NOTICE OF SALE

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

\$6,540,000,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Renewal), 2025

SALE DATE:	June 4, 2025 (Wednesday)	Location: R. G. Timbs, Inc.	
Facsimile or			11 Meadowbrook Road
Telephone Bids Until:	10:30 A.M. (Prevailing Time)		Whitesboro, New York 13492
Notes Dated:	June 25, 2025 (Wednesday)	Fax:	(315) 266-9212
Notes Mature:	June 25, 2026 (Thursday)	Phone:	(877) 315-0100 x3

Notice is given that the President of the Board of Education (the "Board President") of the Cooperstown Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "School District" or the "District") will receive facsimile or telephone bids, as described above, for the purchase in Federal Funds, at not less than par and accrued interest of 6,540,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Renewal), 2025. The Notes will not be subject to redemption, in whole or in part, prior to maturity. Interest on the Notes will be paid at maturity. Interest will be computed on a 30-day month/360 day-year basis. The Notes will be issued in registered form payable to the purchaser; provided, however, if the Notes are eligible for issuance through the book-entry-only system for note issues through the Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in New York, New York, the successful bidder may request with its bid that the Notes be issued in "book-entry-only" form, in which case the Notes will be registered and payable to "Cede & Co." as nominee of DTC.

PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING

Submission of Bids

Proposals may be submitted in accordance with this Notice of Sale until the time specified herein. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Any proposal received by the time for receiving proposals specified herein, which has not been modified or withdrawn by the bidder, shall constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Notes pursuant to the terms herein and therein provided. All bidders shall be offered an equal opportunity to bid to purchase the Notes. Furthermore, no bidder shall have the opportunity to review other bids before providing a bid, or be given an opportunity to review other bids that was not equally given to all other bidders.

The timely delivery of all proposals submitted by facsimile transmission (FAX) must be in legible and complete form, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder(s), and shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder(s). The School District shall not be responsible for any errors and/or delays in transmission and/or receipt of such bids, mechanical or technical failures or disruptions, or any omissions or irregularities in any bids submitted in such manner.

Bids may be for all or a portion of the Notes (1,000,000 minimum) and each bid must state a single rate of interest therefor in a multiple of one-eighth (1/8th) or one-hundredth (1/100th) of one per centum (1%) per annum.

Any attempt to bid with alterations to the specific language contained in the Notice of Sale will be considered a failure to execute a proper bid as specified in this Notice of Sale will be treated as a violation of applicable competitive bidding regulations, and therefore will be rejected.

Award of Notes

The Notes will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest interest cost, after accounting for the premium offered, if any, computed in accordance with the net interest cost method of calculation, and if two or more such bidders offer the same lowest net interest cost, then to one of such bidders selected by the Board President by lot from among all such bidders.

The right is reserved to reject all bids (if such action is deemed by the Board President to be in the best interest of the District), and any bid not complying with this Notice of Sale in all material respects may be rejected. All or none bids will be rejected. Conditional bids will be rejected, including any bid subject to credit approval.

Issue Price

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Notes pursuant to Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The Municipal Advisor will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Notes. Bids will <u>not</u> be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Notes, advise the Municipal Advisor by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Notes (the "Initial Reoffering Prices") as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements <u>are not</u> met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. *Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder*.

For purposes of the "hold the price" or "follow the price" requirement described below, a "maturity" refers to Notes that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

(1) <u>Hold the Price.</u> The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the School District and Bond Counsel (Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York) with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Notes within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least ten percent of the Notes of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the fifth business day after the date of the award of the Notes, and

(c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Notes as set forth above.

(2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:

(a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the School District and Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,

(b) will report to the School District and Bond Counsel information regarding the first price that at least ten percent of the Notes within each maturity of the Notes have been sold to the public,

(c) will provide the School District and Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Notes, will continue until such date that the requirement set forth in paragraph (b) above for each maturity of the Notes, is satisfied, and

(d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the School District a certificate (the "Issue Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Notes stating the applicable facts as described above. The form of Issue Price Certificate is available by contacting Bond Counsel or the Municipal Advisor.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Issue Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Notes was made.

For purposes of this Notice, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Notes to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Notes.

THE NOTES

The Notes are authorized to be issued pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to a bond resolution that was duly adopted by the Board of Education (the "Board") on March 4, 2020, authorizing the issuance of up to \$5,163,000 of serial bonds to finance a District-wide capital improvement project and also a bond resolution of the District dated January 19, 2022 authorizing the issuance of \$2,500,000 serial bonds of said School District to finance a project consisting of the reconstruction and renovation of, and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various School District buildings and facilities.

The proceeds of the Notes, along with \$254,000 in available funds, will redeem and partially renew \$6,794,000 bond anticipation notes maturing on June 26, 2025 for the above-mentioned purpose.

The Notes will be valid and legally binding general obligations of the District, all the taxable real property within which will be 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 2011 laws of New York). We observe that interest on the Notes will be included in the adjusted financial statement income of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. Reference is made to the Official Statement for additional details under the heading: MARKET AND RISK FACTORS. The District will pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Notes and interest thereon.

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of and/or interest on the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, State aid and assistance to the District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holder from time to time of the Notes.

At the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be issued in (i) registered certificated form, registered in the name of the purchasers(s) or (ii) registered book-entry-only form registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for DTC, New York, New York ("DTC"). All expenses related to DTC shall be the responsibility of the purchaser.

If the Notes are issued in non-book-entry form, they will be issued as registered certificated obligations, in the name of the purchaser. Principal and interest on the Notes are payable at maturity in lawful money of the United States of America (Federal Funds). The purchaser(s) shall have the right to designate a bank or banks located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as the place or places for the payment of the principal and interest on the Notes. Any related bank fees, if any, are to be paid by the purchaser(s). A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate.

If the purchaser(s) notifies Bond Counsel by 3:00P.M., Prevailing Time on the Sale Date, the Notes may be issued in the form of book-entry-only notes, in the denomination corresponding to the aggregate principal amount for each Note bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number. In the event that the Purchaser(s) choose book-entry-only, as a condition to delivery of the Notes, the successful purchaser(s) will be required to cause such note certificates to be (i) registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, and (ii) deposited with DTC to be held in trust until maturity. DTC is an automated depository for securities and clearinghouse for securities transactions, and will be responsible for establishing and maintaining book-entry only system for recording the ownership interests among its participants, which include certain banks, trust companies and securities dealers, and the transfer of the interests among its participants. The DTC participants will be responsible for establishing and maintaining records with respect to the Notes. Individual purchasers of beneficial ownership interest in the Notes may only be made through book entries (without certificates issued by the District) made on the books and records of DTC (or successor depository) and its participants in denominations of \$5,000 or multiples thereof. Principal of and interest on the Notes will be payable by the District by wire transfer or in clearinghouse funds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Notes. Transfer of principal and interest payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of the beneficial owners. The District will not be responsible or liable for payments by DTC to its participants or by DTC participants to beneficial owners or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

If issued in registered form, payable to the purchaser, closing on the Notes will be in Cooperstown or Buffalo, New York; if issued in book-entry-only form, the Notes will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC in Jersey City, New Jersey on or about June 25, 2025 at approximately 11:30 A.M. Prevailing Time, against receipt of the purchase price of the Notes in Federal Funds.

The Municipal Advisor intends to provide the purchaser of the issue with CUSIP identification numbers in compliance with MSRB Rule G-34, (a)(i) (A)-(H). As is further discussed in Rule G-34 the purchaser, as the "dealer who acquires" the issue, is responsible for the registration fee to the CUSIP Bureau for this service. It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Notes. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes will be paid for by the District provided, however; that the District assumes no responsibility for any CUSIP Service Bureau charge or other charges that may be imposed for the assignment of such numbers.

As a condition to each purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes, such purchaser(s) will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for the Notes: (i) a certificate of the Board President certifying that (a) as of the date of the Official Statement furnished by the School District in relation to the Notes which Official Statement is deemed by the District to be final for purposes of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), except for the omission therefrom of those items allowable under the Rule, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statements of 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, he or she has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and (b) to his or her knowledge, 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; (ii) a Closing Certificate, constituting a receipt for the Note proceeds and a signature certificate, which will include a statement that no litigation is pending, or to the knowledge of the signers, threatened affecting the Notes; (iii) a non-arbitrage certificate and a tax certificate executed on behalf of the District which will include, among other things, covenants, relating to compliance with the owners of the Notes that the District will, among other things, (A) take all actions on its part necessary to cause the interest on the Notes not to be includable in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, including without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Notes to be includable in the gross income tax purposes, including the gross income of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes to be includable in the gross income tax purposes, including without limitation, restricting, to the extent necessary, the yield on investments made with the proceeds of the Notes to be includable in the gross income of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes, including the proceeds of the Notes and investment earnings thereon on certain specified purposes; and (iv) a Certificate of the District executed by the Board President, stating that the District has agreed, in accordance with the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Notes (unless the Notes are purchased for the purchaser's own account, as principal for investment and not for resale), and (v) the approving legal opinion as to the validity of the Notes of Hodgson Russ LLP, of Buffalo, New York, as Bond Counsel.

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

While there is an official statement for the securities offered through this Notice of Sale, Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission does not require distribution of an offering document to investors in connection with the sale of municipal securities offered through this Notice of Sale.

It should be noted that economic markets and the District's finances have been affected by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Please see the Official Statement for further details.

The School District's contact information is as follows: Amy Kukenberger, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations; phone: (607) 547-5386; email: <u>akukenberger@cooperstowncs.org</u>.

Additional copies of the Official Statement may be obtained upon request from the offices of R. G. Timbs, Inc., telephone number (877) 315-0100 x5, or at <u>www.RGTimbsInc.net</u>

Cooperstown Central School District

Dated: May 23, 2025 Cooperstown, New York

<u>Pete Iorizzo</u> President of the Board of Education and Chief Fiscal Officer

PROPOSAL FOR NOTES

Pete Iorizzo, President of the Board of Education Cooperstown Central School District Otsego County, New York c/o R. G. Timbs, Inc. 11 Meadowbrook Road Whitesboro, New York 13492 **Telefax # (315) 266-9212** SALE DATE: June 4, 2025 TIME: 10:30 A.M., Eastern Time

COOPERSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

\$6,540,000 Bond Anticipation Notes (Renewal), 2025

Dated Date: June 25, 2025		Maturity Date: June 25, 2026	
Amount	Interest Rate	Premium	Net Interest Cost ⁽¹⁾
\$	%		%
\$	%		%

(1) The computation of the net interest cost is made as provided in the above-mentioned Notice of Sale, but does not constitute any part of the foregoing Proposal for the purchase of the Notes.

Please select one:
Book-Entry-Only Notes registered to Cede & Co.
Non- Book- Entry, Registered to Purchaser

THE BIDDER REPRESENTS THAT IT HAS AN ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY REPUTATION FOR UNDERWRITING NEW ISSUANCES OF MUNICIPAL NOTES SIMILAR TO THE NOTES. (Select One)

Please select one:

We are purchasing the Notes for our own account and have no intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Notes

In the event the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met we hereby elect to:

□ Follow the Price for all maturities; or

Hold the Price for all maturities or

Name of Bidder:	
Bank or Institution:	
Address:	
Telephone (Area Code):	
Email Address:	
Fax (Area Code):	
Signature:	
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