

OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JULY 6, 2022

NEW ISSUE

See “**BOND RATING**” herein.

BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE

Moody’s Short Term Rating: MIG 1

In the opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel, under the existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certification described herein, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”), as amended. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that the interest on the Notes is not treated as an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals. Furthermore, Bond Counsel is of the opinion that, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by New York State and any political subdivision thereof. See “TAX EXEMPTION” herein.

The Notes will **NOT** be designated by the District as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

**NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK
(the “District” or the “School District”)**

**\$13,150,000
BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2022
(the “Notes”)**

**At an Interest Rate of 3.75% to Yield 2.15%
CUSIP #: 651287 FR0**

Dated: July 20, 2022

Due: June 29, 2023

Security and Source of Payment: The Notes are general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes. Unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the District is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount (subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York). See “TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW” herein.

Prior Redemption: The Notes will NOT be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, prior to maturity.

Form and Denomination: The Notes will be issued as registered notes and, at the option of the initial purchaser(s), may be registered to the Depository Trust Company (“DTC” or the “securities depository”), or may be registered in the name of the initial purchaser(s).

The Notes are registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC in New York, New York, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry-only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, as may be determined by such successful bidder. Initial purchasers of the Notes will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Notes. Payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes will be made by the District to DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Notes. See “DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES - Book-Entry-Only System” herein.

Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the purchaser(s) and subject to the receipt of the legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York., Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. It is anticipated that the Notes will be available for delivery in Jersey City, New Jersey (through the facilities of DTC) or at such other place as may be agreed with the purchaser(s) on or about July 20, 2022.

THIS REVISED OFFICIAL STATEMENT SUPPLEMENTS THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DATED JUNE 20, 2022 RELATING TO THE OBLIGATIONS THEREOF DESCRIBED THEREIN AND HEREIN BY INCLUDING CERTAIN INFORMATION OMITTED FROM SUCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12. OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH ON THIS REVISED COVER PAGE, THE “RATINGS” SECTION, AND THE DATED DATE ON PAGE 40, THERE HAVE BEEN NO MATERIAL REVISIONS TO SAID OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

**NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

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No person has been authorized by the 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 Notes 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 District.

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK
(the “District”)**

**\$13,150,000
Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022
(the “Notes”)**

This Official Statement, which includes the cover page, has been prepared by the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York (the “District” or “School District”, “County” and “State,” respectively) in connection with the sale by the District of its \$13,150,000 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2022 (the “Notes”).

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

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

Statements in this Official Statement, and the documents included by specific reference, that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, which are based on the District's management's beliefs as well as assumptions made by, and information currently available to, the District's management and staff.

This Official Statement should be read with the understanding that the ongoing COVID-19 global pandemic has continued to create, since its inception in the spring of 2020, prevailing economic conditions (at the global, national, State and local levels) that remain uncertain, have been generally negative, and are subject to the potential for rapid change as new variants emerge and as governments and other organizations respond. These conditions are expected to continue for an indefinite period of time. Significant federal and state relief measures that have been enacted since the onset of the pandemic have served to support the operations and finances of the District, but such measures were temporary in nature and are not likely to be extended or renewed, at least to such a large extent. Accordingly, the District's overall economic situation and outlook (and all of the specific District-related information contained herein) should be carefully reviewed, evaluated and understood in the full light of this unprecedented world-wide and continuing event, the effects of which are extremely difficult to predict and quantify going forward. See “MARKET AND RISK FACTORS: COVID-19,” herein.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The Notes are dated July 20, 2022, and mature, without option of prior redemption, on July 20, 2023. Interest will be calculated on a 30-day month and 360-day year basis, payable at maturity.

The Notes are general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of its faith and credit of the District for payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, 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). Unless paid for from other sources, all the taxable real property within the District is subject to the levy of *ad valorem* taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, sufficient to pay such principal and interest as the same become due, without limitation as to rate or amount, subject to certain statutory limitations imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York. See “TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW,” herein.

The Notes will be issued in registered form. At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes may be registered in the name of the purchaser(s), with principal of and interest on the Notes being payable in Federal Funds at such bank or trust company

located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as may be selected by the successful bidder(s). In such case, the Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, as may be determined by such successful bidder(s). Alternatively, the Notes may be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”), with DTC acting as securities depository for the Notes. See “Book-Entry-Only System,” herein. Under the DTC scenario, one fully registered note certificate will be issued for all Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Principal and interest will be paid in lawful money of the United States of America (federal funds) by the District directly to DTC for its nominee, Cede & Co.

The financial condition of the District as well as the market for the Notes could be affected by a variety of factors, some of which are beyond the control of the District. See “MARKET AND RISK FACTORS,” herein.

Purpose and Authorization

The Notes are issued in accordance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to a bond resolution that was duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”) on February 16, 2021, following a positive vote of the qualified voters of the District that was held on December 15, 2020, authorizing the issuance of up to \$23,569,000 of serial bonds to undertake a portion of the \$30,569,000 “Together We Can, Newfane 2020 – Building Our Future” Capital Improvement Project which consists of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements, additions and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof (the “Project”).

The proceeds of this issue will provide \$13,150,000 in new money for the aforementioned purpose.

Book-Entry-Only System

The following is relevant only if the Notes are issued in book-entry form. The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, NY, will act as securities depository for the Notes, if so requested. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered Notes registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC’s partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC, only if requested by the purchaser prior to the initial issuance of Notes. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each of the notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number and will be deposited with DTC.

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

Purchases of Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Notes on DTC’s records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Note (“Beneficial Owner”) is in

turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Notes is discontinued.

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

Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to Direct Participants, by Direct Participants to Indirect Participants, and by Direct Participants and Indirect Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to take certain steps to augment the transmission of them of notices of significant events with respect to the Notes, such as redemptions, tenders, defaults and proposed amendments to the Notes documents. For example, Beneficial Owners of Notes may wish to ascertain that the nominee holding the Notes 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.

Redemption proceeds, distributions and dividend payments on the Notes will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the District, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

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

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

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

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

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 NOTES (1) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE NOTES; (2) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE NOTES; OR (3) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE NOTES, OR THAT THEY

WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR 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 NOTES; (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 NOTES.

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

Certificated Notes

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes may be registered in the name of the purchaser(s). In such event, principal of and interest on the Notes will be in federal funds at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State as may be selected by the successful bidder(s). In such case, the Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof, as may be determined by such bidder(s).

Security and Source of Payment

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

The Notes are general obligation of the District will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest thereon. For the payment of such principal and interest, the District has the power and statutory authorization to levy *ad valorem* taxes on all of the taxable real property in the District without limitation as to rate or amount, subject to certain statutory limitation imposed by Chapter 97 of the 2011 Laws of New York. See "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW," herein.

Under the State Constitution, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest on the Notes and the State is specifically precluded from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real property therefor. See the discussion under "TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW," herein.

Remedies of Noteholders on Default

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

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

outstanding bonds of such school district issued for school purposes and the statement prepared and filed by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds of the school district found to be in default and the amount of principal and interest thereon past due.

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

Under current law, provision is made for contract creditors (including holders of the Notes) of the District to enforce payments upon such contracts, if necessary, through court action, although the present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to creditors to nine per centum per annum from the date due to the date of payment. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgement, although judicium mandates have been issued to officials to appropriate and pay judgements out of current funds or the proceeds of a tax levy.

In recent times, certain events and legislation affecting remedies on default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have upheld and sustained the rights of noteholders, such courts might hold that future events including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State require exercise by the State of its emergency police power to assure the continuation of essential public service

Special Provisions Affecting Remedies Upon Default

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 judgement 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 Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes.

In accordance with a general rule with respect to municipalities, judgements against the District may not be enforced to 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 or any municipality in the State or its emergency control board to file a petition under any provision of federal bankruptcy law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While this Local Finance Law provision does not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that it will not be made so applicable in the future.

Under the Bankruptcy Code, a petition may be filed in federal bankruptcy court by a municipality which is insolvent or unable to meet its debts as they mature. Generally, the filing of such a petition operates as a stay of any proceeding to enforce a claim against the municipality. The Bankruptcy Code also requires the municipality to file a plan for the adjustment of its debts, which may modify or alter the rights of creditors and would authorize the federal bankruptcy court to permit the municipality to issue certificates of indebtedness, which could have priority over existing creditors and which could be

secured. Any plan of adjustment confirmed by the court must be approved by the requisite majority of creditors. If confirmed by the bankruptcy court, the plan would be binding upon all creditors affected by it. The District has legal capacity to file a petition under the Bankruptcy Code.

It might be asserted that under the Bankruptcy Code interest and principal debt service payments made by the District within 90 days of the District filing a bankruptcy petition were voidable preferences. In the event these assertions were made and sustained by the bankruptcy court, the recipients of those preferential payments could be required to refund them, and their claims would then be treated as if the preferential payments had not been made.

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 action 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 violated 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 the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature, authoring any county, 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 ever been declared with respect to the District.

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

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Information

The District is located in the northern portion of Niagara County, along Lake Ontario, in Western New York State. The District covers a land area of approximately 57 square miles. The District is located approximately 25 miles northeast of Niagara Falls, and approximately 35 miles north of Buffalo.

The District is located primarily in the Town of Newfane, with a substantial portion located in the Town of Lockport and smaller portions located within the Towns of Cambria and Wilson. The District is primarily rural-residential in character with some commercial and agricultural development. Local residents find employment opportunities at various public and private establishments within the District, or commute to nearby Lockport or Buffalo.

District Population

The 2020 population of the School District is estimated to be 10,202. (Source: 2020 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 and County listed below. The figures set below with respect to such Towns, County 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, County 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>2016-2020</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2006-2010</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>
Towns Of:						
Cambria	\$20,397	\$26,540	\$39,565	\$54,583	\$75,633	\$98,776
Lockport	22,194	26,012	34,601	55,414	71,602	88,914
Newfane	18,311	23,744	30,313	50,095	59,284	74,241
Wilson	19,654	26,722	38,058	47,180	61,250	87,500
County Of:						
Niagara	19,219	24,224	31,762	31,762	59,471	75,900
State Of:						
New York	23,389	30,948	40,898	51,691	67,405	87,270

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 census, 2006-2010 and 2016-2020 American Survey data.

District Facilities

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Current Maximum Capacity</u>	<u>Date of Last Addition or Alteration</u>
Newfane Early Childhood Center	Pre-K, K	1959	432	1998
Newfane Elementary	1-4	1959	837	2002
Newfane Middle School	5-8	1948	1,025	1998
Newfane Senior High	9-12	1965	734	1998

Source: District Officials

District Employees

The School District employs 224 full-time employees and 18 part-time employees. The number of members, the collective bargaining units which represent them and their current contract expiration dates are as follows:

<u>Bargaining Unit</u>	<u>Employees</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Newfane Teachers' Association (NYSUT)	130	6/30/2022*
Newfane School Unit (CSEA)	79	6/30/2022*
Cafeteria Personnel Association	16	6/30/2022*
Non-Union	8	6/30/2022*
Newfane Administrators' Association	7	6/30/2022*

*Under Negotiation
Source: District Officials

Historical and Projected Enrollment

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Projected</u>
2017-18	1,500	2022-23	1,279
2018-19	1,470	2023-24	1,248
2019-20	1,385	2024-25	1,225
2020-21	1,323	2025-26	1,230
2021-22	1,337	2026-27	1,232

Source: District Officials

Employee Pension Benefits

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

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

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

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

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

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

On March 16, 2012, legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier VI pension program. The Tier VI plan only applies to those employees hired on or after April 1, 2012. The new pension tier has progressive contribution rates between 3% to 6% of salary; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under previous tiers, there was no limit to the number of public employers a public employee worked for from which retirement benefits could be calculated. Tier VI permits only two salaries to be included in the calculation. The pension multiplier for Tier VI is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years of service. The final average salary is based on a five-year average instead of the previous Tiers' three-year average. Pension eligible overtime for civilian and non-uniformed employees will be capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation. For uniformed employees outside of New York City, the cap is set at 15% of base pay. The number of sick and leave days that can be applied toward retirement service credit is reduced from 200 to 100. The legislation includes an optional defined contribution plan for new non-union employees with annual salaries of \$75,000 or more. The State is required to fund any pension enhancements on an ongoing basis. This is a potential future cost savings for local governments.

The District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The actual contribution for the last five years and the budgeted figures for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 fiscal years are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2017-2018	\$339,317	\$1,111,726
2018-2019	379,979	1,266,674
2019-2020	350,145	987,177
2020-2021	396,612	1,006,710
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	459,190	1,174,883
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	460,000	1,096,996

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2017-2018 fiscal year through the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the adopted budget of the District for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and the proposed budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

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 have an early retirement incentive program. The program starts at \$10,000 after 10 years which increases by \$667 and then maxes out at \$20,000 as long as they are within the 365 days after the teacher first became eligible to retire under the NYSTRS.

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 (2018 to 2022) is show below:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>ERS</u>	<u>TRS</u>
2017-2018	15.3%	9.80%
2018-2019	14.9	10.62
2019-2020	14.6	8.86
2020-2021	14.6	9.53
2021-2022	16.2	9.80

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

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

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

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

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

The State’s 2019-2020 Enacted Budget will allow school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding/offsetting the cost of TRS contributions. School districts may pay into such fund, during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. As of January 21, 2020, the Board established a TRS Reserve. The reserve was funded on June 30, 2021, with \$200,000.

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 June 30, 2019, and financial data as of June 30, 2021, the School District's beginning year total OPEB liability was \$52,955,998, the net change for the year was \$3,842,538 resulting in a total OPEB liability of \$56,798,536 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The aforementioned liability is recognized and disclosed in accordance with GASB 75 standards in the School District's June 30, 2021, 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>
Newfane Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center	Nursing Home	250
Newfane Central School	Public Education	232
Tops Market (2 Locations)	Grocery Store	120
Sun Orchard Fruit Co.	Fruit Packing & Shipping	58
Niagara Fresh Fruit	Cold Storage Facility	56

Source: District Officials

Unemployment Rate Statistics

Unemployment statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the District) is the 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 District is necessarily representative of the County or vice versa.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Niagara County Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>New York State Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>U.S. Unemployment Rate</u>
2017	6.1%	4.6%	4.4%
2018	5.2%	4.1%	3.9%
2019	4.8%	3.8%	3.7%
2020	10.1%	9.9%	8.1%
2021	5.7%	6.9%	4.7%

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	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Niagara County	6.1%	5.7%	5.5%	4.5%	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	4.8%	5.0%	4.6%	3.8%	N/A
New York State	7.5%	7.1%	6.7%	5.7%	5.3%	4.9%	4.5%	5.3%	5.1%	4.7%	4.2%	N/A

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

Investment Policy

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

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the School District's current policy to invest in: (1) savings account or money market accounts of designated banks; (2) certificates of deposit issued by a bank or trust company located in and authorized to do business in New York State; (3) demand deposit accounts in a bank or trust company located in and authorized to do business in New York State; (4) obligations of New York State; (5) obligations of the United States Government (U.S. Treasury bills and notes); and (6) repurchase agreements involving the purchase and sale of direct obligation of the United States.

Form of School Government

Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the President of the Board of Education is the chief fiscal officer of the District. However, certain of the financial functions of the District are the responsibility of the Business Administrator.

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 2019-20 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 21, 2019, by a vote of 383 to 199. The budget called for a total tax levy increase of 1% which was below the District's Tax Cap.

The school district budget vote for the 2020-21 fiscal year was originally scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, however, annual school budget votes across the State are postponed until June 9, 2020, under an Executive Order from former Governor Andrew Cuomo that extended and expanded restrictions aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19. The budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year was approved by the qualified voters on June 9, 2020, by a vote of 1,092 yes to 439 no. The School District's 2020-21 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 18, 2021, by a vote of 300 to 105. The School District 2021-22 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

The budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 17, 2022, by a vote of 483 yes to 191 no. The School District 2022-23 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97 of the laws of 2011.

State Aid

The School District receives financial assistance from the State. In its adopted budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year, approximately 56.68% of the revenues of the School District are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. If the State should not adopt its budget in a timely manner, in any year, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the District, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid.

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State.

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

There can be no assurance that the State appropriation for building aid and other State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid, including building aid appropriated and apportioned to the School District, can be paid only if the State has such monies available therefor. The availability of such monies and the timeliness of such payment could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget or their elimination therefrom.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the 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 (See also "MARKET AND RISK FACTORS" herein).

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

Federal Aid Received by the State - Since March 2020, the state has been awarded over \$14 billion in federal education COVID response funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (“CRRSA”); and the America Rescue Plan (“ARP”) Act. These funds are supporting the ability of local educational agencies to address the impact that COVID19 has had and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in the State. The District has been allocated a total of approximately \$3,392,000 in ARP funds available through September 2024 and \$1,281,000 in CRRSA funds available through September 2023, and was also allocated a total of \$700,000 under three separate ARP-SLR (State-Level-Reserve) subcategories of Learning Loss, Comprehensive After-school and Summer Enrichment.

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

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 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.

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

The State 2017-2018 Enacted 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 2017-2018 Enacted Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 Enacted Budget included nearly \$1 billion in additional education funding over the prior year, representing a 3.9% increase over 2017-2018. 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 stood at \$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. For the seventh consecutive year, the Foundation Aid increase was distributed using a one year, off formula methodology. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget guaranteed that all school districts receive an increase in Foundation Aid over their 2017-2018 levels. \$50 million of the Foundation Aid increase was "set aside" for certain school districts to fund community schools. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget fully funded all expense-based aid for 2018-2019, including building, transportation, BOCES and special education aid. These categories served 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 2018-2019.

The State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget included a total of \$27.69 billion for School Aid, a year-to-year funding increase of \$956 million or 3.6 percent, and provided 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 increased the Community Schools set-aside funding amount by \$49.99 million to a total of \$250.0 million. This increased funding was targeted to districts with failing schools and/or districts experiencing significant growth in English language learners. The 2019-2020 Enacted Budget increased the minimum community schools funding amount from \$75,000 to \$100,000. To enable 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 was 3.7 percent lower than in the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget but was offset in part with increased federal support. This reduction in State Operating Funds support was offset by approximately \$1.1 billion in funding provided to the

State through the federal CARES Act, including the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Education Relief Fund and the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund. With these federal funds, 20 State aid in the school district fiscal year 2020-2021 totaled approximately \$27.9 billion, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget continued prior year funding levels for existing programs, including Foundation Aid, Community Schools and Universal Prekindergarten. The 2020-2021 Enacted Budget also provided over \$200 million in support for competitive grant programs, including \$1 million for development of a new Civics Education curriculum and \$10 million for a Student Mental Health 11 program. Funding for expense-based aids, such as Building Aid, Transportation Aid, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) Aid was continued under existing aid formulas. Out-year growth in School Aid reflected current projections of the ten-year average growth in State personal income. The State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget authorized the State’s Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State Aid, in the event that actual State revenues come in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceed 101% of estimates. See “State Aid” herein for a discussion of this provision set forth in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget. Pursuant to that provision, in October, 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by \$1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. With these federal funds, State aid totaled \$27.9 billion in the State’s 2020-2021 Enacted Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent from the 2019-2020 Enacted Budget. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department (“SED”) advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received and the State released all of the withheld funds prior to June 30, 2021.

The State’s 2021-22 Budget included \$29.5 billion in State aid to school districts, and significantly increased funding for schools and local governments, including a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year phase in of the full restoration to school districts of Foundation Aid that was initially promised in 2007. Additionally, the budget included the use of \$13 billion of federal funds for emergency relief, along with the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief, which included, in part, the allocation of \$629 million to school districts as targeted grants in an effort to address learning loss as a result of the loss of enrichment and after-school activities. In addition, \$105 million of federal funds were allocated to expand full-day kindergarten programs. Under the budget, school districts are to be reimbursed for the cost of delivering school meals and instructional materials in connection with COVID-19-related school closures in spring 2020, along with the costs of keeping transportation employees and contractors on stand-by during the short-term school closures prior to the announcement of the closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019-20 year.

The State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget provides \$31.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2 percent compared to the 2021-22 school year, and includes a \$1.5 billion or 7.7 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget also programs \$14 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor’s Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, is designed to assist public schools to reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget allocates \$100 million over two years for a new State matching fund for school districts with the highest needs to support efforts to address student well-being and learning loss. In addition, the State’s 2022-23 Enacted Budget increases federal funds by \$125 million to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2022-23 school year.

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 21 adjustment" as described above, and other aid adjustments. The final phase-in of foundation aid is slated to be completed by the end of the 2023-2024 State fiscal year.

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 *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* 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. On October 14, 2021, Governor Hochul announced that New York State has reached an agreement to settle and discontinue the New Yorkers for Students' Educational Rights v. New York State case, following through on the State's commitment to fully fund the current Foundation Aid formula to New York's school districts over three years and ending the State's prior opposition to providing such funding. The settlement requires New York to phase-in full funding of Foundation Aid by the FY 2024 budget. In the 2022 Enacted State Budget approved in April 2022, the Executive and Legislature agreed to fully fund the Foundation Aid by FY 2024 budget and enacted this commitment into law. A breakdown of the currently anticipated Foundation Aid funding is available below:

- FY 2022: \$19.8 billion, covering 30% of existing shortfall
- FY 2023: Approximately \$21.3 billion, cover 50% of the anticipated shortfall
- FY 2024: Approximately \$23.2 billion, eliminating the anticipated shortfall, and funding the full amount of Foundation Aid for all school Districts

The following table illustrates the percentage of total revenue of the District for each of the below fiscal years comprised of State aid and budgeted figures for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Fiscal Year	Total Revenues	Total State Aid	Percentage of Total Revenues Consisting of State Aid
2016-2017	\$ 32,502,494	\$ 18,843,156	57.97%
2017-2018	31,892,424	17,873,755	56.04
2018-2019	31,975,269	17,358,250	54.29
2019-2020	32,725,105	17,820,896	54.46
2020-2021	32,359,062	17,522,946	54.15
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	33,654,340	19,075,241	56.68
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	34,158,355	19,501,382	57.09

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2016-2017 fiscal year through the 2020-2021 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2021-2022 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 five fiscal years of the District are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending In</u>	<u>Stress Designation</u>	<u>Fiscal Score</u>
2021	No Designation	6.7%
2020	No Designation	6.7
2019	No Designation	6.7
2018	No Designation	0.0
2017	No Designation	0.0

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.

New York State Comptroller Report of Examination

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

The State Comptroller released its most recent audit report of the District on November 6, 2020. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether the Newfane Central School District Board and District officials properly managed fund balance and reserves from July 1, 2016-April 27, 2020. Key findings and recommendations of the State Comptroller were as follows:

Key Findings:

The Board and District officials can better manage fund balance and reserves.

- The practice of annually appropriating fund balance that is not needed to finance operations and overstating appropriations concealed the actual surplus fund balance.
 - When unused appropriated fund balance and encumbrances are added back, surplus fund balance exceeded the limit each year by \$8.1 million to \$9 million, or 26 to 28 percentage points, which exceeded the 4 percent statutory limit.
- \$13.4 million was improperly restricted in two reserves:
 - \$12.6 million in the employee benefit accrued liability reserve.
 - \$800,000 in the debt service reserve.

Key Recommendations:

- Reduce surplus fund balance to comply with the legal limit and use the excess funds in a manner that benefits taxpayers.
- Return funds improperly restricted to surplus fund balance in compliance with applicable statutes.

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.

There are no recent State Comptrollers 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 Notes 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, 2021 and may be found attached hereto as Appendix B.

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

TAX INFORMATION

Assessed and Full Valuations

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
Assessed Valuations:									
Cambria	\$10,350,493	(1)	\$10,394,130		\$10,408,300		\$10,544,668		\$10,550,566
Lockport	66,732,910		70,535,570		73,912,767		80,950,122		80,944,681
Newfane	398,811,982		402,008,965		403,259,795		406,317,825		411,025,351
Wilson	<u>4,319,956</u>		<u>4,320,666</u>		<u>4,319,639</u>		<u>4,315,958</u>		<u>4,345,027</u>
Total	\$480,215,341		\$487,259,331		\$491,900,501		\$502,128,573		\$506,865,625

Equalization Rates:

Cambria	100.00%	(1)	100.00%		95.00%		89.00%		82.00%
Lockport	100.00%		100.00%		100.00%		100.00%		88.00%
Newfane	83.00%		78.00%		75.00%		71.00%		65.00%
Wilson	81.00%		79.00%		73.00%		71.00%		67.00%

Full Valuations:

Cambria	\$10,350,493		\$10,394,130.00		\$10,956,105.26		\$11,847,941.57		\$12,866,543.90
Lockport	66,732,910		70,535,570		73,912,767		\$80,950,122.00		\$91,982,592.05
Newfane	480,496,364		515,396,109		537,679,727		\$572,278,626.76		\$632,346,693.85
Wilson	<u>5,333,279</u>		<u>5,469,197</u>		<u>5,917,314</u>		<u>\$6,078,814.08</u>		<u>\$6,485,114.93</u>
Total	\$562,913,046		\$601,795,006		\$628,465,913		\$671,155,504		\$743,680,945

(1) Significant change due to revaluation

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

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		<u>2022</u>
Cambria	\$ 23.14	(1)	\$ 22.29		\$ 22.69		\$ 22.91		\$ 22.55
Lockport	23.14		22.29		21.56		20.39		21.02
Newfane	27.88		28.58		28.75		28.72		28.45
Wilson	28.57		28.22		29.53		28.72		27.60

(1) Significant change due to revaluation

Tax Collection Procedure

Tax payments are due October 3rd. There is no penalty charge during the month of September, but a 2% penalty is charged from October 4th to November 2nd. After November 1st, uncollected taxes plus penalties are returnable to the County for collection. The School District receives these amounts from the County prior to the end of the School District's fiscal year, thereby assuring 100% tax collection annually. Tax sales are held annually by the County.

Tax Collection Record

Fiscal Year Ended June 30:	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*
Total Tax Levy	\$13,024,626	\$13,415,365	\$13,549,518	\$13,685,014	\$13,753,439
Amount Uncollected	666,182	680,707	670,987	623,229	655,861
% Uncollected	5.11%	5.07%	4.95%	4.46%	4.77%

Note: * Collection figures as of 11/7/2021.

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
2016-2017	\$ 32,502,494	\$ 9,845,675	30.29
2017-2018	31,892,424	10,051,057	31.52
2018-2019	31,975,269	10,631,903	33.25
2019-2020	32,725,105	10,968,327	33.52
2020-2021	32,359,062	11,252,884	34.78
2021-2022 (Budgeted)	33,654,340	13,753,439	40.87
2022-2023 (Budgeted)	34,158,355	13,890,973	40.67

Source: Audited financial statements for the 2016-17 fiscal year through 2020-21 fiscal year and the adopted budget of the District for the 2021-2022 and 2022-23 fiscal year. This table is not audited.

Major Taxpayers 2021

For 2021-22 Tax Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>
Countryside Estates MHC	Trailer Park	\$5,868,000
Niagara Mohawk	Utility	4,125,048
Madison BJ Partners	Supermarket	3,057,600
SCI Ridgeview MHP	Trailer Park	2,919,000
Niagara Mohawk	Utility	2,750,382
NYSEG	Utility	2,592,526
Newfane Realty	Health Building	2,054,100
Russell Farms	Cold Storage	1,941,100
NYSEG	Utility	1,881,432
1093 Group	Real Estate	1,761,300
Total		<hr/> \$28,950,488

1. The above taxpayers represent 5.71% of the School District's 2021-22 assessed value of \$506,865,625

As of the date of this Continuing Disclosure Statement, the District does not currently have any pending or outstanding tax certiorari claims that are known to have a material impact on the District.

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, 2021 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. 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 \$90,550 or less in 2021-22, and \$92,000 or less in 2022-23, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a “full value” exemption of the first \$70,700 for the 2021-2022 school year and \$74,900 for the 2022-23 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 converted the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibited new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-2016 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll.

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 with a \$500,000 limit for the credit. 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. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 or less have the option to select the credit or the exemption.

The State's 2020-21 Enacted State Budget further modified the STAR program. Under such legislation, property owners with property tax delinquencies greater than one year are not eligible for the Basic STAR exemption or the Basic STAR credit. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemptions and credits are not impacted by this program; they may continue to receive STAR benefits even if their property taxes are delinquent. While former Governor Cuomo had issued various Executive Orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that temporarily precluded the State Tax Department from disallowing STAR exemptions or credits, the most recent of such Executive Orders expired on July 5, 2021.

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 modified then-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.

On June 25, 2015, Chapter 20 of the 2015 Laws of New York amended the Tax Levy Limitation Law to extend its expiration from June 15, 2016 to June 15, 2020. The State's enacted budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 made the Tax Levy Limitation Law permanent.

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 28 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. The State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance has promulgated a regulation that will allow school districts, beginning in the year 2020-2021 school year, to adjust the exclusion to reflect a school district's share of capital expenditures related to projects funded through a board of cooperative education services ("BOCES").

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 notes.

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. With respect to certain school building construction projects, the District is not permitted to spend in excess of \$100,000 for construction costs until the plans and specifications for such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State. The District has obtained such approval with respect to the project to be financed by the Notes.

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

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

1. (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose of which the District is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) The provisions of the law which should be complied with as of the date of publication of the notice were not substantially complied with;

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within 20 days after the date of such publication or the notice; or

2. Such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

The District typically complies with this estoppel procedure. It is a procedure that is recommended by Bond Counsel, but it is not an absolute legal requirement.

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

The District is further subject to constitutional limitation by the general constitutionally imposed duty on the State Legislature to restrict the power of taxation and contracting indebtedness; however, the State Legislature is prohibited by a specific constitutional provision from restricting the power of the District to levy taxes on real estate for the payment of interest on or principal of indebtedness theretofore contracted.

Statutory law in the State permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such notes outstanding, commencing no later than two years from the date of the first issuance of such notes and provided that such renewal issues do not exceed five years beyond the original date of borrowing. Additionally, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, legislation has been adopted that allows certain bond anticipation notes originally issued between 2015 and 2021 to be renewed up to seven years prior to the issuance of serial bonds.

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

Debt Outstanding End of Fiscal Year

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Serial Bonds	\$7,500,000	\$6,100,000	\$7,390,000	\$5,800,000	\$4,110,000
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	0	0
Other Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt Outstanding	\$7,500,000	\$6,100,000	\$7,390,000	\$5,800,000	\$4,110,000

Status of Outstanding Bond Issues

Year of Issue:	2012 Series B		2012	
Amount Issued:	\$8,485,000		\$5,529,572	
Purpose/Instrument:	School District Improvements		School District Improvements	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	970,000*	13,338	635,000	19,050
Totals:	\$ 970,000	\$ 13,338	\$ 635,000	\$ 19,050

*Principal payment was made prior to the date of the Debt Statement.

Year of Issue:	2019 A	
Amount Issued:	\$2,735,000	
Purpose/Instrument:	DASNY	
Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	145,000	116,250
2023	150,000	109,000
2024	160,000	101,500
2025	165,000	93,500
2026	175,000	85,250
2027	180,000	76,500
2028	190,000	67,500
2029	200,000	58,000
2030	210,000	48,000
2031	220,000	37,500
2032	230,000	30,900
2033	235,000	24,000
2034	245,000	12,250
Totals:	\$ 2,505,000	\$ 860,150

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>
2022	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 148,638	\$ 1,898,638	37.95%
2023	150,000	109,000	259,000	43.13%
2024	160,000	101,500	261,500	48.36%
2025	165,000	93,500	258,500	53.53%
2026	175,000	85,250	260,250	58.73%
2027	180,000	76,500	256,500	63.86%
2028	190,000	67,500	257,500	69.00%
2029	200,000	58,000	258,000	74.16%
2030	210,000	48,000	258,000	79.32%
2031	220,000	37,500	257,500	84.46%
2032	230,000	30,900	260,900	89.68%
2033	235,000	24,000	259,000	94.86%
2034	245,000	12,250	257,250	100.00%
Totals:	\$ 4,110,000	\$ 892,538	\$ 5,002,538	

Cash Flow Borrowings

The District has not issued tax or revenue anticipation notes in the last five fiscal years. The District does not currently anticipate issuing either tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes in the foreseeable future.

Status of Short-Term Indebtedness

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

Capital Project Plans

The qualified voters of the District approved a \$30,569,000 Capital Project on December 15, 2020. The project will consist of reconstruction and renovation of various buildings and facilities. Construction is set to begin in March 2022 and is estimated to be complete by September 2023. This is the project for which the Notes are being issued, and this will be the first borrowing against the aforementioned authorization.

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 85.0%.

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 June 6, 2022

<u>Town</u>	<u>Taxable Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>State Equalization</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Taxable Full Valuation</u>
Cambria	\$ 10,550,566	82.00%	\$ 12,866,544
Lockport	80,944,681	88.00%	91,982,592
Newfane	411,025,351	65.00%	632,346,694
Wilson	4,345,027	67.00%	<u>6,485,115</u>
Total			<u>\$ 743,680,945</u>
Debt Limit: 10% of Full Valuation			\$ 74,368,094
Inclusions:			
Serial Bonds			<u>\$ 3,140,000</u>
Total Inclusions:			<u>\$ 3,140,000</u>
Exclusions:			
Building Aid Estimate ¹			<u>\$0</u>
Total Exclusions:			<u>\$0</u>
Total Net Indebtedness Before Giving Effect to This Issue:			\$ 3,140,000
New Monies This Issue:			<u>13,150,000</u>
Total Net Indebtedness			<u>\$ 16,290,000</u>
Net Debt Contracting Margin			\$ 58,078,094
Percentage of Debt-Contracting Power Exhausted			21.90%

Notes:

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

Estimated Overlapping Indebtedness

<u>Overlapping Unit</u>	<u>Applicable Equalized Value</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Gross Indebtedness</u>	¹	<u>Exclusions</u>	<u>Net Indebtedness</u>	<u>Estimated Applicable Overlapping Indebtedness</u>
Niagara County	\$ 743,680,945		\$ 12,431,035,632		N/A	\$ 75,645,658	\$ 4,525,466
Town of Cambria	\$ 12,866,544	5.98%	\$ 470,311,953		N/A	\$ 779,000	\$ 21,311
Town of Lockport	\$ 91,982,592	2.74%	\$ 1,244,786,142		N/A	\$ 14,430,000	\$ 1,066,295
Town of Newfane	\$ 632,346,694	7.389%	\$ 632,346,694		N/A	\$ 3,616,739	\$ 3,616,739
Town of Wilson	\$ 6,485,115	100.00%	\$ 395,380,711		N/A	\$ 205,000	\$ 3,362
Total							<u>\$ 9,233,174</u>

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

Notes: Bonds and Bond Anticipation notes as of 2020 fiscal year. Not adjusted to include subsequent bond and note sales

N/A Information not available from source document

Debt Ratios

The following table sets forth certain ratios relating to the District's indebtedness as of June 6, 2022:

	Amount	Per Capita ^(a)	Percentage of Full Value ^(b)
Net Indebtedness	\$ 16,290,000	\$ 1,596.75	2.190%
Net Indebtedness Plus Net Overlapping Indebtedness	\$ 25,523,174	\$ 2,501.78	3.432%

(a) The District's estimated population is 10,246 (Source: 2020 U.S. Census Bureau estimate)

(b) The District's full valuation of taxable real estate for 2021-22 is \$743,680,945

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

MARKET AND RISK FACTORS

There are various forms of risk associated with investing in the Notes. One such risk is that the District will be unable to promptly pay interest and principal on the Notes as they become due (see "Remedies of Noteholders on Default," herein). If a Noteholder elects to sell his or her investment prior to its scheduled maturity date, market access or price risk may be incurred. The following is a discussion of certain events that could affect the risk of investing in the Notes. In addition, there may be other risk factors which a potential investor must consider. In order to make an informed investment decision, an investor should be thoroughly familiar with the entire Official Statement, including its appendices, as well as all areas of potential risk.

There are a number of factors which could have a detrimental effect on the ability of the District to continue to generate revenues, particularly its property taxes. For instance, the termination of a major commercial enterprise or an unexpected revenue increase in tax certiorari proceedings could result in a reduction in the assessed valuation of taxable real property in

the District. In addition, to the extent that the District is dependent on State aid, there can be no assurance that such aid will be continued in the future. Unforeseen developments could also result in substantial increases in District expenditures, thus placing considerable strain on the District's financial condition.

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

If and when a holder of any Note should elect to sell a Note prior to its maturity, there can be no assurance that a market shall have been established, maintained and be in existence for the purchase and sale of any of the Notes. In addition, the price and principal value of the Notes is dependent on the prevailing level of interest rates; if interest rates rise. The price of a Note will decline, causing the Noteholder to incur a capital loss upon the sale of such Note (unless such Note is held to maturity).

On December 22, 2017, then-President Trump signed into law the significant tax reform legislation that is generally referred to as the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017" (the "TCJA"). The TCJA made significant changes to the Code, most of which became effective for the 2018 tax year. The TCJA 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.

Cyber Security

The District, like many other public and private entities, relies on technology to conduct its operations. As a recipient and provider of personal, private, or sensitive information, the District faces multiple cyber threats including, but not limited to hacking, viruses, malware and other attacks on computer and other sensitive digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risk of business operations impact and/or damage from cyber incidents or cyber-attacks, the District invests in various forms of cybersecurity and 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.

COVID – 19

The outbreak of COVID-19, a serious respiratory disease caused by a novel strain of coronavirus, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020.

Economic Impacts

The outbreak of COVID-19 has drastically affected travel, commerce and financial markets globally. While several vaccines have been developed and are now being deployed world-wide, the full and continuing impact of the pandemic is difficult to predict due to uncertainties regarding its ultimate duration and severity. Uncertainty regarding the short, medium and long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic initially caused extreme volatility across all financial markets, including the primary and secondary markets for municipal bonds. In the United States, Congress and the Federal Reserve took immediate significant steps to backstop those markets and to provide much needed liquidity, and the markets then generally stabilized. Still, given these conditions, it is possible that the process of trading the Notes in the secondary market could be affected in ways that are difficult to predict.

Federal Response

The federal government has passed several pieces of legislation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic including the \$2.3 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act of 2020 and the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (“ARP” or the “Arp Act”) of 2021, both of which provide funding for pandemic-related expenses and attempt to address financial stability and liquidity issues through a variety of stimulus measures.

Stimulus Efforts for State and Local Governments: The CARES Act included a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund, which provided funds to states, tribal governments and local governments with populations exceeding 500,000 (local governments with smaller populations could receive monies from the amount allocated to their state). This money was intended for programs that were necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency resulting from the pandemic. This money was not intended to be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but it could indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where the expenses that were covered by this fund would otherwise create a further budget shortfall.

The CARES Act also included an Education Stabilization Fund, which provided \$30.75 billion for K-12 and higher education systems. There were three main forms of relief: \$13.2 billion for K-12 schools that was administered on a state-by-state basis, \$14 billion for public and private colleges and universities, and \$3 billion in emergency relief that governors could distribute to schools, colleges and universities that were particularly affected by COVID-19 and the ensuing crisis.

The ARP Act included an additional \$350 billion for states, tribal governments and local governments. Notably, in addition to the uses allowed under the CARES Act, ARP funds can be used to replace revenues lost due to COVID-19 and to make necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure. These broader categories allow such governments much more flexibility in utilizing the funds.

The ARP Act also included a total of \$170.3 billion in funding for education, including more than \$122.8 billion for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (“ESSER”). The largest portion of such ESSER funds was to be distributed to school districts based on their relative share of Title I funding, but additional moneys were also allocated to help schools address learning time lost by students, after-school and summer enrichment programs, and administration costs.

State Response

Executive Orders: Pursuant to emergency powers granted by the State Legislature, former Governor Cuomo and current Governor Hochul have released a number of executive orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pursuant to State Executive Order 202.4, every school in the State was directed to close no later than March 18, 2020. While schools were originally ordered closed until April 1, the time period was later extended to May 15, and then through the end of the school year. School districts must normally maintain 180-day in-class attendance for State aid; however, this requirement was waived to the extent attributable to COVID-19 related closures during the 2019-20 school year. Additionally, pursuant to State Executive Orders Nos. 202.13 and 202.26, the school district elections and budget votes that normally would have been held in-person on May 19, 2020 were postponed and conducted by absentee ballot, with such ballots being counted on June 16, 2020.

While initially “non-essential” employees were mandated to work from home, starting on May 15, 2020, regions of the State that met certain criteria were allowed to begin reopening.

As COVID-19 cases began to rise again in the fall of 2020, the State shifted to a strategy based on identifying areas with higher positivity rates and implementing successively higher restrictions in such areas. When COVID-19 cases dropped again, affected areas could be removed from the list. As of March 22, 2021, all remaining location-based restrictions were lifted.

Due to the spread of Delta and Omicron variants in the fall and winter of 2021, the State implemented a mask mandate; however, as of February 9, 2022 such State-wide mandate has been lifted.

Since increased supplies of COVID-19 vaccine have become available, the State has encouraged residents to get vaccinated and, currently, all New Yorkers five years of age or older are eligible to receive a vaccine.

Up-to-date information on the State's COVID-19 response can be found at <https://forward.ny.gov>. Reference to website implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein.

State Budget: The City of New York was an early epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, and as a result the State suffered significant revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenses beginning at the end of the State's 2019-2020 fiscal year, and continuing during the State's 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 fiscal years.

In response, the enacted State budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year allowed the State to reduce expenditures (including aid to local school districts and municipalities) if tax receipts were lower than anticipated. Accordingly, in June, 2020 the State Division of the Budget ("DOB") began withholding 20 percent of most local aid payments, although such aid has generally since been restored.

Many of the State's 2020-2021 budget decisions were based on the uncertainty of future federal aid. In the period of time since such decisions were made, the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law (on March 11, 2021), which legislation includes almost \$24 billion in funding for various levels of government in the State, including approximately \$12.5 billion for the State, \$6 billion for New York City, and \$4 billion to be divided among counties in the State; another \$12 billion is intended to be used toward the safe reopening of K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities.

Accordingly, the State enacted budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year was more expansive (about 10% higher) than the prior budget, including significantly increased funding for schools and local governments. School districts benefitted from a \$1.4 billion increase in Foundation Aid and a three-year Foundation Aid full restoration phase-in that will allow all school districts to receive in full, by the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the increased level of Foundation Aid that was originally promised in 2007, along with a \$105 million expansion of full-day prekindergarten. Local governments also received a full restoration of proposed cuts to Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding. Further, municipalities that host Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) facilities received a full restoration of \$10.3 million in proposed VLT aid cuts.

The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget provides \$31.5 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2022-23 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represents an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2 percent compared to the 2021-22 school year, and includes a \$1.5 billion or 7.7 percent Foundation Aid increase. The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget also programs \$14 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools. This funding, available for use over multiple years, is designed to assist public schools to reopen for in-person instruction, address learning loss, and respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs due to the disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget allocates \$100 million over two years for a new State matching fund for school districts with the highest needs to support efforts to address student well-being and learning loss. In addition, the State's 2022-23 Enacted Budget increases federal funds by \$125 million to expand access to full-day prekindergarten programs for four-year-old children in school districts statewide in the 2022-23 school year.

Although both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 State budgets contained additional aid for school districts and municipalities, it is uncertain whether the State will have future budget shortfalls necessitating cuts to State aid. Reductions in the payment of State aid could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State, including the District.

Legislation Allowing Financial Flexibility for Municipalities and School Districts: On August 24, 2020, former Governor Cuomo signed legislation allowing municipalities and school districts additional financial flexibility in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas municipalities and school districts in the State typically may only pursue short-term financing for five years, under certain circumstances the new legislation allows note financing for up to an additional two years prior to converting to long-term bonds.

The new legislation also allows municipalities and school districts additional flexibility related to the use of reserve funds or inter-fund transfers for costs associated with COVID-19. The typical mandatory or permissive referendum requirements for the expenditure of funds from a capital reserve fund have been waived for capital costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic. Moneys from a capital reserve fund can also be temporarily advanced for operating costs or other costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, so long as such moneys are repaid within five fiscal years, with interest.

Additionally, while inter-fund transfers must typically be repaid by the end of the fiscal year in which the transfer is made, inter-fund advances for costs attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic do not need to be repaid until the close of the following fiscal year.

During the course of the pandemic, the District has seen increased expenditures for personal protective equipment, partitions for all classrooms, cleaning staff and additional technology for students and teachers; much of this spending has been covered by the federal dollars that have made their way to the District under the relief legislation discussed above.

While the continuing and future impacts of COVID-19 on the global, federal, State and local economies cannot be predicted with any certainty, the ongoing pandemic could have a significant adverse effect on the District's finances.

Although the District has not yet experienced any lasting adverse financial effects, it is continuing to monitor this situation and, in the absence of any future relief litigation, will attempt to mitigate any such adverse effects through program cuts or staffing reductions, as may be needed.

TAX EXEMPTION

Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel will deliver an opinion that, under existing law, the interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income, of the holders thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for the purpose of the individual alternative minimum tax imposed by the Code. However, such opinion will note that the District, by failing to comply with certain restrictions contained in the Code, may cause interest on the Notes to become subject to federal income taxation from the date of issuance of the Notes. Such opinion will state that interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes imposed by New York State or any political subdivision thereof (including the City of New York).

In rendering the foregoing opinion, Hodgson Russ LLP will note that the exclusion of the interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes is subject to among other things, continuing compliance by the District with the applicable requirements of Sections 141, 148 and 149 of the Code and regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively, the "Tax Requirements"). In the opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, the tax certificate and the non-arbitrage certificate that will be executed and delivered by the District in connection with the issuance of the Notes (collectively, the "Certificates") establish the requirements and procedures, compliance with which will satisfy the Tax Requirements applicable to the Notes.

The Tax Requirements referred to above, which must be complied with in order that interest on the Notes remains excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, include, but are not limited to:

1. The requirement that the proceeds of the Notes be used in a manner so that the Notes are not obligations which meet the definition of a "private activity bond" within the meaning of Code Section 141;
2. The requirement contained in Code Section 148 relating to arbitrage bonds; and
3. The requirement the payment of principal or interest on the Notes not be directly or indirectly guaranteed (in whole or in part) by the United States (or any agency or instrumentality thereof) as provided in Section 149(b) of the Code.

In the Certificates, the District will covenant to comply with the Tax Requirements, and to refrain from taking any action which would cause the interest on the Notes to includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any violation of the Tax Requirements may cause the interest on the Notes to be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes from the date of issuance of the Notes. Hodgson Russ LLP expresses no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should be aware that ownership of, accrual or receipt of interest on, or disposition of, the Notes may have collateral federal income tax consequences for certain taxpayers, including financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, S corporations, certain foreign corporation, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry such obligations. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisors as to any possible collateral

consequences from their ownership of, or receipt of interest on, or disposition of, the Notes. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral federal tax consequences.

In general, information reporting requirements will apply to non-corporate holders with respect to payments of principal, payments of interest, and proceeds of the sale of a bond or note before maturity within the United States. Backup withholding may apply to a holder of the Notes under Code Section 3406, if such holder fails to provide the information required on Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") form W-9, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or the IRS has specifically identified the holder as being subject to backup withholding because of prior underreporting. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a beneficial owner, and which constitutes over-withholding, would be allowed as a refund or credit against such beneficial owner's United States federal income tax provided the required information is furnished to the IRS. Neither the information reporting requirement nor the backup withholding requirement affects the excludability of interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

Bond Counsel has not undertaken to advise in the future whether any events occurring after the date of issuance of the Notes may affect the tax status of interest on the Notes. The Code has been continuously subject to legislative modifications, amendments, and revisions and proposals for future changes are regularly submitted by leaders of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. No representation is made as to the likelihood of such proposals being enacted in their current or similar form, or if enacted, the effective date of any such legislation, and no assurances can be given that such proposals or amendments will not materially and adversely affect the economic value of the Notes or the tax consequences of ownership of the Notes. Prospective purchasers are encouraged to consult their own legal and tax advisors with respect to these matters.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The validity of the Notes will be covered by the unqualified legal opinion of Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, Bond Counsel to the School District, such opinion to be delivered with the Notes.

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

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, unless the Notes are purchased for the purchaser's own account, as principal for investment and not for resale, the School District will enter into a Disclosure Undertaking at closing, the form of which is attached hereto as "Appendix C". A purchaser buying for its own account shall deliver a municipal securities disclosure certificate that documents its intent to purchase the Bonds as principal for investment and not for resale (in a form satisfactory to Bond Counsel) establishing that an exemption from the Rule applies.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The School District has established procedures designed to ensure that future filings of continuing disclosure information will be in compliance with existing continuing disclosure obligations, including transmitting such filings to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 through the Electronic Municipal Market Access System.

LITIGATION

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

On August 13, 2020 the District was served with a summons and complaint alleging claims under the Child Victims Act. The claim summons and complaint have been publicly filed in Niagara County Supreme Court and names the District as one of several defendants. At this early stage it is not possible to determine the potential cost to the District arising from this claim.

On March 9, 2021 the District was served with a summons and complaint alleging claims under the Child Victims Act. The claim summons and complaint have been publicly filed in Niagara County Supreme Court and names the District as one of several defendants. At this early stage it is not possible to determine the potential cost to the District arising from this claim.

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

BOND RATING

The Notes were sold as non-rated. The Purchaser, Jefferies LLC, chose to have the Notes rated following the sale at its expense, including any fees incurred by the District. Such a rating action is a material event under the Rule, and requires the District to post a material even notification to EMMA pursuant to the Disclosure Undertaking of the Notes, the form of which is attached hereto as "Appendix D". On July 7, 2022, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. has assigned its short-term rating of MIG 1 to the Notes.

Generally, rating 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 rating will continue for any given period of time or that it will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by such rating agency if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant.

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 Notes and has reviewed and commented on certain legal documents, including this Official Statement. The advice on the plan of financing and the structuring of the Notes was based on materials provided by the District and other sources of information believed to be reliable. The Municipal Advisor has not audited, authenticated, or otherwise verified the information provided by the District or the information set forth in this Official Statement or any other information available to the District with respect to the appropriateness, accuracy, or completeness of disclosure of such information and no guarantee, warranty, or other representation is made by the Municipal Advisor respecting the accuracy and completeness of or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.

MISCELLANEOUS

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement have been duly authorized by the Board. Concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, the District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the

Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the District is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, the District has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and to the knowledge of the District, since the date of the Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the District and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the District or in its financial condition as shown in the Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Official Statement. Certain information contained in the Official Statement has been obtained from sources other than the District. All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of laws herein do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions.

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 Notes.

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

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: Kevin Klumpp, District Treasurer, phone: (716) 778-6855; email: kklumpp@newfancentralschool.org.

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

Newfane Central School District

**Dated: July 6, 2022
Newfane, New York**

Margaux Lingle, or such designated successor
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>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	Budget <u>2022</u>
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	\$21,803,229	\$24,021,273	\$24,866,969	\$24,086,187	\$25,983,425	\$19,294,224 ^E
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Real Property Taxes	\$9,845,675	\$10,051,057	\$10,631,903	\$10,968,327	\$11,252,884	\$13,753,439
Real Property Tax Items	3,117,839	3,042,714	2,862,469	2,651,787	2,492,704	56,660
Charges for Services	78,839	113,033	228,388	298,748	288,380	191,000
Use of Money & Property	189,416	228,440	428,726	370,258	243,427	262,000
Sale of Property/Comp. for Loss	35,447	5,640	1,037	468	1,642	1,000
Miscellaneous	336,908	533,727	373,903	446,090	355,206	240,000
Interfund Revenue	24,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	0	990,991
State Aid	18,843,156	17,873,755	17,358,250	17,820,896	17,522,946	19,075,241
Federal Aid	31,214	20,058	66,593	144,531	201,873	75,000
Interfund Transfer	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,372,000</u>
Total Revenues	\$32,502,494	\$31,892,424	\$31,975,269	\$32,725,105	\$32,359,062	\$36,017,331
<u>Expenditures:</u>						
General Support	\$2,966,467	\$3,653,269	\$3,829,311	\$3,479,244	\$3,596,723	\$3,990,745
Instruction	15,786,196	16,419,430	17,142,379	16,342,061	16,838,674	18,736,657
Transportation	1,877,505	1,810,130	2,370,976	1,582,311	2,540,049	2,930,717
Employee Benefits	6,911,076	7,351,349	7,645,674	7,392,549	7,526,016	8,315,574
Debt Service	2,611,031	1,631,825	1,635,275	1,892,281	1,895,975	1,898,638
Interfund Transfer	<u>132,175</u>	<u>180,725</u>	<u>132,436</u>	<u>139,421</u>	<u>6,650,826</u>	<u>145,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$30,284,450	\$31,046,728	\$32,756,051	\$30,827,867	\$39,048,263	\$36,017,331
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Year End Fund Balance	\$24,021,273	\$24,866,969	\$24,086,187	\$25,983,425	\$19,294,224	\$19,294,224 ^E
Excess (Deficit) Revenues Over Expenditures	\$2,218,044	\$845,696	(\$780,782)	\$1,897,238	(\$6,689,201)	0 ¹

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

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

E. Estimated

General Fund – Budget Summary

2022-23 Adopted Budget

Revenues:

Real Property Taxes	\$13,890,973
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	12,000
Miscellaneous	754,000
State Aid	19,501,382
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>2,562,161</u>
Total Revenues	\$36,720,516

Expenditures:

General Support	\$3,978,128
Instruction	19,782,580
Transportation	3,135,051
Employee Benefits	8,387,531
Debt Service	1,292,225
Interfund Transfers	<u>145,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$36,720,516

General Fund – Comparative Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Assets:					
Cash	\$24,304,098	\$22,984,456	\$23,851,331	\$21,134,928	\$20,079,904
Accounts Receivable	673,674	661,917	798,785	0	0
Due from other Funds	792,148	3,233,982	1,241,137	943,371	0
Due from State and Federal Governments	394,618	416,368	421,184	970,561	569,367
Due from Other Governments	0	0	0	570,366	588,689
Investments	0	0	0	3,985,728	4,999,785
Total Assets	<u>\$26,164,538</u>	<u>\$27,296,723</u>	<u>\$26,312,437</u>	<u>\$27,604,954</u>	<u>\$26,237,745</u>
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$246,432	\$727,035	\$494,082	\$187,036	\$333,091
Accrued Liabilities	268,038	303,109	285,241	257,095	313,406
Due to other Governments	84,052	56,035	28,018	0	0
Due to Retirement Systems	1,539,656	1,338,046	1,418,029	1,177,398	1,230,383
Due to other Funds	0	0	0	0	5,066,641
Unearned Revenue	5,087	5,529	880	0	0
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$2,143,265</u>	<u>\$2,429,754</u>	<u>\$2,226,250</u>	<u>\$1,621,529</u>	<u>\$6,943,521</u>
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	\$13,578,540	\$13,610,407	\$13,735,912	\$20,819,979	\$13,136,831
Assigned	4,699,436	6,985,935	5,748,525	4,106,104	1,442,622
Unassigned	5,743,297	4,270,627	4,601,750	1,057,342	4,714,771
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$24,021,273</u>	<u>\$24,866,969</u>	<u>\$24,086,187</u>	<u>\$25,983,425</u>	<u>\$19,294,224</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$26,164,538</u>	<u>\$27,296,723</u>	<u>\$26,312,437</u>	<u>\$27,604,954</u>	<u>\$26,237,745</u>

Source:

Audited Financial Reports. This table is NOT audited.

APPENDIX B

Audited Financial Statements For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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.

**NEWFANE CENTRAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Education
Newfane Central School District

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Newfane Central School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 2 to the financial statements, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, in 2021. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

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


Supplementary Information

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

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2021 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.


September 21, 2021

Management's Discussion and Analysis (unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Introduction

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of Newfane Central School District (the District) provides an overview of the District's financial performance and activities for the year ended June 30, 2021. The information contained in the MD&A should be considered in conjunction with the information presented in the District's financial statements that follow. This MD&A, the financial statements, and notes thereto are essential to obtaining a full understanding of the District's financial position and results of operations. The District's financial statements have the following components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) governmental fund financial statements, (3) reconciliations between the government-wide and governmental fund financial statements, (4) fiduciary fund statements, (5) notes to the financial statements, and (6) supplementary information.

In 2021, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement redefines activities considered to be fiduciary, and as a result, payroll and employee third party withholdings are now recorded in the general fund and scholarship activity is reflected in a miscellaneous special revenue fund. In addition, fiduciary liabilities are only recognized when an event has occurred that compels the District to disburse fiduciary resources.

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

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

Fiduciary funds are used to report fiduciary activities, which may include pension and other postemployment benefit trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. The District maintains a custodial fund for student activity accounts and property taxes levied for other entities which are collected and subsequently paid by the District. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's programs. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the government-wide, governmental fund, and fiduciary fund financial statements.

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

Condensed Statement of Net Position	2021	2020	Change	
			\$	%
Current and other assets	\$ 27,908,000	\$ 30,520,000	\$ (2,612,000)	(8.6%)
Capital assets	31,396,000	30,738,000	658,000	2.1%
Total assets	59,304,000	61,258,000	(1,954,000)	(3.2%)
Deferred outflows of resources	19,885,000	16,515,000	3,370,000	20.4%
Long-term liabilities	63,238,000	61,624,000	1,614,000	2.6%
Other liabilities	2,439,000	1,654,000	785,000	47.5%
Total liabilities	65,677,000	63,278,000	2,399,000	3.8%
Deferred inflows of resources	12,592,000	11,847,000	745,000	6.3%
Net position				
Net investment in capital assets	26,834,000	24,366,000	2,468,000	10.1%
Restricted	19,212,000	21,811,000	(2,599,000)	(11.9%)
Unrestricted	(45,126,000)	(43,529,000)	(1,597,000)	3.7%
Total net position	\$ 920,000	\$ 2,648,000	\$ (1,728,000)	(65.3%)

The District's net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$920,000 and \$2,648,000, respectively. A significant portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets consisting of land, buildings and improvements, and furniture and equipment, less outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The District uses capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. This balance is offset by the District's deficit unrestricted net position. This deficit is a result of the recognition of other postemployment benefits (OPEB) offered by the District to employees upon retirement.

The District's net position also includes resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used, which includes scholarships held for the benefit of students and reserves set aside for specific purposes governed by statutory law and regulations. Such reserves include the capital reserve, which is used for the acquisition or construction of capital facilities; the debt service reserve, which is used for the repayment of bonds issued to finance capital projects; the employee benefit accrued liability reserve, which is restricted to pay for accumulated sick and vacation time; the retirement contribution reserve, used to fund required District contributions to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS); and a reserve for unemployment insurance, which is restricted for unemployment claims.

Total assets decreased by \$1,954,000 (\$696,000 or 1.1% increase in 2020). Current and other assets decreased \$2,612,000 (\$1,296,000 or 4.4% increase in 2020) due to current year capital spending and the conversion of the District's share of the TRS net pension position from an asset of \$1,852,000 to a net pension liability of \$1,869,000. Capital assets increased \$658,000 (\$600,000 or 1.9% decrease in 2020) due to current year additions in excess of depreciation.

Many of the District's employees participate in TRS and ERS. Amounts reported as net pension asset, net pension liability, and deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions relate to these two retirement plans. Changes in these balances, along with changes in the total OPEB liability and deferred outflows and deferred inflows related to OPEB, are heavily influenced by actuarial assumptions. See the footnotes to the financial statements for further details. Long-term liabilities increased \$1,614,000 (increase of \$3,647,000 or 6.3% in 2020) primarily from increases in the District's total OPEB liability, offset by required debt payments.

Condensed Statement of Activities	2021	2020	Change	
			\$	%
Revenues				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 518,000	\$ 661,000	\$ (143,000)	(21.6%)
Operating grants and contributions	1,829,000	1,811,000	18,000	1.0%
General revenues				
Property taxes	13,746,000	13,620,000	126,000	0.9%
State aid	17,523,000	17,821,000	(298,000)	(1.7%)
Other	499,000	614,000	(115,000)	(18.7%)
Total revenues	34,115,000	34,527,000	(412,000)	(1.2%)
Expenses				
Instruction	27,699,000	27,514,000	185,000	0.7%
Support services				
General support	4,922,000	4,860,000	62,000	1.3%
Pupil transportation	2,577,000	1,752,000	825,000	47.1%
Food service	598,000	635,000	(37,000)	(5.8%)
Interest	84,000	177,000	(93,000)	(52.5%)
Total expenses	35,880,000	34,938,000	942,000	2.7%
Change in net position	(1,765,000)	(411,000)	(1,354,000)	329.4%
Net position – beginning	2,648,000	3,059,000	(411,000)	(13.4%)
Cumulative effect of GASB 84	37,000	-	37,000	
Net position – ending	\$ 920,000	\$ 2,648,000	\$ (1,728,000)	(65.3%)

District revenues decreased \$412,000 (decrease of \$97,000 or 0.3% in 2020). State aid decreased \$298,000 (increase of \$463,000 or 2.7% in 2020) as a result of less transportation aid received during the year.

Total expenses increased \$942,000 (\$143,000 or 0.4% increase in 2020). Pupil transportation increased \$825,000 primarily due to the return of in-person instruction in the current year. BOCES services increased \$414,000 (decrease of \$37,000 or 1.0% in 2020) due to the need for additional services for students with special needs and computer-assisted instruction.

Financial Analysis of the District's Funds

Total fund balances for the governmental funds decreased from \$27,024,000 to \$25,477,000 as described below:

- Total fund revenue decreased \$707,000 or 2.0% (increase of \$443,000 or 1.3% in 2020) mainly due to a decrease in State aid, as noted previously.
- Total fund expenditures increased \$2,833,000 or 8.6% (decrease of \$3,029,000 or 8.4% in 2020) due to increases in transportation costs, as previously mentioned, and an increase in capital outlay expenditures as a new capital project is underway.
- The general fund experienced a decrease in fund balance of \$6,689,000 during 2020 compared to an increase of \$1,897,000 during 2020. This decrease was primarily the result of a \$7,109,000 transfer to the capital projects fund for project costs.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Total revenue of \$32,359,000 was less than budgeted revenue by \$338,000 due to less State aid than expected.

Actual expenditures and carryover encumbrances were less than the final amended budget by \$3,806,000. The difference is attributable to many factors and unknown items when the budget was prepared, as well as the impact of COVID-19 on current year programs and services. The District was able to generate savings in employee benefits and instruction.

Capital Assets

	2021	2020
Land	\$ 453,000	\$ 453,000
Construction in progress	1,523,000	-
Land improvements	1,015,000	1,015,000
Buildings and improvements	52,163,000	52,063,000
Furniture and equipment	7,797,000	7,683,000
Vehicles	372,000	347,000
	<u>63,323,000</u>	61,561,000
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(31,927,000)</u>	(30,823,000)
	<u>\$ 31,396,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,738,000</u>

Current year additions of \$1,762,000 were offset by depreciation expense of \$1,104,000.

Debt

At June 30, 2021, the District had \$4,110,000 in bonds outstanding, with \$1,750,000 due within one year (\$5,800,000 outstanding at June 30, 2020).

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

Current Financial Issues and Concerns

The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the District's operational and financial performance will depend on further developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and its impact on school districts, including its residents, employees, and vendors, none of which can be predicted. Federal revenue sources are expected to increase due to additional pandemic-related funding, but the full extent of Federal assistance is not yet known.

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

Contacting the District's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Kevin Klumpp, Treasurer, Newfane Central School District, 6273 Charlotteville Road, Newfane, New York 14108.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2021

(With comparative totals as of June 30, 2020)

	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash	\$ 21,270,256	\$ 22,399,960
Due from other governments, net	927,425	570,479
State and federal aid receivable, net	681,154	1,459,086
Due from fiduciary funds	-	219,328
Inventory	29,344	33,680
Investments	4,999,785	3,985,728
Net pension asset	-	1,851,514
Capital assets (Note 6)	63,322,619	61,561,128
Accumulated depreciation	(31,927,104)	(30,823,223)
Total assets	59,303,479	61,257,680
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,606,741	7,614,818
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	11,278,155	8,899,888
Total deferred outflows of resources	19,884,896	16,514,706
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	863,936	191,280
Accrued liabilities	332,964	271,886
Due to retirement systems	1,230,383	1,177,398
Due to other governments	2,865	5,101
Unearned revenue	8,139	7,873
Long-term liabilities		
Bonds due within one year	1,750,000	1,690,000
Due beyond one year:		
Bonds and related premiums	2,812,080	4,681,933
Net pension liability	1,877,843	2,296,225
Total OPEB liability	56,798,536	52,955,998
Total liabilities	65,676,746	63,277,694
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	3,657,296	2,842,204
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	8,934,220	9,004,839
Total deferred inflows of resources	12,591,516	11,847,043
Net Position		
Net investment in capital assets	26,833,435	24,365,972
Restricted	19,212,288	21,810,847
Unrestricted deficit	(45,125,610)	(43,529,170)
Total net position	\$ 920,113	\$ 2,647,649

See accompanying notes.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities

For the year ended June 30, 2021

(With summarized comparative totals for June 30, 2020)

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	2021	2020
Governmental activities					
General support	\$ 4,921,708	\$ 211,750	\$ -	\$ (4,709,958)	\$ (4,526,544)
Instruction	27,699,167	288,380	1,257,781	(26,153,006)	(25,942,973)
Pupil transportation	2,577,240	-	-	(2,577,240)	(1,752,401)
Interest expense	84,122	-	-	(84,122)	(177,428)
School food service	597,546	17,591	571,596	(8,359)	(67,476)
	<u>\$ 35,879,783</u>	<u>\$ 517,721</u>	<u>\$ 1,829,377</u>	<u>(33,532,685)</u>	<u>(32,466,822)</u>
General revenues					
				13,745,588	13,620,114
Real property taxes				499,163	613,989
Miscellaneous				17,522,946	17,820,896
State aid				31,767,697	32,054,999
Total general revenues				13,745,588	13,620,114
Change in net position				(1,764,988)	(411,823)
Net position - beginning				2,647,649	3,059,472
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle (Note 2)				37,452	-
Net position - beginning as restated				2,685,101	3,059,472
Net position - ending				\$ 920,113	\$ 2,647,649

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2021

(With summarized comparative totals as of June 30, 2020)

	General	Capital Projects	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds	
							2021	2020
Assets								
Cash	\$ 20,079,904	\$ 208,499	\$ 214,503	\$ 93,011	\$ 547,732	\$ 126,607	\$ 21,270,256	\$ 22,399,960
Due from other governments, net	588,689	-	338,481	255	-	-	927,425	570,479
State and federal aid receivable, net	569,367	-	-	111,787	-	-	681,154	1,459,086
Due from other funds, net	-	5,719,438	-	-	-	1,161	5,720,599	943,371
Inventory	-	-	-	29,344	-	-	29,344	33,680
Investments	4,999,785	-	-	-	-	-	4,999,785	3,985,728
Total assets	\$ 26,237,745	\$ 5,927,937	\$ 552,984	\$ 234,397	\$ 547,732	\$ 127,768	\$ 33,628,563	\$ 29,392,304
Liabilities and Fund Balances								
Accounts payable	\$ 333,091	\$ 527,055	\$ 514	\$ 3,276	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 863,936	\$ 191,280
Accrued liabilities	313,406	-	-	11,633	-	925	325,964	262,886
Due to retirement systems	1,230,383	-	-	-	-	-	1,230,383	1,177,398
Due to other funds, net	5,066,641	-	549,940	104,018	-	-	5,720,599	724,043
Due to other governments	-	-	2,530	335	-	-	2,865	5,101
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	8,139	-	-	8,139	7,873
Total liabilities	6,943,521	527,055	552,984	127,401	-	925	8,151,886	\$ 2,368,581
Fund Balances								
Nonspendable:								
Inventory	-	-	-	29,344	-	-	29,344	33,680
Restricted:								
Debt service	-	-	-	-	547,732	-	547,732	990,868
Employee benefit accrued liability	12,116,777	-	-	-	-	-	12,116,777	12,801,054
Unemployment insurance	151,889	-	-	-	-	-	151,889	351,580
Retirement contribution	668,165	-	-	-	-	-	668,165	667,345
Workers' compensation	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	-
Capital	-	5,400,882	-	-	-	-	5,400,882	7,000,000
Scholarships	-	-	-	-	-	126,843	126,843	-
Assigned:								
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	990,991	-	-	-	-	-	990,991	3,310,961
Other purposes	451,631	-	-	77,652	-	-	529,283	894,429
Unassigned	4,714,771	-	-	-	-	-	4,714,771	973,806
Total fund balances (deficit)	19,294,224	5,400,882	-	106,996	547,732	126,843	25,476,677	27,023,723
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 26,237,745	\$ 5,927,937	\$ 552,984	\$ 234,397	\$ 547,732	\$ 127,768	\$ 33,628,563	\$ 29,392,304

See accompanying notes.

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

June 30, 2021

Total fund balances - governmental funds		\$ 25,476,677
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in the governmental funds.		31,395,515
The District's proportionate share of the net pension position as well as pension-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the government-wide statements and include:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	8,606,741	
Net pension liability	(1,877,843)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(3,657,296)</u>	3,071,602
The District's total OPEB liability as well as OPEB-related deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources are recognized in the government-wide statements and include:		
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	11,278,155	
Total OPEB liability	(56,798,536)	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	<u>(8,934,220)</u>	(54,454,601)
Certain liabilities are not due and payable currently and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. These liabilities are:		
Bonds and related premiums	(4,562,080)	
Accrued interest	<u>(7,000)</u>	(4,569,080)
Net position - governmental activities		<u>\$ 920,113</u>

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021
(With summarized comparative totals for June 30, 2020)

	General	Capital Projects	Special Aid	School Lunch	Debt Service	Miscellaneous Special Revenue	Total Governmental Funds	
							2021	2020
Revenues								
Real property taxes	\$ 11,252,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,252,884	\$ 10,968,327
Real property tax items	2,492,704	-	-	-	-	-	2,492,704	2,651,787
Charges for services	288,380	-	-	-	-	-	288,380	298,748
Use of money and property	243,427	-	-	4	6,864	-	250,295	375,977
Sale of property and compensation for loss	1,642	-	-	-	-	-	1,642	468
Miscellaneous	355,206	-	-	2,529	-	101,241	458,976	453,068
Interfund revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
State sources	17,522,946	-	297,619	18,253	-	-	17,838,818	18,542,153
Federal sources	201,873	-	758,289	553,343	-	-	1,513,505	1,360,478
Sales	-	-	-	17,591	-	-	17,591	146,283
Total revenues	32,359,062	-	1,055,908	591,720	6,864	101,241	34,114,795	34,821,289
Expenditures								
General support	3,596,723	-	-	325,219	-	11,850	3,933,792	3,838,423
Instruction	16,838,674	-	1,073,535	-	-	-	17,912,209	17,416,510
Pupil transportation	2,540,049	-	-	-	-	-	2,540,049	1,670,776
Employee benefits	7,526,016	-	-	99,104	-	-	7,625,120	7,492,121
Debt service								
Principal	1,690,000	-	-	-	-	-	1,690,000	1,590,000
Interest	205,975	-	-	-	-	-	205,975	302,281
Cost of sales	-	-	-	167,362	-	-	167,362	192,574
Capital outlay	-	1,622,781	-	2,005	-	-	1,624,786	363,366
Total expenditures	32,397,437	1,622,781	1,073,535	593,690	-	11,850	35,699,293	32,866,051
Excess revenues (expenditures)	(38,375)	(1,622,781)	(17,627)	(1,970)	6,864	89,391	(1,584,498)	1,955,238
Other financing sources (uses)								
Operating transfers, net	(6,650,826)	7,107,199	17,627	(24,000)	(450,000)	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	(6,689,201)	5,484,418	-	(25,970)	(443,136)	89,391	(1,584,498)	1,955,238
Fund balances (deficit) - beginning	25,983,425	(83,536)	-	132,966	990,868	-	27,023,723	25,068,485
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle (Note 2)	-	-	-	-	-	37,452	37,452	-
Fund balances (deficit) - beginning as restated	25,983,425	(83,536)	-	132,966	990,868	37,452	27,061,175	25,068,485
Fund balances - ending	\$ 19,294,224	\$ 5,400,882	\$ -	\$ 106,996	\$ 547,732	\$ 126,843	\$ 25,476,677	\$ 27,023,723

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds \$ (1,584,498)

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of the assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation expense. 657,610

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

2021 TRS and ERS contributions	1,525,228	
2021 ERS accrued contribution	127,461	
2020 ERS accrued contribution	(128,460)	
2021 TRS net pension expense	(2,523,008)	
2021 ERS net pension expense	<u>(257,522)</u>	(1,256,301)

OPEB expense is recognized when paid on the fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances and actuarially determined on the statement of activities. (1,393,652)

Payments of long-term liabilities are reported as expenditures in the governmental funds and as a reduction of debt in the statement of net position. 1,690,000

In the statement of activities, certain expenses are measured by the amounts earned during the year.

In the governmental funds these expenditures are reported when paid. These differences are:

Amortization of bond premiums	119,853	
Interest	<u>2,000</u>	121,853

Change in net position - governmental activities \$ (1,764,988)

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Encumbrances	Variance with Final Budget Over/(Under)
	Original	Final			
Revenues					
Local sources					
Real property taxes	\$ 13,685,014	\$ 11,252,884	\$ 11,252,884		\$ -
Real property tax items	67,966	2,500,096	2,492,704		(7,392)
Charges for services	20,000	20,000	288,380		268,380
Use of money and property	417,500	417,500	243,427		(174,073)
Sale of property and compensation for loss	1,000	1,000	1,642		642
Miscellaneous	148,000	148,000	355,206		207,206
Interfund revenue	24,000	24,000	-		(24,000)
State sources	18,313,548	18,313,548	17,522,946		(790,602)
Federal sources	20,000	20,000	201,873		181,873
Total revenues	32,697,028	32,697,028	32,359,062		(337,966)
Expenditures					
General support					
Board of education	77,317	141,781	127,441	-	(14,340)
Central administration	248,827	233,827	226,027	800	(7,000)
Finance	346,969	396,709	359,264	-	(37,445)
Staff	164,302	164,802	92,558	-	(72,244)
Central services	3,082,057	3,074,109	2,424,049	325,320	(324,740)
Special items	400,566	411,395	367,384	19,530	(24,481)
Instruction					
Instruction, administration, and improvement	1,093,352	1,118,939	1,045,916	25,515	(47,508)
Teaching - regular school	9,347,028	9,126,016	8,071,952	31,896	(1,022,168)
Programs for children with handicapping conditions	4,782,285	4,911,215	4,626,602	-	(284,613)
Occupational education	1,004,910	1,014,910	1,013,463	-	(1,447)
Teaching - special schools	65,165	53,870	3,399	-	(50,471)
Instructional media	565,509	705,296	682,250	4,160	(18,886)
Pupil services	1,678,884	1,711,025	1,395,092	33,598	(282,335)
Pupil transportation	2,913,963	2,823,128	2,540,049	10,812	(272,267)
Employee benefits	8,988,023	8,872,135	7,526,016	-	(1,346,119)
Debt service					
Principal	1,690,000	1,690,000	1,690,000	-	-
Interest	205,975	205,975	205,975	-	-
Total expenditures	36,655,132	36,655,132	32,397,437	451,631	(3,806,064)
Excess revenues (expenditures)	(3,958,104)	(3,958,104)	(38,375)	(451,631)	3,468,098
Other financing sources (uses)					
Operating transfers in	-	-	475,399		475,399
Operating transfers out	(148,000)	(7,148,000)	(7,126,225)		(21,775)
Appropriated fund balance and carryover encumbrances	4,106,104	11,106,104	-		(11,106,104)
Total other financing sources (uses)	3,958,104	3,958,104	(6,650,826)		(10,608,930)
Excess revenues (expenditures) and other financing sources (uses)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6,689,201)	\$ (451,631)	\$ (7,140,832)

See accompanying notes.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Fund

June 30, 2021

Assets

Cash	\$ <u>82,004</u>
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Net Position

Extraclassroom activity balances	\$ <u>82,004</u>
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NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Custodial Fund

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Additions

Property taxes collected for Newfane Public Library	\$ 125,878
Student activity receipts	36,199
Interest	<u>167</u>
	<u>162,244</u>

Deductions

Property taxes distributed to Newfane Public Library	125,878
Student activity disbursements	<u>51,203</u>
	<u>177,081</u>

Net position - beginning	37,452
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle (Note 2)	<u>59,389</u>
Net position - beginning as restated	<u>96,841</u>

Net position - ending	\$ <u>82,004</u>
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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

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

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

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

Joint Venture

The District is one of 13 participating school districts in the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES). Formed under §1950 of Education Law, a BOCES is a voluntary cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that shares planning, services, and programs, and also provides educational and support activities. There is no authority or process by which the District can terminate its status as a component of BOCES.

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

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

During the year ended June 30, 2021, the District was billed \$3,922,000 for BOCES administrative and program costs, recognized \$278,000 as a refund from prior year expenditures paid to BOCES, and received \$144,000 in rental income. Audited financial statements are available from BOCES' administrative offices.

Public Entity Risk Pools

The District participates in the Orleans/Niagara School Health Plan and the Niagara County Mutual Self-Insurance Plan, which are public entity risk pools. These plans are designed to provide health insurance and workers' compensation coverage for participating entities. These activities are further discussed in Note 10.

Basis of Presentation

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

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

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

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

The District reports the following major funds:

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

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

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

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. Fiduciary funds are used to report fiduciary activities, which may include pension and other postemployment benefit trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and custodial funds. The District maintains a custodial fund for the collection and distribution of student activity accounts and library taxes.

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by separate governmental activities and major funds. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the District's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2020, from which the summarized information was derived.

Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus

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

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

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

Estimates

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

Property Taxes

The District levies real property taxes no later than September 1. For the year ended June 30, 2021, the tax lien was issued on August 4, 2020 for collection from September 1 through October 30, 2020. Thereafter, uncollected amounts became the responsibility of Niagara County and were submitted to the District by April 1st of the following year as required by law.

Budget Process, Amendments, and Encumbrances

District administration prepares a proposed budget for the general fund requiring approval by the Board. A public hearing is held upon completion and filing of the tentative budget. Subsequently, the budget is adopted by the Board. The proposed budget is then presented to voters of the District. The budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 was approved by a majority of the voters in a general election held on June 9, 2020.

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

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

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

Inventory

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

Investments

Investments include U.S. Treasury Bills with maturities from three to six months and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis as determined by quotes prices in active markets.

Capital Assets

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

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

	Capitalization Policy	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Land improvements	\$ 5,000	20
Buildings and improvements	\$ 5,000	50
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 5,000	5 - 20
Vehicles	\$ 5,000	8

Bond Premiums

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

Pensions

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

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

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

Equity Classifications

Government-Wide Statements

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

Governmental Fund Statements

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

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

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

Fund balance restrictions include scholarships donated to the District by third parties for the benefit of students and the following reserves:

- *Debt service* – is used to account for proceeds from the sale of property that was financed by obligations still outstanding, interest and earnings on outstanding obligations (including bond and BAN premiums), and remaining bond proceeds not needed for their original purpose as required under §165 of Finance Law. This reserve must be used to pay the debt service obligations for which the original money was generated.
- *Employee benefit accrued liability* – is used to account for the payment of accumulated vacation and sick time due upon termination of an employee’s services. It is established by a majority vote of the Board and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other reserves and funds that may be legally appropriated.
- *Unemployment insurance* – is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants as the District has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method.
- *Retirement contribution* – is used to finance retirement contributions payable to TRS and ERS. For TRS, funding is limited to 2% annually of eligible salaries with a maximum reserve of 10% of eligible salaries. At June 30, 2021, the retirement contribution reserve includes \$200,000 for TRS and \$468,165 for ERS.
- *Workers’ compensation* – is used to pay for compensation benefits and other expenses authorized by Article 2 of the Workers’ Compensation Law, and for payment of expenses of administering this program.
- *Capital* – is used to accumulate funds to finance all or a portion of future capital projects for which bonds may be issued. Voter authorization is required for both the establishment of the reserve and payments from the reserve. During 2020, a capital reserve was approved by District voters and funded to its limit of \$7,000,000.

Interfund Balances

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

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

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

2. Change in Accounting Principle

Effective July 1, 2020, the District adopted GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement redefines activities considered to be fiduciary, and as a result, payroll and employee third party withholdings are now recorded in the general fund and scholarship activity is reflected in a miscellaneous special revenue fund. In addition, fiduciary liabilities are only recognized when an event has occurred that compels the District to disburse the fiduciary resources or no further action, approval, or condition is required prior to release of the assets. The impact of these required accounting changes on the District’s government-wide, governmental fund, and fiduciary fund activity is as follows:

	Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund	Total Government- Wide	Fiduciary Funds
Fund balance/net position/fiduciary net position, July 1, 2020	\$ -	\$ 2,647,649	\$ 37,452
Scholarship activity	37,452	37,452	(37,452)
Student activity accounts	-	-	96,841
Fund balance/net position/fiduciary net position, as restated, July 1, 2020	\$ 37,452	\$ 2,685,101	\$ 96,841

Fund balance and net position have not been restated in the prior year columns of the applicable financial statements as such information does not constitute a full comparative presentation of the prior year.

3. Stewardship and Compliance

The District’s unassigned fund balance in the general fund exceeds 4% of the 2022 budget, which is a limitation imposed under New York State Real Property Tax Law §1318.

4. Cash and Investments

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

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

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the District’s deposits may not be returned to it. At June 30, 2021, the District’s bank deposits were fully collateralized by FDIC coverage and securities held by the pledging institutions’ trust departments or agents in the District’s name.

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. There is the prospect of a loss should those securities be sold prior to maturity. The District uses the specific identification method to identify the maturity for each investment and evaluate risk accordingly.

5. Interfund Transactions – Fund Financial Statements

Fund	Receivable	Payable	Transfers	
			In	Out
General	\$ 697,712	\$ 5,738,226	\$ 475,399	\$ 7,126,225
Special aid	17,627	593,694	17,627	-
Capital projects	5,719,438	-	7,108,598	1,399
School lunch	-	104,018	-	24,000
Debt service	-	-	-	450,000
Miscellaneous special revenue	1,161	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 6,435,938</u>	<u>\$ 6,435,938</u>	<u>\$ 7,601,624</u>	<u>\$ 7,601,624</u>

The District’s general fund provides cash flow to the various other funds; these amounts are repaid in the subsequent year when funds are received from the State after final expenditure reports have been submitted and approved or when permanent financing is obtained. The general fund made permanent transfers to the special aid fund to cover its share of costs related to the summer school handicap program and to the capital projects fund for project costs. The school lunch fund made permanent transfers to the general fund for the use of facilities and utilities. The debt service fund made a permanent transfer to the general fund for required principal payments on debt.

6. Capital Assets

	July 1, 2020	Increases	Retirements/ Reclassifications	June 30, 2021
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 453,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 453,300
Construction in progress	-	1,522,781	-	1,522,781
Total non-depreciable assets	453,300	1,522,781	-	1,976,081
Depreciable capital assets:				
Land improvements	1,014,749	-	-	1,014,749
Buildings and improvements	52,063,275	100,000	-	52,163,275
Furniture and equipment	7,683,082	113,410	-	7,796,492
Vehicles	346,722	25,300	-	372,022
Total depreciable assets	61,107,828	238,710	-	61,346,538
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	1,014,749	-	-	1,014,749
Buildings and improvements	22,833,925	852,839	-	23,686,764
Furniture and equipment	6,762,761	225,839	-	6,988,600
Vehicles	211,788	25,203	-	236,991
Total accumulated depreciation	30,823,223	1,103,881	-	31,927,104
Total depreciable assets, net	30,284,605	(865,171)	-	29,419,434
	\$ 30,737,905	\$ 657,610	\$ -	\$ 31,395,515

Depreciation expense has been allocated to the following functions: general support \$154,771, instruction \$944,841, pupil transportation \$413, and school food service \$3,856.

As of June 30, 2021, net investment in capital assets consists of the following:

Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 31,395,515
Bonds and related premiums	(4,562,080)
	<u>\$ 26,833,435</u>

7. Long-Term Liabilities

	July 1, 2020	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2021	Amount Due in One Year
Bonds	\$ 5,800,000	\$ -	\$ 1,690,000	\$ 4,110,000	\$ 1,750,000
Unamortized premiums					
2012 refunding bonds	125,286	-	79,127	46,159	-
2012 bonds	19,588	-	10,222	9,366	-
2019 bonds	427,059	-	30,504	396,555	-
	<u>\$ 6,371,933</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,853</u>	<u>\$ 4,562,080</u>	<u>\$ 1,750,000</u>

Existing Obligations

Description	Maturity	Rate	Balance
2012 Refunding bonds – Series B	December 2021	1.75%-4.00%	\$ 970,000
2012 Bonds	June 2022	2.00%-3.00%	635,000
2019 Bonds	June 2034	5.00%	2,505,000
			<u>\$ 4,110,000</u>

Debt Service Requirements

Years ending June 30,	Principal	Interest
2022	\$ 1,750,000	\$ 148,638
2023	150,000	109,000
2024	160,000	101,500
2025	165,000	93,500
2026	175,000	85,250
2027-2031	1,000,000	287,500
2032-2034	710,000	67,150
	<u>\$ 4,110,000</u>	<u>\$ 892,538</u>

8. Pension Plans

Plan Descriptions

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

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

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

Contribution Requirements: No employee contribution is required for those hired prior to July 1976. The Systems require employee contributions of 3% of salary for the first 10 years of service for those employees who joined the Systems from July 1976 through December 2009. Participants hired on or after January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012 are required to contribute 3.5% (TRS) or 3% (ERS) of compensation throughout their active membership in the Systems. Participants hired on or after April 1, 2012 are required to contribute a percentage ranging from 3% to 6% each year, based on their level of compensation. Pursuant to Article 11 of Education Law, an actuarially determined contribution rate is established annually for TRS by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board. This rate was 9.53% for 2021. For ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the rates used, expressed as a percentage of the wages of participants, to compute the contributions required to be made by the District to the pension accumulation fund. For 2021, these rates ranged from 9.7% - 16.2%.

The amount outstanding and payable to TRS for the year ended June 30, 2021 was \$1,076,753. A liability to ERS of \$127,461 is accrued based on the District's legally required contribution for employee services rendered from April 1 through June 30, 2021.

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

At June 30, 2021, the District reported a net pension liability of \$1,869,364 for its proportionate share of the TRS net pension position and a net pension liability of \$8,479 for its proportionate share of the ERS net pension position.

The TRS net pension position was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019, with update procedures applied to roll forward the net pension position to June 30, 2020. The District's proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to TRS's total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At June 30, 2020, the District's proportion was 0.06765%, a decrease of 0.003617 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

The ERS net pension position was measured as of March 31, 2021, and the total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of April 1, 2020. The District's proportion of the net pension position was based on the ratio of its actuarially determined employer contribution to ERS's total actuarially determined employer contributions for the fiscal year ended on the measurement date. At the March 31, 2021 measurement date, the District's proportion was 0.0085154%, a decrease of 0.000156 from its proportion measured as of March 31, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,780,530 on the government-wide statements (TRS expense of \$2,523,008 and ERS expense of \$257,522). At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources as follows:

	TRS		ERS	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,637,937	\$ 95,801	\$ 103,553	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	2,364,310	842,753	1,559,037	29,404
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,220,859	-	-	2,435,703
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	305,411	191,402	211,420	62,233
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,076,753	-	127,461	-
	<u>\$ 6,605,270</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,956</u>	<u>\$ 2,001,471</u>	<u>\$ 2,527,340</u>

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an addition to (a reduction of) the net pension asset (liability) in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	TRS	ERS
2022	\$ 734,991	\$ (92,330)
2023	1,476,801	2,398
2024	1,206,696	(110,318)
2025	789,742	(453,080)
2026	70,491	-
Thereafter	119,840	-
	<u>\$ 4,398,561</u>	<u>\$ (653,330)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

For TRS, the actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2020, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014. These assumptions are:

Inflation – 2.2%

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

Projected Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) – 1.3% compounded annually

Investment rate of return – 7.1% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation

Mortality – Based on TRS member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2019, applied on a generational basis

Discount rate – 7.1%

Discount rate – 7.1%

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

For ERS, the actuarial assumptions used in the April 1, 2020 valuation, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to March 31, 2021, were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2020. These assumptions are:

- Inflation – 2.7%*
- Salary increases – 4.4%*
- COLA – 1.4% annually*
- Investment rate of return – 5.9% compounded annually, net of investment expense, including inflation*
- Mortality – Society of Actuaries’ Scale MP-2020*
- Discount rate – 5.9%*

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

Investment Asset Allocation

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return (net of the long-term inflation assumption) for each major asset class and the Systems’ target asset allocations as of the applicable valuation dates are summarized as follows:

Asset Class	TRS		ERS	
	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic equities	33%	7.1%	32%	4.1%
Global and international equities	20%	7.4%-7.7%	15%	6.3%
Private equities	8%	10.4%	10%	6.8%
Real estate	11%	6.8%	9%	5.0%
Domestic fixed income securities	16%	1.8%	23%	-
Global fixed income securities	2%	1.0%	-	-
Bonds and mortgages	7%	3.6%	-	-
Short-term	1%	0.7%	1%	0.5%
Other	2%	3.9%-5.2%	10%	3.6%-6.0%
	<u>100%</u>		<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of its net pension position calculated using the discount rate of 7.1% (TRS) and 5.9% (ERS) and the impact of using a discount rate that is 1% higher or lower than the current rate.

	1.0% Decrease	At Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
District's proportionate share of the TRS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (11,808,129)	\$ (1,869,364)	\$ 6,471,778
District's proportionate share of the ERS net pension asset (liability)	\$ (2,353,476)	\$ (8,479)	\$ 2,154,157

9. OPEB

The District maintains a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Plan) providing for varying years of medical benefits to eligible District retirees and spouses dependent upon accumulated sick time earned during employment and remaining at retirement. At present, the plan covers virtually all retired and current employees. Benefit provisions are based on individual contracts with the District, as negotiated from time to time. Eligibility is based on covered employees who retire from the District over age 55 with five or more years of service and are eligible to retire under TRS or ERS. The Plan has no assets, does not issue financial statements, and is not a trust.

At June 30, 2019, employees covered by the Plan include:

Active employees	201
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	97
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
	<u>298</u>

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$56,798,536 was measured as of June 30, 2020 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019.

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

Healthcare cost trend rates – based on national trend survey data and updated long-term rates based on the Society of Actuaries Getzen Long-Term Healthcare Cost Trend Model v2020_b, initially 6.5% for pre-65, 4.4% for post-65, 6.75% for prescription drug, and 6.2% for Medicare Part B, reduced to an ultimate rate of 3.78% after 2075

Salary increases – 3.5%

Mortality – Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Tables for employees and healthy annuitants, adjusted for mortality improvements with Scale MP-2019 mortality improvement scale on a fully generational basis

Discount rate – 2.45% based on the Fidelity General Obligation 20-Year AA Municipal Bond Index as of June 30, 2020

Inflation rate – 2.25%

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2020	<u>\$ 52,955,998</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	1,892,962
Interest	1,688,208
Changes of benefit terms	(96,950)
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,688,490)
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	3,871,984
Benefit payments	<u>(1,825,176)</u>
Net changes	3,842,538
Balance at June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 56,798,536</u>

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

	1.0% Decrease (1.45%)	Discount Rate (2.45%)	1.0% Increase (3.45%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (63,990,113)</u>	<u>\$ (56,798,536)</u>	<u>\$ (50,678,942)</u>

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

	1.0% Decrease (5.5% to 2.78%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.5% to 3.78%)	1.0% Increase (7.5% to 4.78%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ (49,350,202)</u>	<u>\$ (56,798,536)</u>	<u>\$ (66,038,979)</u>

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$3,380,376. At June 30, 2021, the District reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 750,195	\$ 5,517,706
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	8,541,236	3,416,514
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date	1,986,724	-
	<u>\$ 11,278,155</u>	<u>\$ 8,934,220</u>

Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the total OPEB liability in the year ending June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30,	
2022	\$ (103,844)
2023	(103,844)
2024	(103,844)
2025	(103,844)
2026	326,194
Thereafter	446,393
	<u>\$ 357,211</u>

10. Risk Management

General Liability

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

Health Insurance

The District participates in the Orleans/Niagara School Health Plan (the Plan). The Plan has been established to administer a health insurance program to lower the costs of such coverage to the nine participating members as of June 30, 2020 (the most recent information available).

The District has transferred partial risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Plan members could be subjected, however, to pro-rata supplemental assessments in the event that the Plan's assets are not adequate to meet claims. No such assessments were required in the past three years.

The Plan has published its own financial report for the year ended June 30, 2020, which can be obtained from Orleans/Niagara BOCES, 4232 Shelby Basin Road, Medina, New York 14103.

Workers' Compensation

The District also participates in the Niagara County Mutual Self-Insurance Plan (the Plan) pursuant to Article 5 of the Workers' Compensation law to finance the liability and risk related to workers' compensation claims and to lower the costs of coverage to the participating members. The Plan includes 20 governmental entities as of December 31, 2020 (the most recent information available). The pool is funded through annual assessments for each participating entity based on payroll.

The District has transferred partial risk to the Plan. Plan members pay monthly premium equivalents based upon a pro-rata share of expenditures. All funds received are pooled and administered as a common fund. Plan members could be subjected, however, to pro-rata supplemental assessments in the event that the Plan's assets are not adequate to meet claims. No such assessments were required in the past three years.

The Plan has established its own financial report for the year ended December 31, 2020, which can be obtained from Niagara County Risk Management and Insurance Services, 111 Main Street, Suite 102, Lockport, New York 14094.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

Grants

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

Encumbrances

Significant outstanding encumbrances in the general fund as of June 30, 2021 include open purchase orders for supplies, equipment, and contractual services.

Litigation

The District is subject to claims and lawsuits that arise in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, these claims will not have a material adverse effect upon the financial position of the District.

Construction Commitments

The District has received voter approval and plans to spend up to \$30,569,000 for the construction of various building improvements and modifications. As of June 30, 2021, numerous contracts have been awarded and \$1,523,000 has been expended on this project.

12. Risks and Uncertainties

On January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) declared a public health emergency related to the global spread of coronavirus COVID-19, and a pandemic was declared by the World Health Organization in February 2020. Efforts to fight the widespread disease continued into 2021, and the District was required to implement numerous safety measures and remote learning initiatives. The full extent of the impact of COVID-19 on the District's operational and financial performance will depend on further developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and its impact on school districts and their residents, employees, and vendors, none of which can be predicted.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

As of the measurement date of June 30,	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.067650%	0.071267%	0.072028%	0.072702%	0.066520%	0.067047%	0.070327%	0.073722%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (1,869,364)	\$ 1,851,514	\$ 1,302,459	\$ 552,610	\$ (712,456)	\$ 6,964,079	\$ 7,834,018	\$ 485,280
District's covered payroll	\$ 11,482,415	\$ 11,895,574	\$ 11,732,582	\$ 11,520,922	\$ 10,264,691	\$ 10,071,415	\$ 10,388,431	\$ 10,798,733
District's proportionate share of the net pension position as a percentage of its covered payroll	16.28%	15.56%	11.10%	4.80%	6.94%	69.15%	75.41%	4.49%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	97.76%	102.17%	101.53%	100.66%	99.01%	110.46%	111.48%	100.70%
The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:								
Inflation	2.2%	2.2%	2.25%	2.5%	2.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Salary increases	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	1.90%-4.72%	4.0%-10.9%	4.0%-10.9%	4.0%-10.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.625%	1.625%	1.625%
Investment rate of return	7.1%	7.1%	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Discount rate	7.1%	7.1%	7.25%	7.25%	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2019	MP-2018	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	AA	AA	AA

Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the years ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,076,753	\$ 1,017,342	\$ 1,263,310	\$ 1,149,793	\$ 1,350,252	\$ 1,361,098	\$ 1,765,519	\$ 1,688,120	\$ 1,278,570
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(1,076,753)	(1,017,342)	(1,263,310)	(1,149,793)	(1,350,252)	(1,361,098)	(1,765,519)	(1,688,120)	(1,278,570)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 11,298,562	\$ 11,482,415	\$ 11,895,574	\$ 11,732,582	\$ 11,520,922	\$ 10,264,691	\$ 10,071,415	\$ 10,388,431	\$ 10,798,733
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	9.53%	8.86%	10.62%	9.80%	11.72%	13.26%	17.53%	16.25%	11.84%

Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the years ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension position	0.0085154%	0.0086714%	0.0095798%	0.0083006%	0.0096049%	0.0095880%	0.0097381%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ (8,479)	\$ (2,296,225)	\$ (678,761)	\$ (267,896)	\$ (902,501)	\$ (1,538,899)	\$ (328,976)
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,982,818	\$ 2,868,107	\$ 3,038,743	\$ 2,500,783	\$ 2,655,012	\$ 2,589,937	\$ 2,559,042
District's proportionate share of the net pension position as a percentage of its covered payroll	0.28%	80.06%	22.34%	10.71%	33.99%	59.42%	12.86%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	99.95%	86.39%	96.27%	98.24%	94.70%	90.70%	97.90%

The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:

Inflation	2.7%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.7%
Salary increases	4.4%	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	4.9%
Cost of living adjustments	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment rate of return	5.9%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Discount rate	5.9%	6.8%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.5%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2020	MP-2018	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014	MP-2014

Data prior to 2015 is unavailable.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the years ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required contribution	\$ 448,475	\$ 429,112	\$ 462,189	\$ 388,340	\$ 415,895	\$ 483,250	\$ 489,415	\$ 549,577	\$ 449,276
Contribution in relation to the contractually required contribution	(448,475)	(429,112)	(462,189)	(388,340)	(415,895)	(483,250)	(489,415)	(549,577)	(449,276)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered payroll	\$ 2,982,818	\$ 2,868,107	\$ 3,038,743	\$ 2,500,783	\$ 2,655,012	\$ 2,589,937	\$ 2,559,042	\$ 2,610,111	\$ 2,480,342
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.04%	14.96%	15.21%	15.53%	15.66%	18.66%	19.12%	21.06%	18.11%

Data prior to 2013 is unavailable.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

For the years ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB liability - beginning	\$ 52,955,998	\$ 49,216,757	\$ 48,108,178	\$ 49,764,252
Changes for the year:				
Service cost	1,892,962	1,982,854	1,988,605	2,098,638
Interest	1,688,208	1,823,907	1,800,351	1,494,035
Changes of benefit terms	(96,950)	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,688,490)	(5,540,593)	1,245,918	-
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	3,871,984	7,103,950	(2,384,203)	(3,854,156)
Benefit payments	(1,825,176)	(1,630,877)	(1,542,092)	(1,394,591)
Net change in total OPEB liability	3,842,538	3,739,241	1,108,579	(1,656,074)
Total OPEB liability - ending	\$ 56,798,536	\$ 52,955,998	\$ 49,216,757	\$ 48,108,178
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 15,015,266	\$ 14,401,270	\$ 15,532,088	\$ 15,042,991
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	378.3%	367.7%	316.9%	319.8%

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

Changes of benefit terms for 2021 reflect a plan change to move retirees from certain unions into a new health plan. Differences between expected and actual experience in 2021 were due to healthcare trend rates and repeal of the Affordable Care Act's "Cadillac Tax" on high cost plans. Such differences were due to less than expected increases in claims costs and healthcare trend rates in 2020 and due to demographic changes different than those assumed for 2019.

The following is a summary of changes of assumptions:

Healthcare cost trend rates	6.5% - 3.78%	6.75% - 3.78%	7.0% - 3.89%	7.0% - 3.89%
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%	2.25%
Salary increases	3.5%	3.5%	5.0%	5.0%
Discount rate	2.45%	3.13%	3.62%	3.56%
Society of Actuaries' mortality scale	MP-2019	MP-2018	MP-2017	MP-2017

Data prior to 2018 is unavailable.

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

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Original expenditure budget	\$ 36,007,989
Encumbrances carried over from prior year	<u>795,143</u>
Revised expenditure budget	<u>\$ 36,803,132</u>

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Unrestricted Fund Balance

Assigned	\$ 1,442,622
Unassigned	<u>4,714,771</u>
	6,157,393
Encumbrances included in assigned fund balance	(451,631)
Appropriated fund balance used for tax levy	<u>(990,991)</u>
Amount subject to 4% limit pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §1318	<u>\$ 4,714,771</u>

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

2022 expenditure budget (unaudited)	\$ 36,017,331
4% of budget	<u>1,440,693</u>
Actual percentage of 2022 expenditure budget	<u>13.1%</u>

Supplementary Information
Schedule of Capital Project Expenditures

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Project Title	Original Budget	Expenditures			Unexpended Balance
		Prior Years	Current Year	Total	
2020-21 capital outlay	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -
Smart Schools Bond Act	905,500	813,484	-	813,484	92,016
2020-21 capital improvements	30,569,000	-	1,522,781	1,522,781	29,046,219
	\$ 31,574,500	\$ 813,484	\$ 1,622,781	\$ 2,436,265	\$ 29,138,235

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supplementary Information
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the year ended June 30, 2021

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Grantor Number</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education:</u>			
Passed Through New York State Education Department			
Special Education Cluster:			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	0032-21-0606	\$ 368,833
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	0033-21-0606	<u>15,351</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			384,184
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-21-1955	290,606
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	0021-20-1955	23,164
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-21-1955	48,452
Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367	0147-20-1955	4,666
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0196-21-1589	2,454
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424	0204-20-0275	4,763
Education Stabilization Fund - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund	84.425C	5895-21-0830	46,913 ¹
Education Stabilization Fund - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5890-21-0830	<u>112,960</u> ¹
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>918,162</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</u>			
Passed Through New York State Education Department			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
COVID-19 - Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	N/A	516,625
Passed Through New York State Office of General Services			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
National School Lunch Program	10.555	N/A	<u>36,718</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster and U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>553,343</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,471,505</u>

¹ Total Education Stabilization Fund - \$159,873

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

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

Basis of Accounting

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

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

Indirect Costs

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

Non-Monetary Federal Program

The District is the recipient of a federal award program that does not result in cash receipts or disbursements, termed a “non-monetary program.” During the year ended June 30, 2021, the District used \$36,718 worth of commodities under the National School Lunch Program (CFDA Number 10.555).

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

The Board of Education
Newfane Central School District

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the remaining fund information of Newfane Central School District (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, 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 21, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

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September 21, 2021

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

The Board of Education
Newfane Central School District

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Newfane Central School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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

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

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

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

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September 21, 2021

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

For the year ended June 30, 2021

Section I. Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditors' report issued: *Unmodified*

Internal control over financial reporting:

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

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

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

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

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

Identification of major programs:

Name of Federal Program or Cluster	CFDA #	Amount
Child Nutrition Cluster:		
National School Lunch Program	10.555	\$ 36,718
COVID-19 - Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	516,625
		<u>\$ 553,343</u>

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

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

No matters were reported.

Section III. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.

APPENDIX C

FORM OF DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This undertaking to provide notice of certain designated events (the “Disclosure Undertaking”) is executed and delivered by Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York (the “Issuer”) in connection with the issuance of its \$13,150,000 Bond Anticipation Note(s), 2022 or interests therein (such Note(s), including any interests therein, being collectively referred to herein as the “Security”). The Security has a stated maturity of 18 months or less. The Issuer hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Obligation to Provide Notices of Events. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes (for the benefit of Security Holders) to provide (or cause to be provided either directly or through a dissemination agent) to EMMA (or any successor thereto) in an electronic format (as prescribed by the MSRB) in a timely manner (not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of any such event) notice of any of the following events with respect to the Security:

- (1) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Security;
- (7) Modifications to rights of Security Holders, if material;
- (8) Note calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) Defeasances;
- (10) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Security, if material;
- (11) Rating changes;
- (12) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;

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

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

(14) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;

(15) Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect Security Holders, if material; and

(16) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The Issuer may choose to disseminate other information in addition to the information required as part of this Disclosure Undertaking. Such other information may be disseminated in any manner chosen by the Issuer. If the Issuer disseminates any such additional information, the Issuer shall have no obligation to update such information or include it in any future materials disseminated pursuant to this Disclosure Undertaking.

(c) The Issuer may choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed in Section 1(a) above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Security; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any material event except those events listed above.

Section 2. Definitions.

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

“Financial Obligation” means a (A) debt obligation; (B) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (C) guarantee of (A) or (B). Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with Rule 15c2-12.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of the MSRB contemplated by this Disclosure Undertaking.

“Purchaser” means the financial institution referred to in a certain Certificate of Determination that is being delivered by the Issuer in connection with the issuance of the Security.

“Rule 15c2-12” means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended through the date of this Disclosure Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof.

“Security Holder” means any registered owner of the Security and any beneficial owner of the Security within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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

Section 4. Parties in Interest. This Disclosure Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with paragraph (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 and is delivered for the benefit of the Security Holders. No other person has any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.

Section 5. Amendments. Without the consent of any Security Holders, at any time while this Disclosure Undertaking is outstanding, the Issuer may enter into any amendments or changes to this Disclosure Undertaking for any of the following purposes:

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

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

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

(b) In addition, this Disclosure Undertaking, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that those portions of Rule 15c2-12 which require this Disclosure Undertaking, or such provision, as

the case may be, do not or no longer apply to the Security, whether because such portions of Rule 15c2-12 are invalid, have been repealed, or otherwise.

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature and affixed the seal of the Issuer to this Disclosure Undertaking as of June 29, 2022.

NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NIAGARA COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: SPECIMEN
 President of the Board of Education

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

 SPECIMEN
 District Clerk