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Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program / Underlying

*In the opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Bond Counsel, under existing law, assuming compliance with certain covenants by the School District, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and the Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation by the State of Michigan or by any taxing authority within the State of Michigan except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. See "TAX MATTERS" and "APPENDIX E- FORM OF APPROVING OPINION" herein for a description of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which may affect the tax treatment of interest on the Bonds for certain Bondholders.*



**\$18,300,000\*\***  
**TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**2026 REFUNDING BONDS**  
**(UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)**

**Dated: Date of Delivery**

**Due: May 1, as shown below**

The 2026 Refunding Bonds (Unlimited Tax General Obligation) (the "Bonds") were authorized by the Board of Education of the Trenton Public Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "School District") by resolution adopted on October 13, 2025 (the "Resolution"). The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of currently refunding all or a portion of a prior bond issue of the School District. The Bonds will pledge the full faith and credit of the School District for payment of the principal and interest thereon and will be payable from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied on all taxable property in the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds are expected to be fully qualified as of the date of delivery for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program pursuant to Act 92, Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended, enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the School District will be or is unable to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, the School District shall borrow and the State of Michigan shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the School District to make the payment. See "QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN" and APPENDIX A, "State Qualification," herein.

The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds without coupons and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of beneficial interests in the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive certificates representing their beneficial interest in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the Bondholder, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bondholders or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See "THE BONDS—Book-Entry-Only System" herein.

Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by the corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Transfer Agent"). So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Bondholder, such payments will be made directly to such Bondholder. Disbursement of such payments to DTC's Direct Participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of DTC's Direct Participants and Indirect Participants, as more fully described herein. Interest will be payable semiannually on May 1 and November 1, commencing November 1, 2026, to the Bondholders of record as of the applicable record dates as stated in the Bonds.

(Base CUSIP\$: \_\_\_\_\_)

| <b>Maturity**</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Amount**</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Yield</b> | <b>CUSIP\$</b> | <b>Maturity**</b> | <b>Interest</b> | <b>Amount**</b> | <b>Rate</b> | <b>Yield</b> | <b>CUSIP\$</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2027              |                 | \$2,175,000     |             |              |                | 2033              |                 | \$1,450,000     |             |              |                |
| 2028              |                 | 1,130,000       |             |              |                | 2034              |                 | 1,525,000       |             |              |                |
| 2029              |                 | 1,195,000       |             |              |                | 2035              |                 | 1,595,000       |             |              |                |
| 2030              |                 | 1,255,000       |             |              |                | 2036              |                 | 1,680,000       |             |              |                |
| 2031              |                 | 1,315,000       |             |              |                | 2037              |                 | 1,755,000       |             |              |                |
| 2032              |                 | 1,380,000       |             |              |                | 2038              |                 | 1,845,000       |             |              |                |

THE BONDS OR PORTIONS OF THE BONDS MATURING ON OR AFTER MAY 1, 2037\*\* ARE SUBJECT TO OPTIONAL REDEMPTION BEGINNING MAY 1, 2036\*\*, IN THE MANNER AND AT THE TIMES DESCRIBED HEREIN. See "THE BONDS — Optional Redemption" herein.

The Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued by the School District and accepted by the Underwriter subject to the approving legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., Detroit, Michigan, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Thrun Law Firm, P.C., East Lansing, Michigan. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery through DTC on or about March \_\_, 2026.

This cover page contains certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.

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The date of this Official Statement is February \_\_, 2026.

† For an explanation of the ratings, see "RATINGS" herein.

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Information herein has been obtained from the School District, The Depository Trust Company and other sources believed to be reliable. The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement in accordance with, and as part of, its responsibility to investors under the federal securities laws as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information (except for information under the section captioned "UNDERWRITING," which was obtained from the Underwriter).

Upon issuance, the Bonds will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities law and will not be listed on any stock or other securities exchange. Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other federal, state, municipal or other governmental entity or agency will have passed upon the adequacy of this Official Statement, or, except for the School District and the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan, approved the Bonds for sale.

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

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**OFFICIAL STATEMENT  
relating to**

**\$18,300,000<sup>1</sup>  
TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
2026 REFUNDING BONDS  
(UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Official Statement, which includes the cover page and Appendices, is to furnish information in connection with the issuance and sale by the Trenton Public Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "School District") of its 2026 Refunding Bonds (Unlimited Tax General Obligation) (the "Bonds") in the principal amount of \$18,300,000<sup>1</sup>.

**PURPOSE AND SECURITY**

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of currently refunding all or a portion of the School District's outstanding 2016 Refunding Bonds, dated June 28, 2016, which are due and payable May 1, 2027 through May 1, 2038, inclusive (the "Prior Bonds"); and paying the costs of issuing the Bonds.

The Bonds, as authorized for issuance by the resolution of the Board of Education of the School District adopted on October 13, 2025 (the "Resolution"), are a full faith and credit unlimited tax general obligation of the School District. The principal of and interest on the Bonds are payable from the proceeds of ad valorem taxes levied on all taxable property in the School District which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount. As of the date of delivery, the Bonds are expected to be fully qualified for participation in the State of Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. See "QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN" and APPENDIX A, "State Qualification," in this Official Statement.

**QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

An application will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury to obtain, and it is the School District's expectation that the Bonds will receive, final qualification as of the date of delivery to participate in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program pursuant to Act 92 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended ("Act 92"), enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the School District will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due, the School District shall borrow and the State of Michigan (the "State") shall lend to it from the School Loan Revolving Fund (the "School Loan Revolving Fund") established by the State, an amount sufficient to enable the School District to make the payment. Article IX, Section 16 of the State Constitution as implemented by Act 112 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1961, as amended, authorizes the State, without approval of its electors, to borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge the State's full faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided under such section. Loans to school districts for such purposes are made from the proceeds of such State borrowing. See APPENDIX A, "State Qualification," in this Official Statement.

Complete financial statements of all of the State's funds as included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") prepared by the State's Office of the State Budget are available from the Budget website: [www.michigan.gov/budget](http://www.michigan.gov/budget). The State has agreed to file its ACFR with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (as described in Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission) annually, so long as any bonds qualified for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program remain outstanding.

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<sup>1</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

## PLAN OF REFUNDING

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds, together with other available funds, will be used to pay certain costs of issuance relating to the refunding of the Prior Bonds and to establish an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") composed of cash and non-callable direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing. The Escrow Fund will be held by the corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, as escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") and will be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds at call for redemption. The Escrow Fund will be held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which irrevocably directs the Escrow Agent to make the payment of principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds at call for redemption. The Escrow Fund will be such that the cash and the principal of and interest payments received on investments will be sufficient, without reinvestment except as provided in the Escrow Agreement, to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds as they are called for early redemption, as set forth in the following table.

### Principal of and Interest on the Prior Bonds to be paid from the Escrow Fund<sup>1</sup>

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | <u>Total</u>    |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 05/01/2026  | \$19,970,000.00  | \$499,250.00    | \$20,469,250.00 |

The accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of the cash and certain obligations to be held in the Escrow Fund and used, together with the earnings thereon, to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds at call for redemption, supporting the conclusion of Bond Counsel that the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal tax purposes as indicated under the caption "TAX MATTERS" herein, will be verified by Robert Thomas CPA, LLC, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, (the "Verification Agent"). Such verification of accuracy of the computations shall be based upon information supplied by the Underwriters and the interpretations of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as provided by Bond Counsel.

## ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

### SOURCES

Par Amount of the Bonds  
Original Issue Premium  
Original Issue Discount  
Contribution from Prior Bond Debt Retirement Fund  
Total Sources

### USES

Escrow Fund  
Underwriter's Discount  
Costs of Issuance for the Bonds  
Total Uses

## THE BONDS

### Description and Form of the Bonds

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form as one fully registered Bond per maturity, without coupons, in the aggregate principal amount for each maturity set forth on the cover page hereof and may be purchased in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds will be dated as of, and bear interest from, the date of issuance. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually each May 1 and November 1 to maturity or early redemption, commencing November 1, 2026. Interest on the Bonds shall be

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<sup>1</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

computed using a 360-day year with twelve 30-day months, and the Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts and will bear interest at the rates as set forth on the cover of this Official Statement.

The corporate trust office of U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, Grand Rapids, Michigan, will serve as the transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") and also as bond registrar and transfer agent if the Bonds cease to be held in book-entry-only form. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable when due by check or draft to the person or entity who or which is, as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding each interest payment date, the registered owner of record, at the owner's registered address. For a description of payment of principal and interest, transfers and exchanges on the Bonds, which are held in the book-entry-only system, see "Book-Entry-Only System" below. For a description of transfers and exchanges on the Bonds if the Bonds cease to be held in book-entry-only form, see "Transfer Outside Book-Entry-Only System" below.

### **Book-Entry-Only System**

The information in this section has been furnished by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). No representation is made by the School District, the Transfer Agent or the Underwriter as to the completeness or accuracy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the date hereof. No attempt has been made by the School District, the Transfer Agent or the Underwriter to determine whether DTC is or will be financially or otherwise capable of fulfilling its obligations. Neither the School District nor the Transfer Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to Direct Participants, Indirect Participants (both as defined below) or the persons for which they act as nominees with respect to the Bonds, or for any principal, premium, if any, or interest payment thereof.

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, each 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 Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC System is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](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 the 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 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 the notices be provided directly to them.

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor such 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 School 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).

Payments of principal and interest and redemption amounts, if any, 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 School District or Transfer Agent, on the payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC nor its nominee, Transfer Agent, or the School District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments of principal, interest and redemption amounts, if any, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the School District or Transfer Agent, 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 securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the School District or Transfer Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered.

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

## **Transfer Outside Book-Entry-Only System**

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions would apply to the Bonds. The Transfer Agent shall keep the registration books for the Bonds (the "Bond Register") at its corporate trust office. Subject to the further conditions contained in the Resolution, the Bonds may be transferred or exchanged for one or more Bonds in different authorized denominations upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Transfer Agent by the registered owners or their duly authorized attorneys; upon surrender of any Bonds to be transferred or exchanged, the Transfer Agent shall record the transfer or exchange in the Bond Register and shall authenticate replacement bonds in authorized denominations; during the fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the date of mailing of any notice of redemption or any time following the mailing of any notice of redemption, the Transfer Agent shall not be required to effect or register any transfer or exchange of any bond which has been selected for such redemption, except the Bonds properly surrendered for partial redemption may be exchanged for new Bonds in authorized denominations equal in the aggregate to the unredeemed portion; the School District and the Transfer Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owners of the Bonds, as their names appear in the Bond Register as of the appropriate dates, as the owners of such Bonds for all purposes under the Resolution. No transfer or exchange made other than as described above and in the Resolution shall be valid or effective for any purposes under the Resolution.

## **Optional Redemption<sup>1</sup>**

The Bonds or portions of the Bonds in multiples of \$5,000 maturing on May 1, 2037<sup>1</sup>, are subject to redemption at the option of the School District in such order as the School District may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any date occurring on or after May 1, 2036<sup>1</sup>, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

## **Notice of Redemption and Manner of Selection**

Notice of redemption of any Bond shall be given not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the registered owner at the registered address shown on the registration books kept by the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and Bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds obtained by dividing the face amount of the Bond by \$5,000 and such Bonds may be redeemed in part. The notice of redemption for Bonds redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the Bond to be redeemed a new Bond or Bonds in an aggregate face amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the registered owner thereof.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity shall be called for redemption prior to maturity, unless otherwise provided, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Transfer Agent, in the principal amounts designated by the School District. Any Bonds selected for redemption will cease to bear interest on the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the Transfer Agent to redeem said Bonds. Upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Transfer Agent, such Bonds shall be paid and redeemed.

So long as the book-entry-only system remains in effect, in the event of a partial redemption the Transfer Agent will give notice to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, only, and only Cede & Co. will be deemed to be a holder of the Bonds. DTC is expected to reduce the credit balances of the applicable DTC Participants in respect of the Bonds and in turn the DTC Participants are expected to select those Beneficial Owners whose ownership interests are to be extinguished or reduced by such partial redemption, each by such method as DTC or such DTC Participants, as the case may be, deems fair and appropriate in its sole discretion.

## **TAX PROCEDURES**

Article IX, Section 3, of the Michigan Constitution provides that the proportion of true cash value at which property shall be assessed shall not exceed 50% of true cash value. The Michigan Legislature by statute has provided that property shall be assessed at 50% of its true cash value, except as described below.

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<sup>1</sup> Preliminary, subject to change.

The Michigan Legislature or the electorate may at some future time reduce the percentage below 50% of true cash value.

On March 15, 1994, the electors of the State of Michigan (the "State") approved an amendment to the Michigan Constitution permitting the Legislature to authorize ad valorem taxes on a non-uniform basis. The legislation implementing this constitutional amendment added a new measure of property value known as "Taxable Value." Beginning in 1995, taxable property has two valuations -- State equalized valuation ("SEV") and Taxable Value. Property taxes are levied on Taxable Value. Generally, Taxable Value of property is the lesser of (a) the Taxable Value of the property in the immediately preceding year, adjusted for losses, and increased by the lesser of the inflation rate or 5%, plus additions, or (b) the property's current SEV. Under certain circumstances, therefore, the Taxable Value of property may be different from the same property's SEV.

When property is sold or transferred, Taxable Value is adjusted to the SEV, which under existing law is 50% of the current true cash value. The Taxable Value of new construction is equal to current SEV. Taxable Value and SEV of existing property are also adjusted annually for additions and losses.

Responsibility for assessing taxable property rests with the local assessing officer of each township and city. Any property owner may appeal the assessment to the local board of review, the Michigan Tax Tribunal, and ultimately to the Michigan appellate courts.

The Michigan Constitution also mandates a system of equalization for assessments. Although the assessors for each local unit of government within a county are responsible for actually assessing at 50% of true cash value, adjusted for Taxable Value purposes, the final SEV and Taxable Value are arrived at through several steps. Assessments are established initially by the municipal assessor. Municipal assessments are then equalized to the 50% levels as determined by the county's department of equalization. Thereafter, the State equalizes the various counties in relation to each other. SEV is important, aside from its use in determining Taxable Value for the purpose of levying ad valorem property taxes, because of its role in the spreading of taxes between overlapping jurisdictions, the distribution of various State aid programs, State revenue sharing and in the calculation of debt limits.

Property that is exempt from property taxes, e.g., churches, government property, public schools, is not included in the SEV and Taxable Value data in this Official Statement. Property granted tax abatements under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended, is recorded on a separate tax roll while subject to tax abatement. The valuation of tax-abated property is based upon SEV but is not included in either the SEV or Taxable Value data in this Official Statement except as noted. Under limited circumstances, other State laws permit the partial abatement of certain taxes for other types of property for periods of up to 12 years.

## **LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND BONDHOLDERS' REMEDIES**

The Resolution authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and State law obligate the School District to levy a tax annually in an amount sufficient so that the estimated collections therefrom, together with other amounts, if any, to be borrowed from the School Loan Revolving Fund for the Bonds, will be sufficient to pay promptly when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds becoming due prior to the time of the next tax levy. The tax levy shall not be subject to limitation as to rate or amount. Taxes for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds are certified for collection each year with the school tax levies. In the event of the failure of the proper officials to certify taxes for the payment of the principal and interest requirements, a timely action in the nature of mandamus could compel certification and collection of adequate taxes or could compel the School District to make application to borrow the necessary funds from the School Loan Revolving Fund and thus prevent a default. However, if a paying agent for any bonds of the School District qualified for State loans as provided in Article IX, Section 16, of the State Constitution notifies the State Treasurer that the School District has failed to deposit sufficient funds to pay principal and interest on the qualified bonds when due or if a bondholder notifies the State Treasurer that the School District has failed to pay principal or interest on such qualified bonds when due, whether or not the School District has filed a

draw request with the State Treasurer, the State Treasurer shall promptly pay the principal or interest on the qualified bonds when due.

If sufficient funds for full payment of debt service on the Bonds do not reach the Transfer Agent five business days prior to the debt service payment due date, the Transfer Agent will notify the School District of the amount of insufficient funds four business days prior to the due date. In the event that the School District does not immediately resolve the insufficient funds situation, the Transfer Agent will notify the Michigan Department of Treasury of the deficiency three business days before the payment due date and the State Treasurer shall make the payment.

Any amount paid by the State Treasurer as described in the preceding paragraphs shall be deemed a loan made to the School District pursuant to the requirements of said Article IX, Section 16, of the State Constitution. Registered owners of the Bonds may attempt to obtain a money judgment against the School District for the principal amount of the Bonds or interest not paid when due and may periodically attempt to enforce the collection of the money judgment by requiring the tax assessing officers for the School District to place the amount of such judgment on the next tax rolls of the School District. The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and their enforcement also may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases. See APPENDIX A, "State Qualification," in this Official Statement.

## **SOURCES OF SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE**

### **State School Aid**

On March 15, 1994, the electors of the State of Michigan approved a ballot proposition to amend the State Constitution of 1963, in part, to increase the State sales tax from 4% to 6% as part of a complex plan to restructure the source of funding of public education (K-12) in order to reduce reliance on local property taxes for school operating purposes and to reduce the per pupil finance resource disparities among school districts.

The State school aid package passed by the Legislature as part of the school finance reform legislation instituted a per pupil foundation allowance beginning in fiscal year 1994-95. In 2021 the Legislature eliminated the foundation allowance range in the 2021/22 fiscal year that had been in place since the passage of school finance reform legislation in 1994. In 2025 the Legislature established a base foundation allowance for fiscal year 2025/26 of \$10,050 per pupil.

The base foundation allowance is funded by locally raised property taxes plus State school aid appropriated under the School Aid Act. The revenues for the State's contribution to the base foundation allowance are derived from a mix of taxing sources, including but not limited to, a statewide property tax of 6 mills on all taxable property<sup>1</sup>, a State sales and use tax, a real estate transfer tax and a cigarette tax.

Generally, school districts are required to levy a local property tax of not more than 18 mills or the number of mills levied in 1993 for school operating purposes, whichever is less, on non-homestead property<sup>2</sup> in order for the school district to receive its full base foundation allowance. Furthermore, school districts whose budgeted foundation allowance in 2025/26 calculates to an amount in excess of the \$10,050 base foundation allowance are authorized to levy additional millage to obtain this budgeted foundation allowance, first by levying such amount of the 18 mills against homestead property<sup>3</sup> as is necessary to obtain the budgeted foundation allowance and, if the 18 mills is insufficient, to then levy such additional mills against all property uniformly as is necessary to obtain the budgeted foundation allowance.

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<sup>1</sup> "Taxable property" in this context does not include industrial personal property. See also "MICHIGAN PROPERTY TAX REFORM" herein regarding recent amendments exempting certain types of personal property from school operating taxes.

<sup>2</sup> "Non-homestead property" includes all taxable property other than principal residence, qualified agricultural property, qualified forestry property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy, and industrial personal property. Commercial personal property, to the extent not otherwise exempt, is exempt from the first 12 mills of not more than 18 mills levied by school districts.

<sup>3</sup> "Homestead property," in this context, means principal residence, qualified agricultural property, qualified forestry property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy, certain industrial personal property and certain commercial personal property, to the extent not otherwise exempt.

The School District's 2025/26 per pupil budgeted foundation allowance does exceed \$10,050, but the School District has determined not to levy additional mills on homestead property since 2024.

The School District may also receive various categorical grants for specific expenditures such as special education, "at-risk" students, meal programs, early education, vocational-technical programs, bilingual programs and other instructional and non-instructional programs. The type and amount of these categorical grants are determined by the State pursuant to the annual amendments to the School Aid Act. For further information regarding the type and amount of categorical grants received by the School District see the Audited Financial Statements in APPENDIX D.

The appropriation of funds by the Legislature to establish the base foundation allowance and the categorical grants under the School Aid Act may be adjusted annually as part of the State's budgeting process. State aid appropriations and the payment schedule for State school aid may be changed by the Legislature at any time. If the amount appropriated from the State School Aid Fund exceeds the amount available for expenditure for a fiscal year, in the absence of overriding legislative action by the Legislature, the School Aid Act subjects most state aid payable to school districts for that fiscal year to an automatic proration on a per pupil basis in an amount necessary to eliminate the portion of the overage attributable to the appropriation to all school districts.

### **Regional Enhancement Millage: Wayne RESA**

The Revised School Code provides that an intermediate school district may seek voter approval for up to 3 enhancement mills for distribution to local constituent school districts on a per pupil basis to be used to enhance its operations ("Enhancement Millage"). Proceeds of the Enhancement Millage are not counted toward the foundation allowance. The School District is serviced by the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency ("Wayne RESA") which is the intermediate school district for constituent school districts located in Wayne County. On November 5, 2024, the voters in Wayne County approved a renewal of the county-wide Enhancement Millage which authorized the levy of 1.98 mills (rolled back to 1.9708 mills) for a total of 6 years through 2033. From the levy of this Enhancement Millage the School District will receive additional operating revenues of approximately \$412 per student for the 2025/26 school year and anticipates receiving similar amounts for each school year through and including the 2033/34 school year.

**THE SOURCES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPERATING REVENUE DO NOT IMPACT THE TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PAYMENT OF UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS AND DO NOT AFFECT THE OBLIGATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO LEVY TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE BONDS OFFERED HEREIN.**

### **MICHIGAN PROPERTY TAX REFORM**

On March 28 and April 1, 2014, the Governor of Michigan signed into law a package of bills amending and replacing legislation enacted in 2012 to reform personal property tax in Michigan. Commercial and industrial personal property of each owner with a combined true cash value in a local taxing unit of less than \$80,000 became exempt from ad valorem taxes beginning in 2014, with such exemption increasing to \$180,000 beginning in 2023. All eligible manufacturing personal property purchased or put into service beginning in 2013 and used more than 50% of the time in industrial processing or direct integrated support became exempt beginning in 2016. The legislation extended certain personal property tax exemptions and tax abatements for technology parks, industrial facilities and enterprise zones that were to expire after 2012, until the newly enacted personal property tax exemptions take effect.

Pursuant to voter approval in August 2014, the 2014 legislation also included a formula to reimburse school districts for lost personal property tax revenue for 100% of lost debt millage revenue associated with bonds approved by voters prior to January 1, 2013, and lost operating millage revenue and lost sinking fund millage revenue. To provide the reimbursement, the legislation reduced the State use tax and created a Local Community Stabilization Authority that levies a local use tax component and distributes that revenue from

such local component to qualifying local units.<sup>1</sup> While the legislation provides reimbursement for prospective school operating losses, pursuant to legislative changes made in 2020, school districts will be reimbursed for debt millage calculated pursuant to a statutory formula.

## LITIGATION

The School District has not been served with any litigation, administrative action or proceeding, and to the knowledge of the appropriate officials of the School District no litigation or administrative action or proceeding has been threatened, restraining or enjoining, or seeking to restrain or enjoin, the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, or questioning or contesting the validity of the Bonds or the proceedings or authorities under which they are authorized to be issued, sold, executed and delivered. A certificate to such effect will be delivered to the Underwriter at the time of the original delivery of the Bonds.

## TAX MATTERS

In the opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., ("Bond Counsel"), under existing law, the interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that, under existing law, the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation by the State of Michigan or by any taxing authority within the State of Michigan, except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding any other federal or state tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds and the interest thereon.

The opinions on federal and State of Michigan tax matters are based on the accuracy of certain representations and certifications, and continuing compliance with certain covenants, of the School District contained in the transcript of proceedings and which are intended to evidence and assure the foregoing, including that the Bonds are and will remain obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income for federal and State of Michigan income tax purposes. The School District has covenanted to take the actions required of it for the interest on the Bonds to be and to remain excludable from gross income for federal and State of Michigan income tax purposes, and not to take any actions that would adversely affect that exclusion. Bond Counsel's opinion assumes the accuracy of the School District's certifications and representations and the continuing compliance with the School District's covenants. Noncompliance with these covenants by the School District may cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income for federal and State of Michigan income tax purposes retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds. After the date of issuance of the Bonds, Bond Counsel will not undertake to determine (or to so inform any person) whether any actions taken or not taken, or any events occurring or not occurring, or any other matters coming to Bond Counsel's attention, may adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal and State of Michigan income tax purposes of interest on the Bonds or the market prices of the Bonds.

The opinions of Bond Counsel are based on current legal authority and cover certain matters not directly addressed by such authority. They represent Bond Counsel's legal judgment as to the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal and State of Michigan income tax purposes but are not a guarantee of that conclusion. The Federal income tax opinion is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") or any court. Bond Counsel cannot give and has not given any opinion or assurance about the effect of future changes in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the applicable regulations, the interpretations thereof or the enforcement thereof by the IRS.

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, corporations (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code) subject to the alternative minimum tax, financial institutions, certain insurance companies, certain S corporations, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement

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<sup>1</sup> Reimbursement for the School District's operating millage loss will come, in part from the State use tax, which is deposited into the State School Aid Fund. A school district that increases its millage rate to replace debt millage revenue loss is not eligible to receive reimbursement distributions. Further, much of the foregone revenue is deposited into and disbursed to the State School Aid Fund; in the future the legislature may choose to change the funding formulas in the State School Aid Act of 1979 (Act 94) or appropriate funds therein for other purposes.

benefits and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred (or continued) indebtedness to purchase or carry the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding any such consequences.

INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACQUISITION, HOLDING OR DISPOSITION OF THE BONDS.

#### **Tax Treatment of Accruals on Original Issue Discount**

Under existing law, if the initial public offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) of a Bond is less than the stated redemption price of such Bonds at maturity, then such Bond is considered to have "original issue discount" equal to the difference between such initial offering price and the amount payable at maturity (such Bonds are referred to as "OID Bonds"). Such discount is treated as interest excludable from federal gross income to the extent properly allocable to each registered owner thereof. The original issue discount accrues over the term to maturity of each such OID Bonds on the basis of a constant interest rate compounded at the end of each six-month period (or shorter period) from the date of original issue with straight-line interpolations between compounding dates. The amount of original issue discount accruing during each period is added to the adjusted basis of such OID Bonds to determine taxable gain upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment on maturity) of such OID Bonds.

The Code contains certain provisions relating to the accrual of original issue discount in the case of purchasers of OID Bonds who purchase such OID Bonds after the initial offering of a substantial amount thereof. Owners who do not purchase such OID Bonds in the initial offering at the initial offering prices should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences of ownership of such OID Bonds.

All holders of the OID Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the allowance of a deduction for any loss on a sale or other disposition of an OID Bond to the extent such loss is attributable to accrued original issue discount.

#### **Amortizable Bond Premium**

For federal income tax purposes, the excess of the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which a Bond is sold over the amount payable at maturity thereof constitutes for the original purchasers of such Bonds (collectively, the "Original Premium Bonds") an amortizable bond premium. Bonds other than Original Premium Bonds may also be subject to an amortizable bond premium determined generally with regard to the taxpayer's basis (for purposes of determining loss on a sale or exchange) and the amount payable on maturity or, in certain cases, on an earlier call date (such bonds being referred to herein collectively with the Original Premium Bonds as the "Premium Bonds"). Such amortizable bond premium is not deductible from gross income. The amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to each taxable year is generally determined on the basis of the taxpayer's yield to maturity determined by using the taxpayer's basis (for purposes of determining loss on sale or exchange) of such Premium Bonds and compounding at the close of each six-month accrual period. The amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to each taxable year is deducted from the taxpayer's adjusted basis of such Premium Bonds to determine taxable gain upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment at maturity) of such Premium Bonds.

All holders of the Premium Bonds should consult with their own tax advisors as to the amount and effect of the amortizable bond premium.

#### **Market Discount**

The "market discount rules" of the Code apply to the Bonds. Accordingly, holders acquiring their Bonds subsequent to the initial issuance of the Bonds will generally be required to treat market discount recognized under the provisions of the Code as ordinary taxable income (as opposed to capital gain income). Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the market discount provisions of the Code and the advisability of making any of the elections relating to market discount allowed by the Code.

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

Information reporting requirements apply to interest paid after March 31, 2007 on tax-exempt obligations, including the Bonds. In general, such requirements are satisfied if the interest recipient

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

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

### **Future Developments**

Bond Counsel's engagement with respect to the Bonds ends with the issuance of the Bonds and, unless separately engaged, Bond Counsel is not obligated to defend the School District in the event of an audit examination by the IRS. The IRS has a program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether the interest thereon is includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes. If the IRS does audit the Bonds, under current IRS procedures, the IRS will treat the School District as the taxpayer and the beneficial owners of the Bonds will have only limited rights, if any, to obtain and participate in judicial review of such audit.

NO ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN THAT ANY FUTURE LEGISLATION OR CLARIFICATIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE, IF ENACTED INTO LAW, WILL NOT CONTAIN PROPOSALS WHICH COULD CAUSE THE INTEREST ON THE BONDS TO BE SUBJECT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO FEDERAL OR STATE OF MICHIGAN INCOME TAXATION, ADVERSELY AFFECT THE MARKET PRICE OR MARKETABILITY OF THE BONDS, OR OTHERWISE PREVENT THE HOLDERS FROM REALIZING THE FULL CURRENT BENEFIT OF THE STATUS OF THE INTEREST THEREON. BOND COUNSEL EXPRESSES NO OPINION REGARDING ANY PENDING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL OR STATE OF MICHIGAN TAX LEGISLATION.

FURTHER, NO ASSURANCE CAN BE GIVEN THAT ANY ACTIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SELECTION OF THE BONDS FOR AUDIT EXAMINATION, OR THE COURSE OR RESULT OF ANY EXAMINATION OF THE BONDS, OR OTHER BONDS WHICH PRESENT SIMILAR TAX ISSUES, WILL NOT AFFECT THE MARKET PRICE OF THE BONDS.

INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACQUISITION, HOLDING OR DISPOSITION OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF ANY PENDING OR PROPOSED FEDERAL OR STATE OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATION, AND THE TREATMENT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE PREMIUM OR ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT.

### **APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

Legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance and sale of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Bond Counsel. A copy of the opinion of Bond Counsel will be provided with the Bonds, which opinion will be in substantially the form set forth in APPENDIX E. Except to the extent necessary to deliver its approving opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and tax matters relating to the Bonds and the interest thereon, Bond Counsel has not been retained to examine or review any financial statements or other financial, statistical, or quantitative information, projections or estimates and will not express any opinion as to the accuracy or completeness of any such statements, information, projections or estimates. The legal fees of Bond Counsel in connection with the issuance of the Bonds are expected to be paid from Bond proceeds.

Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is currently representing Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated in certain matters unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds. Both the School District and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated have consented to these unrelated representations.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Thrun Law Firm, P.C., East Lansing, Michigan.

### **APPROVAL BY MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY**

The School District has received a letter from the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan stating that the School District is in material compliance with the criteria of the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Act No. 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for a municipality to be granted qualified status. The School District may therefore issue the Bonds without further approval from the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan.

### **RATINGS**

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), will assign, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, its municipal bond rating of "AA" to the Bonds based upon the fact that each Bond will be fully qualified for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program as of its date of delivery. See "QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN," "LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND BONDHOLDERS' REMEDIES" and APPENDIX A, "State Qualification," herein.

S&P will also assign, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, its underlying municipal bond rating of "A+" to the Bonds without regard to qualification of the Bonds for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

No application has been made to any other ratings service for a rating on the Bonds. The School District furnished to S&P certain materials and information in addition to that provided herein. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on such information and materials, and on investigations, studies and assumptions. There is no assurance that such ratings will prevail for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by S&P if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse affect on the market price of the Bonds. Any ratings assigned represent only the views of S&P. Further information is available upon request from S&P Global Ratings, 55 Water Street, New York, New York 10041, telephone: (212) 438-1000.

### **UNDERWRITING**

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the "Underwriter" or "Stifel") has agreed, subject to the terms of the Bond Purchase Agreement, to purchase the Bonds from the School District. The Bond Purchase Agreement provides, in part, that the Underwriter, subject to certain conditions, will purchase from the School District the aggregate principal amount of Bonds for a purchase price as set forth therein. The Underwriter has further agreed to offer the Bonds to the public at the approximate initial offering prices corresponding to the yields as set forth on the cover hereto. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the offering prices corresponding to the yields stated on the cover hereto. The offering prices may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter. The aggregate underwriting fee for the Bonds equals \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds.

The Bond Purchase Agreement provides that the obligations of the Underwriter are subject to certain conditions, including, among other things, that (i) no event has occurred which impairs or threatens to impair the validity of the Bonds or the status of the Bonds or the interest thereon as exempt from taxation in the State of Michigan and interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes (except as described under the heading "TAX MATTERS" herein), and (ii) proceedings relating to the Bonds are not pending or threatened by the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Bond Purchase Agreement further provides that the School District will provide to the Underwriter, within seven business days of the date of the Bond Purchase Agreement, an electronic copy of the Official Statement to enable the Underwriter to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(4) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Stifel and its affiliates comprise a full-service financial institution engaged in activities which may include sales and trading, commercial and investment banking, advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, market making, brokerage and other financial and non-financial activities and services. Stifel and its affiliates may have provided, and may in the future provide, a variety of these services to the School District and to persons and entities with relationships with the School District, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of these business activities, Stifel and its affiliates may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively traded securities, derivatives, loans and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities and/or instruments of the School District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the School District.

Stifel and its affiliates may also communicate independent investment recommendations, market color or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire such assets, securities and instruments. Such investment and securities activities may involve securities and instruments of the School District.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR'S OBLIGATION**

The School District has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, Ann Arbor, Michigan, as municipal financial advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing portions of the Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials and other sources which have access to relevant data, to provide accurate information for the Official Statement and the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. To the best of the Municipal Advisor's knowledge and belief, the information contained in the Official Statement, which it assisted in preparing, while it may be summarized, is complete and accurate. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the School District to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards.

The Municipal Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds. PFM Financial Advisors LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board as a municipal advisor.

Requests for information concerning the School District should be addressed to PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 555 Briarwood Circle, Suite 333, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, telephone: (734) 994-9700.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

Prior to delivery of the Bonds, the School District will execute a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for the Bonds (the "Undertaking") for the benefit of the Bondholders (as defined in the Undertaking) to send certain information annually and to provide notice of certain events to certain information repositories pursuant to the requirements of Section (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The information to be provided on an annual basis, the events which will be noticed on an occurrence basis and the other terms of the Undertaking, is set forth in "APPENDIX F – FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING" to this Official Statement.

A failure by the School District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute an event of default under the Resolution and Bondholders are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. A failure by the School District to comply with the Undertaking must be reported by the School District in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer 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.

The School District has not, in the previous five years, failed to comply in any material respect with any previous continuing disclosure agreement or undertaking executed by the School District pursuant to the Rule.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

All information contained in this Official Statement, in all respects, is subject to the complete body of information contained in the original sources thereof. In particular, no opinion or representation is rendered as to whether any projection will approximate actual results, and all opinions, estimates and assumptions, whether or not expressly identified as such, should not be considered statements of fact.

The School District certifies that to its best knowledge and belief, this Official Statement, insofar as it pertains to the School District and its economic and financial condition, is true and correct as of the date of this Official Statement, and does not contain, nor omit, any material facts or information which would make the statements contained herein misleading.

TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF WAYNE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Superintendent of Schools

**APPENDIX A**  
**STATE QUALIFICATION**

**ARTICLE IX, SECTION 16 OF THE**  
**1963 STATE OF MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

**State loans to school districts.**

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

**Amount of loans.**

If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

**Qualified bonds.**

The term "qualified bonds" means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

**Repayment of loans, tax levy by school district.**

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mill or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

**Bonds, state loans, repayment.**

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

**Power to tax unlimited.**

The power to tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitations as to rate or amount.

**Rights and obligations to remain unimpaired.**

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

**SCHOOL BOND QUALIFICATION, APPROVAL, AND LOAN ACT**  
**Act 92 of 2005**

AN ACT to prescribe the procedures, terms, and conditions for the qualification or approval of school bonds and other bonds; to authorize this state to make loans to certain school districts for the payment of certain bonds and to authorize schools to borrow from this state for that purpose; to prescribe the terms and conditions of certain loans to school districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and certain state and local officials; to provide for certain fees; to prescribe certain penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**388.1921 Short title.**

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school bond qualification, approval, and loan act".

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

**388.1922 Purpose of act.**

Sec. 2. The purpose of this act is to implement section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and to provide for loans to school districts.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

**388.1923 Definitions.**

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Computed millage" means the number of mills in any year, not less than 7 mills and not more than 13 mills, determined on the date of issuance of the order qualifying the bonds or on a later date if requested by the school district and approved by the state treasurer, that, if levied by the school district, will generate sufficient annual proceeds to pay principal and interest on all the school district's qualified bonds plus principal and interest on all qualified loans related to those qualified bonds no later than the final mandatory repayment date. Based on changes of circumstances, including, but not limited to, additional bond qualification, refundings, changes in qualified loan interest rates, changes in taxable values, and assumptions contained in any then currently effective guidelines issued by the state treasurer pursuant to section 5(2)(c), the school district shall not less than annually, beginning on October 1, 2013, using methods prescribed in this act, recalculate the computed millage necessary to generate sufficient annual levy proceeds to pay principal and interest on all of the school district's qualified bonds and principal and interest on all qualified loans related to those qualified bonds not later than the final mandatory repayment date. If the school district determines that the recalculated computed millage is lower than its current millage levy rate, the school district shall promptly notify the state treasurer in writing of the recalculated computed millage. Immediately thereafter, the school district shall decrease its millage levy rate to the recalculated computed millage, but not below the computed millage established pursuant to the most recent order qualifying bonds for that school district, or to the minimum levy prescribed by law for receipt of qualified loans, whichever rate is higher. If the school district determines that the recalculated computed millage is higher than its current millage levy rate, the school district shall promptly notify the state treasurer in writing of the recalculated computed millage. Immediately thereafter, the school district shall increase its millage levy rate to the recalculated computed millage, subject to 1 of the following exceptions, and subject to any maximum millage levy rate otherwise prescribed for by law:

(i) For each school district's first recalculated computed millage required as of October 1, 2013, increase its millage levy by a percentage amount equal to the equivalent percentage of taxable value change for that school district over the immediately preceding 5 years, but not higher than the recalculated computed millage.

(ii) For each school district's subsequent recalculated computed millage beginning October 1, 2014 and each year thereafter, increase its millage levy by a percentage amount equal to the percentage of taxable value decline for the immediately preceding year ending September 30, but not to a rate higher than the recalculated computed millage.

(iii) If it is determined that a district's current computed millage is sufficient to pay all qualified loans by the mandatory final loan repayment date, no recalculation of the computed millage is required.

(b) "Final mandatory repayment date" means the final mandatory repayment date determined by the state treasurer under section 9.

(c) "Michigan finance authority" means the Michigan finance authority created under Executive

Reorganization Order No. 2010-2, MCL 12.194.

(d) "Qualified bond" means a bond that is qualified under this act for state loans as provided in section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963. A qualified bond includes the interest amount required for payment of a school district's net interest obligation under an interest rate exchange or swap, hedge, or other agreement entered into pursuant to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, but does not include a termination payment or similar payment related to the termination or cancellation of an interest rate exchange or swap, hedge, or other similar agreement. A qualified bond may include a bond issued to refund loans owed to the state under this act.

(e) "Qualified loan" means a loan made under this act or former 1961 PA 108 from this state to a school district to pay debt service on a qualified bond.

(f) "Revolving loan fund" means the school loan revolving fund created under section 16c of the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066c.

(g) "School district" means a general powers school district organized under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or a school district of the first class as described in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, having the power to levy ad valorem property taxes.

(h) "State treasurer" means the state treasurer or his or her duly authorized designee.

(i) "Taxable value" means the value determined under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1924 Qualification of new bonds; terms and conditions applicable to outstanding qualified bonds; application for prequalification.**

Sec. 4. (1) A school district may issue and market bonds as qualified bonds if the state treasurer has issued an order granting qualification under this act.

(2) Except with regard to qualification of new bonds, nothing in this act shall be construed to alter the terms and conditions applicable to outstanding qualified bonds issued in accordance with former 1961 PA 108. Unless otherwise amended as permitted by this act, outstanding qualified loans incurred in association with outstanding qualified bonds described in this subsection shall bear interest as provided in section 9(8) but otherwise shall be due and payable as provided in the repayment agreements entered into between the school district and the state before the effective date of this act.

(3) The state treasurer may qualify bonds for which the state treasurer has received an application for prequalification on or before May 25, 2005 without regard to the requirements of section 5(2)(f) if the electors of the school district approve the bonds at an election held during 2005.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1925 Preliminary qualification; application.**

Sec. 5. (1) A school district may apply to the state treasurer for preliminary qualification of a proposed school bond issue by filing an application in the form and containing the information required by this act.

(2) An application for preliminary qualification of a school bond shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The proposed ballot language to be submitted to the electors.

(b) A description of the project or projects proposed to be financed.

(c) A pro forma debt service projection showing the estimated mills the school district will levy to provide revenue the school district will use to pay the qualified bonds, any outstanding qualified bonds, and any outstanding or projected qualified loans of the school district. For the purpose of the pro forma debt service projection, the school district may assume for the first 5 years following the date of the application the average growth or decline in taxable value for the 5 years or such other period of time requested by the school district if approved by the state treasurer preceding the date of the application and the average growth or decline rate for the 20 years immediately preceding the date of the application but not more than 3% or less than 0% growth rate, for the remaining term of the proposed bonds.

(d) Evidence that the rate of utilization of each project to be financed will be at least 85% for new buildings and 60% for renovated facilities. If the projected enrollment of the district would not otherwise support utilization at the rates described in this subsection, the school district may include an explanation of the actions the school district intends to take to address the underutilization, including, if applicable, actions to close school buildings or other actions designed to assure continued assured use of the facilities being financed.

(e) Evidence that the cost per square foot of the project or projects will be reasonable in light of economic conditions applicable to the geographic area in which the school district is located.

(f) Evidence that the school district will repay all outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed qualified bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed qualified bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

(g) The overall utilization rate of all school buildings in the school district, excluding special education purposes.

(h) The total bonded debt outstanding of the school district and the total taxable value of property in the school district for the school district fiscal year in which the application is filed.

(i) A statement describing any environmental or usability problems to be addressed by the project or projects.

(j) An architect's analysis of the overall condition of the facilities to be renovated or replaced as a part of the project or projects.

(k) An amortization schedule demonstrating that the weighted average maturity of the qualified bond issue does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected useful life of the facilities, excluding land and site improvements, being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the qualified bonds, determined as of the later of the date on which the qualified bonds will be issued or the date on which each facility is expected to be placed in service.

(l) An agreement that the school district will keep books and records detailing the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the qualified bonds and, at the request of the state treasurer, the school district will promptly, but not later than the date specified in the request, which date shall be not less than 5 business days after the date of the request, submit information requested by the state treasurer related to the detailed information maintained by the school district as to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of its qualified bonds.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1926 Prequalification of bonds; determination by state treasurer.**

Sec. 6. The state treasurer shall prequalify bonds of a school district if the state treasurer determines all of the following:

(a) The issuance of additional qualified bonds will not prevent the school district from repaying its outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

(b) The form and language of the ballot conforms with the requirements of this act.

(c) The school district has filed an application complying with the requirements of section 5.

(d) If the proposed bond issue is approved by the voters after September 30, 2012 and will result in additional qualified loans, the outstanding balance of all qualified loans on the most recent May 1 or November 1 did not exceed \$1,800,000,000.00. The \$1,800,000,000.00 limitation described in the immediately preceding sentence does not apply after June 30, 2016.

(e) The issuance of additional qualified bonds approved by voters after September 30, 2012 will not have an adverse financial impact on the school district, this state, or the school loan revolving fund. In making this determination, the state treasurer shall consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, whether the issuance of the proposed bond issue will cause the aggregate outstanding amount of qualified and nonqualified bonds, including the proposed bond issue, and currently outstanding qualified loans of the school district to exceed 25% of the taxable value of the school district at the time the proposed bonds are issued.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1927 Qualification of bonds; determination by state treasurer; order; specifications; loan agreement; reapplication; qualification of refunding bonds; requirements.**

Sec. 7. (1) The state treasurer shall qualify bonds of a school district if the state treasurer determines all of the following:

(a) A majority of the school district electors have approved the bonds.

(b) The terms of the bond issue comply with applicable provisions of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(c) The school district is in compliance with the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(d) The weighted average maturity of the qualified bond issue does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected useful life of the facilities, excluding land and site improvements, being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the bonds, determined as of the later of the date on which the qualified bonds

will be issued or the date on which each facility is expected to be placed in service.

(e) The school district has filed any information necessary to update the contents of the original application to reflect changes in any of the information approved in the preliminary qualification process.

(f) The school district has agreed that the school district will keep books and records detailing the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the qualified bonds and, at the request of the state treasurer, the school district will promptly, but not later than the date specified in the request, which date shall be not less than 5 business days after the date of the request, submit information requested by the state treasurer related to the detailed information maintained by the school district as to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of its qualified bonds.

(2) An order qualifying bonds shall specify the principal and interest payment dates for all the bonds, the maximum principal amount of and maximum interest rate on the bonds, the computed millage, if any, the final mandatory repayment date, and other matters as the state treasurer shall determine or as are required by this act.

(3) If the application for prequalification demonstrates that the school district will borrow from this state in accordance with this act, the state treasurer and the school district shall enter into a loan agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of any qualified loans to be made to the school district under this act.

(4) If a school district does not issue its qualified bonds within 180 days after the date of the order qualifying bonds, the order shall no longer be effective. However, the school district may reapply for qualification by filing an application and information necessary to update the contents of the original application for prequalification or qualification.

(5) The state treasurer shall qualify refunding bonds issued to refund qualified loans or qualified bonds if the state treasurer finds that all of the following are met:

(a) The refunding bonds comply with the provisions of the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(b) That the school district will repay all outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed qualified bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed qualified bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1928 Submission of ballot to electors; ballot.**

Sec. 8. A ballot submitted to the school electors of a school district after November 8, 2005 requesting authorization to issue unlimited tax general obligations that will be guaranteed by this state in accordance with section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 shall inform the electors that if the school district expects to borrow from this state to pay debt service on the bonds, the estimated total amount of the principal of that borrowing and the interest to be paid on that borrowing, the estimated duration of the millage levy, and the estimated computed millage rate for that levy. The ballot shall also inform the electors of the total amount of qualified bond and loan debt currently outstanding and that the estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1929 Amount of borrowing; limitation; payment date for outstanding qualified loans; order; maintenance of separate accounts for each school district; duration of millage levy; amended and restated repayment agreements; waiver of portion of millage levy; findings; interest; final or later mandatory repayment date.**

Sec. 9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a school district may borrow from the state an amount not greater than the difference between the proceeds of the school district's computed millage and the amount necessary to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies.

(2) For school districts having qualified loans outstanding as of July 20, 2005, the state treasurer shall review information relating to each school district regarding the taxable value of the school district and the actual debt service of outstanding qualified bonds as of July 20, 2005 and shall issue an order establishing the payment date for all those outstanding qualified loans and any additional qualified loans expected to be incurred by those school districts related to qualified bonds issued before July 20, 2005. The payment date shall be not later than 72 months after the date on which the qualified bonds most recently issued by the school district are due and payable. The payment date established pursuant to this subsection for a school district is a final mandatory repayment date.

(3) For qualified loans related to qualified bonds issued after July 20, 2005, the qualified loans shall be due

72 months after the date on which the qualified bonds for which the school borrowed from this state are due and payable. The due date determined pursuant to this subsection for a school district is a final mandatory repayment date. This section does not preclude early repayment of qualified bonds or qualified loans.

(4) The state treasurer shall maintain separate accounts for each school district on the books and accounts of this state noting the qualified bond, the related qualified loans, the final payment date of the bonds, the final mandatory repayment date of the qualified loans, and the interest rate accrued on the loans.

(5) For qualified loans relating to qualified bonds issued after July 20, 2005, a school district shall continue to levy the computed millage until it has completely repaid all principal and interest on its qualified loans.

(6) For qualified loans relating to qualified bonds issued before July 20, 2005, a school district shall continue to comply with the levy and repayment requirements imposed before July 20, 2005. Not less than 90 days after July 20, 2005, the state treasurer and the school district shall enter into amended and restated repayment agreements to incorporate the levy and repayment requirements applicable to qualified loans issued before July 20, 2005.

(7) Upon the request of a school district made before June 1 of any year, the state treasurer annually may waive all or a portion of the millage required to be levied by a school district to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds or qualified loans under this section if the state treasurer finds all of the following:

(a) The school board of the school district has applied to the state treasurer for permission to levy less than the millage required to be levied to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds or qualified loans under subsection (1).

(b) The application specifies the number of mills the school district requests permission to levy.

(c) The waiver will be financially beneficial to this state, the school district, or both.

(d) The waiver will not reduce the millage levied by the school district to pay principal and interest on qualified bonds or qualified loans under this act to less than 7 mills.

(e) The board of the school district, by resolution, has agreed to comply with all conditions that the state treasurer considers necessary.

(8) All qualified loans shall bear interest at 1 of the following rates:

(a) The greater of 3% or the average annual cost of funds used to make qualified loans plus 0.125%, but not less than the cost of funds on outstanding qualified notes and bonds issued by the Michigan finance authority to finance loans computed by the state treasurer not less often than annually.

(b) A lesser rate determined by the state treasurer to be necessary to maintain the exemption from federal income tax of interest on any bonds or notes issued to fund qualified loans.

(c) A higher rate determined by the state treasurer to be necessary to prevent the impairment of any contract of this state or the Michigan finance authority in existence on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision.

(9) A payment date determined under subsection (2) or a due date determined under subsection (3) is a final mandatory repayment date. Once established for a school district as provided in this section, a final mandatory repayment date shall apply to all qualified loans of the school district, whenever made, until 30 days after the date the school district has no outstanding qualified loans and no outstanding debt incurred to refund qualified loans. Notwithstanding this subsection, the state treasurer may determine a later mandatory repayment date for a school district that agrees to levy a higher millage, acceptable to the state treasurer, not to exceed 13 mills, than its existing computed millage.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 71, Imd. Eff. Mar. 20, 2006;—Am. 2009, Act 50, Imd. Eff. June 18, 2009;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1930 Certificates of qualification or approval; file; delivery.**

Sec. 10. The state treasurer shall keep all certificates of qualification or approval in a permanent file and shall deliver copies of the certificates to the school district.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

### **388.1931 Rules; bulletins.**

Sec. 11. The state treasurer may promulgate rules to implement this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, and may issue bulletins as authorized by this act.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1932 Failure to apply for prequalification, qualification, or approval of bond before issuance.**

Sec. 12. If a school district does not apply for prequalification or qualification or approval of a bond issue

before the issuance of those bonds, the state treasurer shall not approve or qualify those bonds as qualified bonds under this act.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

**388.1933 School district owing revolving loan fund; filing annual loan activity application required; borrowing for debt service on qualified bonds; draw request; duties of state treasurer upon receipt of qualified loan confirmation; notification of no need to borrow by school district; invoice for repayment amount; remittance.**

Sec. 13. (1) If a school district owes a balance due to the revolving loan fund or has been identified as a potential borrower, the school district shall file an annual loan activity application with the state treasurer no less than 60 days before certifying its annual tax levy. The annual loan activity application shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the state treasurer and shall provide the taxable value, debt service, and any other information necessary to determine the proper required millage levy required under this act. The application shall contain a resolution passed by the local school board authorizing a designated school district official to complete all necessary documents to obtain a loan from the revolving loan fund or for making repayment to the revolving loan fund for the year.

(2) If a school district is eligible to borrow for debt service on qualified bonds, the school district shall file a draw request with the state treasurer not less than 30 days before each date on which the school district owes the debt service. The draw request shall include all of the following:

(a) A statement of the debt service owed in the next 6 months.

(b) A copy of the most recent bank statement showing the amount on hand in the debt service accounts for all qualified bonds.

(c) A statement of any revenue received for payment of the debt service since the date of the bank statement.

(d) A statement of any withdrawals made from the debt service account since the date of the bank statement.

(3) Not more than 7 days before the date established by the state treasurer for making qualified loans, the school district shall confirm in writing the final qualified loan amount to be drawn on a certificate in the form prescribed by the state treasurer.

(4) Upon receipt of a qualified loan confirmation described in subsection (3), the state treasurer shall determine the amount of the draw, which shall be the difference between the funds on hand in all debt service accounts and the amount of the debt service, and shall make a qualified loan in that amount to the school district no later than 6 days before the date the debt service is due.

(5) When a school district's current computed millage levy is sufficient to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, a school district shall notify the state treasurer in writing of no need to borrow no later than 30 days before the date set for payment of the qualified bonds.

(6) Within 30 days after receipt of the annual activity application under subsection (1), the state treasurer shall send an invoice to the school district for the amount of repayment the school district owes on its outstanding qualified loans, which shall be the difference between the debt service payable or paid to bondholders and the funds on hand at the school district, less a reasonable amount of funds on hand, as determined by the state treasurer, to cover minimum balance requirements or potential tax disputes. The school district shall remit the amount specified in the invoice within 30 days after the dated date of the invoice.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

**388.1934 Failure of school district to pay principal and interest due on qualified bonds; notice; payment by state treasurer; billing of school district for amount paid; remittance.**

Sec. 14. (1) If any paying agent for a school district's qualified bonds notifies the state treasurer that the school district has failed to deposit sufficient funds to pay principal and interest due on the qualified bonds when due, or if a bondholder notifies the state treasurer that the school district has failed to pay principal or interest on qualified bonds when due, whether or not the school district has filed a draw request with the state treasurer, the state treasurer shall promptly pay the principal or interest on the qualified bond when due.

(2) If the state treasurer pays any amount described in this section, the state treasurer shall bill the school district for the amount paid and the school district shall immediately remit the amount to the state treasurer. If the school district would have been eligible to borrow the debt service in accordance with the terms of this act, the school district shall enter into a loan agreement establishing the terms of the qualified loan as provided in this act. If the state treasurer directs the Michigan municipal bond authority to pay any amount described in this section, the state treasurer shall cause the Michigan municipal bond authority to bill the

school district for the amount paid and the school district shall immediately remit the amount to the Michigan municipal bond authority.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

### **388.1935 Default; repayment.**

Sec. 15. (1) If a school district that owes this state loan repayments relating to qualified bonds fails to levy at least the computed millage upon its taxable value for debt retirement purposes for qualified bonds and for repayment of a qualified loan made under this act while any part of the qualified loan is unpaid or defaults in its agreement to repay a qualified loan or any installment of a qualified loan, the school district shall increase its debt levy in the next succeeding year to obtain the amount necessary to repay this state the amount of the default plus a late charge of 3% and shall pay that amount to this state together with any other amounts owed during the next tax year. The school district may use other funds to repay this state including a transfer of general funds of the school district, if approved by the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall not disburse state school aid to the school district until the school district has made satisfactory arrangements with the state treasurer for the payment of the amount in default.

(2) If a school district fails to process any report, application, confirmation, or repayment as required under this act, the state treasurer may withhold a school district's state aid funds until the school district complies with the requirements under this act.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

### **388.1936 Charging and disposition of fees.**

Sec. 16. (1) The state treasurer may charge a prequalification application fee, a qualification application fee, and an annual loan activity fee in the amounts determined by the state treasurer to be required to pay the estimated administrative expenses incurred under this act for the fiscal year in which the state treasurer imposes the fee.

(2) The state treasurer shall deposit all fees collected under this act into a separate fund established within the state treasury, and shall use the proceeds of the fees solely for the purpose of administering and enforcing this act. The unexpended and unobligated balance of this fund at the end of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward over to the succeeding state fiscal year and shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be available for reappropriation for the next state fiscal year.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1937 False statement or unauthorized use of proceeds; violation as felony; penalty.**

Sec. 17. A person who knowingly makes a false statement or conceals material information for the purpose of obtaining qualification of a bond issue under this act or for the purpose of obtaining a qualified loan under this act, or who knowingly uses all or part of the proceeds of a qualified loan obtained under this act for any purpose not authorized by this act, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

### **388.1938 Use of remaining proceeds.**

Sec. 18. If a school district has completed the projects approved by the school electors of the school district to be funded from proceeds of qualified bonds, a school district may use any remaining proceeds of the qualified bonds as follows:

- (a) To pay debt service on the qualified bonds.
- (b) To repay this state.

(c) If in the opinion of the school district's bond counsel use of the remaining proceeds for the purposes described in subdivisions (a) and (b) would adversely affect the federal tax treatment of interest on the qualified bonds, to pay for enhancements to the projects approved by the school electors as described in the ballot language proposing the qualified bonds.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

### **388.1939 Actions by designee.**

Sec. 19. The state treasurer may designate in writing a person or persons to take any actions required to be taken by the state treasurer under this act. The signature of any designee shall have the same force and effect as the signature of the state treasurer for all purposes of this act.

**History:** 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

**OPINION #4422 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DATED MARCH 12, 1965**

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:  
SCHOOL BONDS:  
MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMISSION:

Article 9, § 16, Michigan Constitution of 1963, requires school districts to borrow and State to lend sufficient sum to cover debt service payments on qualified bonds of school districts. Although this is not a pledge of full faith and credit of the State, the Municipal Finance Commission may and must enforce the duty of the district to borrow and the State to lend such sum.

No. 4422

March 12, 1965.

Hon. Sanford A. Brown  
State Treasurer  
Lansing, Michigan

You have asked in your letter of February 5 whether Article IX, § 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 pledges the full faith and credit of the State to the payment of principal and interest of qualified school bonds.

Article IX, § 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides in pertinent part as follows:

"The state \* \* \* may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

"If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

"The term 'qualified bonds' means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section."

Thus, the school district is required to borrow and the State to lend an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make payments of principal and interest due on qualified bonds, and the state is empowered to borrow and to issue its notes or bonds for the purpose of making such loans, and to pledge its full faith and credit for such state bonds or notes.

The constitutional provision quoted does not pledge the full faith and credit of the state to all qualified bonds. The state is not primarily liable on qualified bonds of a school district. Rather, the state is required to lend whatever the school district needs, from time to time, to meet debt service requirements on such bonds.

You ask what remedies are available to enforce the obligation of the state.

The quoted language makes it mandatory upon the school district to borrow and upon the state to lend "an amount necessary to enable the school district to make the payment." Under Chapter II, Section 2(f) of the Municipal Finance Act [C.L. 1948 § 132.2; M.S.A. 1958 Rev. Vol. § 5.3188(4)f], the Municipal Finance Commission has power to enforce compliance with any law by, inter alia, the "institution of appropriate proceedings in the courts of the state, including those for writs of mandamus and injunction."

The Commission could and indeed must enforce the duty of the district to borrow and the state to lend. The bondholders also would have an action to enforce the duty of the district to borrow and of the state to lend.

Thus the bondholders are assured of the availability of state funds where needed to meet debt service requirements on qualified bonds. This is not a pledge of full faith and credit, but gives the bondholders as much or more protection as would such a pledge.

FRANK J. KELLEY,  
Attorney General

**OPINION #4508 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**DATED AUGUST 29, 1966**

BONDS: Qualified bonds of school districts.

CONSTITUTION OF 1963: School Bond Loan Fund.

SCHOOLS: Bond Loans.

STATE TREASURER: Payment of principal and interest on qualified school district bonds.

Authority of State Treasurer and procedures to be followed in paying from the School Bond Loan Fund principal and interest on qualified school bonds upon presentment by a bondholder.

No. 4508      Hon. Allison Green  
State Treasurer  
Capitol Building  
Lansing, Michigan

August 29, 1966.

You have requested my opinion on what procedures should be followed by the state treasurer preparatory to making loans to local school districts which are unable to make payments on principal and interest of qualified school district bonds.<sup>1</sup>

Loans to bonded school districts are authorized by Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, which in part contains pertinent language:

"If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

"The term 'qualified bonds' means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section."

Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, is a continuation with minor revisions of the provisions relating to school bond financing which appeared in Sections 27 and 28 of Article X, Constitution of 1908. Section 27, Article X, Constitution of 1908, was proposed by joint resolution of the legislature in 1955 and approved by the people at the regular election of April 4, 1955. The loan provisions of Section 27 ceased to have effectiveness after July 1, 1962, and were replaced by the provisions of Section 28, Article X, Constitution of 1908, which was proposed by joint resolution of the legislature in 1960 and approved by the people at the general election of November 8, 1960. Section 28 by its own terms took effect on July 1, 1962.

Section 28, Article X, Constitution of 1908, was implemented by the legislature by the enactment of Act 108, P.A. 1961, which took effect September 8, 1961. The first section of Act 108, P.A. 1961, stated that the purpose of the act was to implement Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908. The Constitution of 1963 took effect on January 1, 1964. In anticipation of the effectiveness of that Constitution, the legislature passed Act 33, P.A. 1963, Second Extra Session, such act to take effect on January 1, 1964. Act 33, P.A. 1963, Second Extra Session, amended Sections 1, 3, 8 and 9 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, and further amended section 7 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, as amended by Act 131, P.A. 1962. The first section of amendatory Act 33 stated that the act's purpose was to implement Section 16 of Article IX of the Constitution of 1963. Subsequent amendment has been made to Sections 2, 4, 6, 9 and 10 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, by Act 169, P.A. 1964, which act also added a new Section 4a.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>In your letter of request you stated that you were familiar with Opinion No. 4422 issued by me on March 12, 1965, in which it was ruled that Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, requires school districts to borrow and the state to lend sufficient sums to cover debt service payments on qualified bonds of school districts but that this requirement is not a pledge of the full faith and credit of the state; the Municipal Finance Commission however may and must enforce the duty of the school district to borrow and have the state to lend the necessary amounts.

<sup>2</sup>Act 108, P.A. 1961, in its present amended form appears in M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. § S 3.424(111) et seq.

Answer to your question is to be found in amended Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the act. These sections present two situations in which you may become involved as state treasurer. The first situation is where a loan is to be made to the school district to permit the district to meet the principal and interest requirements on its bonds without a default in payment; the second is where the principal or interest on the bonds has not been paid when due upon proper presentation because of inadequate funds resulting in a default in payment.

Under amended Section 6 of the act, in any school district where the amount necessary to be levied in any year for principal and interest on qualified bonds exceeds 7 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the school district as last equalized by the state, such school district on or before 60 days prior to the time of certification of its tax levy to the assessing officer shall file with the superintendent of public instruction<sup>3</sup> a preliminary application for a loan from the state in the amount of any part of such excess over 7 mills which the school district does not propose to levy in such year.<sup>4</sup> Amended Section 6 specifies the information to be supplied in the application. The superintendent of public instruction if he finds the application in proper form shall approve or deny the application in whole or in part and notify the school district of his action. Amended Section 7 of the act provides that if a loan from the state shall become necessary for the payment of principal and interest on qualified bonds in accordance with an approved preliminary application to the superintendent of public instruction or by virtue of a supplemental application, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction after audit to forward to the state treasurer a statement setting forth the amount to be loaned to the school district for the payment of principal and interest and the date on or before which loan shall be made.<sup>5</sup> The superintendent shall prepare a voucher as a basis for the issuance of a warrant and upon receipt of such statement and warrant, it shall be the duty of the state treasurer to loan to the school district from the school bond loan fund the amount set forth in the statement of the superintendent of public instruction on or before the date specified therein. The state treasurer upon making such loan shall obtain from the school district a receipt for the amount so loaned which receipt shall specify the terms of repayment in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Article IX, Constitution of 1963 and the act. The school district treasurer upon receipt of the loan is required to deposit the same in the debt retirement fund to be used solely for the payment of principal and interest on qualified bonds.

The foregoing summaries of the procedures prescribed by amended Section 6 and 7 relate to the first situation above-described where the loan to the school district is to be made before the school district has defaulted in the payment of the principal or interest on its bonds.

The second situation described above is covered by amended Section 8 of the act which prescribes that in the event the principal or interest on any qualified bond is not paid when due, upon proper presentation of the bond or interest coupon to the agent or officer charged with making payment thereof, the state treasurer shall forthwith pay such principal or interest upon presentation of the bond or coupon to him. Any amount so paid by the state treasurer shall be deemed a loan to the school district made pursuant to the requirements of Section 16, Article IX, Constitution of 1963, and the act and the school district shall give a receipt therefor and repay the loan in the manner provided in the act for the repayment of loans.

The method of processing loans to school districts under amended Sections 6 and 7 before default in payment of principal or interest is adequately spelled out in those sections and no additional comment from me is necessary. Your real concern is in regard to the applicable procedures which you should follow in the situation where the school district has defaulted in the payment of principal or interest on its bonds and the bond or bonds and the interest coupons have not been paid when due by the paying agent because of lack of funds. In the event of such a happening it is assumed for the purposes of this opinion that the holder of the bond or of the interest coupon will make demand on you as state treasurer for the prompt payment of the obligation thereunder. Should such demand be made on you as state treasurer, you would be entitled to take the following action before making payment:

- a. Ascertaining from the superintendent of public instruction or from the records in your own office that the bonds involved are duly qualified bonds as defined and described in amended Section 3 of the act;
- b. Requiring proof reasonably satisfactory to you that the bond or bonds or the interest coupons have been properly presented for payment to the paying agent or officer charged with the responsibility for making payment thereof and that payment has been refused because sufficient monies had not been deposited by the school district for that purpose; such proof of nonpayment may be furnished you in the form of a certificate from the paying agent.

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<sup>3</sup>Article VIII, Section 3, Constitution of 1963 requires the state board of education to appoint a superintendent of public instruction who shall be the principal executive officer of the department of education and who shall have powers and duties provided by law. Section 14 of Act 287, P.A. 1964 (M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. § 15.1023(14)) specifies that after June 30, 1965, a reference in any law to the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be deemed to be made to the state board of education, subject to exceptions not pertinent here, and that the state board of education may delegate any of its functions to the superintendent. Section 300 of Act 380, P.A. 1965, creates a department of education. Section 301 of that act provides that the head of the department of education is the state board of education. Section 303 of that act transfers by a Type III transfer all powers, duties and functions then vested by law in the superintendent of public instruction to the department of education. Section 305 of the act specifies that the principal executive officer of the department of education is the superintendent of public instruction. Act 380 appears in M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. at § 3.29(1) et seq. Act 380, P.A. 1965, was amended without regard to the sections involved here by Act 407, P.A. 1965. Without doubt, under the foregoing provisions the state board of education could delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the performance of all of the functions and duties imposed on the board in connection with the School Bond Loan Fund.

<sup>4</sup>Other details set forth in amended Section 6 have been omitted.

<sup>5</sup>Other details set forth in amended Section 7 have been omitted.

c. Notification to the school district given by you or your designee of the action taken by paying agent in refusing payment of the bonds or interest coupons on presentment because of the failure of the school district to have deposited funds with the paying agent for that purpose and verification from the school district of the fact of such failure to supply the required funds; notification to the school district by you or your designee that payment of the required amounts were to be made from the school bond loan fund by you as state treasurer and that such payment would be in the form of a loan to the school district which the school district would be required to repay to the school bond loan fund in the manner required by law; the school district will be required to furnish you as state treasurer with a receipt evidencing the loan and specifying the terms of repayment, as required by law.

Upon the fulfillment of the above conditions in a manner reasonably acceptable to you, you would be authorized to make payment of the amounts due on the bonds and interest coupons and thereupon to demand their surrender and delivery to you as state treasurer.

Because of the safeguards built into the Michigan Constitution and statutes there should be no default of Michigan qualified school bonds. The School Loan Fund Program will have afforded the school district access to loan funds prior to the due date of the principle [sic] and interest on such bonds. In order to advise of the procedures in the remote possibility of nonpayment, however, I have set forth the foregoing guide lines [sic].

FRANK J. KELLEY,  
Attorney General

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**APPENDIX B<sup>1</sup>**  
**TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**GENERAL FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND SCHOOL INFORMATION**  
**LOCATION AND AREA**

Trenton Public Schools (the "School District") covers an area of 6.1 square miles. It encompasses the majority of the City of Trenton in Wayne County, Michigan. The School District is located the following distances from these commercial and industrial areas:

12 miles south of Detroit  
40 miles north of Toledo

**POPULATION**

The U.S. Census reported and 2023 estimated populations for the School District and the City of Trenton are as follows:

|                  | School<br>District | City of<br>Trenton |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2023 Estimate    | 17,827             | 18,242             |
| 2020 U.S. Census | 18,046             | 18,544             |
| 2010 U.S. Census | 18,333             | 18,853             |

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau via [data.census.gov](https://data.census.gov) website*

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education (the "Board") consists of seven members who are elected at large and serve overlapping terms. The Board annually elects a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board is responsible for the selection and appointment of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board meets as a single body to set or amend policy, develop long-range educational goals and act upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board is also responsible for adopting and periodically amending the operating budget and evaluating school programs in accordance with governing laws.

**ENROLLMENT**

Historical Enrollment

Historical fall enrollment for the School District is as follows:

| School<br>Year End<br>30-Jun | Full-time<br>Equivalent | Change | School<br>Year End<br>30-Jun | Full-time<br>Equivalent | Change |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 2026                         | 2,574*                  | -1.38% | 2021                         | 2,401                   | -5.25% |
| 2025                         | 2,610                   | 1.60   | 2020                         | 2,534                   | -1.25  |
| 2024                         | 2,569                   | 2.35   | 2019                         | 2,566                   | 0.98   |
| 2023                         | 2,510                   | 1.09   | 2018                         | 2,541                   | -0.94  |
| 2022                         | 2,483                   | 3.42   | 2017                         | 2,565                   | --     |

\*Unaudited.

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<sup>1</sup>Information included in APPENDIX B of this Official Statement was obtained from the School District unless otherwise noted.

### 2025/2026 Fall Count\*

|                 |     |                  |                     |
|-----------------|-----|------------------|---------------------|
| Kindergarten    | 199 | 8 <sup>th</sup>  | 183                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | 186 | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 206                 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 188 | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 203                 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 197 | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 166                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | 200 | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 225                 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | 187 | Subtotal         | <u>2,550</u>        |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> | 216 | Special Ed.      | <u>24</u>           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> | 194 | Total            | <u><u>2,574</u></u> |

\*Unaudited.

Source: School District and Michigan Department of Education via website [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

The following is a table showing the existing School District facilities.

| Facility                    | Grades Served | Year Built | Last Remodel/Addition | Type of Construction |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Elementary Schools:</i>  |               |            |                       |                      |
| Jesse L. Anderson           | Y5-5          | 1955       | 2021                  | Masonry              |
| Richard C. Hedke            | Y5-5          | 1957       | 2021                  | Masonry              |
| <i>Middle School:</i>       |               |            |                       |                      |
| Boyd W. Arthurs             | 6-8           | 1971       | 2026                  | Masonry              |
| <i>High School:</i>         |               |            |                       |                      |
| Trenton                     | 9-12          | 1952       | 2021                  | Masonry              |
| <i>Additional Facility:</i> |               |            |                       |                      |
| Service Building            | --            | 2021       | --                    | Masonry              |

## OTHER SCHOOLS

The following parochial school is located within the School District's boundaries:

| Name of School           | Grades Served | Approximate Enrollment |
|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| St. Joseph Parish School | PK-8          | 161                    |

Source: 2026 Michigan Education Directory

## STATE AID PAYMENTS

The School District's primary source of funding for operating costs is the State School Aid per pupil foundation allowance. Public Act 15 of 2025 has set the target foundation allowance at \$10,050 for fiscal year 2025/2026.

In future years, this allowance may be adjusted by an index based upon the change in revenues to the state school aid fund and the change in the total number of pupils statewide. The State may reduce State School Aid appropriations at any time if the State's revenues do not meet budget expectations. See "SOURCES OF SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE" herein for additional information.

The following table shows a five-year history and a current year estimate of the School District's total state aid revenues, including categoricals and other amounts, and the per pupil state aid foundation allowance, which reflects the changes in sources of school operating revenue described herein:

| Fiscal Year End<br>30-Jun | Blended Pupil Count | Total Foundation Allowance <sup>1</sup> | Total State Aid Pymnts. Incl. Categoricals and Adjustments <sup>2</sup> | State Aid Portion of Foundation Allowance         |   | Local Property Tax Portion of Foundation Allowance |  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|                           |                     |   |   | Total Payments for State Aid Portion <sup>3</sup> | Amt. Received per Pupil from State Aid Pmnt. <sup>4</sup> | Amount from Local Operating Taxes                  | Total Tax Revenue per Pupil <sup>5</sup> |
| 2026 <sup>6</sup>         | 2,577.99            | \$10,157                                | \$31,671,261  | \$22,512,426                                      | \$8,733   | \$3,672,218  | \$1,424                                  |
| 2025                      | 2,605.60            | 9,865                                   | 32,892,779  | 22,226,839  | 8,530   | 3,477,405  | 1,335                                    |
| 2024                      | 2,562.04            | 9,865                                   | 32,042,010  | 21,206,774  | 8,277   | 4,067,751  | 1,588                                    |
| 2023                      | 2,507.33            | 9,314                                   | 30,213,163  | 19,922,086  | 7,946   | 3,431,186  | 1,368                                    |
| 2022                      | 2,474.95            | 8,895                                   | 24,733,934  | 18,315,263  | 7,400   | 3,699,417  | 1,495                                    |
| 2021                      | 2,506.27            | 8,786                                   | 23,929,180  | 17,914,119  | 7,148   | 4,105,969  | 1,638                                    |

<sup>1</sup>The Hold Harmless millage was not levied in 2024 or 2025.

<sup>2</sup>Includes payments received for MPSERS UAAL rate stabilization. See "RETIREMENT PLAN - Contribution to MPSERS" herein.

<sup>3</sup>Represents "Amount Received per Pupil from State Aid Payments" times "Blended Pupil Count".

<sup>4</sup>Represents "Total Foundation Allowance" minus "Total Tax Revenue per Pupil".

<sup>5</sup>Represents "Amount Received from Local Operating Taxes" divided by "Blended Pupil Count".

<sup>6</sup>Preliminary estimate, subject to change.

Source: Michigan Department of Education via website [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov)

## PROPERTY VALUATIONS

In accordance with Act No. 539, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, and Article IX, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution, the ad valorem State Equalized Valuation (SEV) represents 50% of true cash value. SEV does not include any value of tax exempt property (e.g. churches, governmental property) or property granted tax abatements under Act No. 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended. **Since 1994, ad valorem property taxes are assessed on the basis of Taxable Value, which is subject to assessment caps. SEV is used in the calculation of debt margin and true cash value.** See "TAX PROCEDURES" herein for further information.

Taxable property in the School District is assessed by the local municipal assessor, and is subject to review by the County Equalization Department.

### History of Valuations

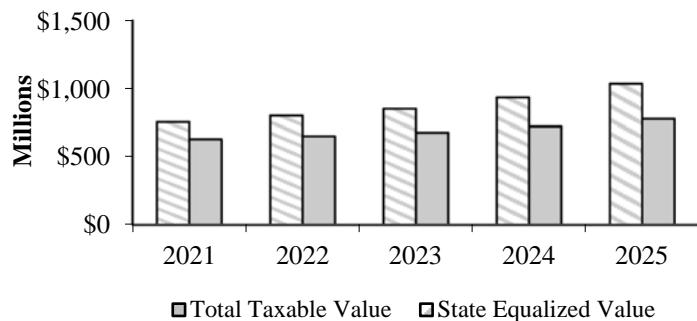
A history of the property valuations in the School District is shown below:

| Year | Principal Residence <sup>1</sup> | Non- Principal Residence <sup>1</sup> | Total Taxable Value | Percent Change | State Equalized Value | Percent Change |
|------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 2025 | \$575,339,168                    | \$202,841,540                         | \$778,180,708       | 7.74%          | \$1,035,675,388       | 10.80%         |
| 2024 | 528,434,793                      | 193,823,972                           | 722,258,765         | 6.55           | 934,754,243           | 9.80           |
| 2023 | 493,491,998                      | 184,379,738                           | 677,871,736         | 4.06           | 851,299,710           | 6.24           |
| 2022 | 475,462,512                      | 175,970,291                           | 651,432,803         | 3.51           | 801,303,489           | 6.16           |
| 2021 | 460,938,642                      | 168,375,339                           | 629,313,981         | ----           | 754,783,773           | ----           |

<sup>1</sup>All industrial personal property is included in the principal residence tax base. While commercial personal property continues to be included in the non-principal residence tax base, it is exempt from 12 of the 18 operating mills levied on non-principal residence property only. In 2025, industrial personal property had a taxable value of \$28,796,600 and commercial personal property had a taxable value of \$6,255,900 in the School District.

Source: Wayne County Equalization Department

## History of Valuations



## Annual Equivalent Valuation

A summary of the 2025 valuation is as follows:

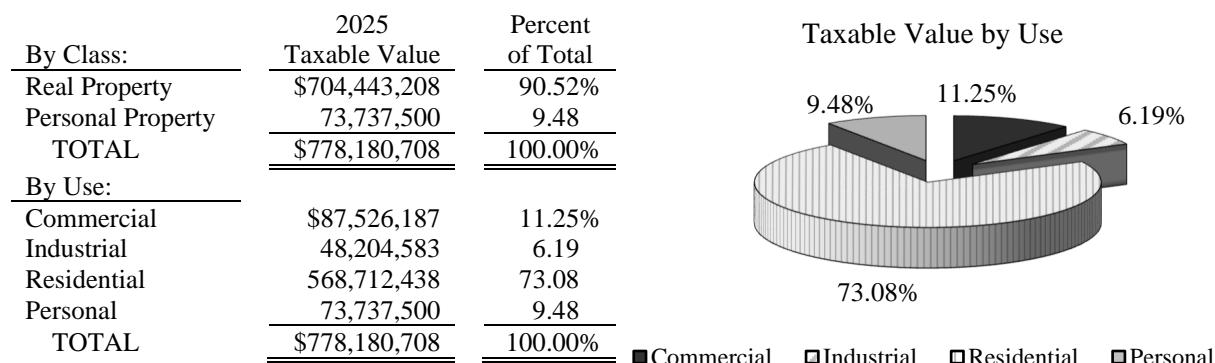
|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 2025 Taxable Value  | \$778,180,708               |
| Less: 2025 Disabled Veterans Exemption Taxable Value <sup>1</sup> | (5,248,487)                 |
| Net 2025 Annual Equivalent Valuation                              | <u><u>\$772,932,221</u></u> |

<sup>1</sup>Represents value which is exempt from taxes pursuant to Michigan's General Property Tax Act Section 7b, MCL 211.7b, which states real property used and owned as a homestead by either (1) a disabled veteran who was discharged from the United States armed forces under honorable conditions or (2) the disabled veteran's un-remarried, surviving spouse is exempt from property taxes, subject to certain application requirements.

Source: Wayne County Equalization Department

## Tax Base Composition

A breakdown of the School District's 2025 Taxable Value by class and use is as follows:



A breakdown of the School District's 2025 Taxable Value by municipality is as follows:

| Municipality           | 2025 Taxable Value | Percent of Total |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <i>County of Wayne</i> |                    |                  |
| City of Trenton        | \$778,180,708      | 100.00%          |

Source: Wayne County Equalization Department

## TAX INCREMENT AUTHORITIES

Act 57 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 2018, as amended (the "Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act") and Act 381 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1996, as amended (the "Brownfield Act") (together the "TIF Acts") authorize the designation of specific districts known as Tax Increment Finance Authority ("TIFA") Districts, Downtown Development Authority ("DDA") Districts, Local Development Finance Authority ("LDFA") Districts, Corridor Improvement Authority ("CIA") Districts or Brownfield Redevelopment Authority ("BRDA") Districts, which are authorized to formulate tax increment financing plans for public improvements, economic development, neighborhood revitalization, historic preservation and environmental cleanup within the district.

Tax increment financing permits the TIFA, DDA, LDFA, CIA or BRDA to capture tax revenues attributable to increases in value (“TIF Captured Value”) of real and personal property located within an approved development area while any tax increment financing plans by an established district are in place. These captured revenues are used by the District and are not passed on to the local taxing jurisdictions.

The City of Trenton has one DDA district. The DDA district does not capture operating or debt millage of the School District.

*Source: Wayne County Equalization Department*

## MAJOR TAXPAYERS

Shown below are the ten largest taxpayers in the School District based on their 2025 total valuation subject to taxation.

| Taxpayer   | Product/Service                 | 2025<br>Taxable Value |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Detroit Edison   | Utility                         | \$71,552,368          |
| Stellantis NV (formerly FCA US LLC)                        | Automotive Manufacturer         | 22,281,586            |
| International Transmission                                 | Utility                         | 9,863,681             |
| Corewell Health  | Healthcare                      | 4,059,812             |
| S&S Land Holdings, LLC (d.b.a Hampton Manor of Trenton)    | Assisted Living Facility        | 3,858,100             |
| CSI Trenton Non-Profit Corp.                               | Senior Assisted Living          | 3,665,664             |
| Victor L. Cassar Management LLC (d.b.a Tractor Supply Co.) | Agricultural & Livestock Retail | 3,420,967             |
| Trenton MI LLC (formerly Solutia, Inc.)                    | Plastics Manufacturer           | 2,679,288             |
| S N Management LLC (d.b.a Aberdeen Skilled Nursing)        | Nursing Home                    | 2,497,070             |
| 1717 Fort Street LLC (d.b.a Fabcon Precast)                | Precast Panels Manufacturer     | 1,765,200             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  |                                 | <b>\$125,643,736</b>  |
| <b>Total 2025 Taxable Value</b>                            |                                 | <b>\$778,180,708</b>  |
| <b>Top 10 Taxpayers as a % of 2025 Total Taxable Value</b> |                                 | <b>16.15%</b>         |

*Source: Wayne County Equalization Department*

## CONSTITUTIONAL MILLAGE ROLLBACK

Article IX, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution (also referred to as the “Headlee Amendment”) requires that if the total value of existing taxable property (Taxable Valuation) in a local taxing unit, exclusive of new construction and improvements, increases faster than the U.S. Consumer Price Index from one year to the next, the maximum authorized tax rate for that local taxing unit must be reduced through a Millage Reduction Fraction unless new millage is authorized by a vote of the electorate of the local taxing unit.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES - (Per \$1,000 of Valuation)

The following table shows the total School District tax rates for the past five years.

|                               | 2025           | 2024           | 2023           | 2022           | 2021           |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Operating - Voted             | 18.0000        | 18.0000        | 18.0000        | 18.0000        | 18.0000        |
| Operating - Hold Harmless     | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 1.4420         | 0.5614         | 1.4146         |
| Sinking Fund                  | 1.9856         | 2.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000         | 0.0000         |
| Debt                          | 7.4300         | 7.4300         | 7.4300         | 7.4300         | 7.4300         |
| Total Non-Principal Residence | <u>27.4156</u> | <u>27.4300</u> | <u>26.8720</u> | <u>25.9914</u> | <u>26.8446</u> |
| Total Principal Residence     | <u>9.4156</u>  | <u>9.4300</u>  | <u>7.4300</u>  | <u>7.4300</u>  | <u>7.4300</u>  |

The School District levies voted operating millage on non-principal residence property and sinking fund millage and authorized debt millage on all taxable property within the School District. The voted operating millage expires with the 2033 levy. The sinking fund millage expires with the 2033 levy. The hold harmless millage expires with the 2041 levy.

## OTHER JURISDICTIONS' TAX RATES - (Per \$1,000 of Valuation)

The following table provides the 2025 and 2024 tax rates for select units of government that overlap with the School District's boundaries.

|   | 2025    | 2024    |
|---|---------|---------|
| State Education Tax                     | 6.0000  | 6.0000  |
| Wayne County                            | 7.7063  | 7.7468  |
| City of Trenton                         | 27.5899 | 24.7508 |
| Huron-Clinton Metro Authority           | 0.2050  | 0.2062  |
| Wayne County Transit Authority          | 0.9831  | 0.9916  |
| Wayne County Zoological Authority       | 0.0982  | 0.0988  |
| Wayne County Art Institute Authority    | 0.1968  | 0.1979  |
| Wayne RESA <sup>1</sup>                 | 5.3800  | 5.4092  |
| Wayne County Community College District | 3.1876  | 3.2043  |

<sup>1</sup>Includes a voter approved enhancement millage currently levied at 1.9708 mills. The School District expects to receive approximately \$1,120,960 in fiscal year 2025/26 from the regional enhancement millage based on its pupil membership count.

Source: Wayne County Equalization Department

## TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

The School District's fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. School District property taxes are due July 1 and December 1 of each fiscal year and are payable without interest on or before the following September 1 and February 14, respectively, and without penalty on or before the following February 14. All real property taxes remaining unpaid on March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the levy are turned over to the County Treasurer for collection. Wayne County (the "County") annually pays from its Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund delinquent taxes on real property to all taxing units in the County, including the School District, shortly after the date delinquent taxes are returned to the County Treasurer for collection.

A history of tax levies and collections for the School District is as follows:

| Levy Year | Operating Tax Levy | Collections to March 1, Each Year |        | Collections Plus Funding to June 30, Each Year |        |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--|--------|
|           |                    | N/A                               | N/A    | N/A  | 98.53% |
| 2025      | \$3,672,218*       |                                   |        |  |        |
| 2024      | 3,477,405          | \$3,298,107                       | 94.84% | \$3,426,416                                    | 98.53% |
| 2023      | 4,067,751          | 3,893,383                         | 95.71  | 4,062,993                                      | 99.88  |
| 2022      | 3,431,186          | 3,279,281                         | 95.57  | 3,379,281                                      | 98.49  |
| 2021      | 3,699,417          | 3,594,826                         | 97.17  | 3,694,981                                      | 99.88  |
| 2020      | 4,105,969          | 3,989,830                         | 97.17  | 4,097,182                                      | 99.79  |

\*Estimated.

## RETIREMENT PLAN

For the period October 1 through September 30, the School District pays an amount equal to a percentage of its employees' wages to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System ("MPSERS"), which is a statewide retirement plan for employees of Michigan public schools administered by the State of Michigan. These contributions are established and required by law and are calculated by using the contribution rates as determined annually by the State.

MPSERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer, statewide plan. Pension benefits, and retiree health benefits, are established by law and funded through employer contributions. The cost of retiree health benefits is funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis, with retirees paying some of the costs. Current year liability for retiree health benefits is reflected in the figures provided below. Further information regarding MPSERS, including retiree health benefits, can be found at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

Public Act 75 of 2010 ("Act 75") significantly modified MPSERS and among other provisions required all employees hired after July 1, 2010 to participate in a new Pension Plus Plan which provides a combined defined benefit and defined contribution structure. Public Act 92 of 2017 ("Act 92") further modified MPSERS for all employees hired on or after February 1, 2018. Act 92 requires all employees hired on or after February 1, 2018 to elect to participate in a new 401(k) style defined contribution plan or a new hybrid plan with different assumptions and cost sharing.

## Contribution to MPSERS

The School District's estimated annual contribution to MPSERS for the 2025-26 fiscal year and the previous four fiscal years are shown below:

| Fiscal Year<br>Ended<br>30-Jun | Pension<br>Amount | Health Care<br>Amount | Total<br>Amount | State Aid<br>MPSERS Direct<br>Offset Payments <sup>2</sup> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| 2026 <sup>1</sup>              | \$8,978,407       | \$447,556             | \$9,425,963     | \$3,326,216  |
| 2025                           | 7,772,211         | 377,330               | 8,149,541       | 2,535,360  |
| 2024                           | 7,797,722         | 1,537,275             | 9,334,997       | 3,732,647  |
| 2023                           | 6,888,742         | 1,440,359             | 8,329,101       | 5,356,173  |
| 2022                           | 6,479,514         | 1,436,862             | 7,916,376       | 3,019,954  |

<sup>1</sup>Estimated. Breakdown currently unavailable for this year.

<sup>2</sup>Represents the amount the School District received in state aid categorical revenue (Section 147c MPSERS UAAL Rate Stabilization and One-Time Deposits) to directly pay for a portion of the School District's MPSERS unfunded liability. This amount is included in the Total Amount shown in the table above.

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB Statement 68 requires all reporting units in a multi-employer cost sharing pension plan to record a balance sheet liability for their proportionate share of the net pension liability of the plan. The School District implemented GASB 68 in its year ended June 30, 2015 financial statements. In its June 30, 2025 financial statements, the School District reported a proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$46,258,886 as of September 30, 2024.

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017, GASB Statement 75 requires all reporting units in a multi-employer cost sharing OPEB plan to record a balance sheet liability for their proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the plan. The School District implemented GASB 75 in its year ended June 30, 2018 financial statements. In its June 30, 2025 financial statements, the School District reported a proportionate share of the net OPEB asset of \$8,062,241 as of September 30, 2024.

For additional information regarding the Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB), see the Notes to the Financial Statements in the School District's audited financial statements in APPENDIX D.

*Source: Audited Financial Statements and School District*

## **LABOR RELATIONS**

The School District has labor agreements with the following employee groups. The agreements all provide for complete and comprehensive salary, wage, fringe benefit and working conditions provisions. The number of employees and duration of the agreements are as follows:

| Employee Group    | No. of<br>Employees | Affiliation                     | Exp. Date<br>of Contract |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Administrators    | 16                  | Non-Affiliated                  | N/A                      |
| Teachers          | 176                 | Wayne County - MEA/NEA          | 08/14/27                 |
| Secretaries       | 16                  | Non-Affiliated                  | N/A                      |
| Maintenance       | 20                  | MEA/TCMA                        | N/A*                     |
| Paraprofessionals | 69                  | Michigan Education Assoc./TPASA | 06/30/27                 |
| Other             | 9                   | Non-Affiliated                  | N/A                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>306</b>          |                                 |                          |

\*The maintenance group is in the process of forming a union.

The School District has not experienced a strike by any of its bargaining units within the past ten years.

## DEBT STATEMENT\* - (As of 01/22/26 – including the Bonds described herein)

### DIRECT DEBT:

| Dated Date      | Purpose             | Bond Type | Final Maturity | Principal Outstanding before Refunding | Refunding (Refunded) Bonds | Principal Outstanding after Refunding |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 06/28/16        | Refunding           | UTQ       | 05/01/38       | \$21,115,000                           | (\$19,970,000)             | \$1,145,000*                          |
| 06/28/18        | Building & Site     | UTQ       | 05/01/48       | 46,530,000                             | 0                          | 46,530,000                            |
| 09/14/23        | Energy Conservation | LTNQ      | 05/01/44       | 4,415,000                              | 0                          | 4,415,000                             |
| __/__/26        | Refunding           | UTQ       | 05/01/38       | 0                                      | 18,300,000                 | 18,300,000*                           |
| NET DIRECT DEBT |                     |           |                | <u>\$72,060,000</u>                    | <u>(\$1,670,000)</u>       | <u>\$70,390,000*</u>                  |

### OVERLAPPING DEBT:

| Percent Share                   | Municipality                            | Net Debt     | District's Share      |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------------|
| 96.59%                          | City of Trenton                         | \$46,045,000 | \$44,474,866          |
| 1.28                            | Wayne County                            | 254,205,020  | 3,253,824             |
| 1.26                            | Wayne RESA                              | 0            | 0                     |
| 2.11                            | Wayne County Community College District | 0            | 0                     |
| TOTAL OVERLAPPING DEBT          |   |              | <u>47,728,690</u>     |
| NET DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT |   |              | <u>\$118,118,690*</u> |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

Source: *Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan*

## SCHOOL LOAN REVOLVING FUND (SLRF) PROGRAM

The School District has an SLRF balance of \$1,021,540.72 as of January 22, 2026.

## OTHER DEBT

The School District has the following short-term borrowings outstanding:

| Dated Date | Description           | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Balance                 |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 2024       | Copier Lease          | 8.47%         | 2029          | \$104,211               |
| 2022       | Postage Machine Lease | 2.00          | 2027          | 2,421                   |
| 2021       | Copier Lease          | 4.36          | 2026          | 1,131                   |
|            |                       |               | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b><u>\$107,763</u></b> |

## DEBT HISTORY

The School District has no record of default on its obligations.

## FUTURE FINANCING

The School District does not have plans for any capital financings in the next 12 months.

## DEBT RATIOS\*

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Estimated School District Population                             | 17,827          |
| 2025 Taxable Value   | \$778,180,708   |
| 2025 State Equalized Value (SEV)                                 | \$1,035,675,388 |
| 2025 True Cash Value (TCV)                                       | \$2,071,350,776 |
|  |                 |
| Per Capita 2025 Taxable Value                                    | \$43,651.80     |
| Per Capita 2025 State Equalized Value                            | \$58,095.89     |
| Per Capita 2025 True Cash Value                                  | \$116,191.78    |
|  |                 |
| Per Capita Net Direct Debt                                       | \$3,948.51      |
| Per Capita Net Direct and Overlapping Debt                       | \$6,625.83      |
|  |                 |
| Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 Taxable Value                 | 9.05%           |
| Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 Taxable Value | 15.18%          |
|  |                 |
| Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 SEV                           | 6.80%           |
| Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 SEV           | 11.40%          |
|  |                 |
| Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 TCV                           | 3.40%           |
| Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 TCV           | 5.70%           |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## LEGAL DEBT MARGIN\* - (As of 01/22/26 – including the Bonds described herein)

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 2025 State Equalized Value              | \$1,035,675,388             |
| Legal Debt Limit - 15% of SEV           | \$155,351,308               |
|   |                             |
| Total Bonded Debt Outstanding           | \$70,390,000                |
| Less: SRLF Qualified Bonds <sup>1</sup> | <u>(65,975,000)</u>         |
| Net Amount Subject to Legal Debt Limit  | <u>4,415,000</u>            |
|   |                             |
| LEGAL DEBT MARGIN AVAILABLE             | <u><u>\$150,936,308</u></u> |

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

<sup>1</sup>Section 1351(3) of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides that the bonded indebtedness of a school district shall not exceed 15% of the total assessed valuation of the district. Bonds not included in the computation of the legal debt margin are (1) any bond qualified under Article IX, Section 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and (2) deficit budget bonds as authorized under Section 1356. In addition, Section 605 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, provides, in relevant part, that debt evidenced by a refunding security shall not be deemed to be within any statutory or charter limitation of outstanding debt limit.

## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Listed below are the largest employers that are located within the School District and Wayne County:

| Employer   | Product or Service           | Approx. No. of Employees |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Within the School District</i>                          |                              |                          |
| Stellantis NV (Formerly FCA US LLC) (incl. in total below) | Automotive Manufacturer      | 831                      |
| Corewell Health (incl. in total below)                     | Healthcare                   | 688                      |
| Trenton Public Schools                                     | Education                    | 306                      |
| Aberdeen Skilled Nursing                                   | Nursing Home                 | 180                      |
| City of Trenton  | Government                   | 98                       |
| Trenton Forging Co.  | Forging                      | 90                       |
| U.S. Postal Service  | Postal Service               | 75                       |
| Huron Valley Steel Corp.                                   | Wholesale of Scrap Steel     | 60                       |
| <i>Within the County of Wayne</i>                          |                              |                          |
| Ford Motor Company   | Automotive                   | 39,459                   |
| City of Detroit  | Government                   | 10,445                   |
| Stellantis NV (Formerly FCA US LLC)                        | Automotive                   | 10,425                   |
| Rocket Companies, Inc.                                     | Investment & Real Estate     | 10,127                   |
| Henry Ford Health System                                   | Healthcare                   | 10,107                   |
| U.S. Government  | Government                   | 9,524                    |
| Corewell Health (Formerly BSH System)                      | Healthcare                   | 7,277                    |
| Amazon.com Inc.  | Ecommerce                    | 6,650                    |
| Detroit Public Schools Com. District                       | Education                    | 6,506                    |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI                               | Insurance                    | 6,444                    |
| Ilitch Companies   | Food, Sports & Entertainment | 5,827                    |
| Detroit Medical Center                                     | Healthcare                   | 5,635                    |
| DTE Energy Co.   | Utility                      | 5,395                    |
| U.S. Postal Service  | Postal Service               | 4,833                    |
| State of Michigan  | Government                   | 4,797                    |

Source: Michigan Manufacturers Directory, Crain's Detroit Business Book of Lists 2025 edition, MEDC website via [www.michiganbusiness.org](http://www.michiganbusiness.org), and individual employers.

## EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the occupational breakdown of persons 16 years and over for the City of Trenton and the County of Wayne as follows:

| PERSONS BY OCCUPATION                         | City of Trenton |         | County of Wayne |         |
|---|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
|   | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent |
| Management, Business, Science & Arts          | 8,171           | 100.00% | 276,444         | 36.43   |
| Service                                       | 3,227           | 39.49   | 136,762         | 18.02   |
| Sales & Office                                | 1,425           | 17.44   | 150,367         | 19.82   |
| Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance | 1,727           | 21.14   | 51,076          | 6.73    |
| Production, Transportation & Material Moving  | 626             | 7.66    | 144,159         | 19.00   |

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown by industry for persons 16 years and over for the City of Trenton and the County of Wayne as follows:

|  | City of Trenton |         | County of Wayne |         |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
|  | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent |
| <b>PERSONS BY INDUSTRY</b>                       |                 |         |                 |         |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting & Mining | 18              | 0.22    | 2,088           | 0.28    |
| Construction                                     | 346             | 4.23    | 34,888          | 4.60    |
| Manufacturing                                    | 1,429           | 17.49   | 135,048         | 17.80   |
| Wholesale Trade                                  | 184             | 2.25    | 16,083          | 2.12    |
| Retail Trade                                     | 745             | 9.12    | 78,951          | 10.40   |
| Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities          | 637             | 7.80    | 52,490          | 6.92    |
| Information                                      | 63              | 0.77    | 9,839           | 1.30    |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate                 | 637             | 7.80    | 46,452          | 6.12    |
| Professional, Scientific & Management Services   | 727             | 8.90    | 82,082          | 10.82   |
| Educational, Health & Social Services            | 1,740           | 21.28   | 172,734         | 22.75   |
| Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Food Services  | 776             | 9.50    | 70,648          | 9.31    |
| Other Services except Public Administration      | 437             | 5.35    | 31,691          | 4.18    |
| Public Administration                            | 432             | 5.29    | 25,814          | 3.40    |

## UNEMPLOYMENT

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, reports unemployment averages for the County of Wayne as compared to the State of Michigan as follows:

| Annual Average | County of Wayne | State of Michigan |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| November, 2025 | 6.2%            | 4.9%              |
| 2024           | 5.5             | 4.7               |
| 2023           | 4.3             | 3.9               |
| 2022           | 4.7             | 4.2               |
| 2021           | 7.7             | 5.7               |

## POPULATION BY AGE

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown of population by age for the City of Trenton and the County of Wayne as follows:

|                     | City of Trenton |         | County of Wayne |         |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
|                     | Number          | Percent | Number          | Percent |
| Total Population    | 18,242          | 100.00% | 1,773,767       | 100.00% |
| 0 through 19 years  | 3,836           | 21.03   | 461,803         | 26.04   |
| 20 through 64 years | 10,063          | 55.16   | 1,025,537       | 57.81   |
| 65 years and over   | 4,343           | 23.81   | 286,427         | 16.15   |
| Median Age          | 48.3 years      |         | 37.8 years      |         |

## INCOME

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown of household income for the City of Trenton and the County of Wayne as follows:

| HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME   | City of Trenton |          | County of Wayne |          |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
|                        | Number          | Percent  | Number          | Percent  |
| Less than \$ 10,000    | 7,943           | 100.00%  | 693,446         | 100.00%  |
| \$ 10,000 to \$ 14,999 | 406             | 5.11     | 54,115          | 7.80     |
| \$ 15,000 to \$ 24,999 | 138             | 1.75     | 41,376          | 5.97     |
| \$ 25,000 to \$ 34,999 | 412             | 5.19     | 60,349          | 8.70     |
| \$ 35,000 to \$ 49,999 | 785             | 9.88     | 56,743          | 8.18     |
| \$ 50,000 to \$ 74,999 | 788             | 9.92     | 87,746          | 12.65    |
| \$ 75,000 to \$ 99,999 | 1,210           | 15.23    | 111,984         | 16.15    |
| \$100,000 to \$149,999 | 1,179           | 14.84    | 83,374          | 12.02    |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999 | 1,739           | 21.89    | 100,180         | 14.45    |
| \$200,000 or MORE      | 704             | 8.86     | 46,368          | 6.69     |
|                        | 582             | 7.33     | 51,211          | 7.39     |
| Median Income          |                 | \$78,565 |                 | \$59,521 |

**APPENDIX C**  
**GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY AND**  
**COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Trenton Public Schools**  
**General Fund Budget Summary**

|   | As Adopted<br>2025/26       |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>Revenue:</b>                             |                             |
| Local Sources                               | \$4,700,208                 |
| State Sources                               | 27,261,959                  |
| County Sources & Other                      | 675,000                     |
| Federal Sources                             | 15,000                      |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                        | <b><u>\$32,652,167</u></b>  |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                        |                             |
| Instructional Services                      |                             |
| Basic Program                               | \$18,223,695                |
| Added Needs                                 | 2,899,700                   |
| Adult/Continuing Education                  | 7,101                       |
| Vocational Education                        | 731,411                     |
| Support:                                    |                             |
| Pupil                                       | \$1,901,479                 |
| Instructional Staff                         | 1,497,946                   |
| General Administration                      | 677,911                     |
| School Administration                       | 2,092,089                   |
| Business Services                           | 638,969                     |
| Operation & Maintenance/Security            | 3,572,788                   |
| Transportation                              | 1,367,924                   |
| Central Services                            | 1,172,655                   |
| Athletic Activities                         | 985,217                     |
| Debt Service                                |                             |
| Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions   | (\$639,353)                 |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                   | <b><u>\$35,851,565</u></b>  |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>      |                             |
| Outgoing Transfers and Other Transactions   | (\$639,353)                 |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> | <b><u>(\$639,353)</u></b>   |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>           | <b><u>(\$3,838,751)</u></b> |
| <b>Beginning Fund Balance - July 1</b>      | <b><u>\$8,027,689</u></b>   |
| <b>Projected Fund Balance - June 30</b>     | <b><u>\$4,188,938</u></b>   |

*Source: School District*

**Trenton Public Schools  
General Fund**  
**Comparative Balance Sheet**

|   | For Fiscal Years Ended June 30th |                     |                     |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|   | 2023                             | 2024                | 2025                |
| <b>Assets:</b>                            |                                  |                     |                     |
| Cash & Equivalent Investments             | \$9,822,371                      | \$8,924,431         | \$9,617,215         |
| Taxes Receivable                          | --                               | 39                  | 51,895              |
| Accounts Receivable                       | 161,796                          | 177,859             | 438,704             |
| Due from Other Governmental Units         | 5,912,083                        | 6,375,422           | 6,171,162           |
| Inventory                                 | 33,414                           | 36,922              | 49,240              |
| Prepaid Expenses                          | 26,221                           | 156,732             | 69,938              |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                       | <b>\$15,955,885</b>              | <b>\$15,671,405</b> | <b>\$16,398,154</b> |
| <b>Liabilities:</b>                       |                                  |                     |                     |
| Accounts Payable                          | \$241,998                        | \$350,598           | \$512,630           |
| Payroll Deductions and Withholdings       | 1,042,907                        | 1,168,278           | 1,336,484           |
| Due to Other Governmental Units           | 974,288                          | 678,969             | 461,182             |
| Accrued Salaries Payable                  | 1,788,278                        | 1,929,973           | 2,023,295           |
| Due to Other Funds                        | 478,450                          | 1,029,432           | 939,299             |
| State Aid Note Payable                    | 4,500,000                        | 2,510,000           | 2,351,012           |
| Unearned Revenue                          | 592,213                          | 855,168             | 746,563             |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                  | <b>\$9,618,134</b>               | <b>\$8,522,418</b>  | <b>\$8,370,465</b>  |
| <b>Fund Balance:</b>                      |                                  |                     |                     |
| Nonspendable                              | \$59,635                         | \$193,654           | \$119,178           |
| Assigned                                  | 2,434,358                        | 2,455,303           | 2,817,791           |
| Unassigned                                | 3,843,758                        | 4,500,030           | 5,090,720           |
| <b>Total Fund Balance</b>                 | <b>\$6,337,751</b>               | <b>\$7,148,987</b>  | <b>\$8,027,689</b>  |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b> | <b>\$15,955,885</b>              | <b>\$15,671,405</b> | <b>\$16,398,154</b> |

*Source: Audited Financial Statements*

**Trenton Public Schools  
General Fund**

**Comparative Statement of Revenues,  
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**

|  | For Fiscal Years Ended June 30th |                     |                     |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|  | 2023                             | 2024                | 2025                |
| <b>Revenue:</b>  |                                  |                     |                     |
| Local Sources  | \$6,000,598                      | \$5,981,084         | \$6,961,683         |
| State Sources  | 28,777,944                       | 30,450,271          | 32,368,905          |
| Federal Sources  | 3,364,478                        | 1,829,538           | 1,352,369           |
| Interdistrict Sources                                  | --                               | 1,086,125           | --                  |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                                   | <b>\$38,143,020</b>              | <b>\$39,347,018</b> | <b>\$40,682,957</b> |
| <b>Expenditures:</b>                                   |                                  |                     |                     |
| Current:   |                                  |                     |                     |
| Instruction  | \$22,519,876                     | \$22,250,237        | \$23,190,095        |
| Supporting Services                                    | 14,141,267                       | 14,615,019          | 15,479,395          |
| Community Service                                      | 304,039                          | 287,046             | 301,025             |
| Intergovernmental Payments                             | 216,462                          | 245,028             | 312,364             |
| Capital Outlay   | --                               | 509,197             | 328,550             |
| Debt Service   |                                  |                     |                     |
| Principal  | --                               | 24,359              | 29,941              |
| Interest and Other Expenditures                        | 45,591                           | --                  | 8,351               |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                              | <b>\$37,227,235</b>              | <b>\$37,930,886</b> | <b>\$39,649,721</b> |
| <b>Excess of Revenue Over (Under)<br/>Expenditures</b> | <b>\$915,785</b>                 | <b>\$1,416,132</b>  | <b>\$1,033,236</b>  |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>                 |                                  |                     |                     |
| Insurance Recoveries                                   | \$118,689                        | --                  | \$139,500           |
| Proceeds from Issuance of Leases                       | --                               | \$167,640           | --                  |
| Operating Transfers In                                 | 6,945                            | --                  | --                  |
| Operating Transfers Out                                | (650,000)                        | (772,536)           | (294,034)           |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>           | <b>(\$524,366)</b>               | <b>(\$604,896)</b>  | <b>(\$154,534)</b>  |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>                      | <b>\$391,419</b>                 | <b>\$811,236</b>    | <b>\$878,702</b>    |
| <b>Fund Balance - Beginning</b>                        | <b>\$5,946,332</b>               | <b>\$6,337,751</b>  | <b>\$7,148,987</b>  |
| <b>Fund Balance - Ending</b>                           | <b>\$6,337,751</b>               | <b>\$7,148,987</b>  | <b>\$8,027,689</b>  |

*Source: Audited Financial Statements*

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## **APPENDIX D**

### **AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The auditor was not requested to examine or review and therefore has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the Bonds and accordingly has not conducted any post-audit review procedures and will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of such financial documents, statements or materials.

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## Independent Auditors' Report

Management and the Board of Education  
Trenton Public Schools  
Trenton, Michigan

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Trenton Public Schools, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Trenton Public Schools' basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Trenton Public Schools, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Trenton Public Schools, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Adoption of New Accounting Standard

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, during the year ended June 30, 2025, Trenton Public Schools adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Trenton Public Schools' ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Trenton Public Schools' internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Trenton Public Schools' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the school district's proportionate share of the net pension liability, and schedule of the school district's pension contributions, schedule of the school district's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset), and schedule of the school district's OPEB contributions identified in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers

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it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### **Other Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Trenton Public Schools' basic financial statements. The other supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The other supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 20, 2025 on our consideration of Trenton Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Trenton Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Trenton Public Schools' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Yeo & Yeo, P.C.*

Ann Arbor, MI  
October 20, 2025

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**June 30, 2025**

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This section of Trenton Public Schools' (the "District") annual financial reports presents our discussion and analysis of the District's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the District's financial statements, which immediately follows this section.

**Using this Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so the reader can understand Trenton Public Schools financially as a whole. The district-wide financial statements provide information about the activities of the whole District, presenting both an aggregate view of the District's finances and a longer-term view of those finances. The fund financial statements provide the next level of detail. For governmental activities, these statements tell how services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements look at the District's operations in more detail than the district-wide financial statements by providing information about the District's most significant funds; the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund, with all other funds presented in one column as nonmajor funds. The remaining statement, the statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities, presents financial information about activities for which the District acts solely as an agent for the benefit of students and parents.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)  
(Required Supplemental Information)

Basic Financial Statements  
District-wide Financial Statements      Fund Financial Statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(Required Supplemental Information)  
Budgetary Information for Major Funds

Other Supplemental Information

**The District as a Whole – District-wide Financial Statements**

The District-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating. The relationship between revenue and expenditures is the District's operating results. However, the District's goal is to provide services to our students, not to generate profits as commercial entities do. One must consider many other nonfinancial factors, such as the quality of the education provided and the safety of the schools, to assess the overall health of the District.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report the governmental activities for the District, which encompasses all of the District's services, including instruction, support services, athletics and food services. Property taxes, unrestricted state aid (foundation allowance revenue), and grants finance most of these activities.

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**The District's Most Significant Funds – Fund Financial Statements**

The District's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. However, the District establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for a particular purpose (Food Services is an example) or show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants and other money (such as bond-funded construction funds used for voter-approved capital projects.) The governmental funds of the District use the following accounting approach.

Governmental funds – All of the District's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The government fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the operation of the District and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between government activities and governmental funds in reconciliation, reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

**The District as Trustee**

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the District's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
**June 30, 2025**

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**Government-wide Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position.

|   | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                        |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------|
|   | <b>2023-24</b>                 | <b>2024-25</b>         |
| Current and Other Assets                        | \$ 23,105,446                  | \$ 29,335,638          |
| Capital Assets, Net                             | <u>74,075,082</u>              | <u>76,384,138</u>      |
| <br>Total Assets                                | <u>97,180,528</u>              | <u>105,719,776</u>     |
| Deferred Outflows                               | <u>23,977,452</u>              | <u>17,124,479</u>      |
| <br>Current Liabilities                         | <u>11,735,699</u>              | <u>12,262,322</u>      |
| Long-Term Liabilities                           | <u>147,386,636</u>             | <u>129,357,232</u>     |
| <br>Total Liabilities                           | <u>159,122,335</u>             | <u>141,619,554</u>     |
| Deferred inflows                                | <u>19,260,002</u>              | <u>26,728,926</u>      |
| <br>Net Assets                                  |                                |                        |
| Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt | (9,024,305)                    | (5,798,027)            |
| Restricted for Food Service                     | 523,413                        | 680,552                |
| Restricted for Capital Projects                 | 1,277,241                      | 1,459,880              |
| Restricted for Net OPEB asset                   | -                              | 8,062,241              |
| Unrestricted                                    | <u>(50,000,706)</u>            | <u>(49,908,871)</u>    |
| <br>Total Net Assets                            | <u>\$ (57,224,357)</u>         | <u>\$ (45,504,225)</u> |

The District's net assets were a deficit of \$45,504,225 as of June 30, 2025, due to changes of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to reflect the District's proportionate share of the pension liability and liabilities (assets) related to postemployment benefits other than pensions and decreased to a deficit of \$38,196,645 as of June 30, 2025. Capital assets, (net of related debt totaling \$5,798,027) compares the cost, less depreciation of the District's capital assets, to long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of those assets. A credit balance is the result of the district refunding the previous bond debt and refinancing the debt to a lower interest rate cost as well as the passage of a new bond for program and facility construction and improvement in 2018. Most of the debt will be repaid from voter-approved property taxes collected as the debt service comes due. Restricted net assets are reported separately to show legal constraints from debt covenants and enabling legislation that limit the District's ability to use those net assets for day-to-day operations.

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The deficit of \$49,908,871 in unrestricted net assets of governmental activities represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The unrestricted net assets balance enables the District to meet working capital and cash flow requirements as well as to provide for future uncertainties. The operating results of the General Fund will have a significant impact on the change in unrestricted net assets from year to year. The decrease in Net Assets is also a reflection of the effects of the reporting requirements from GASB Statements 68, 71, 75, and 101.

|                                       | <b>Governmental Activities</b> |                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|                                       | <b>2023-24</b>                 | <b>2024-25</b>       |
| <br>Revenue                           |                                |                      |
| Program Revenue                       |                                |                      |
| Charges for Services                  | \$ 2,395,356                   | \$ 2,806,591         |
| Operating Grants and Contributions    | 17,304,712                     | 18,698,538           |
| Capital Grants and Contributions      | -                              | 1,317,481            |
| General Revenue                       |                                |                      |
| Property Taxes                        | 9,065,778                      | 10,159,011           |
| State School Aid                      | 21,149,877                     | 21,430,353           |
| Unrestricted Investment Earnings      | 653,131                        | 547,491              |
| Insurance Recoveries                  | -                              | 139,500              |
| Other                                 | <u>2,407,684</u>               | <u>2,012,565</u>     |
| <br>Total Revenue                     | <u>52,976,538</u>              | <u>57,111,530</u>    |
| <br>Expenses                          |                                |                      |
| Instruction                           | 26,505,348                     | 24,594,983           |
| Support Services                      | 14,964,006                     | 14,042,709           |
| Cafeteria                             | 1,210,459                      | 1,144,178            |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt            | 3,772,376                      | 3,575,588            |
| Community Services                    | <u>278,176</u>                 | <u>242,973</u>       |
| <br>Total Expenses                    | <u>46,730,365</u>              | <u>43,600,431</u>    |
| <br>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | <u>\$ 6,246,173</u>            | <u>\$ 13,511,099</u> |

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As reported in the Statement of Activities, the cost of all of our governmental activities this year was \$43,600,431. Certain activities were partially funded from those who benefited from the programs (\$2,806,591 this year compared to \$2,395,356 in the previous year), by other governments or organizations that subsidized certain programs with grants and contributions (\$18,698,538 this year compared to \$17,304,712 in the previous year), or by capital grants and contributions (\$1,317,481 this year compared to \$0 in the previous year). Trenton Public Schools paid for the remaining "public benefit" portion of our governmental activities with \$10,159,011 in taxes, \$21,430,353 in state foundation allowance and with our other revenue, i.e., interest and general entitlements.

The expenditures above show the financial burden that was placed on the State and the District's taxpayers by function. Since property taxes for operation and unrestricted state aid constitute the vast majority of district operating revenue sources, the Board of Education and administration must annually evaluate the needs of the District and balance those needs with state-prescribed available unrestricted resources.

During the current fiscal year, the School District was required to implement GASB 101, *Compensated Absences*. For this implementation, the School District restated their prior periods net position from \$57,224,357 to \$59,015,324.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, the District revises its budget as it attempts to deal with unexpected changes in revenue and expenditures. The original budget was developed with anticipation of an increase in foundation allowance; however, the final budget included no increases in foundation allowance.

Additionally, the district participates in the Michigan Public Retirement System (MPSERS), a cost-sharing multiple employer, state-wide defined benefit public retirement plan (the "System") governed by the State of Michigan. The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage. The System is funded on a prefunded basis for eligible members by contributions directly from school districts (approximately 7% of eligible district wages) as well as employees (3% of eligible wages). This plan was fully funded at the end of the 2024 school year. The original School Aid Act for the fiscal year 24-25 continued to collect these funds to help support the State's budget. An amendment was made to the School Aid Act to stop the collection of the 3% from employees; however, giving only a partial refund of those contributions. The district received approximately 5.75% back by reducing the UAAL cost to the school district for its portion of contributions. The remainder of these contributions from both the school district and the employees continued to be paid by the district.

The school district, with 8 other downriver school districts, encompasses the Downriver Career and Technical Consortium (DCTC). DCTC was awarded a grant in the 23-24 school year in the amount of \$10,700,000. These grant funds (61j) were used to purchase a building in the Trenton school district to house various vocational programs and administrative offices to support those programs. Therefore, the building is considered as an asset to the district, while all expenses will be shared amongst the participating districts.

Trenton Public Schools received a comparable amount of state grants compared to the prior year, however funding by federal grants dropped significantly by about \$600,000. It is expected that future state grants will follow this declining trend as well.

A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with amounts actually received is provided in the required supplemental information of these financial statements. The final amended budget and actuals reflect the actual increases in state and federal funding that became available after the original budget was adopted.

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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**Capital Asset and Debt Administration Capital Assets** - The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2025, amounted to \$76,384,138 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, vehicles and equipment.

**District's Capital Assets**  
(net of depreciation)

|                            | <b>2023-24</b>             | <b>2024-25</b>             |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Land                       | \$ 13                      | \$ 13                      |
| Construction in Process    | 33,676,865                 | 1,424,773                  |
| Land Improvements          | 48,603                     | 42,399                     |
| Buildings and Improvements | 39,388,826                 | 73,607,206                 |
| Vehicles                   | 37,324                     | 21,264                     |
| Equipment                  | 782,044                    | 1,180,720                  |
| Right to use assets        | <u>141,407</u>             | <u>107,763</u>             |
|                            | <hr/> <u>\$ 74,075,082</u> | <hr/> <u>\$ 76,384,138</u> |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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**Debt** - At the end of this year, the District has \$72,060,000 in general obligation bonds and \$10,427,733 in premiums on those bonds outstanding. This was a decrease in bonds outstanding from the 2023-2024 year of \$1,730,000 and a decrease in premiums of \$264,342. Other obligations include compensated absences, the School Loan Revolving Fund, and leases. We present more detailed information about our long-term liabilities in the notes to the financial statements.

**Factors bearing on the District's Future**

The following factors were considered in preparing the District's budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

- One of the most important factors when setting the District's budget is determining both the foundation allowance as determined by the State of Michigan and the tax base for which local taxes will be received. Prior to Proposal A, schools were financed primarily through local property taxes. After passage of Proposal A, local taxation is capped at 18 mills levied on the taxable value of non-homestead property. After Proposal A, school funding was tied to each pupil counted in a district's membership. Districts receive a foundation allowance, which is a per-pupil amount initially determined in 1994-95 based on what the district was receiving on a per-pupil basis in 1993-94. A minimum level was established, a target level was determined, and a "cutoff" point for State Aid was set (\$6,500), with dollars above that point raised from local mills. Local revenue from the 18 mills was calculated at the State level on a per-pupil basis. The state then deducts the per-pupil local revenue from the foundation allowance or hold-harmless "guaranteed" per-pupil amount. Districts above the hold-harmless amount are allowed by law to levy additional mills (with voter approval) to achieve their prescribed foundation allowance. Trenton collected the hold-harmless millage through the 2023-2024 school year. Up until the 2020-21 fiscal year, that amount was \$542.11 per pupil. However in the 2020-21 fiscal year, when the new state budget was passed and signed into law, changes were made limiting the amount of the millage to be collected. The State of Michigan, in the attempt to make all foundation allowances equal for all pupils, increased the foundation allowance by \$589 to some districts, while others (Trenton) only received \$171. In addition, the law allowed the district to levy only \$257 per pupil in hold harmless millage. Because of this permanent reduction that is based on a per pupil count, the district did not collect hold-harmless millage in the 24-25 school year and has no current plans to collect it in the near future. Approved by voters, the district instead collected 2 mills specifically for a sinking fund that will provide more stable revenues as it is based on property tax values rather than the hold harmless millage.
- School districts did not receive a foundation increase in the fiscal year 2024-25. The original 25-26 budget was developed with a \$10,000 per pupil foundation allowance (\$392 increase). The 25-26 foundation allowance, which was not announced by the state until October 3, 2025 will be \$10,050. The foundation allowance continued to be determined by multiplying the blended student count by the foundation allowance per pupil. For the 25-26 school year, the blended count will be 10 percent and 90 percent of the February 2025 and September 2025 student counts respectively.
- The district has two unions, the TEA which is representative of the teachers and professional support staff for students, and the TPASA, which is representative of the paraprofessionals of the district. Both of these unions have agreements with district through their expiration dates, the TPASA in June 2027 and the TEA in August 2027.
- Wayne County passed an Enhancement Millage county-wide that provides the district additional revenue to be used on educational expenditures as determined by the Board of Education. The 2-mill property tax was renewed in November 2021 for another 6 years expiring in the fall of 2028.
- Changes in funding from the Federal Government could have a significant impact on both State and Federal grant funds available for the 25-26 school year.
- Significant grants were received by the State of Michigan in the fiscal year 23-24 to assist with safety and mental health. These grants were not continued in the state aid package passed to fund schools in the 24-25 school year.

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**Management's Discussion and Analysis**  
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- During the 2024 fiscal year, the school district received a donation from the Estate of Sylvia Devine. At the request of the donor, \$500,000 will be set aside in a permanent endowment fund and interest earned from the funds is to be used for the purpose of issuing scholarships to students. The remaining funds will be used to improve district facilities. Construction is expected to be completed during the 2025-26 school year.

**Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Chief Financial Officer, 2603 Charlton, Trenton, Michigan 48183.

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## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2025**

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|   | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                                |
| Cash  | \$ 12,928,662                  |
| Taxes receivable                                      | 51,895                         |
| Accounts receivable                                   | 438,704                        |
| Due from other governmental units                     | 6,206,548                      |
| Inventory   | 73,985                         |
| Investments   | 1,502,256                      |
| Prepaid items   | 71,347                         |
| Net OPEB asset  | 8,062,241                      |
| Capital assets not being depreciated                  | 1,424,786                      |
| Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation      | <u>74,959,352</u>              |
| <br>Total assets                                      | <br><u>105,719,776</u>         |
| <br><b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>             |                                |
| Deferred amount on debt refunding                     | 1,191,900                      |
| Deferred amount relating to the net pension liability | 13,739,211                     |
| Deferred amount relating to the net OPEB asset        | <u>2,193,368</u>               |
| <br>Total deferred outflows of resources              | <br><u>17,124,479</u>          |

**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2025**

|   | Governmental<br>Activities |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                    |                            |
| Accounts payable                                      | 879,413                    |
| State aid anticipation note payable                   | 2,351,012                  |
| Due to other governmental units                       | 556,097                    |
| Payroll deductions and withholdings                   | 1,546,867                  |
| Accrued expenditures                                  | 580,447                    |
| Accrued salaries payable                              | 2,344,814                  |
| Unearned revenue                                      | 905,775                    |
| Long-term liabilities                                 |                            |
| Net pension liability                                 | 46,258,886                 |
| Due within one year                                   | 3,097,897                  |
| Due in more than one year                             | <u>83,098,346</u>          |
| <br>Total liabilities                                 | <br><u>141,619,554</u>     |
| <b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>                  |                            |
| Deferred amount relating to the net pension liability | 16,141,089                 |
| Deferred amount relating to the net OPEB asset        | <u>10,587,837</u>          |
| <br>Total deferred inflows of resources               | <br><u>26,728,926</u>      |
| <b>Net Position</b>                                   |                            |
| Net investment in capital assets                      | (5,798,027)                |
| Restricted for:                                       |                            |
| Food service  | 680,552                    |
| Capital projects                                      | 1,459,880                  |
| Net OPEB asset  | 8,062,241                  |
| Unrestricted  | <u>(49,908,871)</u>        |
| <br>Total net position                                | <br><u>\$ (45,504,225)</u> |

See Accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

|   | Program Revenues         |  |  |                     | Net (Expense)<br>Revenue and<br>Changes in<br>Net Position |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|
|   | Charges for<br>Services  | Operating<br>Grants and<br>Contributions | Capital<br>Grants and<br>Contributions |                     |  |
| <b>Functions/Programs</b>                           |                          |  |  |                     |  |
| Governmental activities                             |                          |  |  |                     |  |
| Instruction   | \$ 24,594,983            | \$ 800,335                               | \$ 12,045,965                          | \$ 1,317,481        | (\$ 10,431,202)  |
| Supporting services                                 | 14,042,709               | 1,439,555                                | 5,262,476                              | -                   | (7,340,678)  |
| Food services                                       | 1,144,178                | 125,870                                  | 1,340,244                              | -                   | 321,936  |
| Community services                                  | 242,973                  | 440,831                                  | 49,853                                 | -                   | 247,711  |
| Interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt       | <u>3,575,588</u>         | <u>-</u>                                 | <u>-</u>                               | <u>-</u>            | <u>(3,575,588)</u>   |
| <br>Total governmental activities                   | <br><u>\$ 43,600,431</u> | <u>\$ 2,806,591</u>                      | <u>\$ 18,698,538</u>                   | <u>\$ 1,317,481</u> | <u>(20,777,821)</u>  |
| General revenues                                    |                          |  |  |                     |  |
| Property taxes, levied for general purposes         | 3,428,876                |  |  |                     |  |
| Property taxes, levied for debt service             | 5,306,569                |  |  |                     |  |
| Property taxes, levied for sinking fund             | 1,423,566                |  |  |                     |  |
| State aid - unrestricted                            | 21,430,353               |  |  |                     |  |
| Interest and investment earnings                    | 547,491                  |  |  |                     |  |
| Other   | 2,012,565                |  |  |                     |  |
| Insurance recoveries                                | <u>139,500</u>           |  |  |                     |  |
| <br>Total general revenues and insurance recoveries | <br><u>34,288,920</u>    |  |  |                     |  |
| Change in net position                              |                          |  |  |                     | <u>13,511,099</u>  |
| Net position - beginning, as previously reported    |                          |  |  |                     | (\$ 57,224,357)  |
| Change in accounting principle (GASB 101)           |                          |  |  |                     | <u>(1,790,967)</u>   |
| Net position - beginning, as restated               |                          |  |  |                     | <u>(59,015,324)</u>  |
| Net position - ending                               |                          |  |  |                     | <u>\$ (45,504,225)</u>                                     |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2025**

|                                     | General<br>Fund      | Debt<br>Service<br>Fund | Capital<br>Project<br>Building<br>and<br>Site<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                       |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Cash                                | \$ 9,617,215         | \$ 220,983              | \$ 1,264,133  | \$ 1,826,331                      | \$ 12,928,662                  |
| Taxes receivable                    | 51,895               | -                       | -   | -                                 | 51,895                         |
| Accounts receivable                 | 438,704              | -                       | -   | -                                 | 438,704                        |
| Due from other funds                | -                    | 131,650                 | -   | 1,098,359                         | 1,230,009                      |
| Due from other governmental units   | 6,171,162            | -                       | -   | 35,386                            | 6,206,548                      |
| Inventory                           | 49,240               | -                       | -   | 24,745                            | 73,985                         |
| Investments                         | -                    | 25,878                  | 1,262,570   | 213,808                           | 1,502,256                      |
| Prepaid items                       | 69,938               | -                       | -   | 1,409                             | 71,347                         |
| <b>Total assets</b>                 | <b>\$ 16,398,154</b> | <b>\$ 378,511</b>       | <b>\$ 2,526,703</b>                                   | <b>\$ 3,200,038</b>               | <b>\$ 22,503,406</b>           |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                  |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Accounts payable                    | \$ 512,630           | \$ -                    | \$ 348,353  | \$ 18,430                         | \$ 879,413                     |
| State aid anticipation note payable | 2,351,012            | -                       | -   | -                                 | 2,351,012                      |
| Due to other funds                  | 939,299              | -                       | 1,042   | 289,668                           | 1,230,009                      |
| Due to other governmental units     | 461,182              | -                       | -   | 94,915                            | 556,097                        |
| Payroll deductions and withholdings | 1,336,484            | -                       | -   | 210,383                           | 1,546,867                      |
| Accrued salaries payable            | 2,023,295            | -                       | -   | 321,519                           | 2,344,814                      |
| Unearned revenue                    | 746,563              | -                       | -   | 159,212                           | 905,775                        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>            | <b>8,370,465</b>     | <b>-</b>                | <b>349,395</b>  | <b>1,094,127</b>                  | <b>9,813,987</b>               |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2025**

|   | General<br>Fund      | Debt<br>Service<br>Fund | Capital<br>Project<br>Building<br>and<br>Site<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Fund Balances</b>                            |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Non-spendable                                   |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Inventory                                       | 49,240               | -                       | -   | 24,745                            | 73,985                         |
| Prepaid items                                   | 69,938               | -                       | -   | -                                 | 69,938                         |
| Restricted for                                  |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Food service                                    | -                    | -                       | -   | 655,807                           | 655,807                        |
| Debt service                                    | -                    | 378,511                 | -   | -                                 | 378,511                        |
| Capital projects                                | -                    | -                       | 770,366   | 877,389                           | 1,647,755                      |
| Committed                                       |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| Student activities                              | -                    | -                       | -   | 547,970                           | 547,970                        |
| Capital projects                                | -                    | -                       | 1,406,942   | -                                 | 1,406,942                      |
| Assigned for 25-26 budgeted excess expenditures |                      |                         |   |                                   |                                |
| over revenues                                   | 2,817,791            | -                       | -   | -                                 | 2,817,791                      |
| Unassigned                                      | 5,090,720            | -                       | -   | -                                 | 5,090,720                      |
| <b>Total fund balances</b>                      | <b>8,027,689</b>     | <b>378,511</b>          | <b>2,177,308</b>                                      | <b>2,105,911</b>                  | <b>12,689,419</b>              |
| <b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>      | <b>\$ 16,398,154</b> | <b>\$ 378,511</b>       | <b>\$ 2,526,703</b>                                   | <b>\$ 3,200,038</b>               | <b>\$ 22,503,406</b>           |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2025**

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|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Total fund balances for governmental funds</b>   | \$ 12,689,419                 |
| Total net position for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:   |                               |
| Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.   |                               |
| Capital assets not being depreciated  | 1,424,786                     |
| Capital assets - net of accumulated depreciation  | 74,959,352                    |
| Net OPEB asset is not recorded as an asset in the governmental funds.   | 8,062,241                     |
| Deferred outflows (inflows) of resources  |                               |
| Deferred outflows of resources resulting from debt refunding  | 1,191,900                     |
| Deferred outflows of resources resulting from the net pension liability   | 13,739,211                    |
| Deferred outflows of resources resulting from the net OPEB asset  | 2,193,368                     |
| Deferred inflows of resources resulting from the net pension liability  | (16,141,089)                  |
| Deferred inflows of resources resulting from the net OPEB asset   | (10,587,837)                  |
| Certain liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds.  |                               |
| Accrued interest  | (580,447)                     |
| Long-term liabilities applicable to governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. |                               |
| Net pension liability   | (46,258,886)                  |
| Compensated absences  | (1,926,126)                   |
| Bonds payable   | (82,487,733)                  |
| Severance payable   | (670,912)                     |
| School loan revolving fund payable  | (998,132)                     |
| Other loans payable and liabilities   | <u>(113,340)</u>              |
| <b>Net position of governmental activities</b>  | <u><b>\$ (45,504,225)</b></u> |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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|  | Formerly<br>Nonmajor Fund | Capital<br>Project<br>Building<br>and<br>Site<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds | Total<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|--|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|  | General<br>Fund           | Debt<br>Service<br>Fund                               |                                   |                                |
| <b>Revenues</b>  |                           |   |                                   |                                |
| Local sources  | \$ 6,961,683              | \$ 5,354,166  | \$ 922,110                        | \$ 18,657,256                  |
| State sources  | 32,368,905                | 121,307   | -                                 | 35,103,210                     |
| Federal sources  | 1,352,369                 | -   | 541,714                           | 1,894,083                      |
| Interdistrict sources                                    | -                         | -   | 1,317,481                         | 1,317,481                      |
| <b>Total revenues</b>                                    | <u>40,682,957</u>         | <u>5,475,473</u>                                      | <u>2,239,591</u>                  | <u>56,972,030</u>              |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                      |                           |   |                                   |                                |
| Current  |                           |   |                                   |                                |
| Education  |                           |   |                                   |                                |
| Instruction  | 23,190,095                | -   | -                                 | 4,946,066                      |
| Supporting services                                      | 15,479,395                | -   | 595,137                           | 16,074,532                     |
| Food services  | -                         | -   | 1,318,334                         | 1,318,334                      |
| Community services                                       | 301,025                   | -   | -                                 | 301,025                        |
| Intergovernmental payments                               | 312,364                   | -   | -                                 | 312,364                        |
| Capital outlay   | 328,550                   | -   | 2,814,547                         | 2,017,154                      |
| Debt service   |                           |   |                                   |                                |
| Principal  | 29,941                    | 2,013,755   | -                                 | 2,043,696                      |
| Interest and other expenditures                          | <u>8,351</u>              | <u>3,794,908</u>                                      | <u>-</u>                          | <u>3,803,259</u>               |
| <b>Total expenditures</b>                                | <u>39,649,721</u>         | <u>5,808,663</u>                                      | <u>2,814,547</u>                  | <u>8,876,691</u>               |
| <b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b> | <u>1,033,236</u>          | <u>(333,190)</u>                                      | <u>(574,956)</u>                  | <u>(302,682)</u>               |
|  |                           |   |                                   | <u>(177,592)</u>               |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

|   | General Fund        | Formerly Nonmajor Fund | Capital Project Building and Site Fund | Nonmajor            | Total                |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|
|   |                     |                        |  | Governmental Funds  | Governmental Funds   |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                             |                     |                        |  |                     |                      |
| Insurance recoveries  | 139,500             | -                      | -                                      | -                   | 139,500              |
| Transfers in  | -                   | 294,025                | -                                      | 9                   | 294,034              |
| Transfers out   | (294,034)           | -                      | -                                      | -                   | (294,034)            |
| Total other financing sources (uses)                              | (154,534)           | 294,025                | -                                      | 9                   | 139,500              |
| Net change in fund balances                                       | 878,702             | (39,165)               | (574,956)                              | (302,673)           | (38,092)             |
| Fund balances - beginning, as previously presented                | 7,148,987           | -                      | 2,752,264                              | 2,826,260           | 12,727,511           |
| Change within financial reporting entity (nonmajor to major fund) | -                   | 417,676                | -                                      | (417,676)           | -                    |
| Fund balances - beginning, as adjusted                            | 7,148,987           | 417,676                | 2,752,264                              | 2,408,584           | 12,727,511           |
| Fund balances - ending  | <u>\$ 8,027,689</u> | <u>\$ 378,511</u>      | <u>\$ 2,177,308</u>                    | <u>\$ 2,105,911</u> | <u>\$ 12,689,419</u> |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Net change in fund balances - Total governmental funds   | \$ (38,092)          |
| Total change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:   |                      |
| Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense.  |                      |
| Depreciation and amortization expense  | (3,418,459)          |
| Capital outlay   | 5,727,515            |
| Expenses are recorded when incurred in the statement of activities.  |                      |
| Interest   | 122,938              |
| Severance payable  | 45,221               |
| Compensated absences   | (135,159)            |
| The statement of net position reports the net pension liability and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows related to the net pension liability and pension expense. However, the amount recorded on the governmental funds equals actual pension contributions.  |                      |
| Net change in net pension liability  | 16,224,614           |
| Net change in deferrals of resources related to the net pension liability  | (10,467,454)         |
| The statement of net position reports the net OPEB asset and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows related to the net OPEB asset and OPEB expense. However, the amount recorded on the governmental funds equals actual OPEB contributions.  |                      |
| Net change in net OPEB asset   | 6,996,380            |
| Net change in deferrals of resources related to the net OPEB asset   | (3,694,834)          |
| Bond and note proceeds and capital leases are reported as financing sources in the governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are recorded as liabilities and amortized in the statement of activities. When debt refunding occurs, the difference in the carrying value of the refunding debt and the amount applied to the new debt is reported the same as regular debt proceeds or repayments, as a financing source or expenditure in the governmental funds. However, in the statement of net position, debt refunding may result in deferred inflows of resources or deferred outflows of resources, which are then amortized in the statement of activities. |                      |
| Repayments of long-term debt   | 2,043,696            |
| Amortization of premiums   | 264,342              |
| Amortization of deferred amount on debt refunding  | (159,609)            |
| Change in net position of governmental activities  | <u>\$ 13,511,099</u> |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**June 30, 2025**

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|                              | Custodial<br>Funds |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                |                    |
| Investments                  | <u>\$ 653,999</u>  |
| <b>Net Position</b>          |                    |
| Assets held for endowments   | \$ 500,000         |
| Assets held for scholarships | <u>153,999</u>     |
| Total net position           | <u>\$ 653,999</u>  |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

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|                                  | Custodial<br>Funds |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Additions</b>                 |                    |
| Interest and investment earnings | \$ 3,304           |
| <b>Deductions</b>                |                    |
| Scholarships                     | <u>1,465</u>       |
| Change in net position           | 1,839              |
| Net position - beginning         | <u>652,160</u>     |
| Net position - ending            | <u>\$ 653,999</u>  |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**June 30, 2025**

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**Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The accounting policies of Trenton Public Schools (School District) conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the School District's significant accounting policies:

**Reporting Entity**

The School District is governed by an elected seven-member Board of Education. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the School District's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate component units of the School District. The School District has no component units.

**District-Wide Financial Statements**

The School District's basic financial statements include both district-wide (reporting for the School District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the School District's major funds). The district-wide financial statements categorize all nonfiduciary activities as either governmental or business type. All of the School District's activities are classified as governmental activities.

The statement of net position presents governmental activities on a consolidated basis, using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting. This method recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The School District's net position is reported in three parts (1) net investment in capital assets, (2) restricted net position, and (3) unrestricted net position.

The statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the School District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes and certain intergovernmental revenues). The statement of activities reduces gross

expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state sources and federal sources, interest income, etc.). In creating the district-wide financial statements the School District has eliminated interfund transactions.

The district-wide focus is on the sustainability of the School District as an entity and the change in the School District's net position resulting from current year activities.

**Fund Financial Statements**

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the district-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded when the likelihood of payment is due.

Property taxes, unrestricted state aid, intergovernmental grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
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Fiduciary fund statements also are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** – The General Fund is used to record the general operations of the School District pertaining to education and those operations not required to be provided for in other funds.

**Capital Project Fund** – The Capital Project Building and Site Fund is a capital project fund used to record the disbursement of invoices specifically for acquiring equipment and for remodeling and repairs.

**Debt Service Fund** – The Debt Service Fund is used to record tax, interest, and other revenue and the payment of interest, principal, and other expenditures on long-term debt.

Additionally, the School District reports the following fund types:

**Special Revenue Funds** – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The School District's Special Revenue Funds include the Cafeteria Fund, Hearing Impaired Fund, and Student Activity Fund.

**Sinking Fund** – The Sinking Fund is used to record the sinking fund property tax levy and other revenue and the disbursement of invoices specifically for acquiring new school sites, construction, or repair of school buildings.

**Capital Project Funds** – The 2018 Capital Projects Fund and the 2023 Energy Capital Projects Fund are used to record bond proceeds or other revenue and the disbursement of invoices specifically for acquiring new school sites, buildings, equipment, and for remodeling and repairs. The funds are kept open until the purpose for which the fund was created has been accomplished. Operating deficits generated by these activities are generally transferred from the General Fund.

**Fiduciary Fund** – The Fiduciary Fund is used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent. The Custodial Fund is entrusted to the School District for scholarship awards and the principal and interest of the custodial funds may be spent.

Approximately, \$790,000 and \$257,000 is excluded from the fiduciary funds because it is held by First Merchants Bank, the trustee, of the Grove Family Education Trust and Charles Favor Trust, respectively. The Trusts provide educational scholarships to students of Trenton High School for higher education.

**Assets, Liabilities and Net Position or Equity**

**Receivables and Payables** – Generally, outstanding amounts owed between funds are classified as "due from/to other funds". These amounts are caused by transferring revenues and expenses between funds to get them into the proper reporting fund. These balances are paid back as cash flow permits.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. The School District considers all accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for uncollectible amounts is recorded.

Property taxes collected are based upon the approved tax rate for the year of levy. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the rates are as follows per \$1,000 of assessed value.

| General Fund                      |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Non-principal residence exemption | 18.0000 |
| Commercial personal property      | 4.8589  |
| Debt Service Funds                | 7.4300  |
| Sinking Fund                      | 2.0000  |

The property tax levy runs from July 1 to June 30. Property taxes become a lien on the first day of the levy year and are due on or before September 14 or February 14. Collections are forwarded to the School

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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District as collected by the assessing municipalities. Real property taxes uncollected as of March 1 are purchased by Wayne County and remitted to the School District.

**Investments** – Investments are stated at fair value. Certificates of deposit are stated at cost which approximates fair value.

**Inventories and Prepaid Items** – Inventories are valued at cost, on a first-in, first-out basis. Inventories of governmental funds are recorded as expenditures when consumed, rather than when purchased.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future fiscal years. For such payments in governmental funds the School District follows the consumption method, and they therefore are capitalized as prepaid items in both district-wide and fund financial statements.

**Capital Assets** – Purchased or constructed capital assets are reported at cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The School District defines capital assets as assets with an initial individual cost in excess of \$5,000. Costs of normal repair and maintenance that do not add to the value or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. The School District does not have infrastructure assets. Buildings, equipment, and vehicles are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Buildings and additions  | 20 - 50 years |
| Site improvements        | 10 - 20 years |
| Equipment and furniture  | 5 - 20 years  |
| Buses and other vehicles | 7 - 10 years  |

**Deferred outflows of resources** – A deferred outflow of resources is a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. Deferred amounts on bond refundings are included in the district-wide financial statements. The amounts represent the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the prior debt. For district-wide financial statements, the School District reports deferred outflows of resources as a result of

pension and OPEB plan earnings. This amount is the result of a difference between what the plan expected to earn from plan investments and what is actually earned. This amount will be amortized over the next four years and included in pension and OPEB expense. Changes in assumptions and experience differences relating to the net pension and OPEB liabilities (assets) are deferred and amortized over the expected remaining service lives of the employees and retirees in the plans. The School District also reported deferred outflows of resources for pension and OPEB contributions made after the measurement date. This amount will reduce the net pension and OPEB liabilities (assets) in the following year.

**Compensated Absences** – In the district-wide financial statements, compensated absences are based on sick, personal, and vacation days. Employees are able to accrue days earned and use them when applicable.

**Severance Accrual** – In the district-wide financial statements, accrued severance pay is based on longevity. Employees become eligible to receive severance payments upon termination of their employment after meeting certain criteria.

**Long-term Obligations** – In the district-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period.

In the School District's fund financial statements, the face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuance are reported as other financing sources while discounts are reported as other financing uses.

**Pension** – For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
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position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from MPSERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions** – For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) and additions to/deductions from MPSERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by MPSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Deferred inflows of resources** – A deferred inflow of resources is an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period. For governmental funds this includes unavailable revenue in connection with receivables for revenues that are not considered available to liquidate liabilities of the current period. For district-wide financial statements, the School District reports deferred inflows of resources as a result of pension and OPEB plan earnings. This amount is the result of a difference between what the plan expected to earn from the plan investments and what the plan actually earned. This amount will be amortized over the next four years and included in pension and OPEB expense. Changes in assumptions and experience differences relating to the net pension and OPEB liabilities (assets) are deferred and amortized over the expected remaining service lives of the employees and retirees in the plans. Deferred inflows of resources also includes revenue received relating to the amounts included in the deferred outflows for payments related to MPSERS Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) Stabilization defined benefit pension statutorily required contributions.

**Fund Balance** - In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balances in the following categories:

**Non-spendable** - amounts that are not available in a spendable form.

**Restricted** - amounts that are legally imposed or otherwise required by external parties to be used for a specific purpose.

**Committed** - amounts that have been formally set aside by the Board of Education for specific purposes. A fund balance commitment may be established, modified, or rescinded by a resolution of the Board of Education.

**Assigned** - amounts intended to be used for specific purposes, as determined by the Board of Education.

**Unassigned** - all other resources; the remaining fund balances after non-spendable, restrictions, commitments, and assignments.

During the 2025 and 2024 fiscal year, the School District received donations from the estate of Sylvia Devine of \$800,000 and \$1,800,000, respectively. At the request of the donor, these amounts are to be restricted for use. Of this amount, \$500,000 is held in a permanent endowment fund and interest earned from the funds is to be used for the purpose of issuing scholarships to students. This amount is held in the districts Custodial Fund. The remaining amount of \$2,100,000 is to be used to construct a multi-purpose activity center. Expenses related to this restriction were \$1,306,875 and \$22,759 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The amount remaining to be spent as of June 30, 2025 is \$770,366 and is held in the School Districts Capital Project Fund as restricted fund balance.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the School District's policy is to consider restricted funds spent first.

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When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, or unassigned amounts could be used, the School District's policy is to consider the funds to be spent in the following order: (1) committed, (2) assigned, (3) unassigned.

The School District has adopted a minimum fund balance policy, as follows: the Board shall ensure that adequate funds are reserved for the General Fund to maintain a secure financial position whereby the fund equity shall not fall below 10% of the preceding year's expenditures. The School District was in compliance with this policy at June 30, 2025.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as well as deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Eliminations and Reclassifications**

In the process of aggregating data for the statement of net position and the statement of activities, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

#### **Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures.

Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, requires organizations to provide users of the financial statements with essential information

about risks related to the organization's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints.

#### **Upcoming Accounting and Reporting Changes**

Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, improves key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing an organization's accountability while also addressing certain application issues. This statement includes changes to management's discussion and analysis, unusual or infrequent items, presentation of the proprietary fund statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position, major component unit information, and budgetary comparison information. This statement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2026.

Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*, requires certain types of capital assets to be disclosed separately in the capital assets note disclosures required by Statement 34. Lease assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 87, *Leases*, and intangible right-to-use assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, should be disclosed separately by major class of underlying asset in the capital as-sets note disclosures. Subscription assets recognized in accordance with Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, also should be separately disclosed. In addition, this Statement requires intangible assets other than those three types to be disclosed separately by major class. This Statement also requires additional disclosures for capital assets held for sale. This statement is effective for the year ending June 30, 2026.

The School District is evaluating the impact that the above pronouncements will have on its financial reporting.

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#### **Note 2 - Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability**

##### **Budgetary Information**

Annual budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and state law for the General and Special Revenue Funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year end, thereby canceling all encumbrances. These appropriations are reestablished at the beginning of the year.

The budget document presents information by fund and function. The legal level of budgetary control adopted by the governing body is the function level. State law requires the School District to have its budget in place by July 1. A district is not considered in violation of the law if reasonable procedures are in use by the School District to detect violations.

The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between functions within any fund; however, any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Education.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended by the Board of Education throughout the year. Individual amendments were not material in relation to the original appropriations.

##### **Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations**

The School District did not have significant expenditure budget variances.

##### **Compliance - Sinking Funds**

The School District's Capital Projects Fund records capital project activities funded with Sinking Fund millage. For this fund, the school district has complied with the applicable provisions of Section 1212 of the Revised School Code.

#### **Note 3 - Deposits and Investments**

The School District's deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

|             | Governmental<br>Activities  | Fiduciary<br>Funds       | Total<br>Primary<br>Government |
|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash        | \$ 12,928,662               | \$ -                     | \$ 12,928,662                  |
| Investments | <u>1,502,256</u>            | <u>653,999</u>           | <u>2,156,255</u>               |
|             | <u><u>\$ 14,430,918</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 653,999</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 15,084,917</u></u>    |

The breakdown between deposits and investments for the School District is as follows:

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Deposits (checking, savings accounts,<br>money markets, certificates of deposit) | \$ 13,608,594               |
| Investments in securities, mutual funds,<br>and similar vehicles                 | <u>1,476,323</u>            |
| Total  | <u><u>\$ 15,084,917</u></u> |

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As of year end, the School District had the following investments:

| Investment                          | Carrying Value     | Maturities | Rating | Rating Organization |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------------------|
| <b>External investment pools:</b>   |                    |            |        |                     |
| Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF): |                    |            |        |                     |
| MILAF + Portfolio                   |                    |            |        |                     |
| Cash Management Class               | \$ 428,023         | < 60 days  | AAAm   | S&P                 |
| MAX Class                           | <u>1,048,300</u>   | < 60 days  | AAAm   | S&P                 |
|                                     |                    |            |        |                     |
|                                     | <b>\$1,476,323</b> |            |        |                     |

The valuation method for investments measured at net asset value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) is discussed below.

As of June 30, 2025, the net asset value of the School District's investment in MILAF + Portfolio was \$1,476,323. Participation in the investment pool has not resulted in any unfunded commitments. Shares are available to be redeemed upon proper notice without restrictions under normal operating conditions. There are no limits to the number of redemptions that can be made provided the School District has sufficient shares to meet the redemption request. In the event of an emergency that would make the determination of net asset value not reasonably practical, the Trust's Board of Trustee's may suspend the right of withdrawal or postpone the date of payment. The net asset value ("NAV") per share of the MILAF+ Portfolio is calculated as of the close of business each business day by dividing the net position of that Portfolio by the number of its outstanding shares. It is the MILAF+ Portfolio's objective to maintain a NAV of \$1.00 per share, however, there is no assurance that this objective will be achieved. The exact price for share transactions will be determined based on the NAV next calculated after receipt of a properly executed order. The number of shares purchased or redeemed will be determined by the NAV.

**Interest rate risk** – In accordance with its investment policy, the School District manages its exposure to declines in fair values by limiting the investment options.

**Credit risk** – State statutes and the School District's investment policy authorize the School District to make deposits in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have an office in Michigan; the School District is allowed to invest in U.S. Treasury or Agency obligations, U.S. government repurchase agreements, bankers' acceptances, commercial paper rated prime at the time of purchase that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, mutual funds, and investment pools that are composed of authorized investment vehicles.

**Concentration of credit risk** – The School District has no policy that would limit the amount that may be invested with any one issuer.

**Custodial credit risk – deposits** – In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. As of year end, \$12,656,402 of the School District's bank balance of \$13,156,402 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

**Custodial credit risk – investments** – For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. As of year end, none of the School District's investments were exposed to custodial credit risk.

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**Note 4 - Capital Assets**

A summary of the changes in governmental capital assets is as follows:

|  | Beginning Balance   | Increases           | Decreases           | Ending Balance      |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Governmental activities</b>               |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Capital assets not being depreciated         |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Land   | \$ 13               | \$ -                | \$ -                | \$ 13               |
| Construction-in-progress                     | <u>33,676,865</u>   | <u>1,424,773</u>    | <u>33,676,865</u>   | <u>1,424,773</u>    |
| Total capital assets not being depreciated   | <b>33,676,878</b>   | <b>1,424,773</b>    | <b>33,676,865</b>   | <b>1,424,786</b>    |
| Capital assets being depreciated             |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Buildings and additions                      | 81,146,439          | 37,414,551          | -                   | 118,560,990         |
| Site improvements                            | 248,827             | -                   | -                   | 248,827             |
| Equipment and furniture                      | 3,798,361           | 565,056             | -                   | 4,363,437           |
| Buses and other vehicles                     | 348,223             | -                   | -                   | 348,223             |
| Right to use asset - equipment and furniture | 167,640             | -                   | -                   | 167,640             |
| Total capital assets being depreciated       | <b>85,709,510</b>   | <b>37,979,607</b>   | <b>-</b>            | <b>123,689,117</b>  |
| Less accumulated depreciation for            |                     |                     |                     |                     |
| Buildings and additions                      | 41,757,613          | 3,196,171           | -                   | 44,953,784          |
| Site improvements                            | 200,224             | 6,204               | -                   | 206,428             |
| Equipment and furniture                      | 3,016,337           | 166,380             | -                   | 3,182,717           |
| Buses and other vehicles                     | 310,899             | 16,060              | -                   | 326,959             |
| Right to use asset - equipment and furniture | 26,233              | 33,644              | -                   | 59,877              |
| Total accumulated depreciation               | <b>45,311,306</b>   | <b>3,418,459</b>    | <b>-</b>            | <b>48,729,765</b>   |
| Net capital assets being depreciated         | <b>40,398,204</b>   | <b>34,561,148</b>   | <b>-</b>            | <b>74,959,352</b>   |
| Net capital assets                           | <b>\$74,075,082</b> | <b>\$35,985,921</b> | <b>\$33,676,865</b> | <b>\$76,384,138</b> |

Depreciation expense of capital assets and amortization expense of right to use assets were charged to activities of the School District as follows:

**Governmental activities**

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Instruction                          | \$ 2,085,259        |
| Supporting services                  | 1,196,461           |
| Food services                        | 102,554             |
| Community services                   | <u>34,185</u>       |
| <b>Total governmental activities</b> | <b>\$ 3,418,459</b> |

**Construction Contracts**

At year end, the School District had several uncompleted construction contracts in the capital projects fund. The remaining commitment on these construction contracts was approximately \$436,000.

**Note 5 - Interfund Receivables, Payables, and Transfers**

Individual interfund receivable and payable balances at year end were:

| Payable Fund                           | Receivable Fund             | Amount              |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Fund                           | Debt Service Fund           | \$ 131,650          |
| General Fund                           | Nommajor Governmental Funds | 807,649             |
| Nommajor Governmental Funds            | Nommajor Governmental Funds | 289,668             |
| Capital Project Building and Site Fund | Nommajor Governmental Funds | <u>1,042</u>        |
|  |                             | <b>\$ 1,230,009</b> |

The outstanding balances between funds result mainly from the time lag between the dates that transactions are recorded in the accounting system and payments between funds are made.

Management does not anticipate individual interfund balances to remain outstanding for periods in excess of one year.

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Interfund transfers consist of the following:

|  | <u>Transfers Out</u>     |
|--|--------------------------|
| General Fund   |                          |
| <hr/>  |                          |
| Transfers in   |                          |
| Debt Service Fund  | \$ 294,025               |
| Nonmajor governmental funds  | <u>9</u>                 |
|  | <u><u>\$ 294,034</u></u> |
| <hr/>  |                          |
| The transfers from the General Fund to the Debt Service Fund were made to make payments on current year debt obligations. The transfer from the General Fund to the Nonmajor Governmental Funds were made to fund future food service program costs. |                          |
| <hr/>  |                          |
| <b>Note 6 - Unearned Revenue</b>   |                          |
| Governmental funds report unearned revenue in connection with resources that have been received but not yet earned. At the end of the current fiscal year, the components of unearned revenue are as follows:  |                          |
| Grant and categorical aid payments received prior to meeting all eligibility requirements  | \$ 602,991               |
| Student meals  | 13,555                   |
| Other  | <u>289,229</u>           |
|  | <u><u>\$ 905,775</u></u> |

**Note 7 - Leases**

During the 2024 fiscal year, the School District entered into a 5-year lease agreement as lessee for the use of copiers. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$151,432. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability was \$109,812. The School District is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$36,995. The lease has an interest rate of 8.47%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$104,211 and had accumulated amortization of \$47,221.

During the 2022 fiscal year, the School District entered into a 5-year lease agreement as lessee for the use of a postage machine. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$8,234. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability was \$2,422. The School District is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$1,729. The lease has an interest rate of 2.00%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$2,421 and had accumulated amortization of \$5,813.

During the 2021 fiscal year, the School District entered into a 5-year lease agreement as lessee for the use of a copier. An initial lease liability was recorded in the amount of \$7,974. As of June 30, 2025, the value of the lease liability was \$1,105. The School District is required to make annual principal and interest payments of \$1,922. The lease has an interest rate of 4.36%. The value of the right-to-use asset as of the end of the current fiscal year was \$1,131 and had accumulated amortization of \$6,843.

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Annual requirements to amortize lease liabilities and related interest are as follows:

| Year ending June 30, | Principal                | Interest                |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 2026                 | \$ 31,583                | \$ 8,262                |
| 2027                 | 32,047                   | 5,668                   |
| 2028                 | 34,083                   | 2,912                   |
| 2029                 | <u>15,627</u>            | <u>213</u>              |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b><u>\$ 113,340</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 17,055</u></b> |

**Note 8 - State Aid Anticipation Note**

The School District issues state aid anticipation notes in advance of state aid collections, depositing the proceeds in the General Fund. These notes are necessary because the School District receives state aid from October through the following August for its fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>. The School District is required to pledge 100% of their state school aid, October through August, or until the note is repaid, whichever is longer. The State has discretion to accelerate repayment terms if they have cause for concern. If the note is in default status, there is a penalty interest rate that may apply.

Short-term debt activity for the year was as follows:

|                             | Beginning Balance  | Proceeds           | Repayments         | Ending Balance     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| State aid anticipation note | <u>\$2,510,000</u> | <u>\$4,000,000</u> | <u>\$4,158,988</u> | <u>\$2,351,012</u> |

credit of the School District. For the School Loan Revolving Fund, the State may withhold state aid if the School District is in default or apply late charges in an instance of default or fails to appropriately levy debt mills. Other long-term obligations include severance payable and lease liabilities.

Long-term obligation activity is summarized as follows:

|   | Beginning Balance, as Restated | Additions                | Reductions                 | Ending Balance              | Amount Due Within One Year |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Bonds and notes payable   |                                |                          |                            |                             |                            |
| General obligation bonds  | \$73,790,000                   | \$ -                     | \$1,730,000                | \$72,060,000                | \$1,775,000                |
| Premium on bonds  | 10,692,075                     | -                        | 264,342                    | 10,427,733                  | -                          |
| <b>Total bonds payable</b>                                      | <b><u>84,482,075</u></b>       | <b><u>-</u></b>          | <b><u>1,994,342</u></b>    | <b><u>82,487,733</u></b>    | <b><u>1,775,000</u></b>    |
| Notes from direct borrowings and direct placements              |                                |                          |                            |                             |                            |
| School Loan Revolving Fund                                      | 1,244,622                      | -                        | 283,755                    | 960,867                     | -                          |
| Accrued interest- SLRF  | 147,966                        | 47,582                   | 158,283                    | 37,265                      | -                          |
| <b>Total notes from direct borrowings and direct placements</b> | <b><u>1,392,588</u></b>        | <b><u>47,582</u></b>     | <b><u>442,038</u></b>      | <b><u>998,132</u></b>       | <b><u>-</u></b>            |
| Other liabilities   |                                |                          |                            |                             |                            |
| Leases  | 143,281                        | -                        | 29,941                     | 113,340                     | 31,583                     |
| Compensated absences  | 1,790,967                      | 135,159                  | -                          | 1,926,126                   | 1,224,314                  |
| Severance pay   | 716,133                        | -                        | 45,221                     | 670,912                     | 67,000                     |
| <b>Total other liabilities</b>                                  | <b><u>2,650,381</u></b>        | <b><u>135,159</u></b>    | <b><u>75,162</u></b>       | <b><u>2,710,378</u></b>     | <b><u>1,322,897</u></b>    |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b><u>\$88,525,044</u></b>     | <b><u>\$ 182,741</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 2,511,542</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 86,196,243</u></b> | <b><u>\$ 3,097,897</u></b> |

For governmental activities, severance pay and leases are primarily liquidated by the General Fund.

**Note 9 - Long-Term Debt**

The School District issues bonds, notes, and other contractual commitments to provide for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities and the acquisition of certain equipment. General obligation bonds are direct obligations and pledge the full faith and

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General obligation bonds payable at year end, consist of the following:

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| 2016 Refunding Bonds due in annual installments of \$1,145,000 to \$2,145,000 through May 1,2038, interest at 4.00% to 5.00%      | \$21,115,000        |
| 2023 Energy Bonds due in annual installments of \$75,000 to \$460,000 through May 1, 2044, interest at 4.25% to 4.38%             | 4,415,000           |
| 2018 School Building and Site Bonds due in annual installments of \$550,000 to \$4,650,000 through May 1, 2048, interest at 5.00% | 46,530,000          |
| Total general obligation bonded debt  | <u>\$72,060,000</u> |

Future principal and interest requirements for bonded debt and direct borrowings and direct placements are as follows:

| Year Ending June 30 | Bonds               |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                     | Principal           | Interest            |
| 2026                | \$ 1,775,000        | \$ 3,560,076        |
| 2027                | 1,865,000           | 3,483,338           |
| 2028                | 1,970,000           | 3,390,762           |
| 2029                | 2,075,000           | 3,293,050           |
| 2030                | 2,185,000           | 3,190,162           |
| 2031-2035           | 12,730,000          | 24,046,526          |
| 2036-2040           | 16,230,000          | 10,711,640          |
| 2041-2045           | 19,940,000          | 6,339,558           |
| 2046-2048           | <u>13,290,000</u>   | <u>1,350,750</u>    |
| Total               | <u>\$72,060,000</u> | <u>\$59,365,862</u> |

The general obligation bonds are payable from the Debt Service Fund. As of year end, the fund had a balance of \$378,511 to pay this debt. Future debt and interest will be payable from future tax levies.

Interest expenditures for the fiscal year in the Debt Service Fund and General Fund was \$3,793,408 and \$8,351, respectively.

**School Loan Revolving Fund**

The School District has borrowed from the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program. Repayment is due when the School District has funds available as determined by the State of Michigan. Interest accrues on the unpaid balance. During the year the interest rate was 4.22390 percent for the School Loan Revolving Fund.

The School District made payments of \$283,755 on the loan balance during the fiscal year. The balance at June 30, 2025, are as follows:

| <u>School Loan</u>    |
|-----------------------|
| <u>Revolving Fund</u> |
| Loan balance          |
| \$ 960,867            |
| Interest balance      |
| 37,265                |
| Total                 |
| <u>\$ 998,132</u>     |

**Compensated Absences**

Accrued compensated absences at year end was \$1,926,126, which consisted of accrued sick, personal and vacation time. The amount anticipated to be paid out over the next year is included within the amounts listed as due within one year. Compensated absences additions and deductions are reported net.

**Accrued Severance**

Accrued severance at year end, consists of vested benefits. The School District expects \$67,000 to be paid out within the next fiscal year.

**Deferred Amount on Refunding**

The previous periods advance refunding related to the 2016 refunding bond resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt of \$2,330,923. The amortized amount of \$1,191,900 is reported in the accompanying statement of net position as a deferred outflow of resources and is being charged to activities through fiscal year 2038.

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**Note 10 - Risk Management**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries (workers' compensation) and certain medical benefits provided to employees. The School District has purchased commercial insurance for general liability, property and casualty and health and vision claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

**Note 11 - Pension Plan**

**Plan Description**

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

**Benefits Provided**

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

**Contributions**

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2023 valuation will be amortized over a 15-year period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2038.

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The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for plan year ended September 30, 2024.

| Pension Contribution Rates |            |          |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| Benefit Structure          | Member     | Employer |
| Basic                      | 0.0 - 4.0% | 23.03%   |
| Member Investment Plan     | 3.0 - 7.0% | 23.03%   |
| Pension Plus               | 3.0 - 6.4% | 19.17%   |
| Pension Plus 2             | 6.2%       | 20.10%   |
| Defined Contribution       | 0.0%       | 13.90%   |

Required contributions to the pension plan from the School District were \$7,899,741 for the year ending September 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2025, the School District reported a liability of \$46,258,886 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2023. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the School District's proportion was .1890 percent, which was a decrease of .0041 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2023.

For the plan year ending September 30, 2024, the School District recognized pension expense of \$3,677,983 for the measurement period. For the reporting period ending June 30, 2025, the School District recognized total pension contribution expense of \$7,772,211.

June 30, 2025, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

|  | Deferred<br>Outflows of<br>Resources | Deferred<br>Inflows of<br>Resources | Total                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience  | \$ 1,255,036                         | \$ (502,609)                        | \$ 752,427            |
| Changes of assumptions   | 4,822,763                            | (3,389,313)                         | 1,433,450             |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments   | -                                    | (8,828,156)                         | (8,828,156)           |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 493,028                              | (1,355,215)                         | (862,187)             |
| Total to be recognized in future   | 6,570,827                            | (14,075,293)                        | (7,504,466)           |
| School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | 7,168,384                            | (2,065,796)                         | 5,102,588             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$13,739,211</b>                  | <b>\$ (16,141,089)</b>              | <b>\$ (2,401,878)</b> |

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Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2026. The District will offset the contribution expense in the year ended June 30, 2025 with the 147c supplemental income received subsequent to the measurement date which is included in the deferred inflows of resources. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows during the following plan years:

| Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year<br>(To Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses) |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| 2025   | \$ (1,492,011)               |
| 2026   | 19,647                       |
| 2027   | (3,604,902)                  |
| 2028   | (2,427,200)                  |
|  | <b><u>\$ (7,504,466)</u></b> |

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

**Summary of Actuarial Assumptions:**

- Valuation Date: September 30, 2023
- Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal

- Wage inflation rate: 2.75%
- Investment Rate of Return:
  - MIP and Basic Plans: 6.00% net of investment expenses
  - Pension Plus Plan: 6.00% net of investment expenses
  - Pension Plus 2 Plan: 6.00% net of investment expenses
- Projected Salary Increases: 2.75 - 11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%
- Cost-of-Living Pension Adjustments: 3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members
- Mortality:
  - Retirees: PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables, scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
  - Active: PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2024, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2023, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.

Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees is 4.4612 years.

Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000.

Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2024 MPSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report found on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

**Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets**

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate

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ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class                          | Target Allocation | Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return* |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Domestic Equity Pools                | 25.0 %            | 5.3%                                    |
| Private Equity Pools                 | 16.0              | 9.0%                                    |
| International Equity                 | 15.0              | 6.5%                                    |
| Fixed Income Pools                   | 13.0              | 2.2%                                    |
| Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools | 10.0              | 7.1%                                    |
| Absolute Return Pools                | 9.0               | 5.2%                                    |
| Real Return/Opportunistic Pools      | 10.0              | 6.9%                                    |
| Short Term Investment Pools          | <u>2.0</u>        | 1.4%                                    |
|                                      | <u>100.0%</u>     |   |

*\*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.3% inflation.*

**Rate of Return**

For the plan year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 15.47%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**Discount Rate**

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2, hybrid plans provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension plus plan, 6.00% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

| 1% Decrease * | Current Single Discount Rate | 1% Increase * |
|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 5.00%         | 6.00%                        | 7.00%         |
| \$ 67,816,024 | \$ 46,258,886                | \$ 28,308,421 |

**Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

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**Payables to the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS)**

There were no significant payables to the pension plan that are not ordinary accruals to the School District.

**Note 12 - Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)**

**Plan Description**

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

**Benefits Provided**

Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning with fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Postemployment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare

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expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

**Contributions**

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2023 valuation will be amortized over a 15-year period beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for plan year 2024.

| OPEB Contribution Rates        |        |          |
|--------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Benefit Structure              | Member | Employer |
| Premium Subsidy                | 3.0%   | 8.31%    |
| Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF) | 0.0%   | 7.06%    |

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the School District were \$1,556,870 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

**OPEB Liabilities or Assets, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB**

At June 30, 2025, the School District reported an asset of \$8,062,241 for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB asset. The net OPEB asset was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB asset was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2023. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB asset was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the School District's proportion was .1873 percent, which was a decrease of .0011 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2023.

For the plan year ending September 30, 2024, the School District recognized OPEB expense of \$(2,925,441) for the measurement period. For the reporting period ending June 30, 2025, the School District recognized total OPEB contribution expense of \$377,330.

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At June 30, 2025, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

|  | Deferred<br>Outflows of<br>Resources | Deferred<br>Inflows of<br>Resources | Total                |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience  | \$ -                                 | \$(8,543,514)                       | \$(8,543,514)        |
| Changes of assumptions   | 1,760,910                            | (202,402)                           | 1,558,508            |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments  | -                                    | (1,526,275)                         | (1,526,275)          |
| Changes in proportion and differences between the School District contributions and proportionate share of contributions | 284,613                              | (315,646)                           | (31,033)             |
| Total to be recognized in future   | 2,045,523                            | (10,587,837)                        | (8,542,314)          |
| School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date   | 147,845                              | -                                   | 147,845              |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>\$ 2,193,368</b>                  | <b>\$(10,587,837)</b>               | <b>\$(8,394,469)</b> |

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as an addition to the OPEB asset in the year ended June 30, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows during the following plan years:

| Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year<br>(To Be Recognized in Future OPEB Expenses) |            |                             |
|---|------------|-----------------------------|
|   | 2025       | \$(2,776,657)               |
|   | 2026       | (1,627,501)                 |
|   | 2027       | (1,633,511)                 |
|   | 2028       | (1,520,433)                 |
|   | 2029       | (832,034)                   |
|   | Thereafter | <u>(152,178)</u>            |
|   |            | <u><b>\$(8,542,314)</b></u> |

**Actuarial Assumptions**

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

**Summary of Actuarial Assumptions:**

- Valuation Date: September 30, 2023
- Actuarial Cost Method: Entry Age, Normal
- Wage inflation rate: 2.75%
- Investment Rate of Return: 6.00% net of investment expenses

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- Projected Salary Increases: 2.75 – 11.55%, including wage inflation of 2.75%
- Healthcare Cost Trend Rate: Pre-65: 7.25% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15; Post-65: 6.50% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15
- Mortality:
  - Retirees: PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables, scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
  - Active: PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables, scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

*Other Assumptions:*

- Opt Out Assumption: 21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan.
- Survivor Coverage: 80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death.
- Coverage Election at Retirement: 75% of male and 60% of female future retirees are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2024 is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2023, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.

Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years is 6.2834.

Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000.

Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2024 MPSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report found on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

**Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets**

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class                          | Target Allocation | Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return* |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Domestic Equity Pools                | 25.0 %            | 5.3%                                    |
| Private Equity Pools                 | 16.0              | 9.0%                                    |
| International Equity                 | 15.0              | 6.5%                                    |
| Fixed Income Pools                   | 13.0              | 2.0%                                    |
| Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools | 10.0              | 7.1%                                    |
| Absolute Return Pools                | 9.0               | 5.2%                                    |
| Real Return/Opportunistic Pools      | 10.0              | 6.9%                                    |
| Short Term Investment Pools          | 2.0               | 1.4%                                    |
|                                      | <b>100.0%</b>     |   |

*\*Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.3% inflation.*

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**Rate of Return**

For the plan year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 15.45%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

**Discount Rate**

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability or Asset to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using the discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability or asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher:

| 1% Decrease    | Current        | 1% Increase    |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5.00%          | 6.00%          | 7.00%          |
| \$ (6,230,567) | \$ (8,062,241) | \$ (9,645,918) |

**Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability or Asset to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate**

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability or asset calculated using assumed trend rates, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability or asset would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

| 1% Decrease    | Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate | 1% Increase    |
|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| \$ (9,645,935) | \$ (8,062,241)                     | \$ (6,363,739) |

**OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2024 MPSERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, available on the ORS website at [www.michigan.gov/orsschools](http://www.michigan.gov/orsschools).

**Payables to the OPEB Plan**

There were no significant payables to the OPEB plan that are not ordinary accruals to the School District.

**Note 13 - Contingent Liabilities**

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subjected to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of costs which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the School District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial. A separate report on federal compliance has been issued for the year June 30, 2025.

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**Note 14 - Tax Abatements**

The School District receives reduced property tax revenues as a result of Industrial Facilities Tax exemptions and Brownfield Redevelopment Agreements granted by the City of Trenton. Industrial facility exemptions are intended to promote construction of new industrial facilities, or to rehabilitate historical facilities; Brownfield redevelopment agreements are intended to reimburse taxpayers that remediate environmental contamination on their properties.

There are no significant abatements made by the School District.

**Note 15 - Changes Within the Financial Reporting Entity, Change in Accounting Principle**

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District had a fund that was reported as either major or nonmajor in the prior year were required to have a presentation change in the current year. These changes are shown in the financial statements as follows:

|                                       | Debt Service<br>Fund | Nonmajor<br>Governmental<br>Funds |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| June 30, 2024, as previously reported | \$ -                 | \$ 2,826,260                      |
| Adjustments:                          |                      |                                   |
| Change from nonmajor to major fund    | <u>417,676</u>       | <u>(417,676)</u>                  |
| June 30, 2024, as adjusted            | <u>\$ 417,676</u>    | <u>\$ 2,408,584</u>               |

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District restated net position as the result of adopting GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*. This change is shown in the financial statements as follows:

|  | <u>Governmental<br/>Activities</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Net Position - June 30, 2024, as previously reported | \$(57,224,357)                     |
| Adjustments:   |                                    |
| Change in beginning compensated absences             | <u>(1,790,967)</u>                 |
| Net Position - June 30, 2024, as adjusted            | <u>\$ (59,015,324)</u>             |

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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|  | Budgeted Amounts   |                    |                   | Over<br>(Under)<br>Budget |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Original           | Final              | Actual            |                           |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                      |                    |                    |                   |                           |
| Local sources  | \$ 5,809,960       | \$ 6,424,624       | \$ 6,961,683      | \$ 537,059                |
| State sources  | 29,503,906         | 33,212,769         | 32,368,905        | (843,864)                 |
| Federal sources                                      | 2,243,209          | 1,401,898          | 1,352,369         | (49,529)                  |
| Total revenues                                       | <u>37,557,075</u>  | <u>41,039,291</u>  | <u>40,682,957</u> | <u>(356,334)</u>          |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                  |                    |                    |                   |                           |
| Instruction  |                    |                    |                   |                           |
| Basic programs                                       | 18,681,145         | 18,847,210         | 18,341,036        | (506,174)                 |
| Added needs  | 4,565,152          | 5,151,904          | 4,849,059         | (302,845)                 |
| Supporting services                                  |                    |                    |                   |                           |
| Pupil  | 3,048,008          | 3,722,850          | 2,956,349         | (766,501)                 |
| Instructional staff                                  | 1,700,699          | 1,844,080          | 1,803,018         | (41,062)                  |
| General administration                               | 621,703            | 695,231            | 675,430           | (19,801)                  |
| School administration                                | 2,242,529          | 2,114,049          | 2,073,989         | (40,060)                  |
| Business   | 578,263            | 654,922            | 639,846           | (15,076)                  |
| Operations and maintenance                           | 4,408,093          | 4,420,177          | 4,044,307         | (375,870)                 |
| Pupil transportation services                        | 1,341,993          | 1,241,418          | 1,195,568         | (45,850)                  |
| Central  | 1,203,013          | 1,338,318          | 1,266,435         | (71,883)                  |
| Athletic activities                                  | 638,036            | 880,273            | 804,786           | (75,487)                  |
| Other  | 16,500             | 20,500             | 19,667            | (833)                     |
| Community services                                   | 296,689            | 327,244            | 301,025           | (26,219)                  |
| Intergovernmental payments                           | 210,832            | 324,235            | 312,364           | (11,871)                  |
| Capital outlay                                       | 118,740            | 420,510            | 328,550           | (91,960)                  |
| Debt service   |                    |                    |                   |                           |
| Principal  | 30,680             | 30,680             | 29,941            | (739)                     |
| Interest and fiscal charges                          | 29,000             | 29,000             | 8,351             | (20,649)                  |
| Total expenditures                                   | <u>39,731,075</u>  | <u>42,062,601</u>  | <u>39,649,721</u> | <u>(2,412,880)</u>        |
| Excess (deficiency) of<br>revenues over expenditures | <u>(2,174,000)</u> | <u>(1,023,310)</u> | <u>1,033,236</u>  | <u>2,056,546</u>          |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

|                                       | Budgeted Amounts    |                     |                     | Over<br>(Under)<br>Budget |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
|                                       | Original            | Final               | Actual              |                           |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b> |                     |                     |                     |                           |
| Insurance recoveries                  | 66,000              | 139,500             | 139,500             | -                         |
| Transfers out                         | (348,303)           | (294,035)           | (294,034)           | (1)                       |
| Total other financing sources (uses)  | <u>(282,303)</u>    | <u>(154,535)</u>    | <u>(154,534)</u>    | <u>(1)</u>                |
| Net change in fund balances           | (2,456,303)         | (1,177,845)         | 878,702             | 2,056,545                 |
| Fund balance - beginning              | 7,148,987           | 7,148,987           | 7,148,987           | -                         |
| Fund balance - ending                 | <u>\$ 4,692,684</u> | <u>\$ 5,971,142</u> | <u>\$ 8,027,689</u> | <u>\$ 2,056,545</u>       |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years (Measurement Date September 30th, of Each June Fiscal Year)**

|  | June 30,      |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2025          | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          | 2019          | 2018          | 2017          | 2016          |
| A. School District's proportion of the net pension liability (%)   | 0.1890%       | 0.1931%       | 0.1950%       | 0.1899%       | 0.1879%       | 0.1918%       | 0.1934%       | 0.1945%       | 0.1917%       | 0.1920%       |
| B. School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability  | \$ 46,258,886 | \$ 62,483,500 | \$ 73,322,151 | \$ 44,955,394 | \$ 65,161,554 | \$ 63,511,618 | \$ 58,130,573 | \$ 50,399,189 | \$ 47,834,133 | \$ 46,899,849 |
| C. School District's covered payroll   | \$ 19,840,209 | \$ 19,468,657 | \$ 18,718,600 | \$ 17,312,873 | \$ 16,691,355 | \$ 16,765,127 | \$ 16,582,011 | \$ 16,362,378 | \$ 16,092,358 | \$ 15,945,274 |
| D. School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll | 233.16%       | 320.94%       | 391.71%       | 259.66%       | 390.39%       | 378.83%       | 350.56%       | 308.02%       | 297.25%       | 294.13%       |
| E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability                                    | 74.44%        | 65.91%        | 60.77%        | 72.60%        | 59.72%        | 60.31%        | 62.36%        | 64.21%        | 63.27%        | 63.17%        |

**Note Disclosures**

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in plan fiscal year 2024.

Changes of benefit assumptions: There were no changes of benefit assumptions in plan fiscal year 2024.

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of the School District's Pension Contributions**  
**Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

|  | For the Years Ended June 30, |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | 2025                         | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          | 2019          | 2018          | 2017          | 2016          |
| A. Statutorily required contributions                              | \$ 7,772,211                 | \$ 7,797,722  | \$ 6,888,742  | \$ 6,479,514  | \$ 5,689,651  | \$ 5,334,353  | \$ 5,077,653  | \$ 4,915,904  | \$ 3,252,408  | \$ 3,284,967  |
| B. Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions | 7,772,211                    | 7,797,722     | 6,888,742     | 6,479,514     | 5,689,651     | 5,334,353     | 5,077,653     | 4,915,904     | 3,252,408     | 3,284,967     |
| C. Contribution deficiency (excess)                                | \$ -                         | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          |
| D. School District's covered payroll                               | \$ 20,927,363                | \$ 18,867,773 | \$ 19,117,925 | \$ 18,159,344 | \$ 17,196,712 | \$ 16,733,998 | \$ 16,582,011 | \$ 16,366,920 | \$ 16,973,667 | \$ 16,583,286 |
| E. Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                | 37.14%                       | 41.33%        | 36.03%        | 35.68%        | 33.09%        | 31.88%        | 30.62%        | 30.04%        | 19.16%        | 19.81%        |

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)**  
**Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years (Measurement Date September 30th, of Each June Fiscal Year)**

|   | June 30,       |                |              |              |               |               |               |               |      |      |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
|   | 2025           | 2024           | 2023         | 2022         | 2021          | 2020          | 2019          | 2018          | 2017 | 2016 |
| A. School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset) (%)   | 0.1873%        | 0.1884%        | 0.1962%      | 0.1915%      | 0.1883%       | 0.1918%       | 0.1917%       | 0.1940%       |      |      |
| B. School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)  | \$ (8,062,241) | \$ (1,065,861) | \$ 4,156,185 | \$ 2,923,369 | \$ 10,085,775 | \$ 13,770,801 | \$ 15,243,643 | \$ 17,175,421 |      |      |
| C. School District's covered payroll  | \$19,840,209   | \$19,468,657   | \$18,718,600 | \$17,312,873 | \$16,691,355  | \$16,765,127  | \$16,582,011  | \$16,362,378  |      |      |
| D. School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll | -40.64%        | -5.47%         | 22.20%       | 16.89%       | 60.43%        | 82.14%        | 91.93%        | 104.97%       |      |      |
| E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability (asset)                                    | 143.08%        | 105.04%        | 83.09%       | 87.33%       | 59.44%        | 48.46%        | 42.95%        | 36.39%        |      |      |

**Note Disclosures**

Changes of benefit terms: There were no changes of benefit terms in plan fiscal year 2024.

Changes of benefit assumptions: There were no changes of benefit assumptions in plan fiscal year 2024.

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**Trenton Public Schools**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**Schedule of the School District's OPEB Contributions**  
**Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Plan**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**

|  | For the Years Ended June 30, |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |      |      |
|--|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------|------|
|  | 2025                         | 2024          | 2023          | 2022          | 2021          | 2020          | 2019          | 2018          | 2017 | 2016 |
| A. Statutorily required contributions                              | \$ 377,330                   | \$ 1,537,275  | \$ 1,440,359  | \$ 1,436,862  | \$ 1,412,188  | \$ 1,337,662  | \$ 1,303,854  | \$ 1,211,473  |      |      |
| B. Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions | 377,330                      | 1,537,275     | 1,440,359     | 1,436,862     | 1,412,188     | 1,337,662     | 1,303,854     | 1,211,473     |      |      |
| C. Contribution deficiency (excess)                                | \$ -                         | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          | \$ -          |      |      |
| D. School District's covered payroll                               | \$ 20,927,363                | \$ 18,867,773 | \$ 19,117,925 | \$ 18,159,344 | \$ 18,159,344 | \$ 17,196,712 | \$ 16,582,011 | \$ 16,366,920 |      |      |
| E. Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll                | 1.80%                        | 8.15%         | 7.53%         | 7.91%         | 7.78%         | 7.78%         | 7.86%         | 7.40%         |      |      |

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**APPENDIX E**  
**FORM OF APPROVING OPINION**

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## FORM OF APPROVING OPINION

### **Trenton Public Schools**

County of Wayne  
State of Michigan

We have acted as bond counsel to the Trenton Public Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer") in connection with the issuance by the Issuer of bonds in the aggregate principal sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ designated 2026 Refunding Bonds (Unlimited Tax General Obligation) (the "Bonds"). In such capacity, we have examined such law and the transcript of proceedings relating to the issuance of the Bonds and such other proceedings, certifications and documents as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion.

The Bonds are in fully-registered form in the denomination of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof, numbered in order of registration, bearing original issue date of March \_\_, 2026, payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Bonds. The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity as set forth in the Bonds.

As to questions of fact material to our opinion, we have relied on the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials and others furnished to us.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that, under existing law:

1. The Bonds have been duly authorized and executed by the Issuer and are valid and binding obligations of the Issuer.

2. All taxable property within the boundaries of the Issuer is subject to taxation for payment of the Bonds, without limitation as to rate or amount.

3. The interest on the Bonds (a) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and (b) is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax. Further, the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation by the State of Michigan or by any taxing authority within the State of Michigan except estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. The opinions set forth in this paragraph are subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be (or continue to be) excludable from gross income for federal and

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Trenton Public Schools

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March \_\_, 2026

State of Michigan income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements could cause the interest on the Bonds to be included in gross income retroactively to the date of issuance of the Bonds.

4. The Bonds have been qualified by the State Treasurer under Article IX, Section 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Act 92, Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended. As a result of such qualification, if for any reason the Issuer will be or is unable to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, then the Issuer shall borrow, and the State of Michigan shall loan to the Issuer, an amount sufficient to enable the Issuer to make the payment.

Except as stated in paragraph 3 above, we express no opinion regarding other federal or State tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds and the interest thereon.

The rights or remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally, now existing or hereafter enacted, and by the application of general principles of equity, including those relating to equitable subordination.

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.

Very truly yours,

**APPENDIX F**  
**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

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## **FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

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TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
2026 REFUNDING BONDS  
(UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the “Undertaking”) is executed and delivered by the Trenton Public Schools, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the “School District”) in connection with the issuance of its 2026 Refunding Bonds (Unlimited Tax General Obligation) (the “Bonds”). The School District covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Bondholders, as hereinafter defined, as follows:

(a) *Definitions.* The following terms used herein shall have the following meanings:

“Audited Financial Statements” means the annual audited financial statement pertaining to the School District prepared by an individual or firm of independent certified public accountants as required by Act 2, Public Acts of Michigan, 1968, as amended, which presently requires preparation in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

“Bondholders” shall mean the registered owner of any Bond or any person (a) with the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bond (including any person holding a Bond through a nominee, depository or other intermediary) or (b) treated as the owner of any Bond for federal income tax purposes.

“EMMA” shall mean the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access system or such other system, Internet Web Site, or repository hereafter prescribed by the MSRB for the submission of electronic filings pursuant to the Rule.

“Financial Obligation” means “financial obligation” as such term is defined in the Rule.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“Rule” means Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as in effect on the date of this Undertaking, including any official interpretations thereof issued either before or after the date of this Undertaking which are applicable to this Undertaking.

“SEC” means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

(b) *Continuing Disclosure.* The School District hereby agrees, in accordance with the provisions of the Rule, to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB through EMMA on or before the last day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month after the end of its fiscal year the following annual financial information and operating data, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB:

(1) Certain annual financial information and operating data reasonably available to the School District in form and substance similar to the information contained in the official statement of the School District relating to the Bonds (the "Official Statement") appearing in the tables or under the headings in the Official Statement as described below:

- a. ENROLLMENT – Historical Enrollment;
- b. STATE AID PAYMENTS;
- c. PROPERTY VALUATIONS – History of Valuations;
- d. MAJOR TAXPAYERS;
- e. SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES (per \$1,000 of Valuation);
- f. TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS;
- g. RETIREMENT PLAN – Contribution to MPSERS;
- h. DEBT STATEMENT – DIRECT DEBT;
- i. SCHOOL LOAN REVOLVING FUND (SLRF) PROGRAM, balance, if any;
- j. LEGAL DEBT MARGIN; and
- k. General Fund Budget Summary - current year only, in Appendix C.

(2) The Audited Financial Statements. Provided, however, that if the Audited Financial Statements are not available by the date specified above, they shall be provided when available and unaudited financial statements will be filed by such date and the Audited Financial Statements will be filed as soon as possible.

Such annual financial information and operating data described above are expected to be provided directly by the School District or by specific reference to other documents available to the public through EMMA or filed with the SEC, including official statements of debt issues of the School District or related public entities.

If the fiscal year of the School District is changed, the School District shall send a notice of such change to the MSRB through EMMA, prior to the earlier of the ending date of the fiscal year prior to such change or the ending date of the fiscal year as changed.

(c) *Notice of Failure to Disclose.* The School District agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner, to the MSRB through EMMA, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, notice of a failure by the School District to provide the annual financial information with respect to the School District described in subsection (b) above on or prior to the dates set forth in subsection (b) above.

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Trenton Public Schools 2026 Refunding Bonds

(d) *Occurrence of Events.* The School District agrees to provide or cause to be provided to the MSRB through EMMA, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events listed in (b)(5)(i)(C) of the Rule with respect to the Bonds:

- (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 Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of holders of the Bonds, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District, which is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for the School 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 School 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 School District;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING  
Trenton Public Schools 2026 Refunding Bonds

similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the School District, any of which affect security holders, if material; or

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

(e) *Materiality Determined Under Federal Securities Laws.* The School District agrees that its determination of whether any event listed in subsection (d) is material shall be made in accordance with federal securities laws.

(f) *Termination of Reporting Obligation.* The obligation of the School District to provide annual financial information and notices of material events, as set forth above, shall be terminated if and when the School District no longer remains an “obligated person” with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule, including upon legal defeasance of all Bonds.

(g) *Identifying Information.* All documents provided to the MSRB through EMMA shall be accompanied by the identifying information prescribed by the MSRB.

(h) *Benefit of Bondholders.* The School District agrees that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule, set forth in this Undertaking, is intended to be for the benefit of the Bondholders and shall be enforceable by any Bondholder; provided that, the right to enforce the provisions of this Undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific enforcement of the School District’s obligations hereunder and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of this Undertaking shall not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the Bonds.

(i) *Amendments to the Undertaking.* Amendments may be made in the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the School District, provided that the School District agrees that any such amendment will be adopted procedurally and substantively in a manner consistent with the Rule, including any interpretations thereof by the SEC, which, to the extent applicable, are incorporated herein by reference. Such interpretations currently include the requirements that (a) the amendment may only be made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, change in law, or change in the identity, nature, or status of the School District or the type of activities conducted thereby, (b) the undertaking, as amended, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, and (c) the amendment does not materially impair the interests of Bondholders, as determined by parties unaffiliated with the School District (such as independent legal counsel), but such interpretations may be changed in the future. If the accounting principles to be followed by the School District in the preparing of the Audited Financial Statements are modified, the annual financial information for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements as prepared on the prior basis and the statements as prepared on the new basis, and otherwise shall comply with the requirements of the Rule, in order to provide information to investors to enable them to evaluate the ability of the School District to meet its obligations. A notice of the change in accounting principles shall be sent to the MSRB through EMMA.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING  
Trenton Public Schools 2026 Refunding Bonds

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the School District has caused this Undertaking to be executed by its authorized officer.

**TRENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
County of Wayne  
State of Michigan

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: March \_\_, 2026

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