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*Subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois ("Bond Counsel"), under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein for a more complete discussion.*

**Community Consolidated School District Number 15  
Cook County, Illinois  
(Palatine)  
\$42,165,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: December 1, as further described on the inside cover page**

The General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023 (the "Bonds"), of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), will be issued in fully registered form and will be registered initially only in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interests in the Bonds purchased. Ownership by the beneficial owners of the Bonds will be evidenced by book-entry only. Payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made by Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, as bond registrar and paying agent, to DTC, which in turn will remit such payments to its participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner as nominee of DTC, payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds will be made to such registered owner, and disbursement of such payments will be the responsibility of DTC and its participants. Individual purchases of the Bonds will be made in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

The Bonds will bear interest from their dated date at the rates per annum as shown on the inside cover page. Interest on the Bonds (computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months) will be payable semi-annually on each June 1 and December 1, commencing June 1, 2023.

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (a) pay certain costs of altering, repairing and equipping existing buildings and constructing and equipping building additions, including but not limited to improving safety and security, replacing roofs, plumbing and HVAC systems, installing energy-efficiency improvements and certain Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures, updating classrooms, science labs, libraries and instructional technology, and constructing improvements to establish middle schools and provide full-day kindergarten, and improving sites of the District and (b) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

The Bonds due on or after December 1, 2033,\* are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District, as a whole or in part, on any date on or after December 1, 2032,\* at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date. See "THE BONDS—Redemption" herein.

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Bonds are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion. See "THE BONDS—Security" herein.

*The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District and received by the Underwriters, subject to prior sale, to withdrawal or modification of the offer without notice, and to the approval of legality by Bond Counsel, and certain other conditions. Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, will also act as Disclosure Counsel to the District. It is expected that beneficial interests in the Bonds will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC on or about February 1, 2023.*

**Mesirow**   
as Co-Manager

**BAIRD**  
as Senior Manager

**STIFEL**  
as Co-Manager

**RAYMOND JAMES**  
as Municipal Advisor

The date of this Official Statement is January \_\_, 2023.

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**Community Consolidated School District Number 15  
Cook County, Illinois  
(Palatine)**

**\$42,165,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2023**

**MATURITIES, AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS\***

MATURITY (DECEMBER 1)	AMOUNT	INTEREST RATE	YIELD	CUSIP NUMBER** (213291)
2023 ***	\$4,835,000 ***	% ***	% ***	
2025	115,000	%	%	
2026	1,440,000	%	%	
2027	1,515,000	%	%	
2028	1,585,000	%	%	
2029	1,670,000	%	%	
2030	1,750,000	%	%	
2031	1,840,000	%	%	
2032	1,930,000	%	%	
2033	2,025,000	%	%	
2034	2,125,000	%	%	
2035	2,230,000	%	%	
2036	2,345,000	%	%	
2037	2,465,000	%	%	
2038	2,590,000	%	%	
2039	2,715,000	%	%	
2040	2,850,000	%	%	
2041	2,995,000	%	%	
2042	3,145,000	%	%	

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\*\* CUSIP data herein is provided by the CUSIP Global Services ("CGS"). CGS is managed on behalf of the American Bankers Association by FactSet Research Systems Inc. No representations are made as to the correctness of the CUSIP numbers. These CUSIP numbers are subject to change after the issuance of the Bonds.

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Unless otherwise indicated, the District is the source of all tables and statistical and financial information contained in this Official Statement. The information contained in this Official Statement concerning DTC has been obtained from DTC. The other information set forth herein has been furnished by the District or from other sources believed to be reliable. The information and opinions expressed herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date of this Official Statement.

This Official Statement should be considered in its entirety and no one factor considered more or less important than any other by reason of its position in this Official Statement. Where statutes, reports or other documents are referred to herein, reference should be made to such statutes, reports or other documents for more complete information regarding the rights and obligations of parties thereto, facts and opinions contained therein and the subject matter thereof.

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The Underwriters have reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriters do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

For purposes of compliance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, this document, as the same may be supplemented or corrected by the District from time-to-time, may be treated as an Official Statement with respect to the Bonds described herein and is "deemed final" by the District as of the date hereof (or of the date of any supplement or correction) except for the omission of certain information permitted to be omitted pursuant to such Rule.

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**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 15  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
(PALATINE)**

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Palatine, Illinois 60067

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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

**Community Consolidated School District Number 15  
Cook County, Illinois  
(Palatine)  
\$42,165,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023**

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Official Statement is to set forth certain information concerning Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), in connection with the offering and sale of its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023 (the “*Bonds*”).

This Official Statement contains “forward-looking statements” that are based upon the District’s current expectations and its projections about future events. When used in this Official Statement, the words “project,” “estimate,” “intend,” “expect,” “scheduled,” “pro-forma” and similar words identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and factors that are outside of the control of the District. Actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. Neither the District nor any other party plans to issue any updates or revisions to these forward-looking statements based on future events.

### THE BONDS

#### AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to the School Code of the State of Illinois (the “*School Code*”), the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois (the “*Debt Reform Act*”), and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District (the “*Board*”) on the 13th day of December, 2022, as supplemented by a notification of sale (together, the “*Bond Resolution*”).

The Bonds are also being issued pursuant to an election held on November 8, 2022 (the “*Election*”), at which a majority of voters of the District voting thereon approved a public question authorizing the District to incur indebtedness and issue bonds to the amount of \$93,000,000 to pay the costs of altering, repairing and equipping existing buildings and constructing and equipping building additions, including but not limited to improving safety and security, replacing roofs, plumbing and HVAC systems, installing energy-efficiency improvements and certain Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures, updating classrooms, science labs, libraries and instructional technology, and constructing improvements to establish middle schools and provide full-day kindergarten, and improving sites of the District (the “*Project*”). At the Election 22,881

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votes (63.21%) were cast in favor of the issuance of the bonds and 13,320 votes (36.79%) were cast in opposition (the “*Referendum*”).

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (a) pay certain costs of the Project and (b) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. The District expects to complete that portion of the Project financed by the Bonds within three years.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Bonds will be dated the date of issuance thereof, will be in fully registered form, without coupons, and will be in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof under a book-entry only system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“*DTC*”). Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by Amalgamated Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (the “*Registrar*”).

The Bonds will mature as shown on the inside cover page hereof. Interest on the Bonds will be payable each June 1 and December 1, beginning June 1, 2023.

The Bonds will bear interest from their dated date, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The principal of the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar. Interest on each Bond will be paid by check or draft of the Registrar payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding the interest payment date.

#### REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER

The Registrar will maintain books (the “*Register*”) for the registration of ownership and transfer of the Bonds. Subject to the provisions of the Bonds as they relate to book-entry form, any Bond may be transferred upon the surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar, together with an assignment duly executed by the registered owner or his or her attorney in such form as will be satisfactory to the Registrar. No service charge shall be made for any transfer or exchange of Bonds, but the District or the Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds except in the case of the issuance of a Bond or Bonds for the unredeemed portion of a Bond surrendered for redemption.

The Registrar shall not be required to transfer or exchange any Bond during the period beginning at the close of business on the 15th day of the month next preceding any interest payment date on such Bond and ending at the opening of business on such interest payment date, nor to transfer or exchange any Bond after notice calling such Bond for redemption has been mailed, nor during a period of fifteen (15) days next preceding mailing of a notice of redemption of any Bonds.

REDEMPTION

*Optional Redemption.* The Bonds due on or after December 1, 2033,\* are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District as a whole or in part in integral multiples of \$5,000 in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity to be selected by the Registrar), on December 1, 2032,\* and on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

*Mandatory Sinking Fund Redemption.* The Bonds due on December 1 of the years 20\_\_ and 20\_\_ are subject to mandatory redemption, in integral multiples of \$5,000 selected by lot by the Registrar, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, on December 1 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

FOR THE BONDS DUE DECEMBER 1, 20\_\_

YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
20__	\$
20__	(stated maturity)

FOR THE BONDS DUE DECEMBER 1, 20\_\_

YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT
20__	\$
20__	(stated maturity)

The principal amounts of Bonds to be mandatorily redeemed in each year may be reduced through the earlier optional redemption thereof, with any partial optional redemptions of such Bonds credited against future mandatory redemption requirements in such order of the mandatory redemption dates as the District may determine. In addition, on or prior to the 60th day preceding any mandatory redemption date, the Registrar may, and if directed by the District shall, purchase Bonds required to be retired on such mandatory redemption date. Any such Bonds so purchased shall be cancelled and the principal amount thereof shall be credited against the mandatory redemption required on such next mandatory redemption date.

*General.* The District will, at least 45 days prior to any optional redemption date (unless a shorter time period shall be satisfactory to the Registrar), notify the Registrar of such redemption date and of the principal amount and maturity or maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. For purposes of any redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of a single maturity, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Registrar from the Bonds of such maturity by such method of lottery as the Registrar shall deem fair and appropriate (except when the Bonds are held in a book-entry system, in which case the selection of Bonds to be redeemed will be made in accordance with procedures established by DTC or any other book-entry

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depository); *provided* that such lottery shall provide for the selection for redemption of Bonds or portions thereof in principal amounts of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Unless waived by any holder of Bonds to be redeemed, notice of the call for any redemption will be given by the Registrar on behalf of the District by mailing the redemption notice by first-class mail at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to each registered owner of the Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Register or at such other address as is furnished in writing by such registered owner to the Registrar.

Unless moneys sufficient to pay the redemption price of the Bonds to be redeemed at the option of the District are received by the Registrar prior to the giving of such notice of redemption, such notice may, at the option of the District, state that said redemption will be conditional upon the receipt of such moneys by the Registrar on or prior to the date fixed for redemption. If such moneys are not received, such notice will be of no force and effect, the District will not redeem such Bonds, and the Registrar will give notice, in the same manner in which the notice of redemption has been given, that such moneys were not so received and that such Bonds will not be redeemed. Otherwise, prior to any redemption date, the District will deposit with the Registrar an amount of money sufficient to pay the redemption price of all the Bonds or portions of Bonds which are to be redeemed on that date.

Subject to the provisions for a conditional redemption described above, notice of redemption having been given as described above and in the Bond Resolution, and notwithstanding failure to receive such notice, the Bonds or portions of Bonds so to be redeemed will, on the redemption date, become due and payable at the redemption price therein specified, and from and after such date (unless the District shall default in the payment of the redemption price) such Bonds or portions of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with said notice, such Bonds will be paid by the Registrar at the redemption price.

#### SECURITY

The Bonds, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel ("*Bond Counsel*"), are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion.

The Bond Resolution provides for the levy of ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District in amounts sufficient to pay, as and when due, all principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bond Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois (the "*County Clerk*"), and will serve as authorization to the County Clerk to extend and collect the property taxes as set forth in the Bond Resolution to pay the Bonds.

Reference is made to Appendix B for the proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel.

## PLAN OF FINANCE

The Project is part of the District’s Moving 15 Forward Plan (the “Plan”), which includes additions and renovations to the District’s current facilities to reorganize the District’s schools, as further discussed below in “THE DISTRICT” section, as well as, energy efficiency improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures, and updating classrooms, science labs, libraries and instructional technology. The Bonds and additional bonds issued pursuant to the Referendum will provide a portion of the funding of the Plan. The District also plans to use an estimated \$25,000,000 from current operating revenues in the Operations and Maintenance Fund over the next five years. Additionally, the District currently anticipates issuing approximately \$32,000,000 of limited bonds in fiscal year 2026 and \$36,000,000 of debt certificates in fiscal year 2024 to fund a portion of the Plan.

## SOURCES AND USES

The sources and uses of funds resulting from the Bonds are shown below:

### SOURCES:

Principal Amount	\$	
[Net ]Original Issue Premium		_____

Total Sources	\$	
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### USES:

Deposit to Project Fund	\$	
Costs of Issuance*		_____

Total Uses	\$	
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\* Includes underwriter’s discount and other issuance costs.

## RISK FACTORS

The purchase of the Bonds involves certain investment risks. Accordingly, each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should make an independent evaluation of the entirety of the information presented in this Official Statement and its appendices and exhibits in order to make an informed investment decision. Certain of the investment risks are described below. The following statements, however, should not be considered a complete description of all risks to be considered in the decision to purchase the Bonds, nor should the order of the presentation of such risks be construed to reflect the relative importance of the various risks. There can be no assurance that other risk factors are not material or will not become material in the future.

### CONSTRUCTION RISKS

There are potential risks that could affect the ability of the District to timely complete the Project. While preliminary costs have been projected by the District’s consulting architects, not

all of the construction contracts have been let by the District. No assurance can be given that the cost of completing the Project will not exceed available funds.

Completion of the Project involves many risks common to construction projects such as shortages or delays in the availability of materials and labor, work stoppages, labor disputes, contractual disputes with contractors or suppliers, weather interferences, construction accidents, delays in obtaining legal approvals, unforeseen engineering, archeological or environmental problems and unanticipated cost increases, any of which could give rise to significant delays or cost overruns.

#### FINANCES OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The State of Illinois (the “*State*”) continues to experience adverse fiscal conditions. The severe underfunding of the State’s pension systems, which, based on the comprehensive annual financial reports of the State’s five retirement systems, have a combined unfunded pension liability in excess of \$140 billion and a combined funded ratio of approximately 40% contributes to the State’s poor financial health. The State’s long-term general obligation bonds carry the lowest ratings of all states.

On June 17, 2021, Governor Pritzker (the “*Governor*”) signed the State’s budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 (the “*Fiscal Year 2022 Budget*”). On April 19, 2022, the Governor signed the State’s budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 (the “*Fiscal Year 2023 Budget*”). Both the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget contained appropriations for General State Aid (as hereinafter defined) and allocated the same among school districts in accordance with an “Evidence-Based Funding Model” pursuant to Public Act 100-0465, effective August 31, 2017 (“*Public Act 100-465*”). See “STATE AID” herein for more information on the Evidence-Based Funding Model.

As a result of the impact of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“*COVID-19*”) and the various governmental or private actions in reaction thereto on the revenues of the State, the State’s budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 (the “*Fiscal Year 2021 Budget*”) appropriated General State Aid at approximately the same level as the State’s budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. As a result, additional funds were not allocated under the Evidence-Based Funding Model as New State Funds (as hereinafter defined) for school districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The Fiscal Year 2023 Budget increased General State Aid by \$350 million over the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. See “STATE AID” herein for more information.

In addition, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (the “*American Rescue Plan*”), which was signed into law on March 12, 2021, will provide the State with approximately \$7.5 billion in additional federal funds. Certain amounts to be received by the State pursuant to the American Rescue Plan were included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

Despite moneys the State has received and is expected to receive from the federal government, the actions taken in response to COVID-19 have had, and are expected to continue to have, a significant impact on the State’s economy.

State funding sources constituted 10.81% of the District's General Fund revenue sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. The District cannot predict the effect the State's financial problems, including those caused by the various governmental or private actions in reaction to COVID-19, may have on the District's future finances. See "POTENTIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19" below.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic, along with various governmental measures taken to protect public health in light of the pandemic, has had an adverse impact on global economies, including economic conditions in the United States. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the U.S. economy was broad based and negatively impacted national, state and local economies.

In response to the pandemic, former President Trump declared a "national emergency" and designated the State as part of a national disaster area, which, among other effects, allows the executive branch to disburse disaster relief funds to address the COVID-19 pandemic and related economic dislocation. Federal legislation, particularly the (i) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "*CARES Act*"), signed into law on March 27, 2020, (ii) the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (the "*Supplemental CARES Act*") signed into law on December 27, 2020, and (iii) the American Rescue Plan (together with the CARES Act and the Supplemental CARES Act, the "*Federal COVID-19 Legislation*"), are each directed at mitigating the economic downturn and health care crisis caused by COVID-19. The CARES Act, among other items, creates a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund (the "*Coronavirus Relief Fund*") for state, local and tribal governments to use for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. The Supplemental CARES Act provides approximately \$82 billion in funding for educational purposes, including an allocation of \$54.3 billion for elementary and secondary school emergency relief. The American Rescue Plan is expected to provide approximately \$5 billion for school districts in the State, approximately \$3.2 billion of which is expected to be directed to school districts outside of Chicago. The District expects to receive \$13,645,959 under the American Rescue Plan, which will be paid to the District in reimbursement for qualified expenditures made. See "STATE AID—Federal COVID-19 Legislation" herein.

In addition to the federal COVID-19 response, the Governor signed various executive orders (each with 30-day periods of effectiveness which have been extended several times) to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 that have called for social distancing and masking and imposed restrictions on personal mobility, business operations and congregate activities. The Governor implemented a five-phase approach to reopening the State's businesses (the "*Reopening Plan*"), with each successive phase of the Reopening Plan easing certain of the restrictions previously imposed by such prior executive orders. On June 11, 2021, the State began the fifth and final phase of the Reopening Plan.

Under Phase 5 of the Reopening Plan, all sections of the State economy have reopened, with no limitations on the size of gatherings and most public activities, including parties, festivals, weddings, places of worship, conferences and sporting events. Businesses and local municipalities are permitted to continue to enforce more stringent rules. If there is a resurgence of COVID-19

cases, with an increase in hospitalizations and capacity issues for intensive care unit beds, the State could return to a previous phase of the Reopening Plan that would reinstate public health restrictions and mitigations.

#### LOCAL ECONOMY

The financial health of the District is in part dependent on the strength of the local economy. Many factors affect the local economy, including rates of employment and economic growth and the level of residential and commercial development. It is not possible to predict to what extent any changes in economic conditions, demographic characteristics, population or commercial and industrial activity will occur and what impact such changes would have on the finances of the District.

#### LOSS OR CHANGE OF BOND RATING

The Bonds have received a credit rating from Moody's Investors Service, New York, New York ("*Moody's*"). The rating can be changed or withdrawn at any time for reasons both under and outside the District's control. Any change, withdrawal or combination thereof could adversely affect the ability of investors to sell the Bonds or may affect the price at which they can be sold.

#### SECONDARY MARKET FOR THE BONDS

No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated, Mesirov Financial Inc., and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (collectively, the "*Underwriters*") are not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof.

Prices of the Bonds as traded in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and other prevailing circumstances. No guarantee exists as to the future market value of the Bonds. Such market value could be substantially different from the original purchase price.

#### CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking for continuing disclosure (see "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" herein) will not constitute an event of default on the Bonds. Any such failure must be reported in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 (the "*Rule*") adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), and may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

## SUITABILITY OF INVESTMENT

The interest rate borne by the Bonds is intended to compensate the investor for assuming the risk of investing in the Bonds. Furthermore, the tax-exempt feature of the Bonds is currently more valuable to high tax bracket investors than to investors that are in low tax brackets. As such, the value of the interest compensation to any particular investor will vary with individual tax rates and circumstances. Each prospective investor should carefully examine this Official Statement and its own financial condition to make a judgment as to its ability to bear the economic risk of such an investment, and whether or not the Bonds are an appropriate investment for such investor.

## FUTURE CHANGES IN LAWS

Various state and federal laws, regulations and constitutional provisions apply to the District and to the Bonds. The District can give no assurance that there will not be a change in, interpretation of, or addition to such applicable laws, provisions and regulations which would have a material effect, either directly or indirectly, on the District, or the taxing authority of the District. For example, many elements of local government finance, including the issuance of debt and the levy of property taxes, are controlled by State government. Future actions of the State may affect the overall financial conditions of the District, the taxable value of property within the District, and the ability of the District to levy property taxes or collect revenues for its ongoing operations.

## FACTORS RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTION

As discussed under “TAX EXEMPTION” herein, interest on the Bonds could become includible in gross income for purposes of federal income taxation, retroactive to the date the Bonds were issued, as a result of future acts or omissions of the District in violation of its covenants in the Bond Resolution. Should such an event of taxability occur, the Bonds are not subject to any special redemption.

There are or may be pending in the Congress of the United States (“*Congress*”) legislative proposals relating to the federal tax treatment of interest on the Bonds, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to Bonds issued prior to enactment. Finally, reduction or elimination of the tax-exempt status of obligations such as the Bonds could have an adverse effect on the District’s ability to access the capital markets to finance future capital or operational needs by reducing market demand for such obligations or materially increasing borrowing costs of the District.

The tax-exempt bond office of the Internal Revenue Service (the “*Service*”) is conducting audits of tax-exempt bonds, both compliance checks and full audits, with increasing frequency to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. It cannot be predicted whether the Service will commence any such audit. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the District as a taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such proceeding. The commencement of an audit with respect to any tax-exempt



obligations of the District could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

## CYBERSECURITY

Computer networks and data transmission and collection are vital to the efficient operation of the District. Despite the implementation of network security measures by the District, its information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to deliberate attacks by hackers, malware, ransomware or computer virus, or may otherwise be breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions. Any such breach could compromise networks and the information stored thereon could be disrupted, accessed, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. Although the District does not believe that its information technology systems are at a materially greater risk of cybersecurity attacks than other similarly-situated governmental entities, any such disruption, access, disclosure or other loss of information could have an adverse effect on the District's operations and financial health. Further, as cybersecurity threats continue to evolve, the District may be required to expend significant additional resources to continue to modify and strengthen security measures, investigate and remediate any vulnerabilities, or invest in new technology designed to mitigate security risks.

## BANKRUPTCY

The rights and remedies of the Bondholders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors' rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The various opinions of counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

## THE DISTRICT

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The District is located in Cook County, Illinois (the "*County*") about 25 miles northwest of Chicago and 15 miles from O'Hare International Airport. The District serves major portions of the City of Rolling Meadows (the "*City*") and the Village of Palatine (the "*Village*"), as well as a small portion of the Villages of Arlington Heights ("*Arlington Heights*"), Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Schaumburg and South Barrington. The District is the second largest elementary school district in the State. The District currently employs approximately 1,986 full-time staff.

The area's extension transportation network includes Interstate 90, State Highway 53 and U.S. Route 12. The District is also located close to Interstates 290 and 355. Commuter rail transportation is available in the Village on the Union Pacific/Northwest Line. Students attend Palatine, Fremd, and Rolling Meadows High Schools. William Rainey Harper Community College District No. 512 is located within the boundaries of the District. Higher educational opportunities are also available at the many universities located throughout the Chicagoland area.

There are some new economic developments in the Village and the City. A new townhome development featuring 161 units was recently completed in the City. There are also plans for a renovations of a former Holiday Inn to a new hotel and redevelopment of a former Sam’s Club location with multiple restaurants, retail and entertainment venues. Two industrial buildings were constructed in the spring of 2022 for use as distribution, light assembly and light manufacturing. Village officials have approved plans for a 58-unit apartment complex, an 18-unit apartment complex and a 6 home subdivision.

#### CHICAGO BEARS STADIUM

In September 2021, the Chicago Bears (the “Bears” or “Da Bears”) officials announced they had signed an agreement to purchase 326 acres of land in Arlington Heights within the District. The Bears are in discussions with Arlington Heights officials to build a new covered stadium as a home field for Da Bears, along with a mixed-use district. Stadium plans are being prepared by Manica Architecture and are scheduled to be unveiled around the Super Bowl in February 2023. The mixed-used district is expected to include office space, multi-family and single-family housing, restaurants, and hotels. The concept includes parks, a pond with a marina, and possibly a performance venue. The entire project could take more than 10 years to complete.

If completed, the Bears expect this development to have a significant impact on the local economy, with the potential for increased tax revenues for state and local governments and the creation of new jobs for area residents.

#### EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

The District operates 16 primary schools and four junior high schools.

FACILITY	GRADES
Central Road School.....	Pre-K-6
Kimball Hill School.....	Pre-K-6
Pleasant Hill School.....	Pre-K-6
Hunting Ridge School.....	Pre-K-6
Thomas Jefferson School.....	Pre-K-6
John G. Conyers Learning Academy .....	Pre-K-8
Jane Addams School.....	K-6
Marion Jordan School.....	K-6
Stuart R. Paddock School .....	K-6
Frank C. Whiteley School.....	K-6
Gray M. Sanborn School.....	K-6
Virginia Lake School.....	K-6
Winston Campus Elementary.....	K-6
Lake Louise School .....	K-6
Lincoln School.....	K-6
Willow Bend School.....	K-6
Plum Grove Junior High School .....	7-8
Carl Sandburg Junior High School.....	7-8
Winston Campus Junior High School.....	7-8
Walter R. Sundling Junior High School.....	7-8

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Source: The District.

Pursuant to the Plan, the District’s schools will reorganize as follows: (1) full-day kindergarten will be added to all elementary schools; (2) all junior high schools will become middle schools, serving grades 6-8; (3) all elementary schools will serve students in grades Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, respectively, through grade 5; (4) Thomas Jefferson School will become a middle school; and (5) John G. Conyers Learning Academy will become a Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade Early Childhood and Therapeutic Day School.

The District is governed by an elected seven-member Board and a full-time administrative staff.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

The day-to-day affairs of the District are conducted by a full-time staff including the following central administrative positions.

OFFICIAL	TITLE	YEAR STARTED IN POSITION
Dr. Laurie Heinz	Superintendent	2019
Diana McCluskey	Chief School Business Official	2020
Mary Chaharbakhshi	Director of Fiscal Services	2022

The Board appoints the administration. The staff is chosen by the administration with the approval of the Board. In general, policy decisions are made by the Board while specific program decisions are made by the administration.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICIAL	POSITION	TERM EXPIRES
Lisa Beth Szczupaj	President	April 2025
Frank J. Annerino	Vice President	April 2025
Samantha Bray Ader	Secretary	April 2023
Wenda Hunt	Member	April 2023
Zubair Khan	Member	April 2023
James Taylor	Member	April 2025
Anthony Wang	Member	April 2025

## ENROLLMENT

HISTORICAL		PROJECTED	
2018/2019	12,316	2023/2024	10,237
2019/2020	11,946	2024/2025	10,045
2020/2021	11,525	2025/2026	9,865
2021/2022	11,092	2026/2027	9,776
2022/2023	11,290		

Source: The District.

## EMPLOYEE UNION MEMBERSHIP AND RELATIONS

At the start of the 2022-2023 school year, the District had 1,825 full-time employees and 100 part-time employees. Of the total number of employees, approximately 1,335 are represented by a union. Employee-union relations are considered to be good. District personnel are organized as follows:

EMPLOYEE GROUP	CONTRACT EXPIRES	UNION AFFILIATION	NUMBER OF MEMBERS
Teachers	June 2026	IEA	920
Support Staff	June 2027	IEA	226
Transportation	June 2023	IEA	82
Custodians/Maintenance	June 2025	SEIU	86
Therapists	June 2023	IFT	21

## POPULATION DATA

The estimated populations of the City, the Village, the County and the State at the times of the last three U.S. Census surveys were as follows:

NAME OF ENTITY	2000	2010	2020	% CHANGE 2010/2020
The City	24,604	24,099	23,288	-3.37%
The Village	65,524	51,878	47,290	-8.84%
The County	5,376,741	5,194,675	5,275,541	+1.56%
The State	12,419,293	12,830,632	12,812,508	-0.14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census for 2000, 2010 and 2020, respectively.

## EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS 25 YEARS AND OLDER

NAME OF ENTITY	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES	4 OR MORE YEARS OF COLLEGE
The City	83.7%	37.2%
The Village	91.1%	50.4%
The County	87.7%	40.0%
The State	89.7%	35.5%

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2016-2020 American Community Survey).

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT**

**DIRECT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PRINCIPAL ONLY)**

CALENDAR YEAR	SERIES 2014 BONDS <sup>(1)</sup> (DECEMBER 1)	SERIES 2016 BONDS <sup>(2)</sup> (DECEMBER 1)	SERIES 2017 BONDS <sup>(3)</sup> (DECEMBER 1)	SERIES 2020 BONDS <sup>(4)</sup> (DECEMBER 1)	PLUS: THE BONDS <sup>(5)</sup> (DECEMBER 1)	TOTAL OUTSTANDING BONDS <sup>(5)</sup>
2023	\$3,075,000	\$555,000	\$675,000	\$300,000	\$4,835,000	\$9,440,000
2024		3,865,000	680,000	315,000		4,860,000
2025		2,840,000	2,015,000	335,000	115,000	5,305,000
2026		3,075,000	2,100,000		1,440,000	6,615,000
2027		2,860,000	1,890,000	540,000	1,515,000	6,805,000
2028				5,630,000	1,585,000	7,215,000
2029				4,330,000	1,670,000	6,000,000
2030					1,750,000	1,750,000
2031					1,840,000	1,840,000
2032					1,930,000	1,930,000
2033					2,025,000	2,025,000
2034					2,125,000	2,125,000
2035					2,230,000	2,230,000
2036					2,345,000	2,345,000
2037					2,465,000	2,465,000
2038					2,590,000	2,590,000
2039					2,715,000	2,715,000
2040					2,850,000	2,850,000
2041					2,995,000	2,995,000
2042					3,145,000	3,145,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,075,000</b>	<b>\$13,195,000</b>	<b>\$7,360,000</b>	<b>\$11,450,000</b>	<b>\$42,165,000</b>	<b>\$77,245,000</b>

(1) General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated September 18, 2014 (the "Series 2014 Bonds").

(2) General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2016, dated March 30, 2016 (the "Series 2016 Bonds").

(3) General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2017, dated February 9, 2017 (the "Series 2017 Bonds").

(4) General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020, dated September 2, 2020 (the "Series 2020 Bonds").

(5) Preliminary, subject to change.

DIRECT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST)

LEVY YEAR	SERIES 2014 BONDS	SERIES 2016 BONDS	SERIES 2017 BONDS	SERIES 2020 BONDS	PLUS: THE BONDS <sup>(1)</sup>	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE ON OUTSTANDING BONDS <sup>(1)</sup>
2022	\$3,167,250.00	\$1,214,750.00	\$969,400.00	\$785,900.00	\$6,597,731.25	\$12,735,031.25
2023		4,497,000.00	947,400.00	785,900.00	1,866,500.00	8,096,800.00
2024		3,278,750.00	2,255,200.00	790,150.00	1,981,500.00	8,305,600.00
2025		3,371,750.00	2,259,600.00	438,400.00	3,300,750.00	9,370,500.00
2026		3,003,000.00	1,965,600.00	978,400.00	3,303,750.00	9,250,750.00
2027				6,041,400.00	3,298,000.00	9,339,400.00
2028				4,459,900.00	3,303,750.00	7,763,650.00
2029					3,300,250.00	3,300,250.00
2030					3,302,750.00	3,302,750.00
2031					3,300,750.00	3,300,750.00
2032					3,299,250.00	3,299,250.00
2033					3,298,000.00	3,298,000.00
2034					3,296,750.00	3,296,750.00
2035					3,300,250.00	3,300,250.00
2036					3,303,000.00	3,303,000.00
2037					3,304,750.00	3,304,750.00
2038					3,300,250.00	3,300,250.00
2039					3,299,500.00	3,299,500.00
2040					3,302,000.00	3,302,000.00
2041					3,302,250.00	3,302,250.00
TOTAL	\$3,167,250.00	\$15,365,250.00	\$8,397,200.00	\$14,280,050.00	\$66,561,731.25	\$107,771,481.25

(1) Preliminary, subject to change.

OVERLAPPING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
(As of November 28, 2022)

TAXING BODY	OUTSTANDING BONDS <sup>(1)</sup>	APPLICABLE TO DISTRICT	
		PERCENT	AMOUNT
The County	\$2,803,851,750	2.250%	\$63,079,175
County Forest Preserve District	86,265,000	2.250%	1,940,732
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	2,590,665,000	2.289%	59,292,807
Arlington Heights	56,940,000	3.986%	2,269,446
Village of Hoffman Estates	84,815,000	20.775%	17,620,274
Village of Inverness	1,575,000	66.572%	1,048,506
The Village	55,845,000	99.906%	55,792,267
The City	17,145,000	84.511%	14,489,344
Village of Schaumburg	374,775,000	3.417%	12,804,280
Village of South Barrington	0	1.171%	0
Arlington Heights Park District	8,450,000	1.070%	90,447
Hoffman Estates Park District	4,470,000	16.445%	735,093
Inverness Park District	0	90.925%	0
Palatine Park District	2,790,000	99.507%	2,776,242
Rolling Meadows Park District	0	82.072%	0
Salt Creek Rural Park District	0	99.623%	0
Schaumburg Park District	150,000	0.207%	310
South Barrington Park District	0	1.198%	0
High School District Number 214	22,265,000	5.347%	1,190,540
Community College District No. 512	230,765,000	18.003%	<u>41,543,891</u>
<b>TOTAL OVERLAPPING BONDS</b>			<b>\$274,673,354</b>

Source: With respect to the applicable taxing bodies and the information used to calculate the percentage of overlapping EAV (as hereinafter defined), the Cook County Clerk's Office. Information regarding the outstanding bonds of the overlapping taxing bodies was obtained from publicly available sources.

- (1) Does not include alternate revenue bonds. Under the Debt Reform Act, alternate revenue bonds are not included in the computation of indebtedness of the overlapping taxing bodies unless the taxes levied to pay the principal of and interest on the alternate revenue bonds are extended for collection. The District provides no assurance that any of the taxes so levied have not been extended, nor can the District predict whether any of such taxes will be extended in the future.



SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2021 Estimated Full Value of Taxable Property:	\$10,859,239,731
2021 Equalized Assessed Value (“EAV”) of Taxable Property:	\$3,619,746,577 <sup>(1)</sup>
Population Estimate:	118,033
General Obligation Bonds (including the Bonds):	\$ 77,245,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
Other Direct General Obligation Debt:	\$ 161,377
Total Direct General Obligation Debt:	\$ 77,406,377 <sup>(2)</sup>
Percentage to Full Value of Taxable Property:	0.71% <sup>(2)</sup>
Percentage to EAV:	2.14% <sup>(2)</sup>
Debt Limit (6.9% of EAV):	\$ 249,762,514
Percentage of Debt Limit:	30.99% <sup>(2)</sup>
Per Capita:	\$ 656 <sup>(2)</sup>
General Obligation Bonds (including the Bonds):	\$ 77,245,000 <sup>(2)</sup>
Overlapping General Obligation Bonds:	\$ 274,673,354
General Obligation Bonds and Overlapping General Obligation Bonds:	\$ 351,918,354 <sup>(2)</sup>
Percentage to Full Value of Taxable Property:	3.24% <sup>(2)</sup>
Percentage to EAV:	9.72% <sup>(2)</sup>
Per Capita:	\$ 2,982 <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) Does not include TIF EAV. See “Tax Increment Financing Districts Located Within the District.”

(2) Preliminary, subject to change.

COMPOSITION OF EAV

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>By Property Type</b>					
Residential	\$2,766,799,371	\$2,694,973,069	\$2,957,126,700	\$2,946,461,307	N/A
Farm	37,680	37,680	37,660	37,660	N/A
Commercial	612,236,367	599,256,156	739,513,668	757,137,599	N/A
Industrial	166,646,118	161,841,997	196,266,917	207,625,063	N/A
Railroad	<u>2,699,526</u>	<u>2,900,322</u>	<u>3,165,872</u>	<u>3,300,416</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total EAV*	\$3,548,419,062	\$3,459,009,224	\$3,896,110,817	\$3,914,562,045	\$3,619,746,577

Source: Cook County Clerk’s Office.

\* Does not include TIF EAV

(1) Breakdown by property type is not currently available.

TREND OF EAV

LEVY YEAR	EAV <sup>(1)</sup>	% CHANGE IN EAV FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
2017	\$3,548,419,062	+0.57% <sup>(2)</sup>
2018	3,459,009,224	-2.52%
2019	3,896,110,817	+12.64% <sup>(3)</sup>
2020	3,914,562,045	+0.47%
2021	3,619,746,577	-7.53%

Source: Cook County Clerk’s Office.

(1) Does not include TIF EAV.

(2) Based on the District’s \$3,528,308,364 2016 EAV.

(3) Reassessment year.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT

A portion of the District’s EAV is contained in tax increment financing (“TIF”) districts, as detailed below. When a TIF district is created within the boundaries of a taxing body, such as the District, the EAV of the portion of real property designated as a TIF district is frozen at the level of the tax year in which it was designated as such (the “Base EAV”). Any incremental increases in property tax revenue produced by the increase in EAV derived from the redevelopment project area during the life of the TIF district are not provided to the District until the TIF district expires. The District is not aware of any new TIF districts planned in the immediate future.

LOCATION/ NAME OF TIF	YEAR ESTABLISHED	BASE EAV	2020 EAV	INCREMENTAL EAV <sup>(1)</sup>
The Village – Downtown <sup>(2)</sup>	1999	\$15,330,347	\$92,569,433	\$ 77,239,086
The Village – Rand Road	2002	26,522,198	56,639,390	33,117,192
The Village – Rand/Lake Cook	2012	12,546,661	22,911,344	10,364,683
The City – Kirchoff/Owl	2002	1,541,994	5,629,673	4,087,729
The City – Golf Road Conservation	2015	13,057,833	30,824,597	17,766,764
Village of Schaumburg – North Schaumburg	2014	61,446,186	98,405,521	36,959,335
Total 2020 Incremental EAV				\$ 179,534,789
2021 EAV				3,619,746,577
Enterprise Zone EAV				0
Total 2021 EAV and 2020 Incremental EAV				<u>\$3,799,281,366</u>

Source: Cook County Clerk’s Office

(1) Information for 2021 TIF Incremental EAVs is not currently available.

(2) The Downtown TIF set to expire in levy year 2022 will be extended an additional 15 years. The District and Township High School District Number 211, Cook County, Illinois have entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village regarding the extension to distribute 100% of the incremental taxes beginning in year 3 of the extension.

TAXES EXTENDED AND COLLECTED

TAX LEVY YEAR/ COLLECTION YEAR	TAXES EXTENDED	TAXES COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED	PERCENT COLLECTED
2017/18	\$128,381,197	\$129,929,525	101.21%
2018/19	131,684,504	131,769,473	100.06%
2019/20	135,818,440	135,965,402	100.11%
2020/21	139,515,008	139,826,958	100.22%
2021/22 <sup>(1)</sup>	143,160,977	75,490,688	52.73%

Source: Cook County Treasurer's and County Clerk's Offices.

(1) Collections as of November 30, 2022.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES BY PURPOSE

(Per \$100 EAV)

PURPOSE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	MAXIMUM RATE <sup>(1)</sup>
Educational Fund	\$2.7290	\$2.8569	\$2.6215	\$2.6420	\$2.8518	None
IMRF	0.0624	0.0661	0.0603	0.0658	0.0770	None
Social Security	0.0846	0.0778	0.0709	0.0763	0.0893	None
Liability Insurance	0.0368	0.0425	0.0422	0.0447	0.0524	None
Transportation	0.1216	0.1178	0.1059	0.1184	0.1386	None
Building	0.3909	0.4452	0.4026	0.4269	0.4997	0.5500
Special Education	0.0287	0.0296	0.0270	0.0316	0.0370	0.4000
Limited Bonds	0.1392	0.1428	0.1268	0.1018	0.1125	None
Life Safety Limited Bonds	<u>0.0241</u>	<u>0.0283</u>	<u>0.0280</u>	<u>0.0558</u>	<u>0.0595</u>	None
Total	\$3.6173	\$3.8070	\$3.4852	\$3.5633	\$3.9178	

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

(1) See "REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law" herein for information on the operation of such maximum rates under the Limitation Law (as hereinafter defined).

REPRESENTATIVE TOTAL TAX RATES

(Per \$100 EAV)

TAXING AUTHORITY	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
The District	\$3.618	\$3.485	\$3.545	\$3.575	\$3.918
The County	0.496	0.489	0.454	0.453	0.446
Cook County Forest Preserve District	0.062	0.060	0.059	0.058	0.058
Metropolitan Water Reclamation Dist.	0.402	0.396	0.389	0.378	0.382
Consolidated Elections	0.031	0.000	0.030	0.000	0.019
Palatine Township	0.055	0.059	0.059	0.055	0.060
Palatine Township General Assistance	0.010	0.009	0.007	0.007	0.008
Palatine Township Road and Bridge	0.078	0.080	0.720	0.680	0.074
The Village	1.249	1.296	1.144	1.133	1.227
Palatine Park District	0.657	0.693	0.533	0.650	0.711
Palatine Public Library District	0.276	0.291	0.344	0.353	0.388
Township High School District #211	2.922	3.044	2.749	2.787	3.020
Community College District No. 512	<u>0.425</u>	<u>0.443</u>	<u>0.457</u>	<u>0.469</u>	<u>0.457</u>
TOTAL*	\$10.281	\$10.345	\$10.490	\$10.598	\$10.768

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

\* The total of such rates is the property tax rate paid by a typical District resident living in the Village.

TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS

TAXPAYER NAME	2020 EAV	PERCENT OF DISTRICT'S TOTAL EAV
Arthur J. Gallagher	\$ 30,891,370	0.75%
Norththrop Grumman Corp.	23,332,210	0.57%
F & F Realty Ltd.	22,711,329	0.55%
Boubon Square Assoc. LLC	22,494,352	0.55%
Arlington Park Race Track	22,128,776	0.54%
Marc Realty LLC	19,264,273	0.47%
Wal Mart Stores, Inc.	18,554,493	0.45%
Weber Stephen Prod. LLC	17,736,632	0.43%
UPS RE Dept.	16,784,347	0.41%
Tree House Venture II	16,405,233	0.40%
	\$210,303,015	5.14%

Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

The above taxpayers represent 5.14% of the District's \$4,094,096,834 2020 EAV, including TIF EAV. 2021 Taxpayer EAV information is not currently available. Reasonable efforts have been made to seek out and report the largest taxpayers. However, many of the taxpayers listed may own multiple parcels and it is possible that some parcels and their valuations may not be included.

NEW PROPERTY

The following chart indicates the EAV of new property (as defined in the Limitation Law) within the District for each of the last five levy years.

LEVY YEAR	NEW PROPERTY
2016	\$13,419,364
2017	19,019,644
2018	16,620,229
2019	8,974,592
2020	8,572,476

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Source: Cook County Clerk's Office.

RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX

The following table shows the distribution of the municipal portion of the Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax collected by the Illinois Department of Revenue (the "Department") from retailers within the Village and the City. The table indicates the level of retail activity in the Village and the City.

STATE SALES TAX  
DISTRIBUTION<sup>(1)</sup>

CALENDAR YEAR	THE VILLAGE	THE CITY
2017	\$7,886,398	\$3,563,795
2018	8,220,642	3,497,896
2019	8,235,541	3,508,810
2020	8,558,517	3,561,215
2021	11,079,289	3,925,311
2022 <sup>(2)</sup>	5,738,881	1,059,344

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Source: The Department.

(1) Tax distributions are based on records of the Department relating to the 1% municipal portion of the Retailers' Occupation Tax and Service Occupation Tax, collected on behalf of the Village and the City, less a State administration fee. The municipal 1% sales tax includes tax receipts from the sale of food and drugs which are not taxed by the State.

(2) Through Second Quarter 2022.

## LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Below is a listing of large employers within or near the District:

EMPLOYER	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES
Zurich North America	Company headquarters & commercial property & casualty insurance	Schaumburg	6,399
Sears Holding Corporation	Corporate headquarters - Leading retailer	Hoffman Estates	4,300
Transform Holdco, LLC	Holding company headquarters; retail department store chain	Hoffman Estates	3,200
Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc.	Wholesale building products	Arlington Heights	3,000
Northrop Grumman Corp., Land & Self Protection Systems Div.	Divisional headquarters & electronic countermeasures, radar & infrared jamming & targeting systems	Rolling Meadows	2,800
Nation Pizza & Foods	Dough related items	Schaumburg	2,000
St. Alexius Medical Center	Hospital	Hoffman Estates	1,900
HSBC Finance Corp.	Consumer financial services	Arlington Heights	1,500
International Services, Inc.	Corporate headquarters; management consulting	Arlington Heights	1,200
Arthur J. Gallaher & Co.	Company headquarters & insurance sales	Rolling Meadows	825
OptumRx, Inc.	Pharmacy software	Schaumburg	800
Paylocity Corp.	Corporate headquarters & SaaS human capital management software development	Schaumburg	800
Gallagher-Bassett Services, Inc.	Third party administrators & global risk management services	Rolling Meadows	675
Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital	Behavioral Health Hospital	Hoffman Estates	650
CDK Global	Integrated information technology for the automotive, truck, motorcycle, marine, RV & heavy equipment	Hoffman Estates	600
Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, Inc.	Nuclear medical imaging cameras	Hoffman Estates	550
Assurance Agency Ltd.	Insurance brokerage firm	Schaumburg	500
Comcast Corp.	Cable television services	Schaumburg	500
Kelso-Burnett Co.	Company headquarters & electrical construction contracting	Rolling Meadows	500
Lumen Technologies, Inc.	Data & voice communications services	Arlington Heights	500
Plote Construction, Inc.	Corporate headquarters; asphalt paving	Hoffman Estates	500
United Parcel Service, Inc.	Local & long-distance trucking	Palatine	500

Source: 2022 Illinois Manufacturers Directory, 2022 Illinois Services Directory and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

	THE CITY	THE VILLAGE	THE COUNTY	THE STATE
2017 – Average	4.2%	4.0%	5.1%	4.9%
2018 – Average	3.4%	3.3%	4.2%	4.4%
2019 – Average	3.2%	3.0%	3.9%	4.0%
2020 – Average <sup>(1)</sup>	8.5%	7.7%	10.4%	9.2%
2021 – Average <sup>(1)</sup>	4.9%	4.6%	5.1%	6.1%
2022 – Average (9 mos.)	N/A	3.6%	4.2%	3.6%

Source: State of Illinois Department of Employment Security.

(1) The District attributes the increase in unemployment rates to the COVID-19 pandemic. See “RISK FACTORS-Potential Impact of COVID-19” herein.

## HOUSING VALUE AND INCOME STATISTICS

The following table sets forth information regarding median home values and various income related statistics for the City, the Village, the County and the State.

	THE CITY	THE VILLAGE	THE COUNTY	THE STATE
Median Home Value	\$246,300	\$286,600	\$255,500	\$202,100
Median Household Income	78,609	83,495	67,886	68,428
Median Family Income	91,197	108,166	84,500	86,251
Per Capita Income	37,479	43,978	39,239	37,306

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2016-2020 American Community Survey).

## SHORT-TERM BORROWING

The District has outstanding its Taxable 2021 Bond and Interest Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants, to the amount of \$1,610,000, dated November 1, 2022, due on January 11, 2023, and its Taxable 2021 Educational Purpose Tax Anticipation Warrants, to the amount of \$11,390,000, dated November 1, 2022, and due on January 11, 2023 (together, the “*TAWs*”). The District issued the *TAWs* in anticipation of delayed receipt of amounts related to the second installment of County property tax bills for calendar year 2022. See “REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES - Collections” herein for further explanation.

## FUTURE DEBT

Except for the Bonds, the District does not currently anticipate issuing any debt in the next six months. The District currently anticipates issuing the remaining amount of bonds authorized by the Referendum in 2024.

## DEFAULT RECORD

The District has no record of default and has met its debt repayment obligations promptly.

## WORKING CASH FUND

The District is authorized to issue (subject to the provisions of the Limitation Law) general obligation bonds to create, re-create or increase a Working Cash Fund. Such fund can also be created, re-created or increased by the levy of an annual tax not to exceed \$.05 per hundred dollars of EAV (the "*Working Cash Fund Tax*"). The purpose of the fund is to enable the District to have sufficient cash to meet demands for expenditures for corporate purposes. Moneys in the Working Cash Fund may be loaned, in whole or in part, as authorized and directed by the Board, to any fund or funds of the District in anticipation of ad valorem property taxes levied by the District for such fund or funds. The Working Cash Fund is reimbursed when the anticipated taxes or other moneys are received by the District.

Any time moneys are available in the Working Cash Fund, they must be transferred to such other funds of the District and used for any and all school purposes so as to avoid, whenever possible, the issuance of tax anticipation warrants or notes. Interest earned from the investment of the Working Cash Fund may be transferred from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District that are most in need of the interest. Moneys in the Working Cash Fund may not be appropriated by the Board in the annual budget.

The District also has the authority to abate amounts in the Working Cash Fund to any other fund of the District if the amount on deposit in such other fund after the abatement will not constitute an excess accumulation of money in that fund and as long as the District maintains an amount to the credit of the Working Cash Fund at least equal to 0.05% of the then current value, as equalized or assessed by the Department, of the taxable property in the District.

Finally, the District may abolish the Working Cash Fund and direct the transfer of any balance thereof to the educational fund at the close of the then current fiscal year. After such abolishment, all outstanding Working Cash Fund Taxes levied will be paid into the educational fund upon collection. Outstanding loans from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District at the time of abolishment will be paid or become payable to the educational fund at the close of the then current fiscal year. The outstanding balance in the Working Cash Fund at the time of abolishment, including all outstanding loans from the Working Cash Fund to other funds of the District and all outstanding Working Cash Fund Taxes levied, may be used and applied by the District for the purpose of reducing, by the balance in the Working Cash Fund at the close of the fiscal year, the amount of taxes that the Board otherwise would be authorized or required to levy for educational purposes for the fiscal year immediately succeeding the fiscal year in which the Working Cash Fund is abolished.



## WORKING CASH FUND SUMMARY

FISCAL YEAR	END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE
2018	\$112,990
2019	115,683
2020	117,723
2021	117,983
2022	118,080

Source: Compiled from the District's Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2018-2022.

## REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

### SUMMARY OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES

A separate tax to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds will be levied on all taxable real property within the District. The information under this caption describes the current procedures for real property assessments, tax levies and collections in the County. There can be no assurance that the procedures described herein will not change.

### REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

The County Assessor (the "*Assessor*") is responsible for the assessment of all taxable real property within the County, including such property located within the boundaries of the District, except for certain railroad property, pollution control facilities and low sulfur dioxide emission coal-fueled devices, which are assessed directly by the Department. For triennial reassessment purposes, Cook County is divided into three Districts: west and south suburbs (the "*South Tri*"), north and northwest suburbs (the "*North Tri*"), and the City of Chicago (the "*City Tri*"). The District is located in the North Tri and was last reassessed for the 2019 tax levy year. The District will next be reassessed for the 2022 levy year.

Real property in the County is separated into classes for assessment purposes. After the Assessor establishes the fair market value of a parcel of property, that value is multiplied by the appropriate classification percentage to arrive at the assessed valuation (the "*Assessed Valuation*") for the parcel. Such classification percentages range from 10% for certain residential, commercial and industrial property to 25% for other industrial and commercial property.

Property is classified for assessment into six basic categories, each of which is assessed at various percentages of fair market value as follows: Class 1 - unimproved real estate (10%); Class 2 - residential (10%); Class 3 - rental-residential (16% in tax year 2009, 13% in tax year 2010, and 10% in tax year 2011 and subsequent years); Class 4 - not-for-profit (25%); Class 5a - commercial (25%); and Class 5b - industrial (25%).

In addition, property may be temporarily classified into one of eight additional assessment classification categories. Upon expiration of such classification, property so classified will revert

to one of the basic six assessment classifications described above. The additional assessment classifications are as follows:

CLASS	DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFYING PROPERTY	ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE	REVERTS TO CLASS
6b	Newly constructed industrial properties or substantially rehabilitated sections of existing industrial properties	10% for first 10 years and any 10 year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
C	Industrial property that has undergone environmental testing and remediation	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
	Commercial property that has undergone environmental testing and remediation	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
7a/7b	Newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated commercial properties in an area in need of commercial development	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
7c	Newly constructed or rehabilitated commercial buildings and acquisition of abandoned property and rehabilitation of buildings thereon including the land upon which the buildings are situated and the land related to the rehabilitation	10% for first 3 years and any 3 year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 4, 20% in year 5	5a
8	Industrial properties in enterprise communities or zones in need of substantial revitalization	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5b
	Commercial properties in enterprise communities or zones in need of substantial revitalization	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a
9	New or substantially rehabilitated multi-family residential properties in target areas, empowerment or enterprise zones	10% for first 10 years and any 10 year renewal	As Applicable
S	Class 3 properties subject to Section 8 contracts renewed under the "Mark up to Market" option	10% for term of Section 8 contract renewal and any subsequent renewal	3
L	Substantially rehabilitated Class 3, 4 or 5b properties qualifying as "Landmark" or "Contributing" buildings	10% for first 10 years and any 10-year renewal; if not renewed, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	3, 4, or 5b
	Substantially rehabilitated Class 5a properties qualifying as "Landmark" or "Contributing" buildings	10% for first 10 years, 15% in year 11, 20% in year 12	5a

The Assessor has established procedures enabling taxpayers to contest their proposed Assessed Valuations. Once the Assessor certifies its final Assessed Valuations, a taxpayer can seek review of its assessment by appealing to the Cook County Board of Review (the "Board of Review"), which consists of three commissioners elected by the voters of the County. The Board of Review has the power to adjust the Assessed Valuations set by the Assessor.

Owners of residential property having six or fewer units are able to appeal decisions of the Board of Review to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the "PTAB"), a statewide

administrative body. The PTAB has the power to determine the Assessed Valuation of real property based on equity and the weight of the evidence. Taxpayers may appeal the decision of PTAB to either the Circuit Court of Cook County (the "*Circuit Court*") or the Illinois Appellate Court under the Illinois Administrative Review Law.

As an alternative to seeking review of Assessed Valuations by PTAB, taxpayers who have first exhausted their remedies before the Board of Review may file an objection in the Circuit Court. The procedure under this alternative is similar to the judicial review procedure described in the immediately preceding paragraph, however, the standard of proof differs. In addition, in cases where the Assessor agrees that an assessment error has been made after tax bills have been issued, the Assessor can correct any factual error, and thus reduce the amount of taxes due, by issuing a Certificate of Error. Certificates of Error are not issued in cases where the only issue is the opinion of the valuation of the property.

In August 2021, Governor Pritzker signed into law Public Act 102-0519 creating Section 18-233 of the Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended (the "*Property Tax Code*"), which implements an automatic levy increase to be applied by the county clerk each year in the amount of the aggregate property tax refunds paid by a taxing district in the prior year for certain types of refunds. This refund recapture authority will apply to three categories of property tax refunds – the issuance of a certificate of error, a court order issued in a valuation tax objection complaint, and a Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board (the "*PTAB*") decision. For each taxing district, Public Act 102-0519 directs the county clerk to automatically apply an additional amount to the annual levy made by such taxing district equal to the taxing district's refunds paid out during the prior 12-month period. By November 15th of each year, the county treasurer must certify the aggregate amount of refunds paid in these three categories during the preceding 12-month period. The county clerk will then automatically add such amount to the next taxes to be extended for such taxing district. The District cannot predict whether Public Act 102-0519 will be challenged or modified or the effect of any such challenge or modification on the District's finances.

## EQUALIZATION

After the Assessor has established the Assessed Valuation for each parcel for a given year, and following any revisions by the Board of Review or PTAB, the Department is required by statute to review the Assessed Valuations. The Department establishes an equalization factor (the "*Equalization Factor*"), commonly called the "multiplier," for each county to make all valuations uniform among the 102 counties in the State. Under State law, the aggregate of the assessments within each county is equalized at 33-1/3% of the estimated fair cash value of real property located within the county prior to any applicable exemptions. One multiplier is applied to all property in the County, regardless of its assessment category, except for certain farmland property and wind energy assessable property, which are not subject to equalization. The following table sets forth the Equalization Factor for the County for the last ten tax levy years.

TAX LEVY YEAR	EQUALIZATION FACTOR
2012	2.8056
2013	2.6621
2014	2.7253
2015	2.6685
2016	2.8032
2017	2.9627
2018	2.9109
2019	2.9160
2020	3.2234
2021	3.0027

Once the Equalization Factor is established, the Assessed Valuation, as revised by the Board of Review or PTAB, is multiplied by the Equalization Factor to determine the EAV of that parcel. The EAV for each parcel is the final property valuation used for determination of tax liability. The aggregate EAV for all parcels in any taxing body's jurisdiction, plus the valuation of property assessed directly by the Department, constitute the total real estate tax base for the taxing body, which is used to calculate tax rates (the "*Assessment Base*").

#### EXEMPTIONS

The Illinois Property Tax Code, as amended (the "*Property Tax Code*"), exempts certain property from taxation. Certain property is exempt from taxation on the basis of ownership and/or use, including, but not limited to, public parks, not-for-profit schools, public schools, churches, not-for-profit hospitals and public hospitals. In addition, the Property Tax Code provides a variety of homestead exemptions, which are discussed below.

An annual General Homestead Exemption provides that the EAV of certain property owned and used for residential purposes ("*Residential Property*") may be reduced by the amount of any increase over the 1977 EAV, up to a maximum reduction of \$7,000 for tax years 2012 through 2016, and \$10,000 for tax years 2017 and thereafter.

The Long-Time Occupant Homestead Exemption limits the increase in EAV of a taxpayer's homestead property to 10% per year if such taxpayer has owned the property for at least 10 years as of January 1 of the assessment year (or 5 years if purchased with certain government assistance) and has a household income of \$100,000 or less ("*Qualified Homestead Property*"). If the taxpayer's annual income is \$75,000 or less, the EAV of the Qualified Homestead Property may increase by no more than 7% per year. There is no exemption limit for Qualified Homestead Properties.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption applies to Residential Property that has been improved and to properties that have been rebuilt in the two years following a catastrophic event, as defined in the Property Tax Code. The exemption is limited to an annual maximum amount of

\$75,000 for up to four years, to the extent the Assessed Valuation is attributable solely to such improvements or rebuilding.

The Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption annually reduces the EAV on residences owned and occupied by senior citizens. The maximum exemption is \$5,000 for tax years 2013 through 2016 and \$8,000 for tax years 2017 and thereafter.

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption freezes property tax assessments for homeowners who are 65 and older, reside in their property as their principal place of residence and receive a household income not in excess of (i) \$55,000 through assessment year 2016 and (ii) \$65,000 beginning in assessment year 2017. This exemption grants to qualifying senior citizens an exemption equal to the difference between (a) the current EAV of the residence and (b) the EAV of a senior citizen's residence for the year prior to the year in which he or she first qualifies and applies for the exemption, plus the EAV of improvements since such year. Beginning in tax year 2017, the amount of the exemption is equal to the greater of the amount calculated as described in the previous sentence (as more completely set forth in the Property Tax Code) or \$2,000.

Purchasers of certain single family homes and residences of one to six units located in certain targeted areas (as defined in the applicable section of the Property Tax Code) can apply for the Community Stabilization Assessment Freeze Pilot Program. To be eligible the purchaser must meet certain requirements for rehabilitating the property, including expenditures of at least \$5 per square foot, adjusted by CPI. Upon meeting the requirements, the assessed value of the improvements is reduced by (a) 90% in the first seven years, (b) 65% in the eighth year and (c) 35% in the ninth year. The benefit ceases in the tenth year. The program will be phased out by June 30, 2029.

The Natural Disaster Homestead Exemption (the "*Natural Disaster Exemption*") applies to homestead properties containing a residential structure that has been rebuilt following a natural disaster occurring in taxable year 2012 or any taxable year thereafter. A natural disaster is an occurrence of widespread or severe damage or loss of property resulting from any catastrophic cause including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, or storm. The Natural Disaster Exemption is equal to the equalized assessed value of the residence in the first taxable year for which the taxpayer applies for the exemption minus the base amount. To be eligible for the Natural Disaster Exemption, the residential structure must be rebuilt within two years after the date of the natural disaster, and the square footage of the rebuilt residential structure may not be more than 110% of the square footage of the original residential structure as it existed immediately prior to the natural disaster. The Natural Disaster Exemption remains at a constant amount until the taxable year in which the property is sold or transferred.

Three exemptions are available to veterans of the United States armed forces. The Veterans with Disabilities Exemption for Specially-Adapted Housing exempts up to \$100,000 of the Assessed Valuation of property owned and used exclusively by veterans with a disability, their spouses or unmarried surviving spouses. Qualification for this exemption requires the veteran's disability to be of such a nature that the federal government has authorized payment for purchase of specially adapted housing under the U.S. Code as certified to annually by the Illinois

Department of Veterans Affairs or for housing or adaptations donated by a charitable organization to such disabled veteran.

The Standard Homestead Exemption for Veterans with Disabilities provides an annual homestead exemption to veterans with a service-connected disability based on the percentage of such disability. If the veteran has a (a) service-connected disability of 30% or more but less than 50%, the annual exemption is \$2,500, (b) service-connected disability of 50% or more but less than 70%, the annual exemption is \$5,000, and (c) service-connected disability of 70% or more, the property is exempt from taxation.

The Returning Veterans' Homestead Exemption is available for property owned and occupied as the principal residence of a veteran in the assessment year, and the year following the assessment year, in which the veteran returns from an armed conflict while on active duty in the United States armed forces. This provision grants a one-time, two-year homestead exemption of \$5,000.

Finally, the Homestead Exemption for Persons with Disabilities provides an annual homestead exemption in the amount of \$2,000 for property that is owned and occupied by certain disabled persons who meet State-mandated guidelines.

#### TAX LEVY

As part of the annual budgetary process of governmental units (the "*Units*") with power to levy taxes in the County, the designated body for each Unit annually adopts proceedings to levy real estate taxes. The administration and collection of real estate taxes is statutorily assigned to the County Clerk and the County Treasurer. After the Units file their annual tax levies, the County Clerk computes the annual tax rate for each Unit. The County Clerk computes the Unit's maximum allowable levy by multiplying the maximum tax rate for that Unit by the prior year's EAV for all property currently in the District. The prior year's EAV includes the EAV of any new property, the current year value of any annexed property and any recovered tax increment value, minus any disconnected property for the current year under the Limitation Law. The tax rate for a Unit is computed by dividing the lesser of the maximum allowable levy or the actual levy by the current year's EAV.

#### PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION LAW

The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State, as amended (the "*Limitation Law*") is applied after the prior year EAV limitation. The Limitation Law limits the annual growth in the amount of property taxes to be extended for certain Illinois non-home rule units, including the District. The effect of the Limitation Law is to limit the amount of property taxes that can be extended for a taxing body. In addition, general obligation bonds, notes and installment contracts payable from ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to rate and amount, cannot be issued by the affected taxing bodies unless they are approved by referendum (such as the Bonds), are alternate bonds or are for certain refunding purposes.

The use of prior year EAVs to limit the allowable tax levy may reduce tax rates for funds that are at or near their maximum rates in taxing Districts with rising EAVs. These reduced rates and all other rates for those funds subject to the Limitation Law are added together, which results in the aggregate preliminary rate. The aggregate preliminary rate is then compared to the limiting rate. If the limiting rate is more than the aggregate preliminary rate, there is no further reduction in rates due to the Limitation Law. If the limiting rate is less than the aggregate preliminary rate, the aggregate preliminary rate is further reduced to the limiting rate. In all cases, taxes are extended using current year EAV under Section 18-140 of the Property Tax Code.

The District has the authority to levy taxes for many different purposes. See “FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT - School District Tax Rates by Purpose.” The ceiling at any particular time on the rate at which these taxes may be extended for the District is either (a) unlimited (as provided by statute), (b) initially set by statute but permitted to be increased by referendum, (c) capped by statute, or (d) limited to the rate approved by referendum. The only ceiling on a particular tax rate is the ceiling set by statute, at which the rate is not permitted to be further increased by referendum or otherwise. Therefore, taxing Districts (such as the District) have flexibility to levy taxes for the purposes for which they most need the money. The total aggregate tax rate for the various purposes subject to the Limitation Law, however, will not be allowed to exceed the District’s limiting rate computed in accordance with the provisions of the Limitation Law.

Public Act 100-465 provides that if the District’s Adequacy Target (as defined under “STATE AID” herein) exceeds 110% for the school year that begins during the calendar year immediately preceding the levy year for which a tax reduction is sought, a petition signed by at least 10% of the registered voters in the District may be filed requiring a proposition to be submitted to the District’s voters at the next consolidated election in April of odd-numbered years asking the voters whether the District must reduce its extension for educational purposes for the levy year in which the election is held to an amount that is less than the extension for educational purposes for the immediately preceding levy year. The reduced extension, however, may not be more than 10% lower than the amount extended for educational purposes in the previous levy year and may not cause the District’s Adequacy Target to fall below 110% for the levy year for which the reduction is sought. If the voters approve the proposition, the County Clerk will extend a rate for educational purposes that is no greater than the limiting rate for educational purposes computed in accordance with the Limitation Law. If such proposition is submitted to the voters, it may not be submitted again at any of the next two consolidated elections.

In general, the annual growth permitted under the Limitation Law is the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the calendar year preceding the levy year. Taxes can also be increased due to new construction, referendum approval of tax rate increases, mergers and consolidations. Local governments, including the District, can issue limited bonds in lieu of general obligation bonds that have otherwise been authorized by applicable law.

Illinois legislators have introduced several proposals to modify the Limitation Law, including freezing property taxes and extending tax caps to all taxing bodies in the State. The District cannot predict whether, or in what form, any change to the Limitation Law may be enacted into law, nor can the District predict the effect of any such change on the District’s finances.

## EXTENSIONS

The County Clerk then computes the total tax rate applicable to each parcel of real property by aggregating the tax rates of all of the Units having jurisdiction over the particular parcel. The County Clerk extends the tax by entering the tax (determined by multiplying the total tax rate by the EAV of that parcel for the current assessment year) in the books prepared for the County Collector (the “*Warrant Books*”) along with the tax rates, the Assessed Valuation and the EAV. The Warrant Books are the County Collector’s authority for the collection of taxes and are used by the County Collector as the basis for issuing tax bills to all property owners.

## COLLECTIONS

Property taxes are collected by the County Collector, who also serves as the County Treasurer, who remits to each Unit its share of the collections. Taxes levied in one year become payable during the following year in two installments, the first due on March 1 and the second on the later of August 1 or 30 days after the mailing of the tax bills. A payment due is deemed to be paid on time if the payment is postmarked on the due date. Beginning with the first installment payable in 2010, the first installment is equal to 55% of the prior year’s tax bill. However, if a Certificate of Error is approved by a court or certified on or before November 30 of the preceding year and before the estimated tax bills are prepared, then the first installment is instead based on the certain percentage of the *corrected* prior year’s tax bill. The second installment covers the balance of the current year’s tax bill, and is based on the then current tax year levy, Assessed Valuation and Equalization Factor, and reflects any changes from the prior year in those factors. The first installment penalty date has been the first business day in March for each of the last ten years.

TAX LEVY YEAR	SECOND INSTALLMENT PENALTY DATE
2012	August 1, 2013
2013	August 1, 2014
2014	August 3, 2015
2015	August 1, 2016
2016	August 1, 2017
2017	August 1, 2018
2018	August 1, 2019
2019	August 3, 2020
2020	August 2, 2021
2021 <sup>(1)</sup>	December 30, 2022

Source: Cook County Clerk’s Office.

(1) As a result of ongoing efforts to modernize technology within various County property tax agencies, personnel shortages and turnover attributed to COVID-19 and the complicated nature of the reassessment of property taxes in the City of Chicago, for the 2021 tax year (for amounts payable in calendar year 2022), the distribution of amounts related to second installment County property tax bills for calendar year 2022 were delayed.



It is possible that the changes to the assessment appeals process described above will cause delays similar to those experienced in past years in preparation and mailing of the second installment in future years. In the future, the County may provide for tax bills to be payable in four installments instead of two.

During the periods of peak collections, tax receipts are forwarded to each Unit on a weekly basis. Upon receipt of taxes from the County Collector, the District promptly credits the taxes received to the funds for which they were levied.

Within 90 days following the second installment due date, the County Collector presents the Warrant Books to the Circuit Court and applies for a judgment for all unpaid taxes. The court orders resulting from the application for judgment provides for an Annual Tax Sale (the “*Annual Tax Sale*”) of unpaid taxes shown on that year’s Warrant Books. A public sale is held, at which time successful tax buyers pay the unpaid taxes plus penalties. In each such public sale, the collector can use any “automated means.” Unpaid taxes accrue penalties at the rate of 1.5% per month from their due date until the date of sale. Taxpayers can redeem their property by paying the amount paid at the sale, plus a maximum of 12% for each six-month period after the sale. If no redemption is made within the applicable redemption period (ranging from six months to two and a half years depending on the type and occupancy of the property) and the tax buyer files a petition in the Circuit Court, notifying the necessary parties in accordance with the applicable law, the tax buyer receives a deed to the property. In addition, there are miscellaneous statutory provisions for foreclosure of tax liens.

If there is no sale of the tax lien on a parcel of property at the Annual Tax Sale, the taxes are forfeited and the property becomes eligible to be purchased at any time thereafter at an amount equal to all delinquent taxes and interest accrued to the date of purchase. Redemption periods and procedures are the same as applicable to the Annual Tax Sale.

The Scavenger Sale (the “*Scavenger Sale*”), like the Annual Tax Sale, is a sale of unpaid taxes. The Scavenger Sale is held every two years on all property on which two or more years’ taxes are delinquent. The sale price of the unpaid taxes is the amount bid at such sale, which may be less than the amount of delinquent taxes. Redemption periods vary from six months to two and a half years depending upon the type and occupancy of the property.

#### TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW

Legislation known as the Truth in Taxation Law (the “*Law*”) limits the aggregate amount of certain taxes which can be levied by, and extended for, a taxing district to 105% of the amount of taxes extended in the preceding year unless specified notice, hearing and certification requirements are met by the taxing body. The express purpose of the Law is to require published disclosure of, and hearing upon, an intention to adopt a levy in excess of the specified levels. The provisions of the Law do not apply to levies made to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District covenanted in the Bond Resolution that it will not take any action or fail to take any action which would adversely affect the ability of the District to levy and collect the taxes levied by the District for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District also covenanted

that it and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws to assure that such taxes will be levied, extended, collected and deposited as provided in the Bond Resolution.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PROFILE

ISBE utilizes a system for assessing a school district's financial health referred to as the "*School District Financial Profile*" which replaced the Financial Watch List and Financial Assurance and Accountability System. This system identifies those school districts which are moving into financial distress.

The system uses five indicators which are individually scored, placed into a category of a four, three, two or one, with four being the best possible, and weighted in order to arrive at a composite district financial profile. The indicators and the weights assigned to those indicators are as follows: fund balance to revenue ratio (35%); expenditures to revenue ratio (35%); days cash on hand (10%); percent of short-term borrowing ability remaining (10%); and percent of long-term debt margin remaining (10%).

The scores of the weighted indicators are totaled to obtain a district's overall score. The highest score is 4.0 and the lowest score is 1.0. A district is then placed in one of four categories as follows:

- *Financial Recognition.* A school district with a score of 3.54-4.00 is assigned to this category, which is the best category of financial strength. These districts require minimal or no active monitoring by ISBE unless requested by the district.
- *Financial Review.* A school district with a score of 3.08-3.53 is assigned to this category, the next highest financial strength category. These districts receive a limited review by ISBE, but are monitored for potential downward trends. ISBE staff also review the next year's school budget for further negative trends.
- *Financial Early Warning.* A school district with a score of 2.62-3.07 is placed in this category. ISBE monitors these districts closely and offers proactive technical assistance, such as financial projections and cash flow analysis. These districts also are reviewed to determine whether they meet the criteria set forth in Article 1A-8 of the School Code to be certified in financial difficulty and possibly qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.
- *Financial Watch.* A school district with a score of 1.00-2.61 is in this category, the highest risk category. ISBE monitors these districts very closely and offers technical assistance with, but not limited to, financial projections, cash flow analysis, budgeting, personnel inventories and enrollment projections. These districts are also assessed to determine if they qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.

For each school district, ISBE calculates an original financial profile score (the "*Original Score*") and an adjusted financial profile score (the "*Adjusted Score*"). The Original Score is

calculated based solely on such school district’s audited financial statements as of the close of the most recent fiscal year. The Adjusted Score is calculated based initially on a school district’s audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year, with adjustments made to reflect the impact on the Original Score of timing differences between such school district’s actual and expected receipt of State Aid payments or evidence-based funding, as required by Section 1A-8 of the School Code. ISBE has implemented this statutory requirement by adding in payments expected to be received during the calculation year but not actually received until the following fiscal year, as well as by subtracting certain State Aid payments or evidence-based funding received during the current fiscal year but attributable to a prior fiscal year. Such adjustments may have a varying effect on a school district’s Adjusted Score based on the amount of time by which such State Aid payments or evidence-based funding are delayed and the accounting basis adopted by such school district. Due to the manner in which such requirement has been implemented by ISBE, a school district’s Adjusted Score may be different than it otherwise would have been in certain years based on the scheduled receipt of State Aid payments or evidence-based funding.

The following table sets forth the District’s Original Scores and Adjusted Scores, as well as the designation assigned to each score, for each of the last five fiscal years (as released by ISBE in March of the year following the conclusion of each fiscal year):

FISCAL YEAR (JUNE 30)	ORIGINAL SCORE	DESIGNATION BASED ON ORIGINAL SCORE	ADJUSTED SCORE	DESIGNATION BASED ON ADJUSTED SCORE
2021	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2020	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2019	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2018	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition
2017	3.90	Recognition	3.90	Recognition

**STATE AID**

**GENERAL**

The State provides aid to local school districts on an annual basis as part of the State’s appropriation process. Many school districts throughout the State rely on such “*State Aid*” as a significant part of their budgets. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, 10.81% of the District’s General Fund revenue came from sources at the State, including State Aid. See *Exhibit C* to this Official Statement for more information concerning the breakdown of the District’s revenue sources.

**GENERAL STATE AID—EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING MODEL**

Through fiscal year 2017, general State financial aid (“*General State Aid*”) was allocated to each Illinois school district based on the difference between available local resources per pupil (which was calculated based on a number of factors, including the district’s EAV, the number of

students in attendance in the district and the district's corporate personal property replacement tax receipts) and a foundation level (the "*Foundation Level*"). The Foundation Level was an amount established annually by the State's budget representing the minimum level of per pupil financial support that was to be available to provide for the basic education of each pupil.

The State appropriation for General State Aid in some fiscal years prior to fiscal year 2017 was reduced. As such, the State was not able to fully fund General State Aid and the amount each district received was prorated in each of fiscal years 2010 through 2016. For fiscal year 2017, the State appropriation was increased to fully fund General State Aid.

The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget did not appropriate General State Aid in excess of the amount appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. Therefore, school districts did not receive New State Funds during State fiscal year 2021. The Fiscal Year 2022 Budget appropriates General State Aid in an amount \$350 million greater than the appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget. The Fiscal Year 2023 Budget appropriated General State Aid in an amount \$350 million greater than the appropriation in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Such additional funds are being distributed to school districts under the Evidence-Based Funding Model. The Evidence-Based Funding Model provided for in Public Act 100-465 sets forth a school funding formula which ties individual district funding to evidence-based best practices that certain research shows enhance student achievement in the classroom. Under the funding formula, ISBE will calculate an adequacy target (the "*Adequacy Target*") each year for each district based upon its unique student population, regional wage differences and best practices. Each district will be placed in one of four tiers depending on how close the sum of its local resources available to support education (based on certain State resources and its expected property tax collections, its "*Local Capacity Target*") and its Base Funding Minimum (as hereinafter defined) are to its Adequacy Target; Tier One and Tier Two for those districts that are the furthest away from their Adequacy Targets and Tier Three and Tier Four for those districts that are the closest to (or above) their Adequacy Targets. For each school year, all State funds appropriated for General State Aid in excess of the amount needed to fund the Base Funding Minimum for all school districts ("*New State Funds*") will be distributed to districts based on tier placement. Of any New State Funds available, Tier One receives 50%, Tier Two receives 49%, Tier Three receives 0.9%, and Tier Four receives 0.1%. Tier Two includes all Tier One districts for the purpose of the allocation percentages for New State Funds.

Based on the most recent ISBE notification, the District's Local Capacity Target, plus its Base Funding Minimum, is 83% of its Adequacy Target and that the District has been placed in Tier Two. For school year 2022-2023, the District received approximately \$325,702 of New State Funds.

Public Act 100-465 also provides that each school district will be allocated at least as much in General State Aid in future years as it received in the most recently completed school year (such amount being that district's "*Base Funding Minimum*"). Mandated Categorical State Aid (as hereinafter defined) received by the District in fiscal year 2017, other than Mandated Categorical State Aid related to transportation and extraordinary special education, was included in the Base Funding Minimum for the school year 2017-2018 (the "*Initial Base Funding Minimum*"). Any New State Funds received by a district in a year become part of its Base Funding Minimum in the following year. The Base Funding Minimum for the District for school year 2022-2023 is

\$17,282,375.23. If the State appropriates insufficient funds to cover the cost of the Base Funding Minimum, reductions will be made first to the Base Funding Minimum for all Tier 3 and Tier 4 school districts on a per pupil basis; *provided, however*, that such reductions may not reduce State funding for such districts below the Initial Base Funding Minimum. If funds are still insufficient, then further reductions are to be done on a per pupil basis for all school districts. Consequently, reduced appropriations for General State Aid in future years could result in the District receiving less in a future fiscal year than its Base Funding Minimum.

#### PROPERTY TAX RELIEF POOL FUNDS

For the purpose of encouraging high tax rate school districts to reduce property taxes, Public Act 100-465 also established a property tax relief grant program (the “*Property Tax Relief Pool*”). School districts must apply for the grant and indicate an amount of intended property tax relief, which relief may not be greater than 1% of EAV for a unit district, 0.69% of EAV for an elementary school district or 0.31% of EAV for a high school district, reduced, in each case, based on the Local Capacity Target of the applicant. Property Tax Relief Pool grants will be allocated to school districts based on each district’s percentage of the simple average operating tax rate of all school districts of the same type (unit, elementary or high), in order of priority from highest percentage to lowest, until the Property Tax Relief Pool is exhausted. A school district which receives a Property Tax Relief Pool grant is required to abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief for the levy year in which the grant is to be received, and the succeeding levy year. The difference between the amount of the grant and the amount of the abatement is based on a statutory calculation which takes into account relative Local Capacity Targets. Pursuant to such calculation, a school district with a low Local Capacity Target will be required to abate less than a school district with a high Local Capacity Target, assuming the amount of Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by the school districts are the same. Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by a school district are included in future calculations of that district’s Base Funding Minimum, unless that district does not abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief as described above. The Fiscal Year 2021 Budget did not appropriate any funds for the Property Tax Relief Pool. Of the \$350 million of New State Funds appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, \$50 million was allocated to the Property Tax Relief Pool.

#### MANDATED CATEGORICAL STATE AID

Illinois school districts are entitled to reimbursement from the State for expenditures incurred in providing programs and services legally required to be available to students under State law. Such reimbursements, referred to as “*Mandated Categorical State Aid*,” are made to the school district in the fiscal year following the expenditure, *provided* that the school district files the paperwork necessary to inform the State of such an entitlement. From time to time, Mandated Categorical State Aid payments from the State have been delayed and have been prorated as part of the appropriation process, as described below.

Prior to fiscal year 2018, the School Code provided for Mandated Categorical State Aid with respect to mandatory school programs relating to: (a) special education, (b) transportation, (c) free and reduced breakfast and lunch, and (d) orphanage tuition. Beginning with fiscal year 2018, Mandated Categorical State Aid is no longer the source of funding for mandatory school

programs relating to special education, other than private facility tuition and transportation. Mandated Categorical State Aid received by a district in fiscal year 2017 for special education programming no longer available for Mandated Categorical State Aid in fiscal year 2018 is included in the Base Funding Minimum for that district.

In addition, although school districts are entitled to reimbursement for expenditures made under these programs, these reimbursements are subject to the State's appropriation process. In the event that the State does not appropriate an amount sufficient to fund fully the Mandated Categorical State Aid owed to each school district, the total Mandated Categorical State Aid is proportionally reduced such that each school district receives the same percentage of its Mandated Categorical State Aid request with respect to a specific category of such aid as every other school district.

In past years, the State has not fully funded all Mandated Categorical State Aid payments. Therefore, pursuant to the procedures discussed above, proportionate reductions in Mandated Categorical State Aid payments to school districts have occurred. However, because these programs are "mandatory" under the School Code, each school district must provide these programs regardless of whether such school district is reimbursed by the State for the related expenditures. No assurance can be given that the State will make appropriations in the future sufficient to fund fully the Mandatory Categorical State Aid requirements. As such, the District's revenues may be impacted in the future by increases or decreases in the level of funding appropriated by the State for Mandated Categorical State Aid.

#### COMPETITIVE GRANT STATE AID

The State also provides funds to school districts for expenditures incurred in providing additional programs that are allowed, but not mandated by, the School Code. In contrast to Mandated Categorical State Aid, such "*Competitive Grant State Aid*" is not guaranteed to a school district that provides these programs. Instead, a school district applying for Competitive Grant State Aid must compete with other school districts for the limited amount appropriated each year by the State for such program.

Competitive Grant State Aid is allocated, after appropriation by the State, among certain school districts selected by the State. The level of funding is annually determined separately for each category of aid based on the State's budget. This process does not guarantee that any funding will be available for Competitive Grant State Aid programs, even if a school district received such funding in a prior year. Therefore, school districts may incur expenditures with respect to certain Competitive Grant State Aid programs without any guarantee that the State will appropriate the money necessary to reimburse such expenditures.

#### PAYMENT FOR MANDATED CATEGORICAL STATE AID AND COMPETITIVE GRANT STATE AID

The State makes payments to school districts for Mandated Categorical State Aid and Competitive Grant State Aid (together, "*Categorical State Aid*") in accordance with a voucher system involving ISBE. ISBE vouchers payments to the State on a periodic basis. The time between vouchers varies depending on the type of Categorical State Aid in question. For example,

with respect to the categories of Mandated Categorical State Aid related to extraordinary special education and transportation, ISBE vouchers the State for payments on a quarterly basis. With respect to Competitive Grant State Aid, a payment schedule is established as part of the application process, and ISBE vouchers the State for payment in accordance with this payment schedule.

Once ISBE has vouchered the State for payment, the State is required to make the Categorical State Aid payments to the school districts. As a general matter, the State is required to make such payments within 90 days after the end of the State's fiscal year.

See *Exhibit C* for a summary of the District's general fund revenue sources.

#### FEDERAL COVID-19 LEGISLATION

The State's allocation from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (by population proportions) is approximately \$4.9 billion, split between the State (\$2.7 billion) and local governments (the City of Chicago and Illinois counties with populations that exceed 500,000) (\$2.2 billion). The CARES Act also provides \$30.75 billion for an Education Stabilization Fund for states, school districts and institutions of higher education for costs related to COVID-19. Of that amount, \$13.5 billion is available for elementary and secondary education as formula-grants to states based on the following formula: 60% of the funds are distributed based on the relative number of 5- to 24-year-olds in a state; and 40% of the funds are distributed based on the relative number of individuals younger than 21. States will then distribute 90% of the funds to local educational agencies (LEAs) based on their proportional allocation of Every Student Succeeds Act ("ESSA") Title I-A funds. State education agencies can reserve up to 10% of funds for emergency needs as determined by the state. Funds distributed to LEAs can be used for coronavirus-response activities, such as planning for and coordinating during long-term school closures; purchasing educational technology to support online learning for all students served by the LEAs; and additional activities authorized by federal elementary and secondary education laws.

The amount of funds the District has received from the CARES Act is \$1,639,716. The District received additional funds in the amount of \$5,915,359 pursuant to the Supplemental CARES Act. The District also expects to receive \$13,645,959 under the American Rescue Plan (the "ARP Funds"). The ARP Funds will be paid to the District in reimbursement for qualified expenditures made. The District expects to receive these funds during fiscal year 2023. The State will also receive funds pursuant to the American Rescue Plan, certain of which amounts were included in the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.

#### RETIREMENT PLANS

The District participates in two defined benefit pension plans: (i) the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois ("TRS"), which provides retirement benefits to the District's teaching employees, and (ii) the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (the "IMRF" and, together with TRS, the "Pension Plans"), which provides retirement benefits to the District's non-teaching employees. The District makes certain contributions to the Pension Plans on behalf of its employees, as further described in this section. The operations of the Pension Plans, including the

contributions to be made to the Pension Plans, the benefits provided by the Pension Plans, and the actuarial assumptions and methods employed in generating the liabilities and contributions of the Pension Plans, are governed by the Illinois Pension Code, as amended (the “*Pension Code*”).

The following summarizes certain provisions of the Pension Plans and the funded status of the Pension Plans, as more completely described in Note F to the Audit, as hereinafter defined, attached hereto as APPENDIX A.

## BACKGROUND REGARDING PENSION PLANS

### *The Actuarial Valuation*

The disclosures in the Audit related to the Pension Plans are based in part on the actuarial valuations of the Pension Plans. In the actuarial valuations, the actuary for each of the Pension Plans measures the financial position of the Pension Plan, determines the amount to be contributed to a Pension Plan pursuant to statutory requirements, and produces information mandated by the financial reporting standards (the “*GASB Standards*”) issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“*GASB*”), as described below.

In producing an actuarial valuation, the actuary for the Pension Plan uses demographic data (including employee age, salary and service credits), economic assumptions (including estimated future salary and interest rates), and decrement assumptions (including employee turnover, mortality and retirement rates) and employs various actuarial methods to generate the information required to be included in such valuation.

### *GASB Standards*

The GASB Standards provide standards for financial reporting and accounting related to pension plans.

The GASB Standards require calculation and disclosure of a “Net Pension Liability” or “Net Pension Asset,” which is the difference between the actuarial present value of projected benefit payments that is attributed to past periods of employee service calculated pursuant to the methods and assumptions set forth in the GASB Standards (referred to in such statements as the “*Total Pension Liability*”) and the fair market value of the pension plan’s assets (referred to as the “*Fiduciary Net Position*”).

Furthermore, the GASB Standards employ a rate, referred to in such statements as the “*Discount Rate*,” which is used to discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present values. The Discount Rate is a blended rate comprised of (1) a long-term expected rate of return on a pension plan’s investments (to the extent that such assets are projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate meeting certain specifications set forth in the GASB Standards.

Finally, the GASB Standards require that the Net Pension Liability be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the pension system and that a proportionate share of the Net Pension



Liability be recognized on the balance sheet of the employer, and that an expense be recognized on the income statement of the employer.

### *Pension Plans Remain Governed by the Pension Code*

As described above, the GASB Standards establish requirements for financial reporting purposes. However, the Pension Plans are ultimately governed by the provisions of the Pension Code in all respects, including, but not limited to, the amounts to be contributed by the District to the Pension Plans in each year.

### TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

The District participates in TRS, which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was created by the General Assembly of the State (the "*General Assembly*") for the benefit of Illinois public school teachers outside the City of Chicago. TRS members include all active non-annuitants who are employed by a TRS-covered employer, which includes all school districts located outside of the City of Chicago, to provide services for which teacher licensure is required.

The Pension Code sets the benefit provisions of TRS, which can only be amended by the General Assembly. The State maintains primary responsibility for the funding of the plan, but contributions from participating employers and members are also required. The TRS Board of Trustees is responsible for the System's administration.

For information relating to the actuarial assumptions and methods used by TRS, including the Discount Rate and the sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the Discount Rate, see Note F to the Audit.

### *Employer Funding of Teachers' Retirement System*

Under the Pension Code, active members contribute 9.0% of creditable earnings to TRS. The State makes the balance of employer contributions to the State on behalf of the District, except for a small portion contributed by the teacher's employer, such as the District. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2022, all amounts contributed by the District to TRS were as follows:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	TRS CONTRIBUTIONS
2018	\$636,058
2019	684,205
2020	599,577
2021	660,580
2022	849,617

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the years ended June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2022.

For information regarding additional contributions the District may be required to make to TRS with respect to certain salary increases and other programs, see Note F to the Audit.

*Shift of Contributions from the State to Employers*

Various proposals have been introduced into the General Assembly to shift the burden of making certain contributions to TRS from the State to the school districts employing participants in TRS, such as the District (each a “*Cost Shifting Proposal*”). Though these Cost Shifting Proposals differ in certain respects, the most common formulation would require a school district, such as the District, to contribute the full amount of the normal costs of its employees’ TRS pensions, with such additional contributions being phased in over the course of several years.

Discussions and deliberations on the complex topic of pension reform remain fluid. The District cannot predict whether, or in what form, the Cost Shifting Proposal may be introduced in the General Assembly or ultimately be enacted into law. Furthermore, it is possible that any future pension reform legislation that is passed by the General Assembly (including any legislation containing the Cost Shifting Proposal) could face court challenges.

If the Cost Shifting Proposal were to become law, it may have a material adverse effect on the finances of District. How local school districts, including the District, would pay for such shift of contributions cannot be determined at the current time. Property taxes to pay pension costs are capped by the Limitation Law. If such pension expenditures are not exempted from the Limitation Law, school districts (such as the District) would have to pay such additional contributions from revenues or reserves.

Although the Cost Shifting Proposal has not been adopted as of the date hereof, the General Assembly approved legislation shifting a portion of the State’s contributions to TRS to individual school districts. On July 6, 2017, the General Assembly enacted Public Act 100-0023 (“*P.A. 100-23*”) which, among other things, requires employers participating in TRS, such as the District, to make certain contributions to TRS that were not required under prior law. P.A. 100-23 includes provisions for a separate set of benefits (the “*New Tier Benefits*”) applicable to employees hired after the “*Implementation Date*,” the same being the date on which TRS authorizes new hires to participate in the New Tier Benefits, which P.A. 100-23 directs should be “as soon as possible” after the effective date of P.A. 100-23. Under P.A. 100-23, beginning in Fiscal Year

2018, the District will be responsible for paying the normal cost for those employees earning the New Tier Benefits (as well as the normal cost for certain employees hired after the Implementation Date that elect to earn the benefits currently in place) and to amortize any unfunded liability related thereto. Finally, P.A. 100-23 mandates that the District make an additional payment to TRS to the extent that any employee's salary exceeds the salary of the Governor of the State (currently \$177,412), as calculated therein.

The contributions required by P.A. 100-23 represent an increase in the District's contributions to TRS in comparison to prior law; however, the District is unable to predict the timing or the degree of any such additional contributions, and as such, the District is not able to predict whether the impact of such additional contributions on its finances will be material.

#### *Recognition of Net Pension Liability*

The GASB Standards divide the Net Pension Liability of a pension plan for which multiple entities make a portion of the employer contribution among such contributing entities. With respect to TRS, the District and the State each provide a portion of the employer contribution with respect to the District's TRS liability. As of June 30, 2022, the Net Pension Liability associated with the District was \$614,420,415, of which the District's proportionate share was \$7,244,616.

#### ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND

The District also participates in the IMRF, which is a defined-benefit, agent multiple employer pension plan that acts as a common investment and administrative agent for units of local government and school districts in the State. The IMRF is established and administered under statutes adopted by the General Assembly. The Pension Code sets the benefit provisions of the IMRF, which can only be amended by the General Assembly.

Each employer participating in the IMRF, including the District, has an employer reserve account with the IMRF separate and distinct from all other participating employers (the "*IMRF Account*") along with a unique employer contribution rate determined by the IMRF Board of Trustees (the "*IMRF Board*"), as described below. The employees of a participating employer receive benefits solely from such employer's IMRF Account. Participating employers are not responsible for funding the deficits of other participating employers.

The IMRF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information which may be viewed at the IMRF's website.

See Note F to the Audit for additional information on the IMRF's actuarial methods and assumptions, including information regarding the Discount Rate and the sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the Discount Rate.

#### *Contributions*

Both employers and employees contribute to the IMRF. At present, employees contribute 4.50% of their salary to the IMRF, as established by statute. Employers are required to make all

additional contributions necessary to fund the benefits provided by the IMRF to its employees. The annual rate at which an employer must contribute to the IMRF is established by the IMRF Board. The District’s contribution rate for calendar year 2021 was 10.45% of covered payroll.

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2022, the District contributed the following amounts to IMRF:

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	IMRF CONTRIBUTIONS
2018	\$2,421,752
2019	2,211,626
2020	2,218,691
2021	2,306,708
2022	2,175,982

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the years ended June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2022.

### *Measures of Financial Position*

The following table presents the measures of the IMRF Account’s financial position as of December 31 of the years 2017 through 2021, which are presented pursuant to the GASB Standards.

CALENDAR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31	TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	FIDUCIARY NET POSITION	NET PENSION (ASSET)/LIABILITY	FIDUCIARY NET POSITION AS A % OF TOTAL PENSION LIABILITY	DISCOUNT RATE
2017	\$126,932,858	\$125,923,050	\$1,009,808	99.20%	7.50%
2018	136,169,799	117,928,246	18,241,553	86.60%	7.25%
2019	141,250,447	135,668,451	5,581,996	96.05%	7.25%
2020	146,156,294	150,830,297	(4,674,003)	103.20%	7.25%
2021	151,735,188	170,778,169	(19,042,981)	112.55%	7.25%

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the years ended June 30, 2018, through June 30, 2022.

See Note F to the Audit, and the related required supplementary information disclosures, for a description of the IMRF, the IMRF Account, the District’s funding policy, information on the assumptions and methods used by the actuary, and the financial reporting information required by the GASB Standards.

### **OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

The District administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the “*Retirees Health Plan*”). The Retirees Health Plan provides health insurance contributions for eligible retirees and their spouses through the District’s group health insurance plan which covers both active and retired members. The District’s annual other postemployment benefit (“*OPEB*”) cost

is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer. For fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the District had an annual OPEB cost of \$616,002, and as of June 30, 2022, the Retirees Health Plan had an unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$13,310,447. For more information regarding the District's OPEB obligations, see Note G of the Audit.

#### **TEACHER HEALTH INSURANCE SECURITY FUND**

The District participates in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund (the "*THIS Fund*"), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that was established by the Illinois legislature for the benefit of retired Illinois public school teachers employed outside the city of Chicago. The THIS Fund provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but it does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of TRS.

The State maintains primary responsibility for funding, but contributions from participating employers and members are also required. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the District paid \$578,978 to the THIS Fund, which was 100% of the required contribution. For more information regarding the District's THIS Fund obligation, see Note G to the Audit.

#### **BOND RATING**

Moody's has assigned the Bonds a rating of "Aa2." This rating reflects only the views of Moody's and any explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained therefrom. Certain information concerning the Bonds and the District not included in this Official Statement may have been furnished to Moody's by the District. There is no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that such rating may not be changed by Moody's if, in such rating agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Except as may be required by the Undertaking described below under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE," the form of which is attached hereto as APPENDIX C, neither the District nor the Underwriters undertakes responsibility to bring to the attention of the owners of the Bonds any proposed change in or withdrawal of the rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

#### **TAX EXEMPTION**

Federal tax law contains a number of requirements and restrictions which apply to the Bonds, including investment restrictions, periodic payments of arbitrage profits to the United States, requirements regarding the proper use of bond proceeds and the facilities financed therewith, and certain other matters. The District has covenanted to comply with all requirements that must be satisfied in order for the interest on the Bonds to be excludible from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Failure to comply with certain of such covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to become includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

Subject to the District's compliance with the above-referenced covenants, under present law, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludible from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"). For tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations.

In rendering its opinion, Bond Counsel will rely upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District's knowledge. Bond Counsel's opinion represents its legal judgment based upon its review of the law and the facts that it deems relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result.

Ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers, including, without limitation, corporations subject to the branch profits tax, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, certain S corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry tax-exempt obligations. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to applicability of any such collateral consequences.

The issue price for original issue discount (as further discussed below) and market discount purposes (the "*OID Issue Price*") for each maturity of the Bonds is the price at which a substantial amount of such maturity of the Bonds is first sold to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers and similar persons or organizations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents or wholesalers). The *OID Issue Price* of a maturity of the Bonds may be different from the price set forth, or the price corresponding to the yield set forth, on the inside cover page hereof.

If the *OID Issue Price* of a maturity of the Bonds is less than the principal amount payable at maturity, the difference between the *OID Issue Price* of each such maturity, if any, of the Bonds (the "*OID Bonds*") and the principal amount payable at maturity is original issue discount.

For an investor who purchases an *OID Bond* in the initial public offering at the *OID Issue Price* for such maturity and who holds such *OID Bond* to its stated maturity, subject to the condition that the District complies with the covenants discussed above, (a) the full amount of original issue discount with respect to such *OID Bond* constitutes interest which is excludible from the gross income of the owner thereof for federal income tax purposes; (b) such owner will not realize taxable capital gain or market discount upon payment of such *OID Bond* at its stated maturity; (c) such original issue discount is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the *Code*; and (d) the accretion of original issue discount in each year may result in certain collateral federal income tax consequences in each year even though a corresponding cash payment may not be received until a later year. Based upon the stated position of the Department under State income tax law, accreted original issue discount on such *OID Bonds* is subject to taxation as it accretes, even though there may not be a corresponding cash payment until a later year. Owners of *OID Bonds* should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the state and local tax consequences of original issue discount on such *OID Bonds*.

Owners of Bonds who dispose of Bonds prior to the stated maturity (whether by sale, redemption or otherwise), purchase Bonds in the initial public offering, but at a price different from the OID Issue Price or purchase Bonds subsequent to the initial public offering should consult their own tax advisors.

If a Bond is purchased at any time for a price that is less than the Bond's stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of an OID Bond, its OID Issue Price plus accreted original issue discount (the "*Revised Issue Price*"), the purchaser will be treated as having purchased a Bond with market discount subject to the market discount rules of the Code (unless a statutory *de minimis* rule applies). Accrued market discount is treated as taxable ordinary income and is recognized when a Bond is disposed of (to the extent such accrued discount does not exceed gain realized) or, at the purchaser's election, as it accrues. Such treatment would apply to any purchaser who purchases an OID Bond for a price that is less than its Revised Issue Price. The applicability of the market discount rules may adversely affect the liquidity or secondary market price of such Bond. Purchasers should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential implications of market discount with respect to the Bonds.

An investor may purchase a Bond at a price in excess of its stated principal amount. Such excess is characterized for federal income tax purposes as "bond premium" and must be amortized by an investor on a constant yield basis over the remaining term of the Bond in a manner that takes into account potential call dates and call prices. An investor cannot deduct amortized bond premium relating to a tax-exempt bond. The amortized bond premium is treated as a reduction in the tax-exempt interest received. As bond premium is amortized, it reduces the investor's basis in the Bond. Investors who purchase a Bond at a premium should consult their own tax advisors regarding the amortization of bond premium and its effect on the Bond's basis for purposes of computing gain or loss in connection with the sale, exchange, redemption or early retirement of the Bond.

There are or may be pending in Congress legislative proposals, including some that carry retroactive effective dates, that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal tax matters referred to above or affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposal might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any pending or proposed federal tax legislation.

The Service has an ongoing program of auditing tax-exempt obligations to determine whether, in the view of the Service, interest on such tax-exempt obligations is includible in the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. It cannot be predicted whether or not the Service will commence an audit of the Bonds. If an audit is commenced, under current procedures the Service may treat the District as a taxpayer and the Bondholders may have no right to participate in such procedure. The commencement of an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome.

Payments of interest on, and proceeds of the sale, redemption or maturity of, tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds, are in certain cases required to be reported to the Service.

Additionally, backup withholding may apply to any such payments to any Bond owner who fails to provide an accurate Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification, or a substantially identical form, or to any Bond owner who is notified by the Service of a failure to report any interest or dividends required to be shown on federal income tax returns. The reporting and backup withholding requirements do not affect the excludability of such interest from gross income for federal tax purposes.

Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State income taxes. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other state and local tax consequences to certain taxpayers. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of any such state and local taxes.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

The District will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the “*Undertaking*”) for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds to send certain information annually and to provide notice of certain events to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “*MSRB*”) pursuant to the requirements of the Rule. No person, other than the District, has undertaken, or is otherwise expected, to provide continuing disclosure with respect to the Bonds. The information to be provided on an annual basis, the events which will be noticed on an occurrence basis and a statement of other terms of the Undertaking, including termination, amendment and remedies, are set forth in the form of the Undertaking, attached hereto as APPENDIX C.

There have been no instances in the previous five years in which the District failed to comply, in all material respects, with any undertaking previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule. A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default under the Bond Resolution and beneficial owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. The District must report any failure to comply with the Undertaking in accordance with the Rule. Any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer must consider such report before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

### **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022 (the “*Audit*”), contained in Appendix A, including the independent auditor’s report accompanying the Audit, have been prepared by Miller, Cooper & Co., Ltd., Deerfield, Illinois (the “*Auditor*”), and approved by formal action of the Board. The District has not requested the Auditor to update information contained in the Audit nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of the Audit in this Official Statement. Other than as expressly set forth in this Official Statement, the financial information contained in the Audit has not been updated since the date of the Audit. The inclusion of the Audit in this Official Statement in and of itself is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the Audit.



## BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities 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 Exchange Act. 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*"). DTC has an S&P Global Ratings rating of "AA+". The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their

registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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

Redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds 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 Bonds 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detailed information from the District or Registrar, 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, the Registrar, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Registrar. 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 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 DTC, and the District takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

The District will have no responsibility or obligation to any Securities Depository, any Participants in the Book-Entry System or the Beneficial Owners with respect to (a) the accuracy of any records maintained by the Securities Depository or any Participant; (b) the payment by the Securities Depository or by any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal amount or redemption price of, or interest on, any Bonds; (c) the delivery of any notice by the Securities Depository or any Participant; (d) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (e) any other action taken by the Securities Depository or any Participant.

#### **CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approving legal opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois ("*Chapman and Cutler*"), Bond Counsel, who has been retained by, and acts as, Bond Counsel to the District. Chapman and Cutler has also been retained by the District to serve as Disclosure Counsel to the District with respect to the Bonds. Although as Disclosure Counsel to the District, Chapman and Cutler has assisted the District with certain disclosure matters, Chapman and Cutler has not undertaken to independently verify the accuracy, completeness or fairness of any of the statements contained in this Official Statement or other offering material related to the Bonds and does not guarantee the accuracy, completeness or fairness of such information. Chapman and Cutler's engagement as Disclosure Counsel was undertaken solely at the request and for the benefit of the District, to assist it in discharging its responsibility with respect to this Official Statement, and not for the benefit of any other person (including any person purchasing Bonds from the Underwriters), and did not include any obligation to establish or confirm factual matters, forecasts, projections, estimates or any other financial or economic information in connection therewith. Further, Chapman and Cutler makes no representation as to the suitability of the Bonds for investment by any investor.

#### **NO LITIGATION**

No litigation is now pending or threatened restraining the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or any proceedings of the District taken with respect to the issuance or sale thereof. A certificate to this effect will be delivered by the District with the other customary closing papers when the Bonds are delivered.

## MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, has been retained as municipal advisor (the "*Municipal Advisor*") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In assisting with the preparation of this Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon the District and other sources having access to relevant data to provide accurate information for this Official Statement. To the best of the Municipal Advisor's knowledge, the information contained in this Official Statement is true and accurate. However, the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information.

The Municipal Advisor's duties, responsibilities, and fees arise solely from that as municipal advisor to the District.

## UNDERWRITING

Pursuant to the terms of a Bond Purchase Agreement (the "*Agreement*") between the District and the Underwriters, the Underwriters have agreed to purchase the Bonds at an aggregate purchase price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The purchase price will produce an underwriting spread of \_\_\_\_\_% of principal amount if all Bonds are sold at the initial offering prices. The Agreement provides that the obligation of the Underwriters are subject to certain conditions precedent and that the Underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the Bonds if any of the Bonds are purchased. The Bonds may be offered and sold to certain dealers (including dealers depositing such Bonds into investment trusts, accounts or funds) and others at prices different than the initial public offering price. After the initial public offering, the public offering price of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Underwriters.

**AUTHORIZATION**

This Official Statement has been approved by the District for distribution to prospective purchasers of the Bonds. The Board, acting through authorized officers, will provide to the Underwriters at the time of delivery of the Bonds, a certificate confirming that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, this Official Statement, together with any supplements thereto, as of the date hereof, and at the time of delivery of the Bonds, was true and correct in all material respects and did not at any time contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated where necessary to make the statements therein in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

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Chief School Business Official  
Community Consolidated School District  
Number 15, Cook County, Illinois

January \_\_, 2023

**EXHIBIT A — COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE, FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018-2022**

	Ed <sup>(1)</sup>	O&M	DEBT SERVICE	TRANS	IMRF	CAP PROJECTS	WORKING CASH	TORT	FIRE	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	\$47,722,617	\$3,248,413	\$3,409,397	\$5,924,977	\$2,899,560	\$387,102	\$111,678	\$463,709	\$6,194,830	\$70,362,283
Revenues	188,480,719	14,420,027	5,643,285	9,633,996	5,348,094	648,308	1,312	1,296,158	18,088	225,489,987
Expenditures	185,682,404	11,542,249	5,995,262	8,866,041	5,202,740	8,632,009	0	1,398,857	6,195,918	233,515,480
Net Transfers	(154,186)	(3,500,000)	154,186	0	0	3,500,000	0	0	0	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/18	\$50,366,746	\$2,626,191	\$3,211,606	\$6,692,932	\$3,044,914	\$(4,096,599)	\$112,990	\$361,010	\$17,000	\$62,336,790
Beginning Balance	\$50,366,746	\$2,626,191	\$3,211,606	\$6,692,932	\$3,044,914	\$(4,096,599)	\$112,990	\$361,010	\$17,000	\$62,336,790
Revenues	166,124,488	15,616,208	5,791,780	9,341,934	5,166,445	1,279,785	2,693	1,368,686	1,995	204,694,014
Expenditures	162,827,098	11,555,582	5,995,261	9,397,326	5,083,846	7,930,303	0	1,741,355	0	204,530,771
Net Transfers	(4,654,186)	(3,750,000)	154,186	0	0	8,250,000	0	0	0	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/19	\$49,009,950	\$2,936,817	\$3,162,311	\$6,637,540	\$3,127,513	\$(2,497,117)	\$115,683	\$(11,659)	\$18,995	\$62,500,033
Beginning Balance	\$49,009,950	\$2,936,817	\$3,162,311	\$6,637,540	\$3,127,513	\$(2,497,117)	\$115,683	\$(11,659)	\$18,995	\$62,500,033
Revenues	131,143,946	16,121,130	5,853,461	9,314,372	5,091,126	2,330,300	2,040	1,518,508	335	171,375,218
Expenditures	127,345,750	11,193,479	6,069,384	9,514,012	5,181,760	9,461,786	0	1,390,112	0	170,156,283
Net Transfers	(7,362,414)	(2,500,000)	228,309	0	0	10,000,000	0	0	0	365,895
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/20	\$45,445,732	\$5,364,468	\$3,174,697	\$6,437,900	\$3,036,879	\$371,397	\$117,723	\$116,737	\$19,330	\$64,084,863
Beginning Balance	\$45,445,732	\$5,364,468	\$3,174,697	\$6,437,900	\$3,036,879	\$371,397	\$117,723	\$116,737	\$19,330	\$64,084,863
Revenues	134,218,531	16,093,314	5,846,294	9,808,008	5,254,306	1,282,150	260	1,717,120	4,041	174,224,024
Expenditures	133,670,534	11,385,476	6,298,276	7,995,604	5,180,173	7,148,598	0	1,428,267	8,240,004	181,346,932
Net Transfers	(2,580,862)	(4,000,000)	80,862	0	0	6,500,000	0	0	14,715,890	14,715,890
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/21	\$43,412,867	\$6,072,306	\$2,803,577	\$8,250,304	\$3,111,012	\$1,004,949	\$117,983	\$405,590	\$6,499,257	\$71,677,845
Beginning Balance	\$43,412,867	\$6,072,306	\$2,803,577	\$8,250,304	\$3,111,012	\$1,004,949	\$117,983	\$405,590	\$6,499,257	\$71,677,845
Revenues	149,788,297	18,699,560	6,175,264	9,630,985	5,947,648	1,605,377	97	1,814,656	2,713	193,664,597
Expenditures	143,657,094	12,564,514	5,785,642	8,669,911	5,188,250	3,916,921	0	1,565,209	6,436,525	187,784,066
Net Transfers	(1,080,862)	(4,000,000)	80,862	0	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	0
Other Sources (Uses)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Balance, 6/30/22	\$48,463,208	\$8,207,352	\$3,274,061	\$9,211,378	\$3,870,410	\$3,693,405	\$118,080	\$655,137	\$65,445	\$77,558,476

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the years ended June 30, 2018 - June 30, 2022.

(1) Excludes "On-behalf" payments.

**EXHIBIT B — BUDGET, FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023**

	Ed <sup>(1)</sup>	O&M	DEBT SERVICE	TRANS	IMRF	CAP PROJECTS	WORKING CASH	TORT	FIRE	TOTAL
FUND BALANCE AS OF 7/1/22	\$49,851,112	\$7,795,799	\$3,264,531	\$9,087,540	\$3,705,429	\$3,718,790	\$118,080	\$603,251	\$65,446	\$78,209,978
ESTIMATED REVENUE	154,353,477	18,874,301	5,971,891	9,198,279	5,937,034	1,000	400	1,795,216	500	196,132,098
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES	158,141,579	13,620,655	6,051,412	9,176,575	5,853,278	5,000,000	0	1,610,678	65,945	199,520,122
OTHER	4,669,138	(5,000,000)	80,862	(4,750,000)	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE 6/30/23	\$50,732,148	\$8,049,445	\$3,265,872	\$4,359,244	\$3,789,185	\$3,719,790	\$118,480	\$787,789	\$1	\$74,821,954

Source: Budget for the District for the year ending June 30, 2023. The beginning fund balances were estimated by the District at the time the budget was adopted. Consequently, such balances may not match the ending fund balances set forth in the District's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

(1) Excludes "On-behalf" payments.

**EXHIBIT C — GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES,  
FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018-2022**

	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021	YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022
Local Sources	80.81%	80.23%	80.63%	79.47%	76.68%
State Sources	12.11%	12.01%	11.96%	11.89%	10.81%
Federal Sources	<u>7.08%</u>	<u>7.76%</u>	<u>7.41%</u>	<u>8.64%</u>	<u>12.51%</u>
TOTAL	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Source: The annual financial reports of the District for the years ended June 30, 2018-June 30, 2022. For purposes of this Exhibit, the General Fund includes the Educational Fund and the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Excludes "On-behalf" payments.



**APPENDIX A**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE  
DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

**APPENDIX B**

**PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**

**[LETTERHEAD OF CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP]**

**[TO BE DATED CLOSING DATE]**

Community Consolidated School District Number 15  
Cook County, Illinois

We hereby certify that we have examined certified copy of the proceedings (the “*Proceedings*”) of the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), passed preliminary to the issue by the District of its fully registered General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023 (the “*Bonds*”), to the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, due serially on December 1 of the years and in the amounts and bearing interest as follows:

2023	\$	%
2025		%
2026		%
2027		%
2028		%
2029		%
2030		%
2031		%
2032		%
2033		%
2034		%
2035		%
2036		%
2037		%
2038		%
2039		%
2040		%
2041		%
2042		%

the Bonds due on or after December 1, 20\_\_, being subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the District as a whole or in part in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity to be selected by the Bond Registrar), on December 1, 20\_\_, or on any date thereafter, at the redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date, as provided in the Proceedings, and we are of the opinion that the Proceedings show lawful authority for said issue under the laws of the State of Illinois now in force.

We further certify that we have examined the form of bond prescribed for said issue and find the same in due form of law, and in our opinion said issue, to the amount named, is valid and legally binding upon the District and is payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights and by equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion.

It is our opinion that, subject to the District's compliance with certain covenants, under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the alternative minimum tax for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For tax years beginning after December 31, 2022, interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Failure to comply with certain of such District covenants could cause interest on the Bonds to be includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Ownership of the Bonds may result in other federal tax consequences to certain taxpayers, and we express no opinion regarding any such collateral consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

We express no opinion herein as to the accuracy, adequacy or completeness of any information furnished to any person in connection with any offer or sale of the Bonds.

In rendering this opinion, we have relied upon certifications of the District with respect to certain material facts within the District's knowledge. Our opinion represents our legal judgment based upon our review of the law and the facts that we deem relevant to render such opinion and is not a guarantee of a result. This opinion is given as of the date hereof and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may hereafter come to our attention or any changes in law that may hereafter occur.

## APPENDIX C

### PROPOSED FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION UNDER SECTION (b)(5) OF RULE 15c2-12

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (this “*Agreement*”) is executed and delivered by Community Consolidated School District Number 15, Cook County, Illinois (the “*District*”), in connection with the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023 (the “*Bonds*”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on the 13th day of December, 2022 (as supplemented by a notification of sale, the “*Resolution*”).

In consideration of the issuance of the Bonds by the District and the purchase of such Bonds by the beneficial owners thereof, the District covenants and agrees as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT. This Agreement is executed and delivered by the District as of the date set forth below, for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the requirements of the Rule (as defined below). The District represents that it will be the only obligated person with respect to the Bonds at the time the Bonds are delivered to the Participating Underwriters and that no other person is expected to become so committed at any time after issuance of the Bonds.

2. DEFINITIONS. The terms set forth below shall have the following meanings in this Agreement, unless the context clearly otherwise requires.

*Annual Financial Information* means information of the type contained under the following headings and subheadings of, and in the following appendices and exhibits to, the Official Statement:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

- Direct General Obligation Bonds (Principal Only)
- Direct General Obligation Bonds (Principal and Interest)
- Selected Financial Information (only as it relates to direct debt)
- Composition of EAV
- Trend of EAV
- Taxes Extended and Collected
- School District Tax Rates by Purpose

WORKING CASH FUND—Working Cash Fund Summary

Exhibit A—Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

Exhibit B—Budget

Exhibit C—General Fund Revenue Sources

*Annual Financial Information Disclosure* means the dissemination of disclosure concerning Annual Financial Information and the dissemination of the Audited Financial Statements as set forth in Section 4.

*Audited Financial Statements* means the audited financial statements of the District prepared pursuant to the principles and as described in *Exhibit I*.

*Commission* means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*Dissemination Agent* means any agent designated as such in writing by the District and which has filed with the District a written acceptance of such designation, and such agent's successors and assigns.

*EMMA* means the MSRB through its Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosure or through any other electronic format or system prescribed by the MSRB for purposes of the Rule.

*Exchange Act* means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

*Financial Obligation* of the District means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of a debt obligation or any such derivative instrument; provided that "financial obligation" shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement (as defined in the Rule) has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

*MSRB* means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

*Official Statement* means the Final Official Statement, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, and relating to the Bonds.

*Participating Underwriter* means each broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer acting as an underwriter in the primary offering of the Bonds.

*Reportable Event* means the occurrence of any of the Events with respect to the Bonds set forth in *Exhibit II*.

*Reportable Events Disclosure* means dissemination of a notice of a Reportable Event as set forth in Section 5.

*Rule* means Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Commission under the Exchange Act, as the same may be amended from time to time.

*State* means the State of Illinois.

*Undertaking* means the obligations of the District pursuant to Sections 4 and 5.

3. CUSIP NUMBERS. The CUSIP Numbers of the Bonds are set forth in *Exhibit III*. All filings required under this Agreement will be filed on EMMA under these CUSIP Numbers. If the Bonds are refunded after the date hereof, the District will also make all filings required under this Agreement under any new CUSIP Numbers assigned to the Bonds as a result of such refunding, to the extent the District remains legally liable for the payment of such Bonds; provided, however, that the District will not be required to make such filings under new CUSIP Numbers unless the District has been notified in writing by the Participating Underwriter or the District's financial advisor that new CUSIP Numbers have been assigned to the Bonds. The District will not make any filings pursuant to this Agreement under new CUSIP Numbers assigned to any of the Bonds after the date hereof for any reason other than a refunding, as described in the previous sentence, including, but not limited to, new CUSIP Numbers assigned to the Bonds as a result of a holder of the Bonds obtaining a bond insurance policy or other credit enhancement with respect to some or all of the outstanding Bonds in the secondary market.

4. ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the District hereby covenants that it will disseminate its Annual Financial Information and its Audited Financial Statements (in the form and by the dates set forth in *Exhibit I*) to EMMA in such manner and format and accompanied by identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB or the Commission at the time of delivery of such information and by such time so that such entities receive the information by the dates specified. MSRB Rule G-32 requires all EMMA filings to be in word-searchable PDF format. This requirement extends to all documents to be filed with EMMA, including financial statements and other externally prepared reports.

If any part of the Annual Financial Information can no longer be generated because the operations to which it is related have been materially changed or discontinued, the District will disseminate a statement to such effect as part of its Annual Financial Information for the year in which such event first occurs.

If any amendment or waiver is made to this Agreement, the Annual Financial Information for the year in which such amendment or waiver is made (or in any notice or supplement provided to EMMA) shall contain a narrative description of the reasons for such amendment or waiver and its impact on the type of information being provided.

5. REPORTABLE EVENTS DISCLOSURE. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the District hereby covenants that it will disseminate in a timely manner (not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the Reportable Event) Reportable Events Disclosure to EMMA in such manner and format and accompanied by identifying information as is prescribed by the MSRB or the Commission at the time of delivery of such information. References to "material" in *Exhibit II* refer to materiality as it is interpreted under the Exchange Act. MSRB Rule G-32 requires all EMMA filings to be in word-searchable PDF format. This requirement extends to all documents to be filed with EMMA, including financial statements and other externally prepared reports. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notice of optional or unscheduled redemption of any Bonds or defeasance of any Bonds need not be given under this Agreement any earlier than the notice (if any) of such redemption or defeasance is given to the Bondholders pursuant to the Resolution.

6. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE OF THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION. The District shall give notice in a timely manner to EMMA of any failure to provide Annual Financial Information Disclosure when the same is due hereunder.

In the event of a failure of the District to comply with any provision of this Agreement, the beneficial owner of any Bond may seek mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed a default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the District to comply with this Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

7. AMENDMENTS; WAIVER. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the District by resolution authorizing such amendment or waiver, may amend this Agreement, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived, if:

(a) (i) The amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, including without limitation, pursuant to a “no-action” letter issued by the Commission, a change in law, or a change in the identity, nature, or status of the District, or type of business conducted; or

(ii) This Agreement, as amended, or the provision, as waived, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances; and

(b) The amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the District (such as Bond Counsel).

In the event that the Commission or the MSRB or other regulatory authority shall approve or require Annual Financial Information Disclosure or Reportable Events Disclosure to be made to a central post office, governmental agency or similar entity other than EMMA or in lieu of EMMA, the District shall, if required, make such dissemination to such central post office, governmental agency or similar entity without the necessity of amending this Agreement.

8. TERMINATION OF UNDERTAKING. The Undertaking of the District shall be terminated hereunder if the District shall no longer have any legal liability for any obligation on or relating to repayment of the Bonds under the Resolution.

9. FUTURE CHANGES TO THE RULE. As set forth in Section 1 of this Agreement, the District has executed and delivered this Agreement solely and only to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the requirements of the Rule. Therefore, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event the Commission, the MSRB or other regulatory authority shall approve or require changes to the requirements of the Rule, the District shall be permitted, but shall not be required, to unilaterally modify the covenants in this Agreement, without complying with the requirements of Section 7 of this Agreement, in order to

comply with, or conform to, such changes. In the event of any such modification of this Agreement, the District shall file a copy of this Agreement, as revised, on EMMA in a timely manner.

10. DISSEMINATION AGENT. The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Financial Information Disclosure or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the District chooses to include any information from any document or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the District shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future disclosure or notice of occurrence of a Reportable Event.

12. BENEFICIARIES. This Agreement has been executed in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with the Rule; however, this Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Dissemination Agent, if any, and the beneficial owners of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

13. RECORDKEEPING. The District shall maintain records of all Annual Financial Information Disclosure and Reportable Events Disclosure, including the content of such disclosure, the names of the entities with whom such disclosure was filed and the date of filing such disclosure.

14. ASSIGNMENT. The District shall not transfer its obligations under the Resolution unless the transferee agrees to assume all obligations of the District under this Agreement or to execute an Undertaking under the Rule.

15. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State.

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
NUMBER 15, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President, Board of Education

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023



## **EXHIBIT I**

### **ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND TIMING AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

All or a portion of the Annual Financial Information and the Audited Financial Statements as set forth below may be included by reference to other documents which have been submitted to EMMA or filed with the Commission. If the information included by reference is contained in a Final Official Statement, the Final Official Statement must be available on EMMA; the Final Official Statement need not be available from the Commission. The District shall clearly identify each such item of information included by reference.

Annual Financial Information exclusive of Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA by 210 days after the last day of the District's fiscal year (currently June 30), beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Audited Financial Statements as described below should be filed at the same time as the Annual Financial Information. If Audited Financial Statements are not available when the Annual Financial Information is filed, Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA within 30 days after availability to the District.

Audited Financial Statements will be prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

If any change is made to the Annual Financial Information as permitted by Section 4 of the Agreement, the District will disseminate a notice of such change as required by Section 4.

**EXHIBIT II**  
**EVENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE BONDS FOR WHICH**  
**REPORTABLE EVENTS DISCLOSURE IS REQUIRED**

1. Principal and interest payment delinquencies
2. Non-payment related defaults, if material
3. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
4. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
5. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
6. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security
7. Modifications to the rights of security 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 District\*
13. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material
14. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
15. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which affect security holders, if material
16. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation, any of which reflect financial difficulties

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

**EXHIBIT III  
CUSIP NUMBERS**

YEAR OF MATURITY	CUSIP NUMBER (213291)
2023	
2025	
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