# PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED JUNE 26, 2019

**NEW ISSUE** 

#### **BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statues, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York. See "Tax Matters" herein.

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

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

# **\$1,835,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES – 2019**

(the "Notes")

Date of Issue: July 17, 2019 Maturity Date: June 17, 2020

The Notes are general obligations of the Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District, in Suffolk County, New York (the "District"), and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and, unless paid from other sources, the Notes are payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

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

The Notes will be issued in registered form and, at the option of the purchaser(s), the Notes will be (i) registered in the name of the successful bidder(s) or (ii) registered to Cede & Co., as the partnership nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC") as book-entry notes.

If the Notes are registered in the name of the successful bidder, 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 at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on such Notes will be payable in Federal Funds by the District, at such bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York as selected by the successful bidders.

If the Notes are issued in book-entry form, such notes will be delivered to DTC, which will act as securities depository for the Notes. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Notes. Individual purchases may be made in denominations of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. A single note certificate will be issued for those Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number in the aggregate principal amount awarded to such purchaser(s) at such interest rate. Principal of and interest on said Notes will be paid in Federal Funds by the District to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its participants for subsequent distribution to the beneficial owners of the Notes as described herein. Transfer of principal and interest payments to beneficial owners by participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of 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. (See "Description of Book-Entry System" herein).

Proposals for the Notes will be received at 11:00 A.M. (Prevailing Time) on July 2, 2019 at the offices of Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776.

The Notes are offered subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, New York, New York, Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Munistat Services, Inc. has served as Municipal Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Notes. It is expected that delivery of the Notes will be made in New York, New York or as otherwise agreed on or about July 17, 2019.

THIS PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT IS IN A FORM "DEEMED FINAL" BY THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RULE 15c2-12 (THE "RULE"). FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE DISTRICT'S AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONTINING DISCLOSURE FOR THE NOTES, AS DESCRIBED IN THE RULE, SEE "DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING" HEREIN.

June , 2019

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#### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

## **Relating To**

# \$1,835,000 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES - 2019 (the "Notes")

This Official Statement, including the cover page and appendix hereto, presents certain information relating to the Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District in the County of Suffolk, State of New York (the "District," "County" and "State," respectively) in connection with the sale of \$1,835,000 Bond Anticipation Notes - 2019 (the "Notes").

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of the Constitution and laws of the State and acts and proceedings of the District contained herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilations thereof and all references to the 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.

#### THE NOTES

#### **Description**

The Notes will be dated and will mature, without option of prior redemption, as reflected on the cover page hereof.

The District will act as Paying Agent for any Notes issued in book-entry form and the purchaser(s) will serve as paying agent for the Notes registered in the name of the purchaser(s). Paying agent fees, if any, will be paid by the purchaser(s). The District's contact information is as follows: Jaime Reed, Principal Account Clerk/Treasurer/Purchasing Agent, Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District, Mill Road, PO Box 900, Remsenburg, NY 11960, Phone (631) 325-0203, Fax (631) 325-8439 and email: reed@rsufsd.org.

#### **Optional Redemption**

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

#### **Description of Book-entry System**

In the event that the Notes are issued in book-entry form, DTC will act as securities depository for the Notes and 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. One fully-registered note certificate will be issued for each Note 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 the 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 bond ("Beneficial Owner") is in turn to be recorded on the Direct and Indirect Participants' records. Beneficial Owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchase. Beneficial Owners are, however, expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transaction, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the Direct or Indirect Participant through which the Beneficial Owner entered into the transaction. Transfers of ownership interests in the Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the 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 the 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.

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Securities within an issue are being redeemed, DTC's practice is to determine by lot the amount of the interest of each Direct Participant in such issue to be redeemed.

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest 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 or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company

# **Authorization for and Purpose of Notes**

The Notes are being issued in accordance with the Constitution and statues of the State of New York, including the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, to finance the cost of the construction of alterations and improvements to the Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School pursuant to a Bond Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Education of the District on November 19, 2018, following the approval of a proposition by a majority of the qualified voters of the District voting thereon at the Special District Meeting held on October 23, 2018. The total estimated cost of the project is \$3,365,000. The total amount of Bonds authorized to finance the project is \$2,906,642. The District is also authorized to spend \$458,658 in capital reserve funds to pay a portion of the cost of the project. The Notes are expected to finance \$1,835,000 of the \$2,906,642 Bonds authorized for the project.

For further information regarding bond authorizations of the District for capital purposes and other matters relating thereto see "Indebtedness of the District", herein.

# **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 will be general obligations of the District and will contain a pledge of the faith and credit of the District for the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. For the payment of such principal of and interest on the Notes, the District has the power and statutory authorization to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable real property in the District, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Under the Constitution of the State, the District is required to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes, and the State is specifically precluded 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. However, the Tax Levy Limit Law, imposes a limitation on the power of local governments and school districts, including the District, to increase their annual tax levy, with the amount of such year to year increase limited by the formulas set forth in the Tax Levy Limit Law. The Tax Levy Limit Law also provides the procedural method to overcome that limitation. In addition, the Tax Levy Limit Law expressly provides an exclusion from the annual tax levy limitation for any taxes levied to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures (such as the Notes), or the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes. The exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes, and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments. (See "The Tax Levy Limit Law," herein.)

#### REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

Neither the Notes, nor the proceedings with respect thereto, specifically provide any remedies which would be available to owners of the Notes should the District default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes, nor do they contain any provisions for the appointment of a trustee to enforce the interests of the owners of the Notes upon the occurrence of any such default. The Notes are general obligation contracts between the District and the owners for which the faith and credit of the District are pledged and while remedies for enforcement of payment are not expressly included in the District's contract with such owners, any permanent repeal by statute or constitutional amendment of a bondholder's and/or noteholder's remedial right to judicial enforcement of the contract should, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, be held unconstitutional.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Notes at the suit of the owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the District. The present statute limits interest on the amount adjudged due to contract 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 judgment. A Court also has

the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies. Upon any default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes, the owner of such Notes could, among other remedies, seek to obtain a writ of mandamus from a Court ordering the governing body of the District to assess, levy and collect an ad valorem tax, upon all taxable property of the District subject to taxation by the District sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Notes as the same shall come due and payable (and interest from the due date to date of payment) and otherwise to observe the covenants contained in the Notes and the proceedings with respect thereto all of which are included in the contract with the owners of the Notes. The mandamus remedy, however, may be impracticable and difficult to enforce. Further, the right to enforce payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws and equitable principles, which may limit the specific enforcement of certain remedies.

In 1976, the New York Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, held in *Flushing National Bank* v. *Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 731 (1976), that the New York State legislation purporting to postpone the payment of debt service on New York City obligations was an unconstitutional moratorium in violation of the New York State constitutional faith and credit mandate included in all municipal debt obligations. While that case can be viewed as a precedent for protecting the remedies of Noteholders, there can be no assurance as to what a Court may determine with respect to future events, including financial crises as they may occur in the State and in municipalities of the State, that require the exercise by the State of its emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services. (See also, *Flushing National Bank* v. *Municipal Assistance Corporation for the City of New York*, 40 N.Y.2d 1088 (1977), where the Court of Appeals described the pledge as a direct Constitutional mandate.)

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

Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the District is required to provide an annual appropriation of monies for the payment of due and payable principal of and interest on indebtedness. Specifically, this constitutional provision states: "If at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. The fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set aside and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of obligations issued for any such indebtedness." This constitutes a specific non-exclusive constitutional remedy against a defaulting municipality or school district; however, it does not apply in a context in which monies have been appropriated for debt service but the appropriating authorities decline to use such monies to pay debt service. However, Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the State also provides that the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith of the credit of such political subdivision. In *Quirk v. Municipal Assistance Corp.*, 41 N.Y.2d 644 (1977), the Court of Appeals described this as a "first lien" on revenues, but one that does not give holders a right to any particular revenues. It should thus be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond or note to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. The Constitutional provision providing fo

While the courts in the State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold.

In prior years, certain events and legislation affecting a holder's remedies upon default have resulted in litigation. While courts of final jurisdiction have generally upheld and sustained the rights of bondholders and/or noteholders, such courts might hold that future events, including a financial crisis as such may occur in the State or in political subdivisions of the State, may require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

#### SECTION 99-B OF THE STATE FINANCE LAW APPLICABLE TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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

Said section provides that in the event a holder or owner of any bond or note issued by a school district for school purposes shall file with the State Comptroller, a verified statement describing such bond or note 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 or note. Such investigation by the State Comptroller shall set forth a description of all such bonds and notes 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 and notes 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 the bonds and notes shall be forwarded promptly to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of such school district for the sole purpose of the payment of defaulted principal of and interest on such bonds or notes. If any such successive allotments, apportionments or payment of such State aid so deducted or withheld shall be less than the amount of all principal and interest on the bonds and notes in default with respect to which the same was so deducted or withheld, then the State Comptroller shall promptly forward to each paying agent an amount in the proportion that the amount of such bonds and notes in default payable to such paying agent bears to the total amount of the principal and interest then in default on such bonds and notes 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 or notes pursuant to said section of the SFL.

# NO PAST DUE DEBT

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

# **BANKRUPTCY**

The Federal Bankruptcy Code (Chapter IX) allows public bodies, such as municipalities, recourse to the protection of a Federal Court for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law specifically authorizes 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 become applicable in the future. As such, the undertakings of the District should be considered with reference, specifically, to Chapter IX, and, in general, to other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities. Bankruptcy proceedings by the District if authorized by the State in the future could have adverse effects on bondholders and/or noteholders including (a) delay in the enforcement of their remedies, (b) subordination of their claims to those supplying goods and services to the District after the initiation of bankruptcy proceedings and to the administrative expenses of bankruptcy proceedings and (c) imposition without their consent of a reorganization plan reducing or delaying payment of the Notes.

The above references to said Chapter IX are not to be construed as an indication that the State will consent in the future to the right of the District to file a petition with any United States district court or court of bankruptcy under any provision of the laws of the United States, now or hereafter in effect for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness or that the District is currently considering or expects to resort to the provisions of Chapter IX if authorized to do so in the future.

#### THE DISTRICT

# **Description**

The District is located in the western part of the Town of Southampton, Suffolk County, New York. The professional and commercial centers of Riverhead and Patchogue are within close proximity.

The area is entirely residential in character. Residential construction continues at a moderate pace. Residents find employment within the District and, among other places, at nearby industrial plants, Brookhaven National Laboratory, The Internal Revenue Center in Holtsville, and Tanger Outlet Shopping Mall complex in Riverhead. The area is also known for its summer population, as many summer residents maintain second homes in the area.

Vehicular transportation is served by a network of Town, County and State roads. The accessibility of the District to and from the Metropolitan Area has been improved by the Sunrise Highway, Southern State Highway, and the Long Island Expressway, Rail transportation is furnished by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Long Island Rail Road) through the nearby Speonk station.

Recreational facilities, available to residents of the District, include Town and County beaches and marinas.

Higher Education facilities are available at The State University of New York at Stony Brook and Southampton, Suffolk Community College in Selden and Riverhead, and St. Josephs College in Patchogue.

Police protection is provided by the Southampton Town Police Department and fire protection is provided by Eastport Fire District.

# **District Organization**

The Board of Education, which is the policy-making body of the District, consists of five members with overlapping three-year terms so that as nearly as possible an equal number shall be elected to the Board each year. The President and the Vice President are selected by the Board members each year.

The administrative officers of the District, whose duty it is to implement the policies of the Board of Education and who are appointed by the Board, include the Superintendent of Schools, the School District Clerk, and the District Treasurer.

# **Enrollment History**

The following table presents the past school enrollment for the District.

School Year	School Enrollment
2014-2015	351
2015-2016	347
2016-2017	337
2017-2018	341
2018-2019	315

Source: District Officials.

# **Projected Future Enrollment**

The following table presents projected future enrollment for the District.

School Enrollment
298
293
268

Source: District Officials.

# **Employees**

The District has approximately 40 employees, 25 of which are represented by Remsenburg-Speonk Teacher's Association. The contract expires June 30, 2022. The remaining employees are not represented by organized labor.

# ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

# **Population Trends**

The following table sets forth population statistics.

		Town of	
<u>Year</u>	<u>District</u>	Southampton	Suffolk County
2009	1,358	60,567	1,511,028
2012	1,521	56,960	1,492,360
2014	1,663	57,515	1,500,373
2015	1,407	57,730	1,501,373
2017	1,599	58,024	1,497,595

Source:

U.S. Bureau of the Census.

# **Income Data**

The information set forth below with respect to such Town, County and State is included for information purposes only. It should not be implied from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the District is necessarily representative of the Town, County or State or vice versa.

	Per Capita Money Income				
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u> <sup>a</sup>	
Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD	-	-	\$44,985	\$48,740	
Town of Southampton	20,684	31,320	47,111	49,374	
County of Suffolk	18,481	26,577	30,948	40,277	
	Median Household Income				
	1000				
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u> <sup>a</sup>	
	<u>1990</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2017</u> <sup>a</sup>	
Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD	<u>1990</u> -	<u>2000</u> -	2010 \$71,250	2017 <sup>a</sup> \$83,083	
Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD Town of Southampton	1990 - 36,859	<u>2000</u> - 53,887			

Source: United States Bureau of the Census.

a. Based on American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate (2013-2017).

# Selected Listing of Larger Employers in the Town of Southampton<sup>a</sup> (As of 2018)

<u>Name</u>	Type of Business	Estimated Number of Employees
Southampton Hospital	Hospital	1,200
Town of Southampton	Local Government	517
Southampton UFSD	School District	424
Corcoran Group	Real Estate	350
Bridgehampton National Bank	Commercial Banks	245
Dunn Engineering	Engineering	100
Southampton Inn	Hotel	90
Maran Corporate Risk Associates	Insurance	93
Southampton Press	Newspaper	50
Hampton Coach	Limousine Service	50
Storms Motors	Automotive Dealer	40

Source: Town of Brookhaven.

# **Unemployment Rate Statistics**

Unemployment statistics are not available for the District as such. The smallest areas for which such statistics are available (which include the District) is the Town of Southampton and the County of Suffolk. The information set forth below with respect to such Town, County and State is included for information purposes only. It should not be implied from the inclusion of such data in this Statement that the District is necessarily representative of the Town, County or State or vice versa.

Annual Averages:	Town of Southampton (%)	Suffolk County (%)	New York State (%)
2014	5.8	5.3	6.4
2015	5.1	4.8	5.3
2016	4.7	4.3	4.8
2017	4.9	4.5	4.7
2018	4.4	3.9	4.1
2019 (3 Month Average)	5.5	3.9	4.4

Source: Department of Labor, State of New York

a. Not necessarily representative of the District.

#### INDEBTEDNESS OF THE DISTRICT

## **Constitutional and Statutory Requirements**

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

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

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

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

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

# **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 until the plans and specifications for such project have been approved by the Commissioner of Education of the State.

The Local Finance Law also provides a twenty-day statute of limitations after publication of a bond resolution, together with a statutory form of notice which, in effect, estops legal challenges to the validity of obligations authorized by such bond resolution except for alleged constitutional violations. The District has complied with such procedure with respect to the Notes.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the District, also has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of bonds and notes, including the Notes. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the Notes to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

**Debt Limit.** Pursuant to the Local Finance Law, the District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose authorized by the Legislature of the State of New York provided the aggregate 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 such as State aid for building purposes. The constitutional and statutory method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio (equalization rate) which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation; such ratio is determined by the State Board of Real Property Services. The Legislature also is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined by such authority.

The following table sets forth the computation of the debt limit of the District and its debt contracting margin:

# Computation of Debt Limit and Debt Contracting Margin (As of June 26, 2019)

In Town of:	Assessed Valuation	State Equalization Rate (%)	Full Valuation
Southampton (2018-2019) <sup>a</sup>	\$2,188,498,638	100.00%	\$2,188,498,638
Debt Limit - 10% of Full Valuation			\$218,849,864
Inclusions: b Outstanding Bonds Bond Anticipation Notes			\$0 0
Total Inclusions			0
Exclusions (Estimated Building Aid)	) <sup>c</sup>		0
Total Net Indebtedness Before the Is	suance of the Notes	s	0
The Notes Less: BANs to be Redeemed by the Net Effect of the Notes	\$1,835,000 0 \$1,835,000		
Total Net Indebtedness After the Issu	uance of the Notes		\$1,835,000
Net Debt Contracting Margin			\$217,014,864
Per Cent of Debt Contracting Margin	n Exhausted		0.84%

a. The latest completed assessment roll for which a State Equalization Rate has been established.

b. Tax anticipation notes are not included in computation of the debt contracting margin of the District.

c. Represents estimate of moneys receivable by the District from the State as an apportionment for debt service for school building purposes, based on the most recent information received by the District from the State Department of Education. The amount shown is not necessarily the amount the District will ultimately receive. The District has not applied for a building aid exclusion certificate from the Commissioner of Education and therefor may not exclude such amount from its total indebtedness on the Debt Statement form required to be filed with the Office of the State Comptroller when bonds are to be issued.

# **Trend of Outstanding Indebtedness**

As of June 30:

_	Fiscal Year Ending June 30:					
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	
BANs	-	-	-	-	_	
Installment Purchase Debt	\$29,801	\$13,138				
Totals	\$29,801	\$13,138	\$0	\$0	\$0	

# **Details of Short-Term Indebtedness Outstanding**

As of the date of this Official Statement, the District has tax anticipation notes outstanding in the amount of \$1,000,000, which mature June 27, 2019. Such notes are expected to be paid in full at maturity from the District's tax levy for the current fiscal year.

# **Debt Service Requirements - Outstanding Bonds**

The District does not have any bonds outstanding.

# **Tax Anticipation Notes**

The District has generally found it necessary to borrow from time to time in anticipation of taxes, which borrowing is necessitated by the schedule of real property tax.

The following is a history of such tax anticipation note borrowings for the five most recent fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Issue</u>	Maturity
2015	\$1,500,000	10/28/2014	06/25/2015
2016	1,500,000	11/10/2015	06/28/2016
2017	1,000,000	11/09/2016	06/27/2017
2018	1,000,000	11/07/2017	06/27/2018
2019	1,000,000	11/07/2018	06/27/2019

# **Authorized and Unissued Debt**

The District has \$2,906,642 in Bonds and \$458,658 in the District's Capital Reserve Fund as authorized and unissued debt for construction of alterations and improvements to Remsenburg-Speonk Elementary School. The Notes will finance \$1,835,000 of the \$2,906,642 bonds authorized for the project.

## **Calculation of Estimated Overlapping and Underlying Indebtedness**

Overlapping Units	Date of Report	Percentage Applicable (%)	Applicable Total <u>Indebtedness</u>	Applicable Net <u>Indebtedness</u>
County of Suffolk	03/19/2019	0.60	\$13,078,673	\$7,641,040
Town of Southampton	04/24/2019	4.75	4,257,900	3,671,220
Eastport Fire District	12/31/2017	100.00	80,000	80,000
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Totals			\$17,416,573	\$11,392,260

Sources: Annual Reports of the respective units for the most recently completed fiscal year on file with the Office of the State Comptroller or more recently published Official Statements.

# **Debt Ratios** (As of June 26, 2019)

	Am	<u>ount</u>	_	er <u>oita</u> ª	Percentage of Full Value (%) <sup>b</sup>
Total Direct Debt	\$	0	\$	0	0.000
Net Direct Debt		0		0	0.000
Total Direct & Applicable Total Overlapping Debt	17,41	6,573	10	,892	0.796
Net Direct & Applicable Net Overlapping Debt	11,39	2,260	7	,125	0.521

a. The current population of the District is 1,599.

### FINANCES OF THE DISTRICT

#### **Independent Audit**

The financial affairs of the District are subject to periodic compliance review by the Office of the State Comptroller to ascertain whether the District has complied with the requirements of various state and federal statutes. The financial statements of the District are audited each year by an independent public accountant. The last such audit covers the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. A copy of such report is included herein as Appendix B

#### **Investment Policy**

Pursuant to State law, including Sections 10 and 11 of the GML, the District is generally permitted to deposit moneys in banks or trust companies located and authorized to do business in the State. All such deposits, including special time deposit accounts and certificates of deposit, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, are required to be secured in accordance with the provisions of and subject to the limitations of Section 10 of the GML.

The District may also temporarily invest moneys in: (1) obligations of the United States of America; (2) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest are guaranteed by the United States of America; (3) obligations of the State of New York; (4) with the approval of the New York State Comptroller, in tax anticipation notes or revenue anticipation notes issued by any municipality, school district, or district corporation, other than those notes issued by the District, itself; (5) certificates of participation issued in connection with installment purchase agreements entered into by political subdivisions of the State pursuant to Section 109-b(10) of the GML; (6) obligations of a New York public benefit corporation which are made lawful investments for municipalities pursuant to the enabling statute of such public benefit corporation; or (7) in the case of moneys held in certain reserve funds established by the District pursuant to law, in obligations of the District.

b. The full valuation of taxable real property in the District for 2018-19 is \$2,188,498,638.

All of the foregoing investments are required to be payable or redeemable at the option of the owner within such times as the proceeds will be needed to meet expenditures for purposes for which the moneys were provided and, in the case of obligations purchased with the proceeds of bonds or notes, shall be payable or redeemable in any event, at the option of the owner, within two years of the date of purchase. Unless registered or inscribed in the name of the District, such instruments and investments must be purchased through, delivered to and held in custody of a bank or trust company in the State pursuant to a written custodial agreement as provided by Section 10 of the GML.

The Board of Education of the District has adopted an investment policy and such policy conforms with applicable laws of the State governing the deposit and investment of public moneys. All deposits and investments of the District are made in accordance with such policy.

# **Fund Structure and Accounts**

The General Fund is the general operating fund for the District and is used to account for substantially all revenues and expenditures of the District. The District also maintains a special aid fund, school lunch fund and special purpose fund. In addition, a capital projects fund is used to record capital facility projects, while an agency fund accounts for assets received by the District in a fiduciary capacity.

## **Basis of Accounting**

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

The fund statements are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the current financial resources measurement focus. Revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenue reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year.

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt and acquisitions under capital leases are reported as other financing sources.

Source: Audited Financials of the District.

# **Budget Process**

The District's fiscal year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. Starting in the fall or winter of each year, the District's financial plan and enrollment projection are reviewed and updated and the first draft of the next year's proposed budget is developed by the central office staff. During the winter and early spring, the budget is developed and refined in conjunction with the school building principals and department supervisors. The District's budget is subject to the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy, and by law is submitted to voter referendum on the third Tuesday of May each year. (See "The Levy Limit Law" herein). On May 21, 2019, a majority of the voters of the District approved the District's budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Summaries of the District's Adopted Budgets for the fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 may be found in Appendix A, herein.

#### Revenues

The District receives most of its revenue from a real property tax on all non-exempt real property situated within the District and State aid. A summary of such revenues for the five most recently completed fiscal years may be found in Appendix A.

# Real Property Taxes

See "Tax Information" herein.

#### State Aid

The District receives appropriations from the State of State aid for operating, building and other purposes at various times throughout its fiscal year, pursuant to formulas and payment schedules set forth by statute. While the State has a constitutional duty to maintain and support a system of free common schools that provides a "sound basic education" to children of the State, there can be no assurance that the State appropriation for State aid to school districts will be continued in future years, either pursuant to existing formulas or in any form whatsoever. State aid appropriated and apportioned to the school districts can be paid only if the State has such monies available for such payment.

The following table sets forth the amounts of the District's General Fund revenue comprised of State aid for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2018, inclusive and the amounts budgeted for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	General Fund Total Revenue	State Aid	State Aid to Revenues (%)
2014	\$11,960,449	\$474,440	3.97
2015	12,121,403	496,327	4.09
2016	12,116,143	457,334	3.77
2017	12,269,829	454,134	3.70
2018	12,996,359	558,939	4.30
2019 (Adopted Budgeted) <sup>a</sup>	14,035,604	624,436	4.45
2020 (Adopted Budgeted) <sup>a</sup>	14,353,276	623,762	4.35

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Adopted Budget of the District.

In addition to the amount of State Aid budgeted annually by the District, the State makes payments of STAR aid representing tax savings provided by school districts to their taxpayers under the STAR Program (See "STAR – School Tax Exemption" herein).

The amount of State aid to school districts is dependent in part upon the financial condition of the State. During the 2012 to 2018 fiscal years of the State, State aid to school districts was paid in a timely manner; however, during the State's 2010 fiscal year, State budgetary restrictions resulted in delayed payments of State aid to school districts in the State. In addition, the availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

The State receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Many of the policies that drive this federal aid may be subject to change under the federal administration and the current 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 federal government may enact budgetary changes or take other actions that adversely affect State finances. State legislation adopted with the State's 2019-2020 Enacted Budget continues authorization for a process by which the State would manage significant reductions in federal aid during Federal fiscal year 2020 should they arise. Specifically, the legislation allows the State Budget Director to prepare a plan for consideration by the State Legislature in the event that the federal government (i) reduces federal financial participation in Medicaid funding to the State or its subdivisions by \$850 million or more; or (ii) reduces federal financial participation of other federal aid funding to the State that affects the State Operating Funds financial plan by \$850 million or more, exclusive of any cuts to Medicaid. Each limit is triggered separately. The plan repared by the State Budget Director must equally and proportionately reduce appropriations and cash disbursements in the State's General Fund and State Special Revenue Funds. Upon receipt of the plan, the State Legislature has 90 days to prepare its own corrective action plan, which may be adopted by concurrent resolution passed by both houses, or the plan submitted by the State Budget Director takes effect automatically.

a. Budgeted revenues include the application of reserves and fund balance.

On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (H.R. 1, P.L. 115-97), making major changes to the Federal Internal Revenue Code, most of which are effective in the 2018 tax year. The new federal tax law makes extensive changes to federal personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, and estate taxes, and the deductibility of various taxes and interest costs. The State's income tax system interacts with the federal system in numerous ways. The federal changes are expected to have significant flow-through effects on State tax burdens and revenues. The State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget includes legislation decoupling certain linkages between federal and local income tax and corporate taxes, increasing the opportunities for charitable contributions, and providing an option to employers to shift to an employer compensation tax and reduce State personal income taxes. In addition, the State's 2018-2019 Enacted Budget includes legislation that grants localities the option to establish local charitable funds that would provide taxpayers with a credit against their property taxes. In response to various state initiatives following changes to federal taxes and deductibility, the Department of Treasury (Treasury Department) and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have provided guidance regarding state initiatives that would seek to circumvent the new statutory limitation on state and local tax deductions and characterization of payments for federal income tax purposes. The final regulation prohibit the use of programs implemented in some states in which taxpayers receive a credit against their state income taxes for donations made to charitable funds set up by the state in an attempt to reduce the impact of the federal cap on state and local tax deductions. The District has not exercised this option and has no plans to do so in the foreseeable future. The District has no plans to implement a charitable fund at this time.

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

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

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

<u>Litigation regarding apportionment of State aid.</u> In January 2001, the State Supreme Court issued a decision in <u>Campaign for Fiscal Equity</u> ("CFE") v. <u>State of New York</u> 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 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 State Legislature as an amount sufficient to provide a sound basic education - was reasonably determined. State legislative reforms enacted in the wake of the decision in *Campaign for Fiscal Equity* ("CFE") v. *State of New York*, included increased accountability for expenditure of State funds and collapsing over 30 categories of school aid into one classroom operating formula referred to as foundation aid. Foundation aid prioritizes funding distribution based upon student need.

Litigation is continuing however as a statewide lawsuit entitled NYSER v. State of New York has been filed recently on behalf of the State's public-school students. The lawsuit asserts that the State has failed to comply with the decision of the New York State Court of Appeals in CFE v. State of New York. The complaint asks the court for an order requiring the State to immediately discontinue the cap on State aid increases and the supermajority requirements regarding increases in local property tax levies. The complaint also asks the court to order the State to develop a new methodology for determining the actual costs of providing all students the opportunity for a sound basic education, revise the State funding formulas to ensure that all schools receive sufficient resources, and ensure a system of accountability that measures whether every school has sufficient resources and that all students are, in fact, receiving the opportunity to obtain a sound basic education. On June 27, 2017, the Court of Appeals ruled that NYSER's claims that students in New York City and Syracuse are being denied the opportunity for a sound basic education could go to trial and that NYSER could rely upon the CFE decision in its arguments. It is not possible to predict the outcome of this litigation.

## **Recent Events Affecting State Aid to New York School Districts**

Following a state budgetary crisis in 2009, State aid to school districts in the State decreased for a number of years with increased established in more recent years.

School district fiscal year (2014-2015): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2014. The State's 2014-2015 Budget included a \$1.1 billion or 5.3% increase in State aid to school districts for the 2014-2015 school year. High-need school districts received 70% of the State aid increase. The State's 2014-2015 Budget restored \$602 million of Gap Elimination Adjustment reductions that had been imposed on school districts from 2010-2011 to 2012-2013. The State's 2014-2015 Budget invested \$1.5 billion over five years to support the phase-in of a Statewide universal full-day pre-kindergarten program.

School district fiscal year (2015-2016): The State Legislature adopted the State budget on March 31, 2015. Said budget included an increase of \$1.4 billion in State aid for school districts that was tied to changes in the teacher evaluation and tenure process.

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

School district fiscal year (2017-2018): The State's 2017-2018 Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$25.8 billion, an increase of \$1.1 billion in school aid spending from the 2016-2017 school year. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.5% and building aid increased by 4.8%. The State's 2017-18 Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2017-18 and 2018-19 to teacher and principal evaluation plans.

School district fiscal year (2018-2019): The State's 2018-2019 Budget provided for school aid of approximately \$26.7 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.0 billion in school aid spending from the 2017-2018 school year. The majority of the increases were targeted to high need school districts. Expense-based aids to support school construction, pupil transportation, BOCES and special education were continued in full, as is the State's usual practice. Transportation aid increased by 5.2% and building aid increased by 4.7%. The State 2018–2019 Budget continued to link school aid increases for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 to teacher and principal evaluation plans.

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

The State provides annual State aid to school districts in the State, including the District, on the basis of various formulas. Due to the State's own budgetary crisis in 2009 and to assist the State in mitigating the impacts of its own revenue shortfall, the State reduced the allocation of State aid to school districts as part of a program known as the Gap Elimination Adjustment ("GEA"). The GEA was a negative number (funds that were deducted from the State aid originally due to the District under State aid formulas). The District's State aid was reduced as a result of the GEA program starting in 2009. Subsequent State budgets decreased the amount of the GEA deduction and the State's 2016-2017 Budget eliminated the remaining balance of the GEA.

The Smart Schools Bond Act was passed as part of the Enacted 2014-2015 State Budget. The Smart Schools Bond Act authorizes the issuance of \$2 billion of general obligation bonds by the State to finance improved educational technology and infrastructure to enhance learning and opportunity for students throughout the State. The District's estimated allocation of funds is \$56,703.

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

# **Expenditures**

The major categories of expenditure for the District are General Support, Instruction, Employee Benefits, Pupil Transportation and Debt Service. A summary of the expenditures for the five most recently completed fiscal years may be found in Appendix A.

## The State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System and OSC Compliance Reviews

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

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

The most current applicable report of OSC designates the District as "No Designation" (Fiscal Score: 6.7%). More information on the FSMS may be obtained from the Office of the State Comptroller.

In addition, OSC helps local government officials manage government resources efficiently and effectively. The Comptroller oversees the fiscal affairs of local governments statewide, as well as compliance with relevant statutes and observance of good business practices. This fiscal oversight is accomplished, in part, through its audits, which identify opportunities for improving operations and governance. The most recent audit performed was released January 19, 2018. The purpose of such audit was to determine whether the District procured goods and services in accordance with its procurement policy and applicable statistics for the period July 1, 2015 through April 30, 2017. The complete report, together with the District's response, may be found on the OSC's official website.

References to websites and/or website addresses presented herein are for informational purposes only. Unless specified otherwise, such websites and the information or links contained therein are not incorporated into, and are not part of, this Official Statement.

## **Employee Pension System**

New York State Certified employees (teachers and administrators) are members of the New York State Teachers Retirement System ("TRS"). Employer pension payments to the TRS are generally deducted from State aid payments. All non-NYS certified/civil service employees of the District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State of New York are members of the New York State and Local Employee's Retirement System ("ERS"). Both the TRS and ERS are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 1, 1976. Other than as discussed below, all members of the respective systems hired on or after July 1, 1976 with less than 10 year's full-time service contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

On December 10, 2009, the Governor signed in to law a new Tier 5. The law is effective for new ERS and TRS employees hired after January 1, 2010 and before March 31, 2012. ERS employees contribute 3% of their salaries and TRS employees contribute 3.5% of their salaries. There is no provision for these employee contributions to cease after a certain period of service.

On March 16, 2012, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 18 of the Laws of 2012, which legislation provides for a new Tier 6 for employees hired after April 1, 2012. This new pension tier has progressive employee contribution rates between 3% and 6% and such employee contributions continue so long as the employee continues to accumulate pension credits; it increases the retirement age for new employees from 62 to 63 and includes provisions allowing early retirement with penalties. Under Tier 6, the pension multiplier is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% thereafter; vesting will occur after 10 years; the time period for calculation of final average salary is increased from three years to five years; and the amount of overtime to be used to determine an employee's pension is capped at \$15,000, indexed for inflation, for civilian and non-uniform employees and at 15% of base pay for uniformed employees outside of New York City. It also includes a voluntary, portable, defined contribution plan option for new non-union employees with salaries of \$75,000 or more.

Under current law, the employer pension payments for a given fiscal year are based on the value of the pension fund on the prior April 1 thus enabling the District to more accurately include the cost of the employer pension payment in its budget for the ensuing year. In addition, the District is required to make a minimum contribution of 4.5% of payroll every year, including years in which the investment performance of the fund would make a lower payment possible. The annual employer pension payment is due on February 1 of each year.

Due to poor performance of the investment portfolio of TRS and ERS during the recent financial crisis, the employer contribution rates for required pension payments to the TRS and ERS increased substantially. To help mitigate the impact of such increases, legislation was enacted that permitted school districts to amortize a portion of its annual employer pension payment to the ERS only. Under such legislation, school districts that choose to amortize were required to set aside and reserve funds with the ERS for certain future rate increases. The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments pursuant to this legislation and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

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

Under the TRS SCO plan, payment of the deferred amount will commence in year six of the program (2018-19) and continue for five years. School districts can elect to no longer participate in the plan at any time, resume paying the ARC and begin repayment of deferred amounts over five 21 years. Under the ERS SCO, payment of deferred amounts begins the year immediately following the deferral and the repayment period is 12 years. Once made, the election to participate in the ERS SCO is permanent. However, the school districts can choose not to defer payment in any given year. In both plans, interest on the deferred amounts is based on the yield of 10-year U.S. Treasury securities plus 1%.

The District has not amortized any of its employer pension payments as part of the SCO and expects to continue to pay all payments in full when due.

As of June 30, 2017, SCO is effectively terminated. Each employer who elected to participate in the plan has opted out. Employers who participated in the SCO will resume paying the Employer Contribution Rate ("ECR") as well as any outstanding deferred contributions plus interest.

The following chart represents the TRS and ERS required contributions for each of the last five completed fiscal years and budgeted for the 2019 fiscal year.

Fiscal Year Ending		
June 30:	<u>TRS</u>	<u>ERS</u>
2014	\$491,959	\$124,377
2015	550,337	113,193
2016	412,731	104,290
2017	368,183	95,761
2018	315,840	89,482
2019 (Budgeted)	355,740	83,948

Source: District Officials.

## **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 Education Services, unlike other municipal units of government in the State, have been prohibited from reducing retiree health benefits or increasing health care contributions received or paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees. This protection from unilateral reduction of benefits had been extended annually by the New York State Legislature until recently when legislation was enacted to make permanent these health insurance benefit protections for retirees. Legislative attempts to provide similar protection to retirees of other local units of government in the State have not succeeded as of the date hereof. Nevertheless, many such retirees of all varieties of municipal units in the State do presently receive such benefits.

GASB Statement No. 75 ("GASB 75") of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"), requires state and local governments to account for and report their costs associated with post-retirement healthcare benefits and other non-pension benefits ("OPEB"). GASB 75 generally requires that employers account for and report the annual cost of the OPEB and the outstanding obligations and commitments related to OPEB in essentially the same manner as they currently do for pensions. Under previous rules, 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. Only current payments to existing retirees were recorded as an expense.

GASB 75 requires that state and local governments adopt the actuarial methodologies to determine annual OPEB costs. Annual OPEB cost for most employers will be based on actuarially determined amounts that, if paid on an ongoing basis, generally would provide sufficient resources to pay benefits as they come due.

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the District adopted GASB 75, which supersedes and eliminates GASB 45. Under GASB 75, based on actuarial valuation, an annual required contribution ("ARC") will be determined for each state or local government. The ARC is the sum of (a) the normal cost for the year (the present value of future benefits being earned by current employees) plus (b) amortization of the unfunded accrued liability (benefits already earned by current and former employees but not yet provided for), using an amortization period of not more than 30 years. If a municipality contributes an amount less than the ARC, a net OPEB obligation will result, which is required to be recorded as a liability on its financial statements.

GASB 75 establishes new standards for recognizing and measuring OPEB liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures to provide more transparent reporting and useful information about the liability and cost of benefits. Municipalities and school districts are required to account for OPEB within the financial statements rather than only noted in the footnotes as previously required by GASB 45. It is measured as of a date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year and no later than the employer's current fiscal year. The discount rate is based on 20-year, tax exempt general obligation municipal bonds. There is no amortization of prior service cost.

Those that have more than 200 participants are required to have a full actuarial valuation annually. Plans with fewer than 200 participants are required to have a full valuation every two years.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District implemented GASB 75. The implementation of this Statement resulted in the reporting of the entire actuarial accrued liability for other post-employment benefits. The District's total OPEB liability at June 30, 2018 is as follows:

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability	Fiscal Year Ending June 30:
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$10,803,730
Changes for the Year	
Service Cost	474,185
Interest	304,234
Changes of Benefit Terms	-
Differences between Expected and Actual	
Experience	785,527
Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs	(1,330,558)
Benefit Payments	(259,521)
	(26,133)
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$10,777,597

In some recent years, OSC has proposed legislation to provide the State and certain local governments with the authority to establish trusts in which to accumulate assets for OPEB and to establish an OPEB investment fund in the sole custody of the State Comptroller for the investment of OPEB assets of the State and participating eligible local governments. The District cannot predict at this time whether such proposed legislation will be enacted into law. At this time, New York State has not developed guidelines for the creation and use of irrevocable trusts for the funding of OPEB. As a result, the District has decided to continue funding the expenditure on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Should the District be required to fund its unfunded actuarial accrued OPEB liability, it could have a material adverse impact upon the District's finances and could force the District to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

#### TAX INFORMATION

## **Real Property Taxes**

The District derives its power to levy an ad valorem real property tax from the State Constitution; methods and procedures to levy, collect and enforce this tax are governed by the Real Property Tax Law. Real property assessment rolls used by the District are prepared by the Town of Southampton. Assessment valuations are determined by the Town assessors and the State Board of Real Property Services which is responsible for certain utility and railroad property. In addition, the State Board of Real Property Services annually establishes State Equalization Rates for all localities in the State, which are determined by statistical sampling of market sales/assessment studies. The equalization rates are used in the calculation and distribution of certain State aids and are used by many localities in the calculation or debt contracting and real property taxing limitations. The District is not subject to constitutional real property taxing limitations; however, see "The Tax Levy Limit Law" herein for a discussion of certain statutory limitation that have been imposed.

The following table sets forth the amount of the District's General Fund revenue (excluding other financing sources) comprised of real property taxes for each of the fiscal years 2014 through 2018, inclusive and for the amounts budgeted for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal years.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Total Revenue	Real Property <u>Taxes</u>	Real Property Taxes to Revenues (%)
2014	\$11,960,449	\$11,099,464	92.80
2015	12,121,403	12,245,037	101.02
2016	12,116,143	11,222,779	92.63
2017	12,269,829	11,372,787	92.69
2018	12,996,359	11,691,489	89.96
2019 (Adopted Budgeted) <sup>a</sup>	14,035,604	12,266,824	87.40
2020 (Adopted Budgeted) <sup>a</sup>	14,353,276	12,620,270	87.93

Source: Audited Financial Statements of the District and Adopted Budgets of the District.

## **Tax Collection Procedure**

Property taxes for the District, together with County, Town and Fire District taxes, are collected by the Town Tax Receivers. Such taxes are due and payable in equal installments on December 1 and May 10, but may be paid without penalty by January 10 and May 31, respectively. Penalties on unpaid taxes are 1% per month from the date such taxes are due and 10% after May 31.

The Town Tax Receivers distribute the collected tax money to the Towns, fire and school districts prior to distributing the balance collected to the County. Uncollected amounts are not segregated by the Receivers and any deficiency in tax collection is the County's liability. The District thereby is assured of full tax collection.

Budgeted estimates for total revenues include appropriations of fund balance. Budgeted estimates for real property taxes include STAR.

## The Tax Levy Limit Law

Chapter 97 of the New York Laws of 2011, as amended, (herein referred to as the "Tax Levy Limit Law" or "Law") modified previous law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy.

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").

Under the Tax Levy Limit Law, there is now 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 consumer price index, subject to certain exclusions as mentioned below and as described in the Law. A budget with a tax levy that does 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 budget with a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the budget, the tax levy for the school district's budget for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law permits certain significant exclusions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on bonds or notes (such as the Notes) issued to finance voter approved capital expenditures and the refinancing or refunding of such bonds or notes, certain pension cost increases, and other items enumerated in the Law. However, such exclusion does NOT apply to taxes to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari refund payments.

#### **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 \$86,000 or less, increased annually according to a cost of living adjustment, are eligible for a "full value" exemption of the first \$66,800 for the 2018-19 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross income not in excess of \$500,000 are eligible for a \$30,000 "full value" exemption on their primary residence. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

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

The State 2017-18 Enacted Budget included changes to Chapter 60. STAR checks are now expected to be mailed out prior to the date that school taxes are payable. The amount of the check will be based on the previous year's amount adjusted by the levy growth factor used for the property tax cap. Any changes that must be made based on the final STAR credit compared to the estimate used will be factored into the subsequent year's STAR credit check or taxpayers also may account for those changes in their State income taxes.

The 2019-20 Enacted State Budget makes several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage homeowners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the Credit. The amount of the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually. Approximately 1.22% of the District's 2018-2019 school tax levy was exempted by the STAR program and the District has received full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State. Approximately 1.22% of the District's 2019-2020 school tax levy exempted by the STAR program and the District expects to receive full reimbursement of such exempt taxes from the State in January 2020. (See "State Aid" herein).

## Rebate Program

Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2014 ("Chapter 59") included provisions which provided a refundable personal income tax credit to real property taxpayers in school districts in 2014 and 2015 and certain municipal units of government in 2015 and 2016. The eligibility of real property taxpayers for the tax credit in each year depended on such jurisdiction's compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law. For the second taxable year of the program, the refundable personal income tax credit for real property taxpayers was additionally contingent upon adoption by the school district or municipal unit of a State approved "government efficiency plan" which demonstrated three-year savings and efficiencies of at least one per cent per year from shared services, cooperation agreements and/or mergers or efficiencies.

Chapter 20 of the Laws of 2015 ("Chapter 20") introduced a new real property tax rebate program that provides state-financed tax rebate checks and credits to taxpayers who are eligible for the STAR exemption in the years 2016-2019. For 2016, eligible taxpayers who resided outside New York City but within the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District ("MCTD") received \$130, and eligible taxpayers who resided outside the MCTD received \$185. Credits in 2017-2019 will vary based on a taxpayer's personal income level and STAR tax savings. Similar to the Chapter 59 real property tax credit, under Chapter 20 the eligibility of real property taxpayers in each year depends on the school district's compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law. Unlike Chapter 59, however, for taxpayers other than those living in one of the "Big 4" cities only the compliance of the school district in which the taxpayer resides is relevant. Municipal compliance with the Tax Levy Limit Law is only required in the case of the "Big 4" cities that have fiscally dependent school districts. In such cases, the joint school/city levy must remain in compliance with the Tax Levy Limit Law. In either scenario, the relevant jurisdiction (independent school district or joint city/school district) must certify its compliance with the provisions of the Tax Levy Limit Law. While the provisions of Chapter 59 did not, and the provisions of Chapter 20 do not, directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, Chapter 59 did, and Chapter 20 does, provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain within the tax cap limits established by the Tax Levy Limit Law.

While the provisions of Chapter 20 do not directly further restrict the taxing power of the affected municipalities, school districts and special districts, Chapter 20 does provide an incentive for such tax levies to remain within the tax cap limits established by the Tax Levy Limitation Law.

### **Valuations, Rates Levies and Collections**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30:	Assessed Valuation	State Equal.  Rate (%)	Full Valuation	Tax Levy	Per \$1000 of Assessed Val.
2015	\$2,011,580,503	100.00	\$2,011,580,503	\$11,245,033	5.59
2016	2,012,962,487	100.00	2,012,962,487	11,219,649	5.57
2017	2,052,796,055	100.00	2,052,796,055	11,365,716	5.54
2018	2,098,770,940	100.00	2,098,770,940	11,685,747	5.57
2019	2,188,498,638	100.00	2,188,498,638	12,130,629	5.54

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# Selected Listing of Large Taxable Properties in the District 2018-2019 Assessment Roll

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	Assessed <u>Valuation</u>
Westhampton Property Associates	Real Estate	\$9,240,100
Steven Star	Residential	8,762,100
William Gallo	Residential	7,589,300
Educational Resources LLC	Commercial	7,498,900
Westhampton House Inc.	Real Estate	7,376,400
3-D Associates, Inc.	Commercial	6,835,300
Cedar Lane Qualified Personal Residence Trust	Commercial	6,521,500
Estera Stawski	Residential	6,073,400
Summer Rolling Meadows Family	Commercial	5,740,500
Natalie Wilensky	Residential	5,716,100
Gerald Musano	Residential	5,630,700
Mr. Barry III LLC	Commercial	5,387,100
Clifford M Cooper	Residential	5,364,600
Donna Schwartz	Residential	4,974,100
Jacob Kopf	Residential	4,971,200
	Total <sup>a</sup>	\$97,681,300

a. Represents 4.46% of the Assessed Valuation of the District for 2018-2019. Source: Town Assessment Roll.

#### **Tax Certiorari Claims**

In common with other school districts, there are a number of tax certiorari proceedings pending involving properties that are subject to the levy of District taxes. The plaintiffs in these matters have asserted that their properties are over-assessed and are seeking assessment reductions. A refund of excess taxes is also generally requested. Historically, certiorari claims have been settled through negotiations, resulting in amounts, at times, substantially less than originally claimed. Many settlements provide for future adjustments with no direct outlay of money. There are no significant claims filed by the larger taxpayers at this time. (See "Tax Collection Procedure" herein.)

# **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 District, after consultation with its attorney, unless otherwise set forth herein and apart from matters provided for by applicable insurance coverage, there are no significant claims or actions pending in which the District has not asserted a substantial and adequate defense, nor which, if determined against the District, would have an adverse material effect on the financial condition of the District.

# MARKET MATTERS AFFECTING FINANCINGS OF THE MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE STATE

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

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

If and when an owner of any of the Notes should elect to sell all or a part of the Notes prior to maturity, there can be no assurance that a market will have been established, maintained and continue in existence for the purchase and sale of any of those Notes. The market value of the Notes is dependent upon the ability of holder to potentially incur a capital loss if such Notes are sold prior to its maturity.

There can be no assurance that adverse events including, for example, the seeking by another municipality in the State or elsewhere of remedies pursuant to the Federal Bankruptcy Act or otherwise, will not occur which might affect the market price of and the market for the Notes. In particular, if a significant default or other financial crisis should occur in the affairs of the State or any of its municipalities, public authorities or other political subdivisions thereby possibly further impairing the acceptability of obligations issued by those entities, both the ability of the District to arrange for additional borrowing(s) as well as the market for and market value of outstanding debt obligations, including the Notes, could be adversely affected.

The District is dependent in part upon financial assistance from the State in the form of State aid as well as grants and loans to be received ("State Aid"). The District's receipt of State aid may be delayed as a result of the State's failure to adopt its budget timely and/or to appropriate State Aid to municipalities and school districts. Should the District fail to receive all or a portion of the amounts of State Aid expected to be received from the State in the amounts and at the times anticipated, occasioned by a delay in the payment of such moneys or by a reduction in State Aid or its elimination, the District is authorized pursuant to the Local Finance Law ("LFL") to provide operating funds by borrowing in anticipation of the receipt of such uncollected State Aid, however, there can be no assurance that, in such event, the District will have market access for any such borrowing on a cost effective basis. The elimination of or any substantial reduction in State Aid would likely have a materially 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 "State Aid" under "FINANCIAL INFORMATION" herein.)

Future amendments to applicable statutes whether enacted by the State or the United States of America affecting the treatment of interest paid on municipal obligations, including the Notes, for income taxation purposes could have an adverse effect on the market value of the Notes (see "TAX MATTERS" herein).

The enactment of the Tax Levy Limit Law, which imposes a tax levy limitation upon municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District, without providing exclusion for debt service on obligations issued by municipalities and fire districts, may affect the market price and/or marketability for the Notes. (See "The Tax Levy Limit Law" under "TAX INFORMATION" herein.)

Federal or State legislation imposing new or increased mandatory expenditures by municipalities, school districts and fire districts in the State, including the District could impair the financial condition of such entities, including the District and the ability of such entities, including the District to pay debt service on the Notes.

#### **CYBERSECURITY**

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

#### TAX MATTERS

## **Opinion of Bond Counsel**

In the opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Notes is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code. The Tax Certificate of the District (the "Tax Certificate"), which will be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Notes, will contain provisions and procedures relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code. In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel has relied on certain representations, certifications of fact, and statements of reasonable expectations made by the District in connection with the Notes, and Bond Counsel has assumed compliance by the District with certain ongoing provisions and procedures set forth in the Tax Certificate relating to compliance with applicable requirements of the Code to assure the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

In addition, in the opinion of Bond Counsel to the District, under existing statutes, interest on the Notes is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated above. Bond Counsel renders its opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the issue date, and assumes no obligation to update, revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any action thereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may thereafter come to its attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may thereafter occur, or for any other reason. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Notes.

## **Certain Ongoing Federal Tax Requirements and Certifications**

The Code establishes certain ongoing requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Notes in order that interest on the Notes be and remain excluded from gross income under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to use and expenditure of gross proceeds of the Notes, yield and other restrictions on investments of gross proceeds, and the arbitrage rebate requirement that certain excess earnings on gross proceeds be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause interest on the Notes to become included in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to their issue date, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is discovered. The District, in executing the Tax Certificate, will certify to the effect that the District will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure the exclusion of interest on the Notes from gross income under Section 103 of the Code.

## **Certain Collateral Federal Tax Consequences**

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Notes. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Note. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Notes.

Prospective owners of the Notes should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Notes may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

## **Original Issue Discount**

"Original issue discount" ("OID") is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable at the stated maturity of a Note (excluding certain "qualified stated interest" that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates) over the issue price of that maturity. In general, the "issue price" of a maturity (a note with the same maturity date, interest rate, and credit terms) means the first price at which at least 10 percent of such maturity was sold to the public, i.e., a purchaser who is not, directly or indirectly, a signatory to a written contract to participate in the initial sale of the Notes. In general, the issue price for each maturity of the Notes is expected to be the initial public offering price set forth in this Official Statement. Bond Counsel further is of the opinion that, for any Notes having OID (a "Discount Note"), OID that has accrued and is properly allocable to the owners of the Discount Notes under Section 1288 of the Code is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes to the same extent as other interest on the Notes.

In general, under Section 1288 of the Code, OID on a Discount Note accrues under a constant yield method, based on periodic compounding of interest over prescribed accrual periods using a compounding rate determined by reference to the yield on that Discount Note. An owner's adjusted basis in a Discount Note is increased by accrued OID for purposes of determining gain or loss on sale, exchange, or other disposition of such Discount Note. Accrued OID may be taken into account as an increase in the amount of tax-exempt income received or deemed to have been received for purposes of determining various other tax consequences of owning a Discount Note even though there will not be a corresponding cash payment.

Owners of Discount Notes should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the treatment of original issue discount for federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and the state and local tax consequences of acquiring, holding, and disposing of Discount Notes.

## **Note Premium**

In general, if an owner acquires a Note for a purchase price (excluding accrued interest) or otherwise at a tax basis that reflects a premium over the sum of all amounts payable on the Note after the acquisition date (excluding certain "qualified stated interest" that is unconditionally payable at least annually at prescribed rates), that premium constitutes "note premium" on that Note (a "tax-exempt Premium Note"). In general, under Section 171 of the Code, an owner of a tax-exempt Premium Note must amortize the note premium over the remaining term of the tax-exempt Premium Note, based on the owner's yield over the remaining term of the tax-exempt Premium Note, determined based on constant yield principles (in certain cases involving a tax-exempt Premium Note callable prior to its stated maturity date, the amortization period and yield may be required to be determined on the basis of an earlier call date that results in the lowest yield on such note).

An owner of a tax-exempt Premium Note must amortize the note premium by offsetting the qualified stated interest allocable to each interest accrual period under the owner's regular method of accounting against the note premium allocable to that period. In the case of a tax-exempt Premium Note, if the note premium allocable to an accrual period exceeds the qualified stated interest allocable to that accrual period, the excess is a nondeductible loss. Under certain circumstances, the owner of a tax-exempt Premium Note may realize a taxable gain upon disposition of the tax-exempt Premium Note even though it is sold or redeemed for an amount less than or equal to the owner's original acquisition cost. Owners of any tax-exempt Premium Note should consult their own tax advisors regarding the treatment of note premium for Federal income tax purposes, including various special rules relating thereto, and state and local tax consequences, in connection with the acquisition, ownership, amortization of note premium on, sale, exchange, or other disposition of tax-exempt Premium Notes.

### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Information reporting requirements apply to interest paid on tax-exempt obligations, including the Notes. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient completes and provides the payor with, a Form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification," or if the recipient is one of a limited class of exempt recipients. A recipient not otherwise exempt from information reporting who fails to satisfy the information reporting requirements will be subject to "backup withholding," which means that the payor is required to deduct and withhold a tax from the interest payment, calculated in the manner set forth in the Code. For the foregoing purpose, a "payor" generally refers to the person or entity from whom a recipient receives its payments of interest or who collects such payments on behalf of the recipient.

If an owner purchasing a Note through a brokerage account has executed a Form W-9 in connection with the establishment of such account, as generally can be expected, no backup withholding should occur. In any event, backup withholding does not affect the excludability of the interest on the Notes from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Any amounts withheld pursuant to backup withholding would be allowed as a refund or a credit against the owner's federal income tax once the required information is furnished to the Internal Revenue Service.

#### Miscellaneous

Tax legislation, administrative actions taken by tax authorities, or court decisions, whether at the federal or state level, could adversely affect the tax-exempt status of interest on the Notes under federal or state law or otherwise prevent beneficial owners of the Notes from realizing the full current benefit of the tax status of such interest. In addition, such legislation or actions (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future, or enacted) or such decisions could affect the market price or marketability of the Notes.

Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the foregoing matters.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Notes will be subject to the final approving opinion of Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, Bond Counsel, substantially as set forth in Appendix C hereto.

#### DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

At the time of the delivery of the Notes, the District will execute an Undertaking to Provide Notices of Events, the form of which is attached hereto as Appendix D.

#### **RATINGS**

The Notes are not rated.

## MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Munistat Services, Inc. (the "Municipal Advisor"), is a Municipal Advisor, registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The Municipal Advisor serves as independent financial advisor to the District on matters relating to debt management. The Municipal Advisor is a financial 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.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information may be obtained from the office of Jaime Reed, Principal Account Clerk/Treasurer/Purchasing Agent, Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District, Mill Road, PO Box 900, Remsenburg, NY 11960, Phone (631) 325-0203, Fax (631) 325-8439 and email: reed@rsufsd.org or from Munistat Services, Inc., 12 Roosevelt Avenue, Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776, telephone number 631/331-8888 and website: www.munistat.com.

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By: s/s DEIDRE DEVITA
President of the Board of Education Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District Remsenburg, New York

July , 2019

# APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Fund Balances General Fund

		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018
Revenues:		<u> </u>		2012		2010		2017		2010
Real Property Taxes	\$	11,099,464	\$	11,245,037	\$	11,222,779	\$	11,372,787	\$	11,691,489
Other Real Property Tax Items		202,824		194,357		194,304		184,095		176,951
Charges for Services		64,311		83,413		83,238		153,327		307,973
Use of Money and Property		3,095		2,389		5,145		6,449		13,955
Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss				9,154		10,536				
Miscellaneous		116,315		90,726		142,807		99,037		247,052
State Sources	_	474,440	_	496,327	_	457,334	_	454,134	_	558,939
Total Revenues	_	11,960,449	_	12,121,403	-	12,116,143	_	12,269,829	_	12,996,359
Expenditures:										
General Support		1,072,973		1,161,945		1,130,321		1,222,076		1,292,245
Instruction		8,424,772		8,409,437		8,367,473		8,937,914		9,221,032
Pupil Transportation		603,873		486,381		381,573		460,217		512,899
Community Services		2,262		2,402		2,544		2,456		2,647
Employee Benefits		1,755,771		1,925,412		1,803,150		1,801,305		1,912,239
Debt Service	_	48,087	_	28,983	-	28,063	_	12,667	_	12,778
Total Expenditures		11,907,738		12,014,560		11,713,124		12,436,635		12,953,840
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues										
Over Expenditures		52,711		106,843		403,019		(166,806)		42,519
Other Financing Sources (Uses) Interfund Transfers In										
Interfund Transfers In Interfund Transfers Out		(24.062)		(22.552)		(22.610)		(20.716)		(22.719)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	(24,062)	_	(23,552)	-	(23,610)	-	(20,716)	_	(22,718)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(24,002)		(23,332)		(23,010)		(20,710)		(22,716)
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues and Other Sources over										
Expenditures and Other Uses		28,649		83,291		379,409		(187,522)		19,801
Expenditures and other oses		20,047		03,271		377,407		(107,322)		17,001
Fund Balance - Beg. of Year Adjustments	_	2,386,073	_	2,414,722	_	2,498,013	_	2,877,422	_	2,689,900
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$_	2,414,722	\$_	2,498,013	\$_	2,877,422	\$_	2,689,900	\$_	2,709,701

Source: Audited Financial Statements (2014-2018)

NOTE: This table NOT audited

# Comparative Balance Sheet General Fund

	_	Fiscal Year Ending June 30:				
		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>		
Assets:						
Cash	\$	3,678,684	\$	4,172,851		
Accounts Receivable				100,000		
Due From Other Funds		139,645		169,844		
Due From State & Federal		118,089		117,832		
Due From Other Governments	_	323,415	-	57,613		
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Total Assets	\$	4,259,833	\$	4,618,140		
Liabilities & Deferred Revenue:						
Accounts Payable	\$	409,083	\$	357,143		
Accrued Liabilities		121,453		30,265		
Due to Other Funds				10,118		
Due to Other Governments		570,747		1,026,624		
Due to Teachers' Retirement System		329,944		381,609		
Due to Employees' Retirement System		22,070		25,646		
Deferred Revenue	_	96,835	_	96,835		
	_		-			
Total Liabilities & Deferred Revenue	\$_	1,550,132	\$	1,928,240		
Fund Balance:						
Restricted	\$	1,167,277	\$	1,096,445		
Assigned		981,000		1,052,400		
Unassigned		561,424		541,055		
Total Fund Balance	\$	2,709,701	\$	2,689,900		
	-		-			
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	4,259,833	\$	4,618,140		

Source: Audited Financial Statements

NOTE: This table NOT audited

# **Budget Summaries**

		<u>2018-2019</u>		<u>2019-2020</u>
Real Property Taxes &				
Other Real Property Tax Items \$	,	12,266,824	\$	12,620,270
LIPA Pilot		32,000		33,700
State Aid		624,436		623,762
Miscellaneous		169,344		200,544
Appropriated Fund Balance		943,000	_	875,000
Total Revenues \$	; =	14,035,604	\$	14,353,276
Expenditures:				
General Support \$	,	1,390,160	\$	1,445,654
Instruction		9,985,778		10,130,431
Pupil Transportation		473,899		484,874
Community Services		2,727		2,766
Employee Benefits		2,133,162		2,129,673
Debt Service		20,000		130,000
Interfund Transfers		29,878	_	29,878
Total Expenditures \$	; _	14,035,604	\$	14,353,276

The 2018-19 budget was approved by the voters of the District on May 15, 2018 The 2019-20 budget was approved by the voters of the District on May 21, 2019

Source: Adopted Budgets of the District

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### APPENDIX B

# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

NOTE: SUCH FINANCIAL REPORT 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 REPORT IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED NOR OBTAINED.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT** 

The Board of Education Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District Remsenburg, New York:

# Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the fiduciary fund of Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to 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.

# Auditor's 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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 auditor's 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 District'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 District'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 fiduciary fund of Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Other Matters

As discussed in note 2 to the financial statements, the District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 - "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," during the year ended June 30, 2018. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

# **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 14 and the additional information on pages 48 through 52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

# Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2018, 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, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

EFPR Group, CPAS, PLLC

Williamsville, New York October 15, 2018

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District's (District) discussion and analysis of financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 in comparison with the year ended June 30, 2017, with emphasis on the current year. This should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, which immediately follow this section.

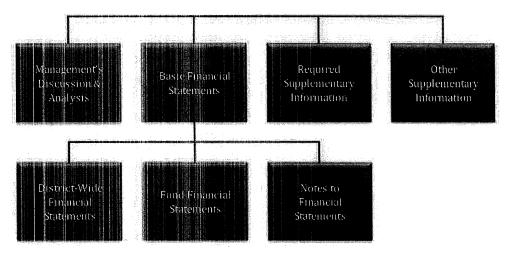
#### 1. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Key financial highlights for fiscal year 2018 are as follows:

- The District's total net position, as reflected in the district-wide financial statements, decreased by \$466,043 (10.78%). This was due to an excess of expenses over revenues based on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.
- The District's total net position at June 30, 2017 was restated and decreased by \$6,999,466, as a result of the required implementation of a new GASB accounting standard during the 2018 fiscal year. This new GASB accounting standard has no impact on the governmental funds financial statements.
- The District's expenses for the year, as reflected in the district-wide financial statements, totaled \$13,649,358. Of this amount, \$494,929 was offset by program charges for services and operating grants. General revenues of \$12,688,386 amount to 96.2% of total revenues, and were not adequate to cover the balance of program expenses.
- The general fund's total fund balance, as reflected in the fund financial statements, increased by \$19,801 (0.74%) to \$2,709,701.
- The District's 2018 property tax levy of \$11,835,070 was a 2.70% increase over the 2017 tax levy. The District's property tax cap allowed for a 3.24% increase.

#### 2. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts – management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements consist of district-wide financial statements, fund financial statements, and notes to the financial statements. A graphic display of the relationship of these statements follows:



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

#### A. District-Wide Financial Statements

The district-wide financial statements are organized to provide an understanding of the fiscal performance of the District as a whole in a manner similar to a private sector business. There are two district-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements provide both an aggregate and long-term view of the District's finances.

These statements utilize the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes the financial effects of events when they occur, without regard to the timing of cash flows related to the events.

# The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

# The Statement of Activities

The Statement of Activities presents information showing the change in net position during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are recorded at the time the underlying financial event occurs. Revenues are recognized in the period when they are earned and expenses are recognized in the period when the liability is incurred. Therefore, revenues and expenses are reported in the statement for some items that will result in cash flow in future fiscal periods.

#### **B. Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's funds, not the District as a whole. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District also uses fund accounting to ensure compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the District are reported in the governmental funds and the fiduciary funds.

#### Governmental Funds

These statements utilize the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. This basis of accounting recognizes revenues in the period that they become measurable and available. It recognizes expenditures in the period in which the District incurs the liability, except for certain expenditures such as debt service on general long-term indebtedness, claims and judgments, termination benefits, other postemployment benefits and pension costs, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent the related liabilities mature each period.

Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. However, the governmental fund financial statements focus on shorter term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year for spending in future years. Consequently, the governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of district-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the district-wide financial statements. By doing so, you may better understand the long-term impact of the District's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund Balance Sheet and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The District maintains three individual governmental funds: general fund, special aid fund and school food service fund; each of which is considered to be a major fund and is presented separately in the fund financial statements.

# Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the District in its capacity as agent or trustee and utilize the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement. The fiduciary activities have been excluded from the district-wide financial statements because the District cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

# 3. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

#### A. Net Position

The District's total net position decreased by \$466,043 between fiscal year 2018 and 2017. The June 30, 2017 net position has been restated and decreased, and the recognized OPEB obligation has been restated and increased, both by \$6,999,466, resulting from the implementation of GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. Additionally, the June 30, 2017 balances reflect deferred outflows and inflows of resources in accordance with the new GASB Statement. A summary of the District's Statements of Net Position follows:

	2018		As Restated 2017		Increase (Decrease)		Percentage Change
Åssets							
Current and Other Assets	\$	4,427,974	\$	4,753,908	\$	(325,934)	(6.86)%
Capital Assets, Net		1,745,717		1,778,817		(33,100)	(1.86)%
Net Pension Asset -							
Proportionate Share		150,682	200 - 1 - 1 - 1			150,682	100.00 %
Total Assets		6,324,373		6,532,725		(208,352)	(3.19)%
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	-	3,201,084	<u> </u>	2,556,775	, <u></u>	644,309	25.20 %
Liabilities							
Current and Other Liabilities		1,463,872		1,825,977		(362,105)	(19.83)%
Long-Term Liabilities		252,179		281,946		(29,767)	(10.56)%
Net Pension Liability -							, .
Proportionate Share		56,942		388,926		(331,984)	(85.36)%
Total OPEB Obligation		10,777,597	<u></u>	10,803,730		(26,133)	(0.24)%
Total Liabilities	A Property of the Party of the	12,550,590	-	13,300,579		(749,989)	(5.64)%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

	A E A MINISTER	2018	P	As Restated 2017	<u></u>	Increase Decrease)	Percentage Change
Deferred Inflows of Resources		1,765,289	\$	113,300	<u>\$</u>	1,651,989	1458.07 %
Net Position (Deficit)							
Net Investment in Capital Assets		1,745,717		1,778,817		(33,100)	(1.86)%
Restricted		1,167,277		1,096,445		70,832	6.46 %
Unrestricted (deficit)		(7,703,416)		(7,199,641)		(503,775)	7.00 %
Total Net Position (Deficit)	\$	(4,790,422)	\$	(4,324,379)	\$	(466,043)	10.78 %

Current and other assets decreased primarily due to decreases in cash, offset by an increase in receivables.

The decrease in Capital assets, net is due to depreciation expense in excess of capital asset additions. See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 10 "Capital Assets" for additional information.

Net pension asset – proportionate share represents the District's share of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System's collective net pension asset at the measurement date of the respective year. In the current year, the District's proportionate share shifted from a liability to an asset. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 14 "Pension Plans – New York State", provides additional information.

Deferred outflows of resources represents contributions to the retirement and OPEB plans subsequent to the measurement dates and actuarial adjustments at the retirement and OPEB plan levels that will be amortized in future years.

The decrease in current and other liabilities is due to a decrease in amounts due to other governments for tuition, offset by increases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The decrease in long-term liabilities is due to a decrease in termination benefit payable, offset by an increase in the workers' compensation liability.

Net pension liability – proportionate share represents the District's share of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System's collective net pension liability, at the measurement date of the respective year. The decrease is due to the shift of the net pension liability to an asset for the TRS and a decrease in the pension liability for the ERS. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 14 "Pension Plans – New York State", provides additional information.

Total other postemployment benefits (OPEB) obligation decrease is the result of the current year OPEB costs in the governmental funds using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis (pay as you go) in excess of the amount reflected in the district-wide financial statements using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting due to a change in assumptions and other inputs. The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements, Note 16 "Postemployment Healthcare Benefits", provides additional information.

Deferred inflows of resources represents actuarial adjustments of the pension and OPEB plans that will be amortized in future years.

The net investment in capital assets is the investment in capital assets at cost such as land; buildings and improvements; site improvements; and, furniture and equipment, net of depreciation and related outstanding debt. This number decreased from the prior year as follows:

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

Capital asset additions	\$ 104,768
Depreciation expense	(137,868)
	\$ (33,100)

The restricted net position relates to the District's reserves. This number increased over the prior year as a result of the District funding reserves in the amount of \$78,915 and interest earned on the reserves of \$9,818, offset by the use of the repair reserve to fund needed repairs in the amount of \$17,901.

The unrestricted deficit relates to the balance of the District's net position. This balance does not include the District's reserves, which are classified as restricted. Additionally, in accordance with state guidelines, the District is only permitted to fund OPEB on a "pay as you go" basis, and is not permitted to accumulate funds for the net OPEB obligation.

# B. Changes in Net Position

The results of operations as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities in a programmatic format. In the accompanying financial statements STAR (school tax relief) revenue is included in the other tax items line. However, in this MD&A, STAR revenue has been combined with property taxes. A summary of these statements for the years June 30, 2018 and 2017 ended is as follows:

			Increase	Percentage
	2018	2017	(Decrease)	Change
Revenues		Tel to to a week one majorin again and an annual a		A STATE OF THE STA
Program Revenues				
Charges for Services	\$ 348,093	\$ 192,233	\$ 155,860	81.08 %
Operating Grants	146,836	133,289	13,547	10.16 %
General Revenues				
Property Taxes and STAR	11,835,333	11,524,126	311,207	2.70 %
State Sources	558,939	454,134	104,805	23.08 %
Other	294,114	138,242	155,872	112.75 %
Total Revenues	13,183,315	12,442,024	741,291	5.96 %
Expenses				
General Support	1,603,019	1,501,178	101,841	6.78 %
Instruction	11,425,874	11,007,895	417,979	3.80 %
Pupil Transportation	529,484	480,625	48,859	10.17 %
Community Service	2,647	3,335	(688)	(20.63)%
Debt Service - Interest	12,778	12,667	111	0.88 %
Food Service Program	75,556	72,220	3,336	4.62 %
Total Expenses	13,649,358	13,077,920	571,438	4.37 %
Decrease in Net Position	\$ (466,043)	\$ (635,896)	\$ 169,853	(26.71)%

The District's net position decreased by \$466,043 and \$635,896 for the years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The District's revenues increased by \$741,291 or 5.96%. This increase was due to increases in the following: The increase in property taxes was in accordance with the 2017-18 voter approved budget. The increase in charges for services was due to an increase in the number of parentally placed students. The increase in

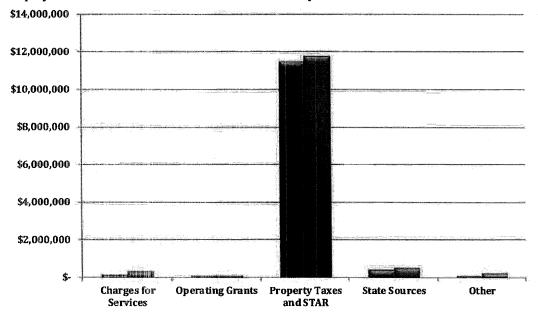
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

miscellaneous revenue is the result of an adjustment to the prior year's estimated accrual for tuition. The increase in state sources is due to the District receiving more in state aid than in prior years.

The District's expenses for the year increased by \$571,438 or 4.37%. The increase in expense is primarily due to increases in general support and instruction.

As indicated on the graphs that follow, real property taxes and STAR is the largest component of revenues recognized (i.e., 89.8% and 92.6% of the totals for the years 2018 and 2017, respectively). Instruction expenses is the largest category of expenses incurred (i.e., 83.7% and 84.1% of the totals for the years 2018 and 2017 respectively).

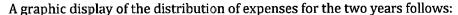
A graphic display of the distribution of revenues for the two years follows:

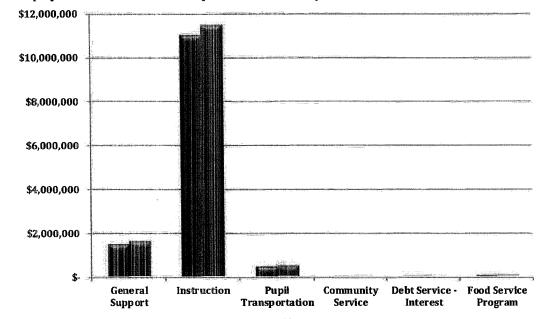


2017 2018

		Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Property Taxes and STAR	State Sources	Other
	2017	1.5%	1.1%	92.6%	3.7%	1.1%
1	2018	2.6%	1.1%	89.8%	4.2%	2.3%

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)





**2017 2018** 

	General Support	Instruction	Pupil Transportation	Community Service	Debt Service - Interest	Food Service Program
2017	11.5%	84.1%	3.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%
2018	11.7%	83 <i>.</i> 7%	3.9%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%

# 4. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

At June 30, 2018, the District's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$2,721,815, which is an increase of \$22,633 over the prior year. This increase is due to an excess of revenues over expenditures based upon the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. A summary of the change in fund balance by fund is as follows:

	· ) škoma se moo	2018	No.	2017	ecrease)
General Fund					
Restricted:					
Workers' Compensation Reserve	\$	287,472	\$	254,440	\$ 33,032
Unemployment Insurance Reserve		21,261		20,962	299
Retirement Contribution Reserve		328,558		296,834	31,724
Capital Reserve		458,658		453,684	4,974
Repairs Reserve		71,328		70,525	803
Assigned:					
Appropriated fund balance		943,000		1,015,000	(72,000)
Unappropriated fund balance		38,000		37,400	600
Unassigned: Fund balance	_	561,424		541,055	20,369
		2,709,701	A Commission	2,689,900	19,801

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

	g-Anna-men	2018	 2017	ncrease Decrease)
School Food Service Fund				
Nonspendable: Inventories	\$	1,223	\$ 759	\$ 464
Assigned: Unappropriated fund balance		10,891	 8,523	 2,368
		12,114	 9,282	 2,832
Total Fund Balance	\$	2,721,815	\$ 2,699,182	\$ 22,633

#### A. General Fund

The net change in the general fund – fund balance is an increase of \$19,801, as revenues of \$12,996,359 were in excess of expenditures and other financing uses of \$12,976,558, compared to a decrease of \$187,522 for fiscal 2017.

Revenues increased by \$726,530 (5.92%) over fiscal 2017 totals, primarily due to increases in property taxes, charges for services, miscellaneous and state sources revenues. The increase in property taxes was in accordance with the 2017-18 voter approved budget. The increase in charges for services was due to an increase in the number of parentally placed students. The increase in miscellaneous revenue is the result of an adjustment to the prior year's estimated accrual for tuition. The increase in state sources is due to the District receiving more in state aid than in prior years.

Expenditures and other financing uses increased by \$519,207 (4.17%) over fiscal 2017 totals. This increase was primarily within instruction and employee benefits.

In May 2004, the voters of the District authorized the creation of a capital reserve for \$500,000 to be funded for a period of ten years. The funding term ended June 30, 2014. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, the reserve earned interest of \$3,910. The total amount paid into the reserve was \$500,000 and the reserve earned interest of \$41,203. The District has utilized \$214,080 to fund past capital projects (parking lot improvements). As of June 30, 2018, the reserve has \$327,122 available for future capital projects.

In May 2017, the voters of the District authorized the creation of a capital reserve for \$1,500,000 to be funded for a period of ten years. In the current year, the reserve earned interest of \$1,064. As of June 30, 2018, the reserve has \$131,536 available for future capital projects.

The combined capital reserve balances at June 30, 2018 were \$458,658.

#### **B. School Food Service Fund**

The school food service fund-fund balance increased by \$2,832, aided by a \$15,000 transfer from the general fund.

#### 5. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

# A. 2017-2018 Budget

The District's general fund voter-approved budget for the year ended June 30, 2018 was \$13,526,371. This amount was increased by encumbrances carried forward from the prior year in the amount of \$37,400 and a budget revision in the amount of \$17,901 for a total final budget of \$13,581,672.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

The budget was funded through a combination of estimated revenues and appropriated fund balance. The majority of this funding source was \$11,835,070 in estimated property taxes and STAR.

# B. Change in General Fund's Unassigned Fund Balance (Budget to Actual)

The general fund's unassigned fund balance is the component of total fund balance that is the residual of prior years' excess revenues over expenditures, net of transfers to reserves, appropriations to fund the subsequent year's budget and encumbrances. The change in this balance demonstrated through a comparison of the actual revenues and expenditures for the year compared to budget follows:

Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	541,055
Revenues Over Budget	v	484,988
Expenditures and Encumbrances Under Budget		567,114
Allocation to Reserves		(88,733)
Appropriated for the 2018-2019 Budget	**********	(943,000)
Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	561,424

# Opening, Unassigned Fund Balance

The \$541,055 shown in the table is the portion of the District's June 30, 2017 fund balance that was retained as unassigned fund balance.

# Revenues Over Budget

The 2017-2018 final budget for revenues was \$12,511,371. Actual revenues received for the year were \$12,996,359. The excess of actual revenue over estimated or budgeted revenue was \$484,988, which is primarily due to the District receiving more than anticipated in charges for services and miscellaneous revenues. This excess contributes directly to the change to the general fund unassigned fund balance from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

# **Expenditures and Encumbrances Under Budget**

The 2017-2018 final budget for expenditures and other financing uses was \$13,581,672. Actual expenditures and other financing uses as of June 30, 2018 were \$12,976,558 and outstanding encumbrances were \$38,000. Combined, the expenditures plus encumbrances for 2017-2018 were \$13,014,558. The final budget was under expended by \$567,114. The under expenditure is principally within the instruction, and employee benefit codes within the budget. This under expenditure contributes directly to the change to the general fund unassigned fund balance from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

#### Allocation to Reserves

Monies transferred into authorized reserves do not affect the total fund balance unless, and until these monies are actually expended. The transfers do, however, reduce the District's discretion regarding the use of these transferred monies, and thus, reduce the unassigned fund balance by the amount of the transfers.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

The \$(88,733) shown in the previous table represents transfers to fund reserves as follows: \$30,000 to the workers' compensation reserve; \$31,014 to the retirement contribution reserve; and \$17,901 to the repairs reserve. In addition, \$9,818 in interest earnings was allocated to reserves.

# Appropriated Fund Balance

The District has chosen to use \$943,000 of the available June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance to partially fund the 2018-2019 approved operating budget. As such, the June 30, 2018 unassigned fund balance must be reduced by this amount.

# Closing, Unassigned Fund Balance

Based upon the summary changes shown in the previous table, the unassigned fund balance at June 30, 2018 is \$561,424. This unassigned fund balance portion is equal to the permissible 4.0% statutory maximum per §1318 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law.

# 6. CAPITAL ASSETS, DEBT ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

# A. Capital Assets

At June 30, 2018, the District had invested in a broad range of capital assets, as indicated in the table below. The net decrease in capital assets is due to depreciation of \$137,868 recorded in excess of current year additions of \$104,768 for the year ended June 30, 2018. A summary of the District's capital assets, net of depreciation at June 30, 2018 and 2017 is as follows:

	4 ALAGASSINI	2018	-	2017	_	ncrease ecrease)
Land	\$	67,500	\$	67,500	\$	*
Buildings and improvements		1,261,733		1,311,029		(49,296)
Site improvements		18,059		20,857		(2,798)
Furniture and equipment	**************************************	398,425	duministian	379,431	· ·	18,994
Capital assets, net		1,745,717	\$	1,778,817	\$	(33,100)

#### **B.** Debt Administration

The District had no outstanding bond indebtedness at June 30, 2018.

## C. Other Long-Term Liabilities

Included in the District's long-term liabilities are the estimated amounts due for termination benefits payable, workers' compensation liability, net pension liability – proportionate share and total other postemployment benefits obligation. The termination benefits payable is based on employment contracts. The workers' compensation liability, the net pension liability – proportionate share and the total other postemployment benefits obligation are based on actuarial valuations.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

	See and Alle	2018	P	As Restated 2017		Increase Decrease)
Termination benefits payable Workers' compensation liabilities	\$	212,053 40,126	\$	245,553 36,393	\$	(33,500) 3,733
Net pension liability - proportionate share Total OPEB obligation		56,942 10,777,597	***	388,926 10,803,730	\ <del>\(\text{\tin}\exititt{\texitit}\\ \text{\tin}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\text{\texi}\text{\text{\texit{\text{\texit{\texit{\texi}\text{\texit{\tex{\texi{\text{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi}\texi{\texi{\ti</del>	(331,984) (26,133)
	\$	11,086,718	\$	11,474,602	\$	(387,884)

#### 7. ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET

# A. Subsequent Year's Budget

The general fund budget, the only fund with a legally adopted budget, as approved by the voters on May 15, 2018, for the year ending June 30, 2018, is \$14,035,604. This is an increase of \$509,233 or 3.76% over the previous year's budget.

The District estimated its non-tax revenues for the June 30, 2019 year at a \$149,479 increase over the prior year's estimate. This increase is principally due to an increase in charges for services and state aid. The assigned, appropriated fund balance applied to the June 30, 2019 budget was decreased by \$72,000 to \$943,000. As a result, the District anticipates a property tax levy at an amount that is \$431,754 or 3.65% more than the prior year in order to meet the funding short fall and cover the increase in appropriations.

# **B. Future Budgets**

Significant increases in costs of health insurance, the property tax cap, and uncertainty in state aid and federal funds will impact the District's future budgets.

#### C. Tax Cap

New York State law limits the increase in the property tax levy of school districts to the lesser of 2% or the rate of inflation to June 15, 2020. There are additional statutory adjustments in the law. School districts may override the tax levy limit by presenting to the voters a budget that requires a tax levy that exceeds the statutory limit. However, that budget must be approved by 60% of the votes cast. Based on the law, the District's tax levy cap for 2018-2019 is 3.66%. The District's 2018-2019 property tax increase of 3.65% was less than the tax cap and did not require an override vote.

# D. Property Tax Relief Credit

New York State law provides a "Property Tax Relief Credit" to eligible taxpayers through the 2019-20 school year. To be eligible, a taxpayer, based on income tax return filings for the taxable two years prior, must be a New York State resident, who owned and primarily resided in real property receiving the STAR exemption, and had adjusted gross income no greater than \$275,000. A taxpayer is ineligible for the tax credit if the real property is located in a school district that adopted a budget in excess of the tax levy limit. Eligible District taxpayers will receive a tax credit in the form of a check. The amount of the credit (check) is a function of the basic STAR savings and the taxpayer's income.

This program provides an incentive for the District to be tax cap compliant.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Continued)

# 8. CONTACTING THE DISTRICT

This financial report is designed to provide the reader with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the funds it receives. Requests for additional information can be directed to:

Dr. Ronald M. Masera Superintendent Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District Mill Road Box 900 Remsenburg, NY 11960

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2018

ASSETS	
Cash Unrestricted	\$ 2.524.997
Restricted	\$ 2,524,9 <del>9</del> 7 1,167,277
Receivables	1,107,277
Accounts receivable	27
Due from fiduciary funds	10
Due from state and federal	265,573
Due from other governments	323,415
Inventories	1,223
Other assets	145,452
Capital assets not being depreciated	67,500
Capital assets being depreciated, net of accumulated depreciation	1,678,217
Net pension asset - proportionate share	150,682
Total Assets	6,324,373
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pensions	2,244,600
Other postemployment benefits obligation	956,484
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	3,201,084
LIABILITIES	
Payables	
Accounts payable	415,953
Accrued liabilities	121,453
Due to other governments	570,932
Due to teachers' retirement system	329,944
Due to employees' retirement system Unearned credits	23,713
Collections in advance	1,877
Long-term liabilities	1,077
Due and payable after one year	
Termination benefits payable	212,053
Workers' compensation liabilities	40,126
Net pension liability - proportionate share	56,942
Total other postemployment benefits obligation	10,777,597
Total Liabilities	12,550,590
DEFENDED MAN OTHE OF DECOMBER	**************************************
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES Pensions	C10.0C4
Other postemployment benefits obligation	610,964 1,154,325
	**************************************
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,765,289
NET POSITION (DEFICIT)	
Net investment in capital assets	1,745,717
Restricted	
Workers' compensation	287,472
Unemployment insurance	21,261
Retirement contribution	328,558
Capital	458,658
Repairs	71,328
	1,167,277
Unrestricted (deficit)	(7,703,416)
Total Net Position (Deficit)	\$ (4,790,422)

# ${\bf REMSENBURG-SPEONK\ UNION\ FREE\ SCHOOL\ DISTRICT\\$

# Statement of Activities

For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

							N	et (Expense)
	Program Revenues			Revenue and				
			Cł	narges for		Operating	1	Changes in
		Expenses		Services		Grants		let Position
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS								
General support	\$	1,603,019	\$		\$		\$	(1,603,019)
Instruction		11,425,874		307,973		126,614		(10,991,287)
Pupil transportation		529,484						(529,484)
Community service		2,647						(2,647)
Debt service - interest		12,778						(12,778)
Food service program	- Annimoni	75,556		40,120		20,222		(15,214)
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Total Functions and Programs	<u> </u>	13,649,358	<u>\$</u>	348,093	<u> </u>	146,836		(13,154,429)
GENERAL REVENUES								
Real property taxes								11,691,489
Other tax items								176,951
Use of money and property								13,955
Miscellaneous								247,052
State sources								558,939
Total General Revenues								12,688,386
Change in Net Position								(466,043)
Total Net Position (Deficit) - Beginning of year, as Rest	ated							(4,324,379)
							***************************************	
Total Net Position (Deficit) - End of year							\$	(4,790,422)

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

June 30, 2018

Case		- <del>Standardstand</del>	General		Special Aid	·	School Food Service	Go	Total vernmental Funds
Section   Sect									
Receivables         1,167,277         1,167,277           Receivables         27         27           Due from other funds         139,645         139,645           Due from other governments         323,415         146,144         1,340         265,573           Due from other governments         323,415         146,148         1,340         265,573           Due from other governments         323,415         1,223         32,2415           Inventories         4,259,833         1,46,278         \$ 4,221,57           Total Assets         4,4259,833         1,46,278         \$ 4,221,53           Total Assets         4,4259,833         1,46,278         \$ 415,953           Accounts payable         4,409,083         6,861         \$ 9         \$ 415,953           Accounts payable         \$ 409,083         6,861         \$ 9         \$ 415,953           Due to temb funds         121,453         139,300         335         139,655           Due to temb funds         22,970         1,643         23,713           Une to teachers' retirement system         22,070         1,642,78         3,932         1,603,507           Unearred credits         2,070         1,642,78         3,932         1,603,507		<b>*</b>	2544 405		424	÷	40.456	ф	2 524 007
Receivables		\$		\$	134	\$	13,456	\$	
Accounts receivable         27         27           Due from other funds         139,645         139,645           Due from state and federal         118,089         146,144         1,340         265,573           Due from other governments         323,415         1,223         1,223         1,223           Inventories         \$4,259,833         \$146,278         \$16,046         \$4,221,157           Total Assets         \$4,259,833         \$146,278         \$16,046         \$4,221,157           LIABILITIES           Bayables         \$409,083         \$6,861         \$9         \$415,953           Accounts payable         \$409,083         \$6,861         \$9         \$415,953           Accounts for funds         121,453         139,300         335         139,655           Due to other funds         329,944         185         570,932           Due to teachers' retirement system         22,070         1,643         23,713           Unearned credits         117         1,760         1,877           Total Liabilities         1,453,297         146,278         3,932         1,603,507           DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES           Unavailable revenues         96,835			1,107,277						1,107,277
Due from other funds   139,645   139,645   139,645   139,645   130,000   146,144   1,340   255,573   100 from state and federal   118,089   146,144   1,340   255,573   100 form other governments   323,415   1,223							27		27
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Payables				Çalınmını üğiyidi	ilijing		1,223	-	
Payables         Accounts payable         \$ 409,083         6,861         9         \$ 415,953           Accrued liabilities         121,453         121,453           Due to other funds         570,747         185         570,932           Due to other governments         570,747         185         570,932           Due to eachers' retirement system         329,944         23,944           Due to employees' retirement system         22,070         1,643         23,713           Unearned credits         117         1,760         1,877           Collections in advance         117         1,760         1,877           Total Liabilities         1,453,297         146,278         3,932         1,603,507           DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES         11,77         1,760         1,877           Unavailable revenues         96,835         1,223         1,223           PUND BALANCES         1,223         1,223         1,223           Restricted:         2         2         287,472         1,223         1,223         1,223           Restricted:         2         2,261         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271 <td< td=""><td>Total Assets</td><td>\$</td><td>4,259,833</td><td>\$</td><td>146,278</td><td>\$</td><td>16,046</td><td>\$</td><td>4,422,157</td></td<>	Total Assets	\$	4,259,833	\$	146,278	\$	16,046	\$	4,422,157
Payables         Accounts payable         \$ 409,083         6,861         9         \$ 415,953           Accrued liabilities         121,453         121,453           Due to other funds         570,747         185         570,932           Due to other governments         570,747         185         570,932           Due to eachers' retirement system         329,944         23,944           Due to employees' retirement system         22,070         1,643         23,713           Unearned credits         117         1,760         1,877           Collections in advance         117         1,760         1,877           Total Liabilities         1,453,297         146,278         3,932         1,603,507           DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES         11,77         1,760         1,877           Unavailable revenues         96,835         1,223         1,223           PUND BALANCES         1,223         1,223         1,223           Restricted:         2         2         287,472         1,223         1,223         1,223           Restricted:         2         2,261         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271         2,271,271 <td< td=""><td>I I ADII ITTIC</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></td<>	I I ADII ITTIC								
Accounts payable         \$ 409,083         \$ 6,861         \$ 9         \$ 415,953           Accrued liabilities         121,453         121,453         121,453         121,453         121,453         139,300         335         139,655         Due to other funds         189,707         185         570,932         329,944         185         570,932         329,944         1,643         23,713         23,713         Unearned credits         1,643         23,713         23,713         Unearned credits         1,1760         1,877         1,877         1,760         1,877         1,877         1,760         1,877         1,877         1,760         1,877         1,877         1,760         1,877         1,872         3,932         1,603,507         1,877         1,872         1,872         1,872									
Accrued liabilities         121,453         121,453           Due to other funds         139,300         335         139,635           Due to other governments         570,747         185         570,932           Due to teachers' retirement system         329,944         329,944           Due to employees' retirement system         22,070         1,643         23,713           Unearned credits         117         1,760         1,877           Collections in advance         117         1,760         1,877           Total Liabilities         1,453,297         146,278         3,932         1,603,507           DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES           Unavailable revenues         96,835         96,835         96,835           FUND BALANCES           Nonspendable: Inventories         1,223         1,223         1,223           Restricted:         287,472         287,472         287,472         287,472         287,472         10,23         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,223         1,		\$	409 083	\$	6.861	\$	g	\$	415 953
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	the state of the s	\$	4,259,833	\$_	146,278	\$	16,046	<u>\$</u>	4,422,157

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2018

Total Governmental Fund Balances		\$	2,721,815
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:			
Cash held by third-party administrator is treated as a long-term asset and included in Net Position.			145,452
The costs of building and acquiring capital assets (land, buildings, equipment) financed from the governmental funds are reported as expenditures in the year they are incurred, and the assets do not appear on the Balance Sheet. However, the Statement of Net Position includes those capital assets among the assets of the District as a whole, and their original costs are expensed annually over their useful lives.			
Original cost of capital assets  Accumulated depreciation	\$ 4,411,698 (2,665,981)		
·			1,745,717
Proportionate share of long-term asset and liability, as well as deferred outflows and inflows associated with participation in the state retirement systems are not current financial and are not reported in the funds resources or obligations			
Net pension asset - teachers' retirement system  Deferred outflows of resources	150,682 2,244,600		
Net pension liability - employees' retirement system	(56,942)		
Deferred inflows of resources	(610,964)		1,727,376
Total other postemployment benefits obligation and deferred outflows and inflows related to providing benefits in retirement are not current financial resources or obligation and are not reported in the funds.			
Deferred outflows of resources	956,484		
Total other postemployment benefits obligation Deferred inflows of resources	(10,777,597) (1,154,325)		
			(10,975,438)
Some of the District's revenues will be collected after the year end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the			
governmental funds, but are not deferred on the Statement of Net Position.			96,835
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:			
Termination benefits payable Workers' compensation liabilities	(212,053) (40,126)		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		·	(252,179)
Total Net Position (Deficit)		\$	(4,790,422)

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

		General		Special Aid		School Food Service	Go	Total vernmental Funds
REVENUES								
Real property taxes	\$	11,691,489	\$		\$		\$	11,691,489
Other tax items		176,951						176,951
Charges for services		307,973						307,973
Use of money and property		13,955						13,955
Miscellaneous		247,052						247,052
State sources		558,939		63,271		776		622,986
Federal sources				63,343		19,446		82,789
Sales					·	40,120		40,120
Total Revenues	: <del>(common</del>	12,996,359	-	126,614	· • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	60,342	<del></del>	13,183,315
EXPENDITURES								
General support		1,292,245						1,292,245
Instruction		9,221,032		117,747				9,338,779
Pupil transportation		512,899		16,585				529,484
Community service		2,647		·				2,647
Employee benefits		1,912,239				7,895		1,920,134
Debt service - interest		12,778						12,778
Food service program	· <del>31.,1.01</del>					64,615	***************************************	64,615
Total Expenditures		12,953,840		134,332		72,510	, <del></del>	13,160,682
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over Expenditures	نېښن <u>.</u>	42,519	<del>(111</del>	(7,718)	· ·	(12,168)	,	22,633
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES AND (USES)								*
Operating transfers in				7,718		15,000		22,718
Operating transfers (out)	-	(22,718)		The state of the s	) <u></u>		<del></del>	(22,718)
Total Other Financing								
Sources and (Uses)	<u> </u>	(22,718)	·	7,718	s.' <del>s</del>	15,000	**********	<b>.</b>
Net Change in Fund Balances		19,801				2,832		22,633
Fund Balances - Beginning of year	- <b>300000</b>	2,689,900				9,282	-	2,699,182
Fund Balances - End of year	<u>.\$</u>	2,709,701	\$	<u> </u>	<u>    \$       </u>	12,114	<u>\$</u>	2,721,815

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT 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, 2018

Net Change in Fund Balances		\$	22,633
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:			
Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences			
Certain expenditures in the governmental funds requiring the use of current financial resources (amounts paid) are being held by a third-party administrator. This is the amount by which other assets - cash held by third-party administrator increased in the period.	\$ 13,538		
Certain expenditures in the governmental funds requiring the use of current financial resources (amounts paid) may exceed the amounts incurred during the year, resulting in a reduction of the long-term liability and an increase in the net position.			
Decrease in termination benefits payable	33,500		
Certain operating expenses do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds, but are expensed in the Statement of Activities.			
Increase in workers' compensation liabilities	(3,733)		43,305
Capital Related Differences			
Capital outlays to purchase or build capital assets are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, for governmental activities those costs are capitalized and shown in the Statement of Net Position and allocated over their useful lives as annual depreciation expense in the Statement of Activities. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the period.			
Capital outlays Depreciation expense	104,768 (137,868)		(33,100)
Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Differences		!	(33,100)
The change in the proportionate share of the collective pension expense of the state retirement plans and the change in other postemployment benefits expense reported in the Statement of Acti did not affect current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fun			
Teachers' retirement system Employees' retirement system Other postemployment benefits	(73,259) 5,607 (431,229)		
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities			498,881) 466,043)

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Fund

June 30, 2018

	Agency Fund
ASSETS Cash	\$ 4,183
Total Assets	\$ 4,183
LIABILITIES	
Due to governmental funds	\$ 10
Other liabilities	4,173
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,183

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District (District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. Significant accounting principles and policies used by the District are as follows:

# A. Reporting Entity

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

The financial reporting entity is based on criteria set forth by GASB. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government, organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the District. The District is not a component unit of another reporting entity. The decision to include a potential component unit in the District's reporting entity is based on several criteria including legal standing, fiscal dependency, and financial accountability. Based on the application of these criteria, there are no other entities that would be included in the District's reporting entity.

# **B.** Joint Venture

The District is a component district in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Eastern Suffolk (BOCES). A BOCES is a voluntary, cooperative association of school districts in a geographic area that share planning, services, and programs which provide educational and support activities. BOCES are organized under Section §1950 of the Education Law. A BOCES Board is considered a corporate body. Members of a BOCES Board are nominated and elected by their component member boards in accordance with provisions of Section §1950 of the Education Law. All BOCES property is held by the BOCES Board as a corporation under Section §1950(6). In addition, BOCES Boards also are considered municipal corporations to permit them to contract with other municipalities on a cooperative basis under Section §119-n(a) of the General Municipal Law. A BOCES budget is comprised of separate budgets for administrative, program, and capital costs. Each component district's share of administrative and capital cost is determined by resident public school district enrollment as defined in Education Law, Section §1950(4)(b)(7). There is no authority or process by which a school district can terminate its status as a BOCES component. In addition, component school districts pay tuition or a service fee for programs in which its students participate.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### C. Basis of Presentation

#### District-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities present information about the overall governmental financial activities of the District, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of interfund transactions. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, state aid, intergovernmental revenues, and other exchange and nonexchange transactions. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while capital grants reflect capital-specific grants, if applicable.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the District at fiscal year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between program expenses and revenues for each function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with and are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Employee benefits are allocated to functional areas in proportion to the payroll expended for those areas. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including real property 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 type, governmental and fiduciary, are presented. The District's financial statements present the following fund types:

**Governmental Funds** - are those through which most governmental functions are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The emphasis of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds as defined by GASB, each displayed in a separate column. The following are the District's major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Special Aid Fund** - is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as federal and state grants that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These legal restrictions may be imposed by either governments that provide the funds or outside parties.

School Food Service Fund - is used to account for the activities of the food service program.

**Fiduciary Funds** – are used to account for activities in which the District acts as trustee or agent for resources that belong to others. These activities are not included in the district-wide financial statements, because their resources do not belong to the District, and are not available to be used to finance District operations. The following is the District's fiduciary fund:

**Agency Funds** - These funds are strictly custodial in nature and do not involve the measurement of results of operations. Assets are held by the District as agent for various student groups and for payroll or employee withholding.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

# D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The district-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash transaction takes place. Nonexchange transactions, in which the District gives or receives value without directly receiving or giving equal value in exchange, include real property taxes, state aid, grants and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from real property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from state aid is recognized in the fiscal year it is apportioned by the state. Revenue from grants and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The governmental fund statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The District considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year, except for real property taxes, which are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt, claims and judgments, termination benefits, other postemployment benefits and pension costs, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. Capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds of general long-term debt are reported as other financing sources.

# E. Real Property Taxes

# Calendar

Real property taxes are levied annually by the Board of Education no later than November 1st and become a lien on December 1st. Taxes are collected by the Town of Southampton and remitted to the District from December to June.

#### **Enforcement**

Uncollected real property taxes are subsequently enforced by Suffolk County in June.

#### F. Restricted Resources

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

# **G.** Interfund Transactions

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

the transfer of unrestricted general fund revenues to finance various programs that the District must account for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

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

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

A detailed disclosure by individual fund for interfund receivables, payables, transfers in and transfers out is provided subsequently in these Notes to Financial Statements.

#### H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates and assumptions are made in a variety of areas, including compensated absences, termination benefits, pension costs, other postemployment benefits, workers' compensation liabilities, potential contingent liabilities and useful lives of long-lived assets.

# I. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand, bank deposits and investments with a maturity date of three months or less from date of acquisition.

Certain cash balances are restricted by various legal and contractual obligations, such as legal reserves and debt agreements.

#### I. Receivables

Receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles, if any. However, no allowance for uncollectibles has been provided since it is believed that such allowance would not be material.

# K. Inventories

Inventories of food in the school food service fund is recorded at cost on a first-in, first-out basis or in the case of surplus food donated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Government's assigned value, which approximates market. Inventory is accounted for on the consumption method. Under the consumption method, a current asset for the inventories is recorded at the time of receipt and/or purchase and an expense/expenditure is reported in the year the goods are consumed.

Purchases of inventoriable items in other funds are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase, and are considered immaterial in amount.

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A portion of fund balance has been classified as nonspendable to indicate that inventories do not constitute an available spendable resource.

#### L. Other Assets

Other assets represent amounts on deposit that are being held by a third-party administrator for workers' compensation claims.

# M. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reflected in the district-wide financial statements. Capital assets are reported at actual cost, when the information is available, or estimated historical cost based on professional third-party information. Donated assets are reported at acquisition value at the date of donation.

All capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. Capitalization thresholds, the dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts, and estimated useful lives of capital assets as reported in the district-wide statements are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold		Estimated Useful Life
Buildings and other improvements	\$	500	50 years
Site improvements		500	20 years
Furniture and equipment		500	5-20 years

#### N. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources, in the Statement of Net Position, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that time. The District has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. The first item is related to pensions and represents the effect of the net change in the District's proportion of the collective net pension asset or liability not included in the collective pension expense and the District's contributions to the pension systems (TRS and ERS) subsequent to the measurement date. The second item is related to OPEB and represents the change in the total other postemployment benefits obligation not included in OPEB expense and benefit payments made subsequent to the measurement date.

# O. Collections in Advance

Collections in advance arise when resources are received by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures or when charges for services monies are received in advance from payers prior to the services being rendered by the District, such as prepaid lunch amounts. These amounts are recorded as liabilities in the financial statements. The liabilities are removed and revenues are recognized in subsequent periods when the District has legal claim to the resources.

# P. Deferred Inflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future reporting period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has three items that qualify for reporting in this category. First is unavailable revenues reported in the

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governmental funds when potential revenues do not meet the availability criterion for recognition in the current period. This includes receivables of certain state aid allocations. In subsequent periods, when the availability criterion is met, unavailable revenues are reclassified as revenues. In the district-wide financial statements, unavailable revenues are treated as revenues. The second item is related to pensions reported in the district-wide Statement of Net Position and consists of the District's proportionate share of changes in the collective net pension asset or liability not included in collective pension expense. The third item is related to OPEB and represents the change in the total other postemployment benefits obligation not included in OPEB expense.

# Q. Termination Benefits

Termination benefits consist of longevity and increments delayed during the 2013-14 school year as specified in collective bargaining agreements. Upon retirement, employees may contractually receive a payment based on this longevity. The liability is calculated in accordance with GASB Statement No. 47 *Accounting for Termination Benefits.* In the fund financial statements only the amount of matured liabilities is accrued within the general fund.

#### R. Other Benefits

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

District employees may choose to participate in the District's elective deferred compensation plans established under Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457.

The District provides health insurance coverage for active employees pursuant to collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts.

In addition to providing these benefits, the District provides postemployment health insurance coverage and survivor benefits for most retired employees and their survivors. Collective bargaining agreements and individual employment contracts determine if District employees are eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the District. Health care benefits are provided through plans whose premiums are based on the benefits paid during the year. The cost of providing post-retirement benefits is shared between the District and the retired employee. The District recognizes the cost of providing health insurance by recording its share of insurance premiums as an expenditure in the governmental funds as the liabilities for premiums mature (come due for payment). In the district-wide statements, the cost of postemployment health insurance coverage is recognized on the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75.

## S. Short-Term Debt

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

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

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# T. Equity Classifications

## **District-Wide Statements**

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

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of net capital assets (cost less accumulated depreciation) reduced by outstanding balances of related debt obligations from the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

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

*Unrestricted* – Reports the balance of net position that does not meet the definition of the above two classifications.

## **Fund Statements**

The fund statements report fund balance classifications according to the relative strength of spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used, as follows:

*Nonspendable* – Consists of amounts that are inherently nonspendable in the current period either because of their form or because they must be maintained intact. Nonspendable fund balance consists of inventories, which is recorded in the school food service fund.

*Restricted* – Consists of amounts that are subject to externally enforceable legal purpose restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The District has established the following restricted fund balances:

#### Workers' Compensation Reserve

Workers' Compensation Reserve (GML §6-j) 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 self-insurance program. The reserve may be established by Board action, and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

# Unemployment Insurance Reserve

Unemployment Insurance Reserve (GML §6-m) is used to pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund for payments made to claimants where the employer has elected to use the benefit reimbursement method. The reserve may be established by Board action and is funded by budgetary appropriations and such other funds as may be legally appropriated. Within sixty days after the end of any fiscal year, excess amounts may either be transferred to another reserve or the excess applied to the appropriations of the next succeeding fiscal year's budget. If the District elects to

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convert to tax (contribution) basis, excess resources in the fund over the sum sufficient to pay pending claims may be transferred to any other reserve fund. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

#### Retirement Contribution Reserve

Retirement Contribution Reserve (GML §6-r) is used for the purpose of financing retirement contributions payable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System. The Board, by resolution, may establish the reserve and authorize expenditures from the reserve. The reserve is funded by budgetary appropriations or taxes raised for the reserve, revenues that are not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account, transfers from reserves and other funds that may legally be appropriated. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

# Capital Reserve

Capital Reserve (Education Law §3651) is used to pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued. The creation of a capital reserve fund requires authorization by a majority of the voters establishing the purpose of the reserve; the ultimate amount, its probable term and the source of the funds. Expenditure may be made from the reserve only for a specific purpose further authorized by the voters. The form for the required legal notice for the vote on establishing and funding the reserve and the form of the proposition to be placed on the ballot are set forth in §3651 of the Education Law. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

#### Repairs Reserve

Repairs Reserve (GML §6-d) is used to pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment, which repairs are of a type not recurring annually. The Board of Education, without voter approval, may establish a repair reserve fund by a majority vote of its members. Voter approval is required to fund this reserve (Opinion of the New York State Comptroller 81-401). Expenditures from this reserve may be made only after a public hearing has been held, except in emergency situations. If no hearing is held, the amount expended must be repaid to the reserve fund over the next two subsequent fiscal years. The reserve is accounted for in the general fund.

Assigned – Consists of amounts that are subject to a purpose constraint that represents an intended use established by the District's Board of Education. The purpose of the assignment must be narrower than the purpose of the general fund, and in funds other than the general fund, assigned fund balance represents the residual amount of fund balance. Assigned fund balance includes an amount appropriated to partially fund the subsequent year's budget, as well as encumbrances not classified as restricted at the end of the fiscal year.

Unassigned – Represents the residual classification for the District's general fund and could report a surplus or deficit. In funds other than the general fund, the unassigned classification is used to report a deficit fund balance resulting from the overspending of available resources. NYS Real Property Tax Law §1318, restricts the unassigned fund balance of the general fund to an amount not greater than 4% of the subsequent year's budget.

#### Fund Balance Classification

Any portion of fund balance may be applied or transferred for a specific purpose by law, voter approval if required by law or by formal action of the Board of Education if voter approval is not required. Amendments or modification to the applied or transferred fund balance must also be approved by formal action of the Board of Education.

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The Board of Education shall delegate the authority to assign fund balance, for encumbrance purposes, to the person(s) to whom it has delegated the authority to sign purchase orders.

In circumstances where an expenditure is incurred for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications (that is restricted, assigned or unassigned) the expenditure is to be spent first from the restricted fund balance to the extent appropriated by either budget vote or Board approved budget revision and then from the assigned fund balance to the extent that there is an assignment and then from the unassigned fund balance.

#### 2. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. The implementation of the Statement requires the District to report other postemployment benefits liabilities, expenses and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources on the full accrual basis.

# 3. EXPLANATION OF CERTAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND STATEMENTS AND THE DISTRICT-WIDE STATEMENTS

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

# A. Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds vs. Net Position of Governmental Activities

Total fund balances of the District's governmental funds differ from net position of governmental activities reported in the Statement of Net Position. This difference primarily results from the long-term economic focus of the Statement of Net Position versus the current financial resources focus of the governmental fund Balance Sheet, as applied to the reporting of capital assets and long-term assets and liabilities.

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

Differences between the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances and the Statement of Activities fall into any of four broad categories.

# Long-Term Revenue and Expense Differences

Long-term revenue differences arise because governmental funds report revenues only when they are considered "available", whereas the Statement of Activities reports revenues when earned. Differences in long-term expenses arise because governmental funds report on a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis, whereas the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting is used on the Statement of Activities, thereby affecting expenses such as compensated absences.

#### Capital Related Differences

Capital related differences include the difference between proceeds from the sale of capital assets reported on fund statements and the gain or loss on the sale of assets as reported on the Statement of Activities, and

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the difference between recording an expenditure for the purchase of capital items in the fund statements and depreciation expense on those items as recorded in the Statement of Activities.

# Long-Term Debt Transaction Differences

Long-term debt transaction differences occur because the issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, but is recorded as a liability in the Statement of Net Position. In addition, both interest and principal are recorded as expenditures in the fund statements when due and payable, whereas interest expense is recorded in the Statement of Activities as it accrues, and principal payments are recorded as a reduction of liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

# Pension and Other Postemployment Benefits Differences

Pension differences occur as a result of recognizing pension costs using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expenditure is recognized based on the contractually required contribution as calculated by the plan, versus the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expense is recognized related to the District's proportionate share of the collective pension expense of the plan.

Other postemployment benefit differences occur as a result of recognizing OPEB costs using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expenditure is recognized for insurance premiums and other postemployment benefit costs as they mature (come due for payment), versus the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, whereby an expense is recognized related to the future cost of benefits in retirement over the term of employment.

#### 4. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

# A. Budgets

The District administration prepares a proposed budget for approval by the Board of Education for the general fund, the only fund with a legally adopted budget.

The voters of the District approved the proposed appropriation budget for the general fund.

Appropriations are established by the adoption of the budget, are recorded at the program line item level, and constitute a limitation on expenditures (and encumbrances) that may be incurred. Appropriations authorized for the year are increased by the amount of encumbrances carried forward from the prior year. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year unless expended or encumbered. Encumbrances will lapse if not expended in the subsequent year. Appropriations authorized for the current year can be funded by the planned use of specific reserves, and can be increased by budget amendments approved by the Board of Education as a result of selected new revenue sources not included in the original budget (when permitted by law) and appropriation of fund balances. These supplemental appropriations may occur subject to legal restrictions, if the Board approves them because of a need that exists which was not determined at the time the budget was adopted. The District appropriated \$17,901 for repairs funded by the repair reserve.

Budgets are adopted annually on a basis consistent with GAAP.

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#### **B.** Encumbrances

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

# 5. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INVESTMENTS

The District's investment policies are governed by state statutes and District policy. Resources must be deposited in Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured commercial banks or trust companies located within the state. Permissible investments include obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. Agencies, repurchase agreements and obligations of New York State or its localities. Collateral is required for demand and time deposits and certificates of deposit not covered by FDIC insurance. Obligations that may be pledged as collateral are obligations of the United States and its Agencies and obligations of New York State and its municipalities. Investments are stated at fair value.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District may be unable to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside agency. GASB directs that deposits be disclosed as exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are as follows:

- A. Uncollateralized,
- B. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution, or
- C. Collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

The District's aggregate bank balances were covered by FDIC insurance or fully collateralized by securities pledged on the District's behalf at year end.

The District did not have any investments at year end or during the year. Consequently, the District was not exposed to any material interest rate risk or foreign currency risk.

#### Investment pool:

The District participates in the Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System – New York (NYCLASS), a multimunicipal cooperative investment pool agreement pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Article 3-A and 5-G, whereby it holds a portion of the investments in cooperation with other participants. The investments are highly liquid and are considered to be cash equivalents. All NYCLASS investment and collateral policies are in accordance with General Municipal Law, Sections 10 and 11.

Total investment of the cooperative at June 30, 2018 are \$1,219,485,996, which consisted of \$213,214,286 in repurchase agreements, \$775,228,258 in U.S. Treasury Securities, and \$231,043,452 in collateralized bank deposits, with various interest rates and due dates.

The amount of \$1,812,040 on deposit with NYCLASS is included as cash in the general fund.

The above amounts represent the fair value of the investment pool shares. The Lead Participant of NYCLASS is the Village of Potsdam. Additional information concerning NYCLASS, including the annual report, can be found on its website at www.newyorkclass.org.

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#### 6. PARTICIPATION IN BOCES

During the year ended June 30, 2018, the District was billed \$511,569 for BOCES administrative and program costs. The District's share of BOCES aid amounted to \$46,991. Financial statements for the BOCES are available from the BOCES administrative offices at 201 Sunrise Highway, Patchogue, New York 11772.

# 7. DUE FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Due from state and federal at June 30, 2018 consists of:

General Fund		
New York State - excess cost aid	\$	40,754
New York State - transportation aid	* 4. 2.4	77,335
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Special Aid Fund		
State and federal grants		146,144
School Food Service Fund		
State and federal food service		
program reimbursements	-	1,340
	\$	265,573

# 8. DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Due from other governments at June 30, 2018 consisted of BOCES aid in the amount of \$21,146, Suffolk County Department of Health in the amount of \$5,019 and tuition from other districts in the amount of \$297,250.

# 9. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Interfund balances and activities at June 30, 2018, are as follows:

	Interfund							
	R	eceivable		Payable	Tra	insfers In	Tra	nsfers Out
General fund Special aid fund	\$	139,645	\$	139,300	\$	7.718	\$	22,718
School food service fund	anicom.	139,645	<b></b>	335 139,635	\$	15,000 22,718	\$	22,718
Fiduciary fund	· Mandadolis (197			10				
Total	\$	139,645	\$	139,645				

The District typically transfers from the general fund to the special aid fund and the school food service fund in accordance with the general fund budget. The transfer to the special aid fund from the general fund is to provide the District's 20% share of the summer program for students with disabilities. The transfer to the school food service fund from the general fund was to provide support for the program per the approved budget.

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# 10. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2018 were as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	June 30, 2017	Additions	Reductions	June 30, 2018
Governmental activities		1880 WALLES TO 1880		
Capital assets that are not depreciated				
Land	\$ 67,500	\$	\$	\$ 67,500
Total capital assets	-	**************************************	Assertation and the second and the s	S200 2010 3-5-1 - 4 100 - 110 - 15 - 15 - 1
not being depreciated	67,500			67,500
Capital assets that are depreciated				
Buildings and other improvements	3,251,962	15,804		3,267,766
Site improvements	71,142			71,142
Furniture and equipment	941,712	88,964	(25,386)	1,005,290
Total depreciable historical cost	4,264,816	104,768	(25,386)	4,344,198
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and other improvements	1,940,933	65,100		2,006,033
Site improvements	50,2 <b>85</b>	2,798		53,083
Furniture and equipment	562,281	69,970	(25,386)	606,865
Total accumulated depreciation	2,553,499	137,868	(25,386)	2,665,981
Total capital assets				
being depreciated, net	1,711,317	(33,100)	*	1,678,217
Capital assets, net	\$ 1,778,8 <b>17</b>	\$ (33,100)	\$ -	\$ 1,745,717

Depreciation expense was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General support Instruction	\$ 15,910 118,912
Food service program  Total depreciation expense	\$ 3,046 137,868

# 11. UNAVAILABLE REVENUE

Unavailable revenues at June 30, 2018 consisted of receivables from New York State related to prior years' aid adjustments as follows:

General Fund	
2003-04 Excess cost aid	\$ 19,500
2006-07, 2007-08 & 2008-09 transportation aid	 77,335
	,
	\$ 96,835

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#### 12. SHORT-TERM DEBT

Transactions in short-term debt for the year are summarized below:

	Maturity	Stated Interest Rate	Balance June 30, 2017	Issued	Redeemed	Balance June 30, 2018	
TAN	6/27/2018	2.00%	\$	# 1 000 000	\$ (1,000,000)	\$	

Interest on short-term debt for the year was \$12,778. The District received a premium of \$500, which was included in miscellaneous revenue in the general fund. The effective interest rate was 1.9217%.

# 13. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

# A. Changes

Long-term liability balances and activity, excluding pension and other postemployment benefits obligations, for the year are summarized below:

	Balance June 30, 2017		Additions		Reductions		Balance June 30, 2018		Amounts Due Within One Year	
Other long-term liabilities: Termination benefits payable Workers' compensation	\$	245,553 36,393	\$	27,609	\$	(33,500) (23,876)	\$	212,053 40,126	\$	
Total long-term liabilities	\$	281,946	\$	27,609	\$	(57,376)	\$	252,179	<u>\$</u>	

The general fund has typically been used to liquidate other long-term liabilities.

# 14. PENSION PLANS - NEW YORK STATE

#### A. General Information

The District participates in the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). These are cost-sharing multiple employer, public employee retirement systems. The systems provide retirement, disability, withdrawal and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries related to years of service and final average salary.

#### B. Provisions and Administration

#### **Teachers' Retirement System**

The TRS is administered by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board. The TRS provides benefits to plan members and beneficiaries as authorized by the Education Law and the New York State Retirement and Social Security Law (NYSRSSL). Membership is mandatory and automatic for all full-time teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors and administrators employed in New York Public Schools and BOCES who elected to participate in the TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the TRS, the

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BOCES who elected to participate in the TRS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the TRS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. Additional information regarding the TRS may be found on the TRS website at www.nystrs.org or obtained by writing to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System, 10 Corporate Woods Drive, Albany, NY 12211-2395.

#### **Employees' Retirement System**

Obligations of employers and employees to contribute and benefits to employees are governed by the NYSRSSL. The net position of the ERS is held in the New York State Common Retirement Fund (the Fund), which was established to hold all net assets and record changes in plan net position allocated to the ERS. As set forth in the NYSRSSL, the Comptroller of the State of New York (Comptroller) serves as the trustee of the Fund and is the administrative head of the ERS. Once a public employer elects to participate in the ERS, the election is irrevocable. The New York State Constitution provides that pension membership is a contractual relationship and plan benefits cannot be diminished or impaired. Benefits can be changed for future members only by enactment of a State statute. The District also participates in the Public Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan (GLIP), which provides death benefits in the form of life insurance. The ERS is included in the State's financial report as a pension trust fund. That report, including information with regard to benefits provided may be found at <a href="https://www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php">www.osc.state.ny.us/retire/publications/index.php</a> or obtained by writing to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System, 110 State Street, Albany, NY 12244.

#### C. Funding Policies

Plan members who joined the systems before July 27, 1976, are not required to make contributions. Those joining on or after July 27, 1976, and before January 1, 2010, with less than ten years of credited services are required to contribute 3% of their salary. Those joining on or after January 1, 2010 and before April 1, 2012, are required to contribute 3% of their salary to the ERS or 3.5% of their salary to the TRS throughout active membership. Those joining on or after April 1, 2012, are required to contribute between 3% and 6% dependent on their salary throughout active membership. Employers are required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate based on covered salaries paid. For the TRS, the employers' contribution rate is established annually by the New York State Teachers' Retirement Board for the TRS' fiscal year ended June 30th, and employer contributions are deducted from state aid in the subsequent months of September, October and November. For the ERS, the Comptroller annually certifies the actuarially determined rates expressly used in computing the employers' contributions for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31st, and employer contributions are either paid by the prior December 15th less a 1% discount or by the prior February 1st. The District paid 100% of the required contributions as billed by the TRS and ERS for the current. The District's contribution rate was 11.72% of covered payroll for the TRS' fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The District's average contribution rate was 15.05% of covered payroll for the ERS' fiscal year ended March 31, 2018.

The District's share of the required contributions, based on covered payroll for the District's year ended June 30, 2018, was \$315,840 for TRS and \$89,482 for ERS.

### D. Pension Asset/(Liability), Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2018, the District reported the following asset/(liability) for its proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) for each of the systems. The net pension asset/(liability) was measured as of June 30, 2017, for TRS and March 31, 2018 for ERS. The total pension asset/(liability) used to calculate the net

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pension asset/(liability) was based on a projection of the District's long-term share of contributions to the systems relative to the projected contributions of all participating members, actuarially determined. This information was provided by the TRS and the ERS systems in reports provided to the District.

	540.00 average	TRS		ERS
Measurement date	Ju	ne 30, 2017	Marc	ch 31, 2018
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability)	\$	150,682	\$	(56,942)
District's portion of the Plan's total net pension asset/(liability)	0	.0198240%	0	.0017643%
Change in proportion since the prior measurement date	(	0.0003470)	(	0.0000756)

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the District recognized pension expense of \$389,099 for TRS and \$83,875 for ERS. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflow		ws of Resources		
		TRS	ERS		TRS	10000000000000000000000000000000000000	ERS
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	123,974	\$ 20,309	\$	58,749	\$	16,783
Changes of assumptions		1,533,216	37,757				
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	3		82,704		354,899		163,249
Changes in proportion and differences between the District's contributions and proportionate share of contributions		61,567	45,492		10,572		6,712
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date		315,868	23,713	- Name and the same and the sam		:	
Total	\$	2,034,625	\$ 209,975	\$	424,220	\$	186,744

District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year Ending June 30,		TRS		ERS		
2019	\$	45,190	\$	27,225		
2020		415,962		21,509		
2021		300,604		(33,841)		
2022		82,383		(15,375)		
2023		299,760				
Thereafter	<del>i den e contre</del>	150,638	-			
	<u>\$</u>	1,294,537	\$	(482)		

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

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

	TRS	ERS
Marana and Jaka	hann 20 2017	Manch 21 2010
Measurement date	June 30, 2017	March 31, 2018
Actuarial valuation date	June 30, 2016	April 1, 2017
Inflation	2.50%	2.50%
Salary increases	1.90-4.72%	3.80%
Investment rate of return (net of investment		
expense, including inflation)	7.25%	7.00%
Cost of living adjustments	1.50%	1.30%

For the TRS, annuitant mortality rates are based on plan member experience, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014, applied on a generational basis. Active member mortality rates are based on plan member experience. For the ERS, annuitant mortality rates are based on system experience with adjustments for mortality improvements based on the Society of Actuaries' Scale MP-2014.

For the TRS, the actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014. For the ERS, the actuarial assumptions were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period April 1, 2010 – March 31, 2015.

For TRS, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 27, Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations. ASOP No. 27 provides guidance on the selection of an appropriate assumed investment rate of return. 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 long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a buildingblock 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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The target allocation and best estimates of the arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized below:

	TF	<b>S</b>	ERS		
•	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Rate of Return	
Measurement date		June 30, 2017		March 31, 2018	
Asset type					
Domestic equity	35.0%	5.90%	36.0%	4.55%	
International equity	18.0%	7.40%	14.0%	6.35%	
Real estate	11.0%	4.30%	10.0%	5.55%	
Private Equities	8.0%	9.00%	10.0%	7.50%	
Alternative investments			8.0%	3.75-5.68%	
Domestic fixed income securities	16.0%	1.60%			
Global fixed income securities	2.0%	1.30%			
High-yield fixed income securities	1.0%	3.90%			
Bonds and mortgages	8.0%	2.80%	17.0%	1.31%	
Short-term	1.0%	0.60%			
Cash			1.0%	(0.25)%	
Inflation indexed bonds	-		4.0%	1.25%	
	100.0%	:•	100.0%	•	

Real rates of return are net of long-term inflation assumption of 2.2% for the TRS and 2.5% for the ERS.

#### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25% for TRS and 7.0% for ERS (the discount rate used by the TRS at the prior year's measurement date of June 30, 2016, was 7.5%). The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based upon the assumptions, the systems' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

#### Sensitivity of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset/(Liability) to the Discount Rate Assumption

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

TRS	1% Decrease (6.25)%	Current Assumption (7.25)%	1% Increase (8.25)%	
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (2,595,800)	\$ 150,682	\$ 2,450,724	
ERS	1% Decrease (6.00)%	Current Assumption (7.00)%	1% Increase (8.00)%	
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset (liability)	\$ (430,839)	\$ (56,942)	\$ 259,360	

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The components of the current-year net pension liability of the employers as of the respective measurement dates, were as follows:

	. San	TRS	ia vermanettist	ERS
		(Dollars in	Thou	sands)
Measurement date	Jun	e 30, 2017	Ma	arch 31, 2018
Employers' total pension liability	\$ (1	14,708,261)	\$	(183,400,590)
Plan fiduciary net position	1	15,468,360	-	180,173,145
Employers' net pension asset/(liability)	\$	760,099	\$	(3,227,445)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to the employers' total pension liability		100.66%		98.24%

#### Payables to the Pension Plan

For TRS, employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, are paid to the system in September, October and November 2018 through a state aid intercept. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2018, represent employer and employee contributions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, based on paid TRS covered wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate and employee contributions for the fiscal year as reported to the TRS. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2018 amounted to \$315,868 of employer contributions and \$14,076 of employee contributions.

For ERS, employer contributions are paid annually based on the system's fiscal year, which ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2018, represent the projected employer contribution for the period of April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 based on paid ERS covered wages multiplied by the employer's contribution rate, by tier. Accrued retirement contributions as of June 30, 2018 amounted to \$23,713 of employer contributions. Employee contributions are remitted monthly.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 15. PENSION PLANS - OTHER

#### A. Tax Sheltered Annuities

The District has adopted a 403(b) plan covering all eligible employees. Employees may defer up to 100% of their compensation subject to Internal Revenue Code elective deferral limitations. The District may also make non-elective contributions based on collectively bargained agreements. Contributions made by the District and the employees for the year ended June 30, 2018, totaled \$58,500 and \$164,982, respectively.

#### **B.** Deferred Compensation Plan

The District has established a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code §457 for all employees. The District makes no contributions into this Plan. The amount deferred by eligible employees for the year ended June 30, 2018 totaled \$450.

#### 16. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

#### A. General Information about the OPEB Plan

*Plan Description* – The District's provides other postemployment benefits to retired employees and their eligible dependents. The benefits provided to employees upon retirement are based on provisions in various contracts the District has in place with different classifications of employees. The plan is a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan primarily administered through the East End Health Plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75.

Benefits Provided – The District provides medical an Medicare part B reimbursement coverage for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms are dependent on which contract each employee falls under. The specifics of each contract are on file at the District offices and are available upon request.

*Employees Covered by Benefit Terms* – At June 30, 2017, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	18
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	胃
Active employees	26
	44

#### **B. Total OPEB Liability**

The District's total OPEB liability of \$10,777,597 was measured as of June 30, 2017 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

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Inflation	2.50%	
Salary increases	3.90%	average, including inflation
Discount rate	3.58%	
Healthcare cost trend rates	7.00%	decreasing by 0.5% per year until an ultimate trend of 4.50%
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	5 - 40%	of projected health insurance premiums for retirees

The discount rate was based on Bond Buyer 20-Bond Go Index.

Mortality rates were based on the results of the actuarial study done by the Office of the Actuary of New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and used for the TRS valuation as of June 30, 2016.

#### C. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2017, as restated	\$ 10,803,730
Changes for the year	
Service cost	474,185
Interest	304,234
Changes of benefit terms	*
Differences between expected and actual experience	785,527
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	(1,330,558)
Benefit payments	(259,521)
	(26,133)
Balance at June 30, 2018	\$ 10,777,597

As of the June 30, 2017 measurement date, the following actuarial assumptions were changed:

- The per capita health costs and the future trend rates on such costs were revised based on past experience and future expectations.
- The mortality rates were changed to those used in TRS actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016.
- The turnover rates were changed to those used in TRS actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016.
- The discount rate used for the valuation was changed from 2.85% as of June 30, 2016 to 3.58% as of June 30, 2017.

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (2.58%) or 1 percentage point higher (4.58%) than the current discount rate:

	Discount				
OPEB	1% Decrease (2.58%)	Rate (3.58%)	1% Increase (4.58%)		
Total OPEB liability	\$ (13,026,213)	\$(10,777,597)	\$ (9,034,224)		

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Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1% Decrease	<b>Trend Rates</b>	1% Increase
OPEB	(6.00 to 3.50%)	(7.00 to 4.50%)	(8.00 to 5.50%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ (8,516,095)	\$(10,777,597)	\$ (13,892,928)

### D. OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year June 30, 2018, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$706,229. At June 30, 2018, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred				
	C	utflows		Inflows	
	of Resources		01	f Resources	
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	681,484	\$		
Changes of assumptions or other inputs				1,154,325	
District's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	April 4 decisions	275,000			
Total	\$	956,484	\$	1,154,325	

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

Year Ending June 30,		Amount				
2019	\$	(72,190)				
2020		(72,190)				
2021		(72,190)				
2022		(72,190)				
2023		(72,190)				
Thereafter	****	(111,891)				
	\$	(472,841)				

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#### 17. RISK MANAGEMENT

#### A. General Information

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by a combination of self-insurance reserves, public entity risk pools, and commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded available reserves and commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

#### B. Public Entity Risk Pool - Risk Retained

The District participates in a risk sharing pool, the East End Workers' Compensation Consortium (EEWCC), to insure workers' compensation claims. This public entity risk pool was created under Article 5 of Workers' Compensation Law, to evaluate, process, administer, and pay workers' compensation claims. The District retains the risk of loss.

The District pays an annual assessment to the pool for its workers' compensation claims coverage and related expenses. The EEWCC has obtained an excess compensation insurance policy to buffer the effect that a single large claim may have on the District's loss experience. The EEWCC established a non-discounted liability for both reported and unreported insured events, which includes estimates of both future payments or losses and related claim adjustment expenses. Claim liabilities are calculated considering the effects of inflation, recent claim settlement trends including frequency and amount of payouts, and other economic and social factors. However, because actual claim costs depend on complex factors, the process used in computing claims liabilities does not necessarily result in an exact amount. Such claims are based on the ultimate cost of claims (including future claim adjustment expenses) that have been reported but not settled, and claims that have been incurred but not reported.

The District's liability for incurred but unpaid claims and incurred but not reported claims at June 30, 2018, as processed by the EEWCC, is \$40,126. Claims activity is summarized as follows:

	2017		·	2018
Claims at beginning of year Incurred claims and claim adjustment expenses Claims payments and expenses	\$	34,701 25,033 (23,341)	\$	36,393 27,609 (23,876)
Claims liabilities at end of year	\$	36,393	\$	40,126

The EEWCC is holding \$145,452 of cash on account for the District to satisfy these liabilities at June 30, 2018. In addition, the District has reserved \$257,472 in the general fund for potential supplemental assessments due to catastrophic losses and future claims.

The EEWCC has issued financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018. Copies of these statements can be obtained from the District's Business Office.

#### C. Public Entity Risk Pool - Risk Sharing

The District participates in New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR), a non-risk-retained public entity risk pool for its property and liability insurance coverage. The pool is operated for the benefit of individual governmental units located within the pool's geographic area, and is considered a self-sustaining risk pool

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that will provide coverage for its members. The pool obtains independent coverage for insured events in excess of certain defined limits, and the District has essentially transferred all related risk to the pool.

#### D. Health Benefit Program

The District participates in a health benefit program for its employees through the East End Health Plan, a consortium of school districts from the east end of Long Island. The benefit program's administrator is responsible for the approval, processing and payment of claims. This is billed to the District at an established rate based on the number of participants. The District is responsible for contributions to cover their share of the benefits and administrative costs. The plan reports on a June 30th year end. In the event the plan experiences a shortfall, a special assessment against participating districts may be imposed. The plan reported a surplus as of June 30, 2017. Management of the plan has indicated that they have a multi-year deficit reduction plan in place. The District is not aware of any additional assessments related to claims incurred through June 30, 2018.

#### 18. ASSIGNED APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

The amount of \$943,000 has been appropriated to reduce taxes for the year ending June 30, 2019.

#### 19. RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 75. The implementation of Statement No. 75 resulted in the reporting of a change in the liability for other postemployment benefits obligation, as well as a deferred outflow and a deferred inflow of resources. The District's net position has been restated as follows:

Net position beginning of year, as previously stated	\$ 2,675,087
GASB Statement No. 75 implementation Beginning total other postemployment benefits obligation	(10,803,730)
Beginning deferred outflows of resources other postemployment benefits obligation	259,521
Less: Net other postemployment benefits obligation	
under GASB Statement No. 45	3,544,743
	(6,999,466)
Net position (deficit) beginning of year, as restated	\$ (4,324,379)

#### 20. <u>COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES</u>

#### A. Encumbrances

All encumbrances are classified as either restricted or assigned fund balance. At June 30, 2018, the District encumbered the following amounts, classified as assigned unappropriated fund balance:

General Fund	
General Support	\$ 38,000
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#### **B.** Grants

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

#### C. Litigation

The District is not aware of any material pending or threatened litigation claims against the District. The District is also unaware of any unasserted claims or assessments that would require financial statement disclosure.

#### D. Operating Leases

The District leases various equipment under non-cancelable operating leases. Rental expense for the year was \$2,151. The minimum remaining operating lease payments are as follows:

	mount		
\$	2,151		
	2,151		
<del>4 </del>	1,076		
\$	5,378		
	\$		

#### 21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The District has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the auditors' report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant events were identified that would require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements.

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund

For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Final Budget Variance with Actual
REVENUES				***************************************
Local Sources				
Real property taxes	\$ 11,691,226	\$ 11,691,226	\$ 11,691,489	\$ 263
Other tax items	143,844	143,844	176,951	33,107
Charges for services	126,044	126,044	307,973	181,929
Use of money and property	3,300	3,300	13,955	10,655
Miscellaneous			247,052_	247,052
Total Local Sources	11,964,414	11,964,414	12,437,420	473,006
State Sources	546,957	546,957	558,939	11,982
Total Revenues	12,511,371	12,511,371	12,996,359	\$ 484,988
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE				
Prior Years' Surplus	1,015,000	1,015,000		
Prior Year's Encumbrances	37,400	37,400		
Appropriated Reserves	· •	17,901		
Total Appropriated Fund Balance	1,052,400	1,070,301		
Total Revenues and Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 13,563,771	\$ 13,581,672	i .	

#### Note to Required Supplementary Information

#### Budget Basis of Accounting

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual - General Fund (Continued)

For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Year-End Encumbrances	Final Budget Variance with Actual & Encumbrances
EXPENDITURES					
General Support					
Board of education	\$ 18,856	\$ 16,636	\$ 15,981	\$	\$ 655
Central administration	281,825	284,177	282,473	100	1,604
Finance	238,653	233,790	183,703	37,900	12,187
Staff	86,020	89,564	88,387		1,177
Central services	505,906	628,796	626,234		2,562
Special items	100,229	99,974	95,467		4,507
Total General Support	1,231,489	1,352,937	1,292,245	38,000	22,692
Instruction					
Administration & improvement	189,817	199,178	186,387		12,791
Teaching - regular school	4,768,652	4,836,514	4,808,810		27,704
Programs for students	-,,	-,,	-,,		•
with disabilities	4,245,261	3,991,312	3,684,605		306,707
Occupational education	104,766	104,766	67,550		37,216
Teaching - special schools	7,444	7,444	1,870		5,574
Instructional media	447,641	376,942	332,144		44,798
Pupil services	149,430	149,801	139,666		10,135
Total Instruction	9,913,011	9,665,957	9,221,032	· (***	444,925
Pupil Transportation	369,475	512,899	512,899	÷	
Community Services	2,564	2,647	2,647	*. <del>\</del>	
Employee Benefits	1,997,354	1,997,354	1,912,239		85,115
Debt Service					
Interest	20,000	20,000	12,778		7,222
Total Expenditures	13,533,893	13,551,794	12,953,840	38,000	559,954
OTHER FINANCING USES					
Operating Transfers Out	29,878	29,878	22,718		7,160
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 13,563,771	\$ 13,581,672	12,976,558	\$ 38,000	\$ 567,114
Net Change in Fund Balance			19,801		
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			2,689,900	<del></del> ,	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 2,709,701	<del></del> :	

#### Note to Required Supplementary Information

#### **Budget Basis of Accounting**

Budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Asset/(Liability)

Last Four Fiscal Years

#### Teachers' Retirement System

	2018		2017		2016		**********	2015
District's proportion of the net pension asset/(liability)	(	0.0198240%	(	0.0201710%	(	0.0209080%	(	).0204640%
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/ (liability)	\$	150,682	\$	(216,041)	\$	2,171,723	\$	2,279,587
District's covered payroll	\$	3,141,442	\$	3,239,597	\$	3,266,591	\$	3,119,184
District's proportionate share of the net pension asset/(liability) as a percentage of its covered payroll		4.80 %		6.67 %		66.48 %		73.08 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension asset/(liability)		100.66%		99.01%		110.46%		111.48%

#### Employees' Retirement System

	-	2018	<u> </u>	2017	4	2016		2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.	0017643%	0	.0018399%	0	.0019466%	0.	0020191%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	(56,942)	\$	(172,885)	\$	(312,440)	\$	(68,211)
District's covered payroll	\$	616,191	\$	618,151	\$	595,206	\$	616,060
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll		9.24 %		27.97 %		52.49 %		11.07 %
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		98.24%		94.70%		90.68%		97.95%

#### Note to Required supplementary Information

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of each system's measurement date.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full ten year trend is compiled, the District is presenting information for those years for which information is available.

#### Teachers' Retirement System

The discount rate decreased from 8.0% to 7.50% to 7.25% as reflected in 2016, 2017, and 2018 above.

#### **Employees' Retirement System**

The discount rate decreased from 7.5% to 7.0% as reflected in 2015 and 2016 above.

### REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of District Pension Contributions Last Ten Fiscal Years

#### Teachers' Retirement System

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Contractually required contribution	\$ 315,840	\$ 368,177	\$ 412,731	\$ 550,337	\$ 491,959	\$ 372,962	\$ 379,597	\$ 288,340	\$ 209,797	\$ 227,266
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	315,840	368,177	412,731	550,337	491,959	372,962	379,597	288,340	209,797	227,266
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>s -</u>	\$	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u> -
District's covered payroll	\$ 3,222,857	\$ 3,141,442	\$ 3,239,597	\$ 3,266,591	\$ 3,119,184	\$ 3,211,490	\$ 3,456,175	\$ 3,424,408	\$ 3,471,279	\$ 3,287,262
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	10%	12%	13%	17%	16%	12%	11%	8%	6%	
	Employees' Retirement System									
			Employees	s' Retirement Sy.	stem					
	2018	2017	Employee:	s' Retirement Sy.	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Contractually required contribution	2018 \$ 89,482	2017 \$ 95,761	, -	-		2013 \$ 85,161	\$ 87,374	2011 \$ 66,356	2010 \$ 43,597	2009 \$ 41,559
Contractually required contribution  Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	***************************************		2016	2015	2014			***************************************	***************************************	***************************************
Contributions in relation to the contractually	\$ 89,482	\$ 95,761	\$ 98,928	2015 \$ 113,193	\$ 118,564	\$ 85,161	\$ 87,374	\$ 66,356	\$ 43,597	\$ 41,559
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 89,482	\$ 95,761	\$ 98,928	2015 \$ 113,193	\$ 118,564	\$ 85,161	\$ 87,374	\$ 66,356	\$ 43,597	\$ 41,559

# REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedule of Changes in the District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios Last Fiscal Year

	-	2018
Total OPEB liability		
Service cost	\$	474,185
Interest		304,234
Changes in benefit terms		Æ
Differences between expected and actual experience		785,527
Changes of assumptions or other inputs		(1,330,558)
Benefit payments	i and the same of	(259,521)
Net change in total OPEB liability		(26,133)
Total OPEB liability, beginning		10,803,730
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>, \$_</u>	10,777,597
Covered employee payroll	\$	2,554,399
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll		421.92%

### REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Schedules of Change from Adopted Budget to Final Budget and the Real Property Tax Limit - General Fund For The Year Ended June 30, 2018

#### CHANGE FROM ADOPTED BUDGET TO FINAL BUDGET

Adopted Budget			\$	13,526,371
Additions: Prior year's encumbrances				37,400
Prior year's elicumbrances			سسست	37,400
Original Budget				13,563,771
Budget Revisions			-	17,901
Final Budget			\$	13,581,672
SECTION 1318 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW LIMIT CALCULATION				
2018-19 voter-approved expenditure budget			\$	14,035,604
Maximum allowed (4% of 2018-19 budget)		٠		561,424
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to § 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:				
Unrestricted fund balance:				
Assigned fund balance	\$	981,000		
Unassigned fund balance		561,424		
	Annual Control		\$	1,542,424
Less:				
Appropriated fund balance		943,000		
Encumbrances		38,000		
Total adjustments				981,000
General Fund Fund Balance Subject to § 1318 of Real Property Tax Law:			\$	561,424
Actual Percentage				4.00%

#### REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Net Investment in Capital Assets June 30, 2018

Capital assets, net	\$ 1,745,717
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 1,745,717</u>



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# 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 Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District Remsenburg, New York:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the fiduciary fund of Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the basic financial statements which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2018.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

#### 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 <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

EFPR Group, CPAS, PLLC

Williamsville, New York October 15, 2018

#### APPENDIX C

FORM OF APPROVING LEGAL OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL

The Board of Education of Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as Bond Counsel to Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District (the "School District"), in the County of Suffolk, a school district of the State of New York, and have examined a record of proceedings relating to the authorization, sale and issuance of the \$1,835,000 Bond Anticipation Note - 2019 (the "Note"), dated and delivered the date hereof.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity with originals of all documents submitted to us as copies thereof.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, as of the date hereof, we are of the following opinions:

- 1. The Note is a valid and legally binding general obligation of the School District for which the School District has validly pledged its faith and credit and, unless paid from other sources, all the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem real estate taxes to pay the Note and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount. The enforceability of rights or remedies with respect to such Note may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, or other laws affecting creditors' rights or remedies heretofore or hereafter enacted.
- 2. Under existing statutes and court decisions and assuming continuing compliance with certain tax certifications described herein, (i) interest on the Note is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and (ii) interest on the Note is not treated as a preference item in calculating the alternative minimum tax under the Code.

The Code establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Note in order that the interest on the Note be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code. These requirements include, but are not limited to, requirements relating to the use and expenditure of proceeds of the Note, restrictions on the investment of proceeds of the Note prior to expenditure and the requirement that certain earnings be rebated to the federal government. Noncompliance with such requirements may cause the interest on the Note to become subject to federal income taxation retroactive to the date of issuance thereof, irrespective of the date on which such noncompliance occurs or is ascertained.

On the date of issuance of the Note, the School District will execute a Tax Certificate relating to the Note containing provisions and procedures pursuant to which such requirements can be satisfied. In executing the Tax Certificate, the School District represents that it will comply with the provisions and procedures set forth therein and that it will do and perform all acts and things necessary or desirable to assure that the interest on the Note will, for federal income tax purposes, be excluded from gross income.

In rendering the opinion in this paragraph 2, we have relied upon and assumed (i) the material accuracy of the School District's representations, statements of intention and reasonable expectations, and certifications of fact contained in the Tax Certificate with respect to matters affecting the status of the interest on the Note, and (ii) compliance by the School District with the procedures and representations set forth in the Tax Certificate as to such tax matters.

3. Under existing statutes, interest on the Note is exempt from personal income taxes of New York State and its political subdivisions, including The City of New York.

We express no opinion as to any other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Note, or the ownership or disposition thereof, except as stated in paragraphs 2 and 3 above. We render our opinion under existing statutes and court decisions as of the date hereof, and assume no obligation to update, revise or supplement our opinion to reflect any action hereafter taken or not taken, any fact or circumstance that may hereafter come to our attention, any change in law or interpretation thereof that may hereafter occur, or for any other reason. We express no opinion as to the consequence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence or the likelihood of their occurrence. In addition, we express no opinion on the effect of any action taken or not taken in reliance upon an opinion of other counsel regarding federal, state or local tax matters, including, without limitation, exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of interest on the Note.

We give no assurances as to the adequacy, sufficiency or completeness of the Preliminary Official Statement and/or Official Statement relating to the Note or any proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents, containing financial or other information relative to the School District, which have been or may hereafter be furnished or disclosed to purchasers of ownership interests in the Note.

Very truly yours,

#### APPENDIX D

FORM OF EVENTS NOTICE UNDERTAKING

#### UNDERTAKING TO PROVIDE NOTICES OF EVENTS

#### Section 1. Definitions

"EMMA" shall mean Electronic Municipal Market Access System implemented by the MSRB.

"Financial Obligation" shall mean "financial obligation" as such term is defined in the Rule.

"GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles as in effect from time to time in the United States.

"Holder" shall mean any registered owner of the Securities and any beneficial owner of Securities within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Issuer" shall mean the Remsenburg-Speonk Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, a school district of the State of New York.

"MSRB" shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established in accordance with the provisions of Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

"Purchaser" shall mean the financial institution referred to in the Certificate of Determination, executed by the President of the Board of Education as of July 17, 2019.

"Rule 15c2-12" shall mean Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended through the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof.

"Securities" shall mean the Issuer's \$1,835,000 Bond Anticipation Note – 2019, dated July 17, 2019, maturing on June 17, 2020, and delivered on the date hereof.

Section 2. Obligation to Provide Notices of Events. (a) The Issuer hereby undertakes, for the benefit of Holders of the Securities, to provide or cause to be provided either directly or through to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") System implemented by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board established pursuant to Section 15B(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or any successor thereto or to the functions of such Board contemplated by the Undertaking, in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of any such event, notice of any of the following events with respect to the Securities:

- (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 of determinations with respect to the tax status of the Securities, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Securities;
- (7) modifications to rights of Securities holders, if material;
- (8) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Securities, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;

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

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

- (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 Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, 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 Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.
- (b) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information in addition to that required hereby in the manner set forth herein or in any other manner. 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 hereunder.
- (c) Nothing herein shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from providing notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the Issuer determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Securities; but the Issuer does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above.
- Section 3. Remedies. If the Issuer shall fail to comply with any provision of this Undertaking, then any Holder of Securities may enforce, for the equal benefit and protection of all Holders similarly situated, by mandamus or other suit or proceeding at law or in equity, this 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 Undertaking; provided that the sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this 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 Undertaking shall not constitute an event of default on the Securities.
- Section 4. <u>Parties in Interest</u>. This Undertaking is executed to assist the Purchaser to comply with (b)(5) of the Rule and is delivered for the benefit of the Holders. No other person shall have any right to enforce the provisions hereof or any other rights hereunder.
- Section 5. <u>Amendments</u>. Without the consent of any holders of Securities, the Issuer at any time and from time to time may enter into any amendments or changes to this Undertaking for any of the following purposes:
  - (a) to comply with or conform to any changes in Rule 15c2-12 (whether required or optional);

- (b) to add a dissemination agent for the information required to be provided hereby 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 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 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;

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

Section 6. <u>Termination</u>. This Undertaking shall remain in full force and effect until such time as all principal, redemption premiums, if any, and interest on the Securities shall have been paid in full or the Securities 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 the EMMA System. Such notice shall state whether the Securities have been defeased to maturity or to redemption and the timing of such maturity or redemption.

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

Section 8. <u>Governing Law</u>. This 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, the undersigned has duly authorized, executed and delivered this Undertaking as of **July 17, 2019.** 

#### REMSENBURG-SPEONK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By		
•	President of the Board of Education	