AGM in its sole discretion. In addition, the rating agencies may at any time change AGM's long-term rating outlooks or place such ratings on a watch list for possible downgrade in the near term. Any downward revision or withdrawal of any of the above ratings, the assignment of a negative outlook to such ratings or the placement of such ratings on a negative watch list may have an adverse effect on the market price of any security guaranteed by AGM. AGM only guarantees scheduled principal and scheduled interest payments payable by the issuer of bonds insured by AGM on the date(s) when such amounts were initially scheduled to become due and payable (subject to and in accordance with the terms of the relevant insurance policy), and does not guarantee the market price or liquidity of the securities it insures, nor does it guarantee that the ratings on such securities will not be revised or withdrawn.

Current Financial Strength Ratings

On July 16, 2020, S&P announced it had affirmed AGM's financial strength rating of "AA" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that S&P may take.

On December 19, 2019, KBRA announced it had affirmed AGM's insurance financial strength rating of "AA+" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that KBRA may take.

On August 13, 2019, Moody's announced it had affirmed AGM's insurance financial strength rating of "A2" (stable outlook). AGM can give no assurance as to any further ratings action that Moody's may take.

For more information regarding AGM's financial strength ratings and the risks relating thereto, see AGL's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Capitalization of AGM

At June 30, 2020:

- The policyholders' surplus of AGM was approximately \$2,667 million.
- The contingency reserves of AGM and its indirect subsidiary Municipal Assurance Corp. ("MAC") (as described below) were approximately \$1,018 million. Such amount includes 100% of AGM's contingency reserve and 60.7% of MAC's contingency reserve.
- The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commission income of AGM and its subsidiaries (as described below) were approximately \$2,048 million. Such amount includes (i) 100% of the net unearned premium reserve and deferred ceding commission income of AGM, (ii) the net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGM's wholly owned subsidiaries Assured Guaranty (Europe) plc ("AGE UK") and Assured Guaranty (Europe) SA ("AGE SA"), and (iii) 60.7% of the net unearned premium reserve of MAC.

The policyholders' surplus of AGM and the contingency reserves, net unearned premium reserves and deferred ceding commission income of AGM and MAC were determined in accordance with statutory accounting principles. The net unearned premium reserves and net deferred ceding commissions of AGE UK and AGE SA were determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference

Portions of the following documents filed by AGL with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") that relate to AGM are incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and shall be deemed to be a part hereof:

- (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 (filed by AGL with the SEC on February 28, 2020);
- (ii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2020 (filed by AGL with the SEC on May 8, 2020); and
- (iii) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2020 (filed by AGL with the SEC on August 7, 2020).

All information relating to AGM included in, or as appendices to, documents filed by AGL with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, excluding Current Reports or portions thereof "furnished" under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K, after the filing of the last document referred to above and before the termination of the offering of the Insured Bonds shall be deemed incorporated by reference into this Official Statement and to be a part hereof from the respective dates of filing such documents. Copies of materials incorporated by reference are available over the internet at the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, at AGL's website at <http://www.assuredguaranty.com>, or will be provided upon request to Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp.: 1633 Broadway, New York, New York 10019, Attention: Communications Department (telephone (212) 974-0100). Except for the information referred to above, no information available on or through AGL's website shall be deemed to be part of or incorporated in this Official Statement.

Any information regarding AGM included herein under the caption "BOND INSURANCE – Assured Guaranty Municipal Corp." or included in a document incorporated by reference herein (collectively, the "AGM Information") shall be modified or superseded to the extent that any subsequently included AGM Information (either directly or through incorporation by reference) modifies or supersedes such previously included AGM Information. Any AGM Information so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Official Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

Miscellaneous Matters

AGM makes no representation regarding the Bonds or the advisability of investing in the Bonds. In addition, AGM has not independently verified, makes no representation regarding, and does not accept any responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement or any information or disclosure contained herein, or omitted herefrom, other than with respect to the accuracy of the information regarding AGM supplied by AGM and presented under the heading "BOND INSURANCE".



MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE POLICY

ISSUER:

Policy No: -N

BONDS: \$ in aggregate principal amount of

Effective Date:

Premium: \$

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. ("AGM"), for consideration received, hereby UNCONDITIONALLY AND IRREVOCABLY agrees to pay to the trustee (the "Trustee") or paying agent (the "Paying Agent") (as set forth in the documentation providing for the issuance of and securing the Bonds) for the Bonds, for the benefit of the Owners or, at the election of AGM, directly to each Owner, subject only to the terms of this Policy (which includes each endorsement hereto), that portion of the principal of and interest on the Bonds that shall become Due for Payment but shall be unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer.

On the later of the day on which such principal and interest becomes Due for Payment or the Business Day next following the Business Day on which AGM shall have received Notice of Nonpayment, AGM will disburse to or for the benefit of each Owner of a Bond the face amount of principal of and interest on the Bond that is then Due for Payment but is then unpaid by reason of Nonpayment by the Issuer, but only upon receipt by AGM, in a form reasonably satisfactory to it, of (a) evidence of the Owner's right to receive payment of the principal or interest then Due for Payment and (b) evidence, including any appropriate instruments of assignment, that all of the Owner's rights with respect to payment of such principal or interest that is Due for Payment shall thereupon vest in AGM. A Notice of Nonpayment will be deemed received on a given Business Day if it is received prior to 1:00 p.m. (New York time) on such Business Day; otherwise, it will be deemed received on the next Business Day. If any Notice of Nonpayment received by AGM is incomplete, it shall be deemed not to have been received by AGM for purposes of the preceding sentence and AGM shall promptly so advise the Trustee, Paying Agent or Owner, as appropriate, who may submit an amended Notice of Nonpayment. Upon disbursement in respect of a Bond, AGM shall become the owner of the Bond, any appurtenant coupon to the Bond or right to receipt of payment of principal of or interest on the Bond and shall be fully subrogated to the rights of the Owner, including the Owner's right to receive payments under the Bond, to the extent of any payment by AGM hereunder. Payment by AGM to the Trustee or Paying Agent for the benefit of the Owners shall, to the extent thereof, discharge the obligation of AGM under this Policy.

Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, the following terms shall have the meanings specified for all purposes of this Policy. "Business Day" means any day other than (a) a Saturday or Sunday or (b) a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York or the Insurer's Fiscal Agent are authorized or required by law or executive order to remain closed. "Due for Payment" means (a) when referring to the principal of a Bond, payable on the stated maturity date thereof or the date on which the same shall have been duly called for mandatory sinking fund redemption and does not refer to any earlier date on which payment is due by reason of call for redemption (other than by mandatory sinking fund redemption), acceleration or other advancement of maturity unless AGM shall elect, in its sole discretion, to pay such principal due upon such acceleration together with any accrued interest to the date of acceleration and (b) when referring to interest on a Bond, payable on the stated date for payment of interest. "Nonpayment" means, in respect of a Bond, the failure of the Issuer to have provided sufficient funds to the Trustee or, if there is no Trustee, to the Paying Agent for payment in full of all principal and interest that is Due for Payment on such Bond. "Nonpayment" shall also include, in respect of a Bond, any payment of principal or interest that is Due for Payment made to an Owner by or on behalf of the Issuer which has been recovered from such Owner pursuant to the

United States Bankruptcy Code by a trustee in bankruptcy in accordance with a final, nonappealable order of a court having competent jurisdiction. "Notice" means telephonic or telecopied notice, subsequently confirmed in a signed writing, or written notice by registered or certified mail, from an Owner, the Trustee or the Paying Agent to AGM which notice shall specify (a) the person or entity making the claim, (b) the Policy Number, (c) the claimed amount and (d) the date such claimed amount became Due for Payment. "Owner" means, in respect of a Bond, the person or entity who, at the time of Nonpayment, is entitled under the terms of such Bond to payment thereof, except that "Owner" shall not include the Issuer or any person or entity whose direct or indirect obligation constitutes the underlying security for the Bonds.

AGM may appoint a fiscal agent (the "Insurer's Fiscal Agent") for purposes of this Policy by giving written notice to the Trustee and the Paying Agent specifying the name and notice address of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent. From and after the date of receipt of such notice by the Trustee and the Paying Agent, (a) copies of all notices required to be delivered to AGM pursuant to this Policy shall be simultaneously delivered to the Insurer's Fiscal Agent and to AGM and shall not be deemed received until received by both and (b) all payments required to be made by AGM under this Policy may be made directly by AGM or by the Insurer's Fiscal Agent on behalf of AGM. The Insurer's Fiscal Agent is the agent of AGM only and the Insurer's Fiscal Agent shall in no event be liable to any Owner for any act of the Insurer's Fiscal Agent or any failure of AGM to deposit or cause to be deposited sufficient funds to make payments due under this Policy.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, AGM agrees not to assert, and hereby waives, only for the benefit of each Owner, all rights (whether by counterclaim, setoff or otherwise) and defenses (including, without limitation, the defense of fraud), whether acquired by subrogation, assignment or otherwise, to the extent that such rights and defenses may be available to AGM to avoid payment of its obligations under this Policy in accordance with the express provisions of this Policy.

This Policy sets forth in full the undertaking of AGM, and shall not be modified, altered or affected by any other agreement or instrument, including any modification or amendment thereto. Except to the extent expressly modified by an endorsement hereto, (a) any premium paid in respect of this Policy is nonrefundable for any reason whatsoever, including payment, or provision being made for payment, of the Bonds prior to maturity and (b) this Policy may not be canceled or revoked. THIS POLICY IS NOT COVERED BY THE PROPERTY/CASUALTY INSURANCE SECURITY FUND SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 76 OF THE NEW YORK INSURANCE LAW.

In witness whereof, ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP. has caused this Policy to be executed on its behalf by its Authorized Officer.

ASSURED GUARANTY MUNICIPAL CORP.

By _____
Authorized Officer

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