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In the opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, under existing law, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. The Bonds and the interest or other income thereon or with respect thereto shall be exempt from all income tax or other taxation in the State of Louisiana. See "TAX EXEMPTION" herein and Appendix "F" attached hereto.

\$25,000,000  
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025  
EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA

**Dated: Date of Delivery** **Due: March 1, as shown below**

The referenced General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds") of the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer") are being initially issued as fully registered bonds without coupons in denominations of \$5,000 each, or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity, and when issued will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. Purchases of the Bonds may be made only in book-entry form in authorized denominations by credit to participating broker-dealers and other institutions on the books of DTC as described herein. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable by Argent Trust Company, in the City of Ruston, Louisiana, or any successor paying agent (the "Paying Agent") to DTC, which will remit such payments in accordance with its normal procedures, as described herein. Interest on the Bonds is payable on March 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

The Bonds maturing March 1, 2036, and thereafter, are callable for redemption by the Issuer in full or in part at any time on or after March 1, 2035, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. The Bonds are not required to be redeemed in the inverse order of maturity. The Bonds may be subject to mandatory redemption as set forth herein.

**The Bonds are secured by and payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxation, as described herein.** The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (i) financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the Issuer, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, including, to the extent feasible, those specific school projects set forth in the "Capital Improvement Plan" approved by the School Board on January 14, 2025, title to which shall be in the public, and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds constitute the first emission of bonds authorized at an election held in the Issuer on May 3, 2025.

MATURITY SCHEDULE\*  
(Base CUSIP No. \_\_\_\_\_)†

Due March 1	Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP†	Due March 1	Amount	Interest Rate	Initial Offering Price	CUSIP†
2026	\$745,000	—%	—	—	2036	\$1,230,000	—%	—	—
2027	785,000	—	—	—	2037	1,295,000	—	—	—
2028	825,000	—	—	—	2038	1,360,000	—	—	—
2029	865,000	—	—	—	2039	1,430,000	—	—	—
2030	910,000	—	—	—	2040	1,500,000	—	—	—
2031	955,000	—	—	—	2041	1,580,000	—	—	—
2032	1,055,000	—	—	—	2042	1,660,000	—	—	—
2033	1,060,000	—	—	—	2043	1,745,000	—	—	—
2034	1,115,000	—	—	—	2044	1,835,000	—	—	—
2035	1,170,000	—	—	—	2045	1,930,000	—	—	—

(Certain maturities may be combined into term bonds.)

The Bonds are offered when, as and if delivered, subject to the approving opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., New Orleans, Louisiana, Bond Counsel. Argent Advisors, Inc., Ruston, Louisiana, serves as Municipal Advisor to the Issuer in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel Jones Walker LLP, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. It is expected that the Bonds will be delivered in New Orleans, Louisiana, and will be available for delivery to DTC in New York, New York, on or about July 22, 2025, against payment therefor.



The date of this Official Statement is \_\_\_\_\_, 2025. This cover page contains 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 information contained in this Official Statement may include forward looking statements by using forward-looking words such as "may," "will," "should," "expects," "believes," "anticipates," "estimates," "budgets" or others. The reader is cautioned that forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from the projected results. Those risks and uncertainties include general economic and business conditions, and various other factors which are beyond the control of the Issuer.

This Official Statement contains projections of revenues, expenditures and other matters. Because the Issuer cannot predict all factors that may affect future decisions, actions, events or financial circumstances, what actually happens may be different from what is included in forward-looking statements.

THE BONDS HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED, NOR HAS THE BOND RESOLUTION BEEN QUALIFIED UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939, AS AMENDED, IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH ACTS. THE REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION OF THE BONDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES IN WHICH THE BONDS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED OR QUALIFIED AND THE EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION IN OTHER STATES CANNOT BE REGARDED AS A RECOMMENDATION THEREOF. NEITHER THESE STATES NOR ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES HAVE PASSED UPON THE MERITS OF THE BONDS OR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY MAY BE A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. IN MAKING AN INVESTMENT DECISION, INVESTORS MUST RELY ON THEIR EXAMINATIONS OF THE ISSUER AND TERMS OF THE OFFERING, INCLUDING THE MERITS AND RISKS INVOLVED.

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The prices and other terms respecting the offering and sale of the Bonds may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter after the Bonds are released for sale, and the Bonds may be offered and sold at prices other than the initial offering prices, including sales to dealers who may sell the Bonds into investment accounts. In connection with the offering of the Bonds, the Underwriter may over allot or effect transactions which 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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## **PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

**\$25,000,000**

### **GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

#### **EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This Official Statement of the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (herein sometimes referred to either as the "Issuer" or the "District"), provides information with respect to the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). This Official Statement contains summaries of certain provisions of the resolution adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), the governing authority of the Issuer, on May 13, 2025, as supplemented by a resolution to be adopted on July 8, 2025, pursuant to which the Bonds are being issued (collectively, the "Bond Resolution").

The Ouachita Parish School System (the "Parish System") includes all of the area within Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish"), less and except the area included in the Monroe City School System (the "City System"). The Parish System (School District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish) is divided into the East Ouachita Parish School District (which includes the area of the Parish outside the City of Monroe on the east bank of the Ouachita River) and the West Ouachita Parish School District (which includes the area of the parish on the west bank of the Ouachita River) pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Governing Authority on March 24, 1975. The District is located in the northeastern portion of the State of Louisiana (the "State") and has an area of approximately 250 square miles. The Parish has an estimated population of 157,568. The District includes the incorporated municipalities of Richwood (3,840) and Sterlington (2,045).

Brief descriptions of the Issuer, the Bonds, the Bond Resolution, the Act (hereinafter defined) and other proceedings are contained in this Official Statement, and reference to such matters is qualified by reference to such entity, act, resolution, or proceeding so referred to or summarized.

Additional information about the Issuer is included in Appendix "A" attached hereto. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Governing Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, is included by reference in Appendix "B" attached hereto. The proposed form of legal opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, is included in Appendix "F" attached hereto.

Reference in this Official Statement to owner, holder, registered owner, Bondholder or Bondowner means the registered owner of the Bonds determined in accordance with the Bond Resolution.

### **PURPOSE OF ISSUE**

The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of (i) financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the Issuer, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, including, to the extent feasible, those specific school projects set forth in the "Capital Improvement Plan" approved by the School Board on January 14, 2025, title to which shall be in the public; and (ii) paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds.

## **THE BONDS**

### **Amount of Bonds Authorized**

Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000) of general obligation school bonds of the Issuer were authorized to be issued in an election held in the Issuer on May 3, 2025 (the "Election"). See "THE BONDS – Results of Election" herein.

### **Amount of Bonds Being Issued**

Twenty-Five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000) of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 of the Issuer are being issued, constituting the first emission of bonds authorized to be issued at the Election.

### **Date of Issue**

The Bonds are dated as of the date of delivery, which is anticipated to be July 22, 2025.

### **Average Life**

The average life of the Bonds is approximately 11.816\* years from their dated date.

### **Paying Agent**

Argent Trust Company in the City of Ruston, Louisiana (the "Paying Agent"), is designated as the initial paying agent for the bonds pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

### **Purchase of Bonds**

The Bonds are being purchased by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (the "Underwriter"). See "UNDERWRITING" herein.

### **Authority for Issue**

The Bonds are authorized under Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 (the "Constitution"), Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (the "Act"), and other constitutional and statutory authority.

### **Security for Issue**

The Bonds are general obligations of the Issuer for which its full faith and credit is pledged to the payment thereof. The Bonds are payable from the annual levy and collection of unlimited *ad valorem* taxes on all the taxable property within the boundaries of the Issuer sufficient to pay the Bonds in principal and interest as they mature.

Article VI, Section 33(B) of Constitution, provides as follows:

*Full Faith and Credit. The full faith and credit of a political subdivision is hereby pledged to the payment of general obligation bonds issued by it under this constitution or the statute or proceedings pursuant to which they are issued. The governing authority of the issuing political subdivision shall levy and collect or cause to be levied and collected on all taxable*

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\* Preliminary. Subject to change.



*property in the political subdivision ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay principal and interest and redemption premiums, if any, on such bonds as they mature.*

Section 39:521(D) of the Act provides as follows:

*(1) The full faith and credit of the government entity is hereby pledged to the payment of general obligation bonds issued by such governmental entity under this Part. The governing authority of any governmental entity issuing general obligation bonds under this Part shall impose and collect annually, for as long as any of its general obligation bonds are outstanding and unpaid, in excess of all other taxes and without limit as to rate or amount, a tax on all property subject to taxation by the governmental entity sufficient to pay the interest and the principal falling due each year, or such amount as may be required for any sinking fund necessary to retire said bonds at maturity. The tax shall be levied and collected, for as long as any of its general obligation bonds are outstanding and unpaid by the same officers, at the same time, and in the same manner as the general taxes of the governmental entity and, except as provided in Paragraph (6) of this Subsection, may be expended solely for payment of debt service on such bonds and administrative expenses relating thereto, such as trustee or paying agent fees and other costs directly related to the administration of such bonds. Should the governmental entity neglect or fail for any reason to impose or collect sufficient taxes for the payment of the principal or interest of any bonds issued hereunder, any person in interest may enforce imposition and collection thereof in any court having jurisdiction of the subject matter, and any suit, action, or proceeding brought by such person in interest shall be a preferred cause, and shall be heard and disposed of without delay.*

*(2) For the purpose of reducing the overall tax burden on taxpayers and easing the administrative burden of accounting for separate tax levies, any governmental entity with more than one outstanding issue or series of general obligation bonds shall levy a single unified tax for the payment of all of such issues or series.*

*(3) As additional security for the owners of general obligation bonds issued by any special service district that has been created by a parish or municipal governing authority pursuant to a general state law, if there is any default in the imposition and collection of any tax required for the payment of the principal or interest of any general obligation bonds issued by such special service district, then the governing authority of the municipality or parish that created the special service district shall impose and the taxing officers of the parish in which the special service district is situated shall collect at the same time and in the same manner as taxes for parish purposes are imposed and collected, such tax on the taxable property of the special service district as shall be necessary for the payment of the principal and interest on the general obligation bonds of such special service district.*

*(4) All the articles and provisions of the Constitution of Louisiana, and all the laws in force or that may be enacted on and after July 1, 2018, regulating and relating to the collection of taxes and tax sales shall also apply to and regulate the collection of the special taxes imposed under the provisions of this Part, through the officer whose duty it is to collect the taxes and monies due the subdivision imposing the special taxes.*

*(5) As additional security for the owners of all general obligation bonds issued by any governmental entity, in the event of any default in the imposition and collection of the taxes required for the payment of such bonds the taxing officers of the state are further authorized and directed to impose and collect the taxes, and shall certify the same, and cause the same to be imposed and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the taxes for state purposes are imposed and collected in the subdivision incurring the debt.*

Section 39:510 of the Act provides as follows:

*Any governmental entity that has issued bonds under this Part shall notify the State Bond Commission in writing when:*

- (1) Any required deposit to any debt service sinking fund in connection with such bonds has not been made within five business days of when due.*
- (2) The principal, interest, premium, or any other payment due on such bonds has not been made within five business days of when due.*

### **Security Interest**

The Issuer in the Bond Resolution pledges the revenues of the special, unlimited *ad valorem* tax referenced above as security for the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Security for Issue" herein. Pursuant to the Constitution, the proceeds of such tax may only be used to pay debt service on the Bonds. The Act provides that the revenues of such tax so pledged shall be subject to the lien of such pledge, as follows:

*"It is the intention of the legislature that bonds issued by a governmental entity under this Part, or under any other statutory authority referenced herein, shall be secured debt entitled to the highest possible protection and priority afforded by the bankruptcy laws of the United States and this state. Therefore, the owner or owners of any such bonds are hereby granted and shall have a statutory lien on and a security interest in such taxes, income, revenues, net revenues, monies, payments, receipts, agreements, contract rights, funds, or accounts as are pledged to the payment of such bonds, to the fullest extent and in the manner stated in this Part and in the proceedings authorizing such bonds, and any pledge or grant of a lien or security interest in such taxes, income, revenues, net revenues, monies, payments, receipts, agreements, contract rights, funds, or accounts made by a governmental entity in connection with the issuance of bonds shall be valid, binding, and perfected from the time when the pledge or grant of lien or security interest is made. Such taxes, income, revenues, net revenues, monies, payments, receipts, agreements, contract rights, funds, or accounts shall be immediately subject to the lien of such pledge and security interest without any physical delivery therefor or further act and the lien of such pledge and security interest shall be first priority and valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract, bankruptcy, or otherwise against the governmental entity, whether or not such parties have notice thereof. The owner or owners of bonds shall be secured creditors with respect to such taxes, income, revenues, net revenues, monies, payments, receipts, agreements, contract rights, funds, or accounts, as the case may be."*

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 39:1430.1 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the revenues of the tax so pledged and then or thereafter received by the Issuer or the Paying Agent shall be subject to the lien of such pledge.

Pursuant to the Act and Section 39:1430.1, no filing with respect to said lien is required under Chapter 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in the State.

The Issuer makes no guarantee with respect to the enforceability of said lien in certain circumstances. See "INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS – Difficulties in Enforcing Remedies" herein.

### **Results of Election**

The Bonds were authorized by the voters of the District at the Election with the following results:

<b>Number of votes FOR</b>	<b>883</b>
<b>Number of votes AGAINST</b>	<b>667</b>

The following proposition was approved by the voters at the Election:

**PROPOSITION  
(BOND)**

"Shall East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "District"), incur debt and issue bonds to the amount of not exceeding \$50,000,000, in one or more series, to run not exceeding 20 years from date thereof, with interest at a rate of not exceeding 7% per annum, for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the District, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, including, to the extent feasible, those specific school projects set forth in the "Capital Improvement Plan" approved by the School Board on January 14, 2025, title to which shall be in the public; which bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes to be levied and collected in the manner provided by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974 and statutory authority supplemental thereto, with no estimated increase in the millage rate to be levied in the first year of issue above the 36 mills currently being levied to pay General Obligation Bonds of the District?"

**Form and Denomination**

The Bonds are initially issuable as fully registered bonds in "book-entry" only form and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, and purchasers of the Bonds will not receive certificates representing their interest in the Bonds purchased. See Appendix "H" attached hereto. The Bonds are being issued in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity.

**Maturities; Interest Payment Dates**

The Bonds mature on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts indicated on the cover of this Official Statement and bear interest from the dated date, payable on March 1 and September 1 of each year, commencing March 1, 2026 (each an "Interest Payment Date"), at the rates per annum indicated on the cover hereof. The Bonds shall bear interest from the date thereof or from the most recent Interest Payment Date to which interest has been paid or duly provided for.

**Record Date**

The record date with respect to the Bonds shall be the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date (the "Record Date").

**Provisions Applicable if Book-Entry Only System is Terminated**

*General.* Purchasers of Bonds will receive principal and interest payments, and may transfer and exchange Bonds, pursuant to the following provisions only if the book-entry only system is terminated. Otherwise, payments and transfers will be made only as described under Appendix "H" attached hereto.

*Place of Payment.* The Bonds will be payable at the principal corporate trust office of the Paying Agent in the City of Ruston, Louisiana, or at the office of any successor thereto.

*Payment of Interest.* Upon discontinuation of the book-entry only system, interest on the Bonds will be payable by check mailed on or before the Interest Payment Date by the Paying Agent to the registered owner, determined as of the close of business on the Record Date, at the address of such registered owner as it appears on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

The person in whose name any Bond is registered at the close of business on the Record Date with respect to an Interest Payment Date (unless such Bond has been called for redemption on a redemption date which is prior to such Interest Payment Date) shall be entitled to receive the interest payable with respect to such Interest Payment Date notwithstanding the cancellation of such Bond upon any registration of transfer or exchange thereof subsequent to such Record Date and prior to such Interest Payment Date.

*Provisions for Transfer, Registration and Assignment.* The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the registration books of the Paying Agent, and such registration shall be at the expense of the Issuer. A Bond may be assigned by the execution of an assignment form on the Bonds or by other instruments of transfer and assignment acceptable to the Paying Agent. A new Bond or Bonds of the same series will be delivered by the Paying Agent to the last assignee (the new registered owner) in exchange for such transferred and assigned Bonds after receipt of the Bonds to be transferred in proper form. Such new Bond or Bonds must be in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof within a single maturity. Neither the Issuer nor the Paying Agent shall be required to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month next preceding an Interest Payment Date and ending at the close of business on the Interest Payment Date.

## **Redemption Provisions**

*Optional Redemption.* The Bonds maturing March 1, 2036, and thereafter, shall be callable for redemption by the Issuer in full, or in part, at any time, on or after March 1, 2035, and if less than a full maturity, then by lot within such maturity, at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. The Bonds are not required to be redeemed in inverse order of maturity.

In the event a Bond to be redeemed is of a denomination larger than \$5,000, a portion of such Bond (\$5,000 or any multiple thereof) may be redeemed. Official notice of such call of any of the Bonds for redemption will be given by means of (i) first class mail, postage prepaid, by notice deposited in the United States mails not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date or (ii) electronic transmission not less than twenty (20) days prior to the redemption date addressed to the registered owner of each bond to be redeemed at the address as shown on the registration books of the Paying Agent.

*Mandatory Redemption.* The Term Bond maturing on March 1, 20\_\_, shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption on March 1 in the years and in the principal amounts set forth below, plus accrued interest thereon:

<b>Year (March 1)</b>	<b>Principal Amount</b>
20__	\$____,000
20__	____,000
20__	____,000
20__	____,000
20__*	____,000

\* Final Maturity.

## Bonds May Be Defeased

Pursuant to Chapter 14 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, or any successor provisions thereto, and the Bond Resolution, the Bonds, in whole or in part, shall be defeased and shall be deemed to be paid and shall no longer be considered to be outstanding under the Bond Resolution, and the covenants, agreements, and obligations contained in the Bond Resolution with respect to such Bonds shall be discharged if one of the following shall occur:

- (1) There is deposited in an irrevocable trust with a bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor, or with a trust company, moneys in an amount sufficient to pay in full the principal of and interest and call premiums, if any, on such Bonds to their stated maturity.
- (2) There is deposited in an irrevocable trust with a bank which is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or its successor, or with a trust company, non-callable direct general obligations of the United States of America or obligations unconditionally guaranteed in principal and interest by the United States of America, including certificates or other evidence of an ownership interest in such non-callable direct obligations, which may consist of specified portions of interest thereon, such as those securities commonly known as CATS, TIGRS, and STRPS, the principal of and interest on which, when added to other moneys, if any, deposited therein, shall be sufficient to pay when due the principal of and interest and call premiums, if any, on such Bonds to their stated maturity.

Neither the obligations nor the moneys deposited in irrevocable trust nor the principal or interest payments on any such obligations shall be withdrawn or used for any purpose other than and shall be held in trust for the payment of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds defeased. The owners of the Bonds which are so defeased shall have an express lien on such moneys or governmental obligations until paid out, used, and applied as set forth above.

## Legal Debt Limit

Pursuant to the Act and Section 39:562 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the legal debt limit for general obligation bonds of certain school districts, with voter approval, is fifty percent (50%) of the assessed valuation thereof, including (i) homestead exempt property and (ii) nonexempt property. Information pertaining to the legal debt limit of the Issuer is shown below:

2024 Total Assessed Valuation ("Total AV")	\$459,624,656
50% of 2024 Total AV	\$229,812,328
Total principal outstanding G.O. Bonds	\$99,040,000*
Principal amount of proposed G.O. Bonds	\$25,000,000
Total principal amount of G.O. Bonds after delivery	\$124,040,000
Ratio of outstanding G.O. Bonds as percentage of 2024 Total AV	26.98%
Legal capacity for G.O. Bonds remaining after delivery	\$105,772,328

\* Figure as of June 2, 2025. The District has no principal payments scheduled on its outstanding general obligation school bonds prior to the anticipated delivery date of the Bonds.

## Secondary Market Information

There is no guarantee that a secondary trading market will develop for the Bonds. Consequently, prospective bond purchasers should be prepared to hold their Bonds to maturity or prior redemption. Subject to applicable securities laws and prevailing market conditions, the Underwriter intends, but is not obligated to make a market in the Bonds. As a result, owners of the Bonds may be unable to dispose of the Bonds should they no longer desire to own the Bonds. There can be no guarantee of the liquidity of the Bonds; consequently, prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be prepared to hold such bonds until maturity.

If such secondary market exists after the issuance of the Bonds, events such as decreases in benchmark interest rate indices, downward revisions or withdrawals of the rating on the Bonds or the Issuer, and general market turmoil, among others, may adversely affect the value of the Bonds on such secondary market. There is no guarantee that the owner of a Bond will not experience a loss of value of such Bond prior to maturity.

There can be no guarantee the rating assigned to the Bonds at the time of issuance will not be lowered or withdrawn at any time, the effect of which could adversely affect the market price for, and marketability of, the Bonds in the secondary market. See the information under "BOND RATING" herein.

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITY FOR THE BONDS

### Assessment Procedures

All taxable property in the State is required by law to be assessed annually at a percentage of its fair market value or use value by assessors elected for four year terms, except that public service property is assessed directly by the Louisiana Tax Commission (the "Tax Commission"). Property tax assessments are required to be equal and uniform throughout the State. Assessments fixed by the assessors are subject to review and revision by the Tax Commission which has the duty of equalizing and finally certifying the assessments. Prior to being certified, the tax rolls containing the assessments are open for public inspection and a local board of review is authorized to conduct public hearings thereon and to recommend changes to the Tax Commission.

The Constitution provides that the classifications of property subject to *ad valorem* taxation and the percentage of fair market value applicable to each classification for the purpose of determining assessed valuation are as follows:

<u>Classifications</u>	<u>Percentages</u>
1. Land	10%
2. Improvements for residential purposes	10%
3. Electric cooperative properties, excluding land	15%
4. Public service properties, excluding land	25%
5. Other Property	15%

Fair market values are determined by the assessors, subject to review and final certification by the Tax Commission. The Constitution also provides that agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to be assessed at 10% of "use" value.

Under the Constitution, the Parish assessor is required to appraise all property within the Parish at intervals of not more than four years. A reappraisal was last made for the 2024 tax year. To achieve uniformity in assessments, the Tax Commission has adopted guidelines for the assessors to follow in determining fair market values. The guidelines require real property to be reappraised and reassessed at least every four years; personal property, every year; intangible or incorporeal real or immovable property (defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2322 and 47:1702) at least every four years; intangible or incorporeal personal or movable property (defined in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1702), every year; and public service property shall be reassessed every year.

The Tax Commission is required by law to measure the level of appraisals or assessments and the degree of uniformity of assessments for each major class and type of property in each parish throughout the State. If the assessment levels of a parish or a district deviate by more than 10% from the percentage of fair market or use value required by the Constitution, the Tax Commission is required to order the assessor, within a period of one year to reappraise all property within the parish or a district or within one or more property classifications. The Tax Commission is to certify the assessments for the year in which the order is issued but the assessments for the following year shall not be certified until all deviations are corrected to conform to legal requirements.

All tax recipient agencies of *ad valorem* taxes of each and every parish of the State (the Parish of Orleans excepted), including the parish governing authority, school boards, levee districts, special districts, and municipalities, and all tax recipients of any nature whatsoever of *ad valorem* taxes in the Parish, except municipalities which prepare their own tax rolls, are required to furnish the assessor and the legislative auditor the authorizing ordinances or resolutions and the tax rate to be applied to the assessed values for *ad valorem* tax purposes not later than June 1 of each year.

By law, the assessor must finish the preparation and listing on the assessment lists of all real and personal property on or before July 1 of each year. The assessor must file the completed tax roll with the Tax Commission on or before November 15 of each year.

The Tax Commission may change or correct any and all assessments of property for the purposes of taxation during the year. Such changes may be made at any time before the taxes levied have actually been paid.

### **Fair Market Value**

The Assessed Value of the Issuer is primarily a product of the fair market value of the property located within the Issuer. The Tax Commission's regulations define "fair market value" as "the price for property which would be agreed upon between a willing and informed buyer and a willing and informed seller under usual and ordinary circumstances...." The fair market value of property could fluctuate, and may in fact decrease, due to various factors in a geographic area, many of which are outside the control of the Issuer. These may include, but are not limited to, its perceived desirability, general economy and cost of living, educational and employment opportunities, environmental resilience, flood and homeowner's insurance premiums, crime rates and other social factors. The Issuer cannot guarantee the stability of property values in the Parish; however, the Issuer is required to levy an *ad valorem* tax at such rate as may be necessary to service all of its outstanding general obligation bonds, including the Bonds. See "THE BONDS – Security for Issuer" herein.

### **Constitutional Amendments**

At various times, the voters of the State have approved amendments to the Constitution that affect the assessed value of and the levy and collection of *ad valorem* taxes in political subdivisions, including

the territory of the Issuer. Examples of recent amendments include a property tax assessment freeze for certain military and disabled persons and limited property tax exemptions for leased medical equipment, motor vehicles, consigned art and the surviving spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty. The Issuer cannot guarantee whether future amendments to the Constitution will be proposed or approved by voters.

### **Homestead Exemptions**

Homestead exemptions are reductions in the assessed value of property applicable to owner-occupied residences. Under the Constitution, the homestead exemption for all homeowners is currently \$7,500 of assessed valuation, except that the homestead exemption for certain homeowners (e.g., 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses) is \$15,000 of assessed valuation.

Approximately 14.44% of the total assessed valuation of the Issuer for 2024 represents homestead exempt property. The tax levied to service the Bonds will be subject to homestead exemption.

### **Tax Rate Adjustment**

The tax rate adjustment provisions of the Constitution and Section 47:1705 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, are not applicable to the *ad valorem* tax levied by the Issuer to service the Bonds.

**THE ISSUER IS REQUIRED EACH YEAR TO LEVY WITHOUT LIMITATION A SEPARATE *AD VALOREM* TAX AT SUCH RATE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON ALL OF ITS OUTSTANDING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. See "THE BONDS – Security for Issue" herein.**

### **Tax Collection Procedures**

*Ad valorem* tax bills are customarily mailed by the tax collector in the Parish during November of each year and become due on or before December 31 in the calendar year they are assessed. Local taxes not paid and delinquent thirty days after the date upon which the tax is due, shall have added thereto an interest penalty as provided in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:2127, which shall be collected by the tax recipient body, together with and in the same manner as the tax. Any delay in mailing *ad valorem* tax bills may delay the collection of sufficient *ad valorem* taxes to pay debt service on the Bonds.

Taxpayers may pay their *ad valorem* taxes under protest by paying the full amount due and giving notice at the time of payment of their intention to file suit. The amount paid under protest is held in escrow (a) for 30 days pending initiation of a suit; otherwise such amount is surrendered and considered paid-in-full, or (b) if a suit is timely filed, until final judicial determination.

Taxpayers failing to pay assessed taxes subject their real or personal property to seizure and sale in the manner provided by law for judicial sales.

### **Millage Levied to Service the Bonds**

The Governing Authority levied 36 mills on the 2024 assessment roll for the purpose of the payment of all general obligation bonds, including the Bonds. For additional information on the estimated debt service requirements, see Appendix "E" attached hereto. See Appendix "A" attached hereto for further information regarding tax collections and assessed valuations of the Issuer.



## **INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Difficulties in Enforcing Remedies**

The timely payment of the Bonds and the remedies available to the owners of the Bonds in the case of nonpayment of the Bonds are in many respects dependent upon judicial actions which are often subject to delayed payment or discretion and delay. Under existing constitutional and statutory law and judicial decisions, including specifically in the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), remedies may not be readily available or may be limited. The various legal opinions delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds will be qualified as to the enforceability of the various legal instruments by limitations imposed by general principles of equity and by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or other similar laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.

The enforceability of the rights and remedies of the owners of the Bonds, and the obligations incurred by the Issuer in issuing the Bonds, are subject to the Bankruptcy Code and applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally, now or hereafter in effect to the extent constitutionally applicable; equity principles which may limit the specific enforcement under State law of certain remedies; the exercise by the United States of America of the powers delegated to it by the federal Constitution; and the exercise of the sovereign police powers of the State or its governmental bodies. Consistent with the contracts clauses of the Louisiana and United States Constitutions, in a bankruptcy proceeding or due to the exercise of powers by the federal or State government, bondowners could be subject to judicial discretion and the interpretation of their rights in bankruptcy or otherwise, which consequently may entail risks of delay, limitation, or modification of their rights. Under current State law, no political subdivision of the State, including the Issuer, may file for protection under Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code unless such filing is approved by the Louisiana State Bond Commission (the "State Bond Commission") and the Governor and Attorney General of the State. Further, no political subdivision of the State, after filing for bankruptcy protection, may carry out a plan of readjustment of debts approved by the bankruptcy court until such plan is approved by the State Bond Commission and the Governor and Attorney General of the State.

### **Approval of Louisiana State Bond Commission**

The State Bond Commission previously approved the Election and the issuance of the Bonds. The State Bond Commission expressly provides that said approval does not constitute a recommendation, approval or sanction by the State Bond Commission or the State of the investment quality of the Bonds and does not constitute any guaranty of repayment of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission or the State. The approval of the Bonds by the State Bond Commission should not be relied upon by any prospective purchaser of the Bonds as advice. The written approval of the State Bond Commission expressly states that neither it nor the State shall have any liability or legal responsibility to investors arising out of, related to, or connected with the approval of the Bonds.

### **Infectious Disease Outbreak**

The Governing Authority cannot predict the potential of an outbreak of infectious disease in the future or its impact on the operations of the Issuer. The COVID-19 pandemic, for example, prompted national, state and local emergency declarations that adversely affected and often resulted in significant reductions in business, travel, and other economic activity. Future epidemic or pandemic outbreaks could have similar far-reaching effects, negatively impacting the amount of revenues available for the payment of Debt Service.

## **Cybersecurity**

The Issuer is dependent on electronic information technology systems to deliver high quality, coordinated and cost-efficient services. These systems may contain sensitive information or support critical operational functions which may be valued for unauthorized purposes. As a result, the electronic systems and networks of the Issuer may be targets of cyberattack. The Issuer has taken, and continues to take, measures to protect its information technology systems, and the private, confidential information that those systems may contain, against cyberattack. While the Issuer employs information technology professionals and utilizes operational safeguards that are tested periodically, no assurance can be given that such measures will protect the Issuer against all cybersecurity threats or attacks or the severity or consequences of any such attack. The availability of revenues of the tax to pay debt service on the Bonds is likewise dependent upon the technology systems of various third parties, including financial institutions, over which the Issuer has no control.

## **Environmental Risk**

The State is located along the Gulf of America (formerly known as the Gulf of Mexico) with a topography that includes a number of low-lying areas and eight different watershed regions. As a result, the State and the Issuer are susceptible to flooding from rain and tropical events. In recent years, Hurricanes Isaac, Harvey, Laura, Delta and Ida, along with less intense tropical storms and tropical depressions, have impacted the State, and multiple non-tropical rain and snow events have resulted in State and federal emergency declarations in many parishes. These events, along with rising sea levels and unrelated economic activities, have accelerated the erosion of the State's coastline, jeopardizing the State's natural protection system and imposing additional environmental risk on the State and the Issuer.

To mitigate the severity and impact of future events, the State is leading a coordinated effort with the United States federal government, various state agencies, and local government entities. The State created the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority ("CPRA"; [www.coastal.la.gov](http://www.coastal.la.gov)) in December 2005 to focus development and implementation efforts to achieve comprehensive coastal protection for Louisiana. The State launched the Louisiana Watershed Initiative ("LWI"; [www.watershed.la.gov](http://www.watershed.la.gov)) that introduced a new watershed-based approach to reducing flood risk in Louisiana. CPRA and LWI are collectively responsible for coordinating the investment of hundreds of billions of dollars in environmental protection activities in the State. This investment is designed to enhance the sustainability of the entire State, including the Issuer; however, the Issuer cannot guarantee the effect or ultimate success of such efforts.

Additionally, in 2023, the Louisiana Legislature established the role of Chief Resilience Officer within the Office of the Governor to coordinate policy response to various environmental hazards. The Chief Resilience Officer serves on a newly-created Interagency Resilience Coordination Team along with other department heads within the executive branch to advance a cross-agency, holistic approach to the challenges and opportunities associated with the impacts of environmental hazards in the State's coastal areas. The Louisiana Legislature also created the Louisiana Resilience Task Force, which will meet quarterly to make strategic recommendations to the Chief Resilience Officer. This cross-government approach to the coordination of resiliency efforts aims to improve planning and strategy within State government and enhance the State's ability to adapt to wide-ranging environmental challenges.

## **Fair Market Value of Property**

The Assessed Value of property in the Issuer is primarily a product of the fair market value of the property located within the Issuer, which is subject to fluctuation as a result of a variety of factors. See "PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SECURITY FOR THE BONDS – Fair Market Value" herein. The

Issuer cannot guarantee the stability of property values in the Parish; however, the Issuer is required to levy an ad valorem tax at such rate as may be necessary to service all of its outstanding general obligation bonds, including the Bonds.

### **Financial Information**

Certain financial information relating to the Issuer is set forth herein and in the appendices hereto. There can be no assurance that the financial results achieved by the Issuer in the future will be similar to historical results. Such future results will vary from historical results and actual variations may be material.

### **Failure to Provide Ongoing Disclosure**

The failure of the Issuer to comply with the continuing disclosure certificate described herein may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price. See "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" herein.

### **Book-Entry**

Persons who purchase Bonds through DTC Participants become creditors of the DTC Participant with respect to the Bonds. Records of the investors' holdings are maintained only by the DTC Participant and the investor. In the event of the insolvency of the DTC Participant, the investor would be required to look to the DTC Participant's estate and to any insurance maintained by the DTC Participant, to make good the investor's loss. Neither the Issuer, Underwriter nor any of their agents are responsible for failures to act by, or insolvencies of, the Securities Depository or any DTC Participant. See Appendix "H" attached hereto.

## **TAX EXEMPTION**

In the opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations. See also Appendix "F" attached hereto.

The opinion of Bond Counsel will state that pursuant to the Act, the Bonds and the interest or other income thereon or with respect thereto shall be exempt from all income tax and other taxation in the State of Louisiana. See Appendix "F" attached hereto. Each prospective purchaser of the Bonds should consult his or her own tax advisor as to the status of interest on the Bonds under the tax laws of any state other than the State.

Except as stated above, Bond Counsel expresses no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences resulting from the ownership or disposition of, or the accrual or receipt of interest on, the Bonds.

### **General**

The Code imposes a number of requirements that must be satisfied for interest on state and local obligations to be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. These requirements include limitations on the use of bond proceeds and the source of repayment of bonds, limitations on the

investment of bond proceeds prior to expenditure, a requirement that excess arbitrage earned on the investment of certain bond proceeds be paid periodically to the United States, except under certain circumstances, and a requirement that information reports be filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

The opinion of Bond Counsel will assume continuing compliance with the covenants of the Issuer pertaining to those sections of the Code which affect the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes and, in addition, will rely on certifications and representations by officials of the Issuer and others with respect to matters solely within their respective knowledge, which Bond Counsel has not independently verified. If the Issuer should fail to comply with the covenants in the Bond Resolution or if the foregoing representations should be determined to be inaccurate or incomplete, interest on the Bonds could become included in gross income from the date of original delivery of the Bonds, regardless of the date on which the event causing such inclusion occurs. The Bond Resolution does not provide for any adjustment in the interest rate or after-tax return on the Bonds in the event of any change in the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds.

Owners of the Bonds should be aware that (i) the ownership of tax-exempt obligations, such as the Bonds, may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers and (ii) certain other federal, state and/or local tax consequences may also arise from the ownership and disposition of the Bonds or the receipt of interest on the Bonds. Furthermore, future laws and/or regulations enacted by federal, state or local authorities may affect certain owners of the Bonds. All prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their legal and tax advisors regarding the applicability of such laws and regulations and the effect that the purchase and ownership of the Bonds may have on their particular financial situation.

Owners of the Bonds are also advised that the Internal Revenue Service may initiate an audit of the Bonds. The Owners of the Bonds may have limited rights to participate in any audit proceedings. The commencement of such an audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds until the audit is concluded, regardless of the ultimate outcome. Further, an adverse determination by the Internal Revenue Service with respect to the tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds may adversely affect the availability of any secondary market for the Bonds. Should interest on the Bonds become includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, not only will Owners of Bonds be required to pay income taxes on the interest received on such Bonds and related penalties, but because the interest rate on such Bonds will not be adequate to compensate Owners of the Bonds for the income taxes due on such interest, the value of the Bonds may decline.

### **Alternative Minimum Tax Consideration**

Interest on the Bonds is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purposes of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

### **Tax Treatment of Original Issue Premium**

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

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

The Bonds may be offered and sold to the public at a price less than their stated principal amounts. The difference between the initial public offering prices and their stated amounts constitutes original issue discount treated as interest which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and which is exempt from all present State taxation subject to the caveats and provisions described herein. Owners of Bonds should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the determination for federal income tax purposes of original issue discount accrued with respect to such Bonds as of any date, including the date of disposition of any Bond and with respect to the state and local consequences of owning Bonds.

## **Changes in Federal and State Tax Law**

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the federal and state tax matters referred to herein. In addition, such legislation (whether currently proposed, proposed in the future or enacted) could affect the market value or marketability of the Bonds. Future Congressional proposals could also affect the Bonds, even if never enacted. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposals might ultimately be enacted or whether if enacted such proposals would apply to bonds issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value of the Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether any such regulatory action will be implemented, how any particular litigation or judicial action will be resolved, or whether the Bonds or the market value thereof would be impacted thereby. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax or investment advisors regarding any pending or proposed legislation, regulatory initiatives or litigation.

The opinions expressed by Bond Counsel are based upon existing legislation and regulations as interpreted by relevant judicial and regulatory authorities as of the date of issuance and delivery of the Bonds, and Bond Counsel has expressed no opinion as of any date subsequent thereto or with respect to any pending or proposed federal or state tax legislation, regulations or litigation.

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION OF CERTAIN FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES IS PROVIDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX OR INVESTMENT ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO THEM IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN PARTICULAR INCOME TAX POSITION, OF ACQUIRING, HOLDING OR DISPOSING OF THE BONDS.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

No litigation has been filed questioning the validity of the Bonds or the security therefor and a certificate to that effect will be delivered by the Issuer to the Underwriter (hereinafter defined) upon the issuance of the Bonds.

The approving opinion of Foley & Judell, L.L.P., Bond Counsel, is limited to the matters set forth therein, and Bond Counsel is not passing upon the accuracy or completeness of this Official Statement. Bond Counsel's opinion is based on existing law, which is subject to change. Such opinion is further based on certifications and factual representations made as of the date thereof. Bond Counsel assumes no duty to update or supplement its opinion to reflect any facts or circumstances that may thereafter come to Bond Counsel's attention, or to reflect any changes in law that may thereafter occur or become effective. Moreover, Bond Counsel's opinion is not a guarantee of a particular result and is not binding on the

Internal Revenue Service or the courts; rather, such opinion represents Bond Counsel's professional judgment based on its review of existing law and in reliance on the representations and covenants that it deems relevant to such opinion.

A manually executed original of such opinion will be delivered to the Underwriter on the date of payment for and delivery of the Bonds. The proposed form of said legal opinion appears in Appendix "F" to this Official Statement. For additional information regarding the opinion of Bond Counsel, see the preceding section titled "TAX EXEMPTION." The compensation of Bond Counsel is contingent upon the sale and delivery of the Bonds.

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by its counsel, Jones Walker LLP.

## **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds are being purchased by the Underwriter at a purchase price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (representing the principal amount of the Bonds, [plus an original issue premium/less an original issue discount] of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and less Underwriter's discount of \$\_\_\_\_\_). The Bond Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") between the Underwriter and the Issuer provides that the Underwriter will purchase all of the Bonds if any are purchased. The obligation of the Underwriter to accept delivery of the Bonds is subject to various conditions contained in the Purchase Agreement.

The Underwriter intends to offer the Bonds to the public initially at the prices set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement or prior notice. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers at prices lower than the public offering prices. In connection with this offering, the Underwriter may overallocate or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the Bonds offered hereby at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such stabilizing, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. The Underwriter may also receive compensation for serving as bidding agent in conducting a competitive bid for the investment of some or all of the proceeds of the Bonds.

The Underwriter is not acting as financial advisor to the Issuer in connection with the offer and sale of the Bonds.

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 Issuer and to persons and entities with relationships with the Issuer, 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 trade 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 Issuer (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the Issuer.

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 Issuer.

### **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

The Issuer has employed the firm of Argent Advisors, Inc. to perform professional services in the capacity of municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In such capacity, the Municipal Advisor has reviewed and commented on certain legal documentation and provided recommendations and other financial guidance to the Issuer with respect to the preparation of documents and the preparation for the sale of the Bonds. Although the Municipal Advisor performed an active role in the drafting of this Official Statement, it has not audited, authenticated or otherwise independently verified the information set forth herein. No guaranty, warranty or other representation is made by the Municipal Advisor respecting such accuracy and completeness of information or any other matter related to such information and this Official Statement.

### **BOND RATING**

S&P Global Ratings, a business unit of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P"), will assign its municipal bond rating of "AA-" (Stable Outlook) to the Bonds. The rating reflects only the views of S&P and is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Bonds. Any desired explanation of the significance of such rating should be obtained from S&P, at the following address: S&P Global Ratings, Ross Tower, Suite 3200, 500 North Akard Street, Dallas, Texas 75201, telephone 214-871-1400. The Issuer may have furnished to S&P information relating to the Bonds and other matters, certain of which information and materials have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, a rating agency bases its rating on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions by such rating agency. Ratings may be changed, suspended or withdrawn as a result of changes in, or unavailability of, information. There is no assurance that the rating on the Bonds will not be changed or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of S&P, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change or withdrawal of the rating could have an adverse effect on the market price for the Bonds.

### **GOVERNING AUTHORITY**

The Governing Authority consists of seven board members. The names of the members of the Governing Authority, as well as its Secretary-Superintendent, appear at the beginning of this Official Statement.

### **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

The Issuer will, pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Certificate to be dated the date of delivery of the Bonds (the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"), covenant for the benefit of Bond owners to provide (i) certain financial information and operating data relating to the Issuer in each year on or before December 31, commencing December 31, 2025 (the "Annual Report"), and (ii) notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events, called "Listed Events," in the future that may affect the Issuer or the Bonds. The Annual Reports and any notices of Listed Events required pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Certificate will be filed with the MSRB through the Electronic Municipal Market Access website ("EMMA") and with any future Louisiana officially designated State Information Repository. For the specific nature of the information to be contained in the Annual Report or the potential Listed Events, see Appendix "G" attached hereto. The Issuer is entering into the Continuing Disclosure Certificate in order

to assist the Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule") of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). The Issuer has not undertaken to provide all information investors may desire to have in making decisions to hold, sell or buy the Bonds and has no obligation to provide any information subsequent to the delivery of the Bonds except as provided in the Continuing Disclosure Certificate. The failure of the Issuer to comply with the terms of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate is not an event of default with respect to the Bonds but may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

The Issuer's Dissemination Agent for the above information is the Director of Business of the Governing Authority, 1600 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, telephone 318-432-5000.

The Issuer has entered into other undertakings (the "Prior Undertakings") with respect to bonds previously issued. In the previous five (5) years, the Issuer has filed all Annual Reports currently required by its Prior Undertakings under the Rule; however, not all reports were filed timely. For Fiscal Years 2021, 2023 and 2024, unaudited financials were filed by the filing deadline of December 31 of each year when the audit was not yet available. The audits were filed on EMMA shortly after they became available on the following dates: February 16, 2022 for Fiscal Year 2021, January 29, 2024 for Fiscal Year 2023, and January 16, 2025 for Fiscal Year 2024. For Fiscal Year 2020, the Issuer filed its unaudited financial statements and Annual Report late on January 4, 2021; however, a Notice of Failure to File was timely filed on EMMA on December 31, 2020. The Fiscal Year 2020 audit was filed on October 11, 2021. For Fiscal Year 2022, the Issuer filed its unaudited financial statements late on January 3, 2023; however, a Notice of Failure to File was timely filed on EMMA on December 31, 2022. The Fiscal Year 2022 audit was filed on August 31, 2022. With respect to its General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020, the Issuer failed to timely give notice of the incurrence of certain financial obligations. The Issuer has not made any determination as to the materiality of the foregoing.

The Issuer has established procedures to ensure proper filing of the reports and notices required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate and its Prior Undertakings with the MSRB in the future. Furthermore, Section 39:1438 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, enacted in 2014, provides additional procedures designed to ensure compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate by (i) requiring public entities, such as the Issuer, to keep certain records demonstrating compliance with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and (ii) mandating the Issuer's auditor, as part of the preparation of the Issuer's annual financial audit, review the Issuer's compliance with its continuing disclosure undertakings and record keeping requirements.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For any additional information concerning the Issuer, please address Ms. Regina Mekus, Director of Business, Ouachita Parish School Board, 1600 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, telephone 318-432-5000. For additional information concerning the Bonds now offered for sale, please address Mr. Lucius McGehee, Argent Advisors, Inc., 500 E. Reynolds Drive, Ruston, Louisiana 71270, telephone: 318-251-5851.

## **CERTIFICATION AS TO OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

At the time of payment for and delivery of the Bonds, the Governing Authority of the Issuer will furnish the Underwriter a certificate signed by the Secretary-Superintendent to the effect that (i) the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to the Issuer, on the date of the Preliminary Official Statement, on the date of the sale of the Bonds and on the date of the delivery thereof, were and are true in all material respects, and, insofar as such matters are concerned, the Official Statement did not and does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material



fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, (ii) insofar as the descriptions and statements, including financial data, of or pertaining to governmental and/or non-governmental entities other than the Issuer and their activities contained in the Official Statement are concerned, such descriptions, statements, and data have been obtained from sources which the Governing Authority believes to be reliable and the Governing Authority has no reason to believe that they are untrue or incomplete in any material respect, and (iii) there has been no adverse material change in the affairs of the Issuer between the date the Official Statement was deemed final by the Issuer and the date of delivery of the Bonds.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

This Official Statement has been deemed to be final by the Issuer as of its date, within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, except for the permitted omissions under said Rule.

This Official Statement has been prepared in connection with the initial offering and sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter on the date hereof and is not intended for use in connection with any subsequent sale, reoffering or remarketing of the Bonds. Subsequent purchasers must therefore rely on their own examination of the offering, including the merits and the risks involved.

The Issuer has authorized the delivery of this Official Statement to the Underwriter. Potential purchasers of the Bonds should consult their own tax advisors as to the consequences of investing in the Bonds. See also "TAX EXEMPTION" herein.

### **EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

/s/

**Todd Guice**  
**Secretary-Superintendent**  
**Ouachita Parish School Board**

/s/

**Tommy Comeaux**  
**President**  
**Ouachita Parish School Board**

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**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA RELATIVE TO THE ISSUER  
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**FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL DATA  
RELATIVE TO THE ISSUER AND THE PARISH OF OUACHITA,  
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**Boundaries and Area of the Issuer**

The Ouachita Parish School System (the "Parish System") includes all of the area within Ouachita Parish, Louisiana (the "Parish") less and except the City of Monroe which is included in the Monroe City School System (the "City System"). The Parish System (School District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish, hereinafter described) is divided into the East Ouachita Parish School District (including the area of the Parish outside the City of Monroe on the east bank of the Ouachita River) and the West Ouachita Parish School District (including the area of the Parish on the west bank of the Ouachita River) pursuant to an ordinance adopted by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority") on March 24, 1975.

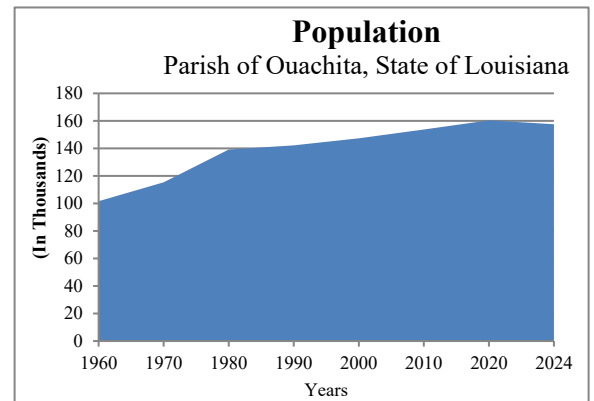
The East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), or the east bank of the Parish outside the City of Monroe, has an area of approximately 250 square miles and includes that portion of Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10 of Ouachita Parish outside the City of Monroe. The District includes the incorporated municipalities of Richwood (estimated population, 3,840) and Sterlington (estimated population, 2,045).

**Population of the Parish**

The recent trend in the population of the Parish follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1960	101,663
1970	115,387
1980	139,241
1990	142,191
2000	147,271
2010	153,720
2020	160,368
2024	157,568

Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

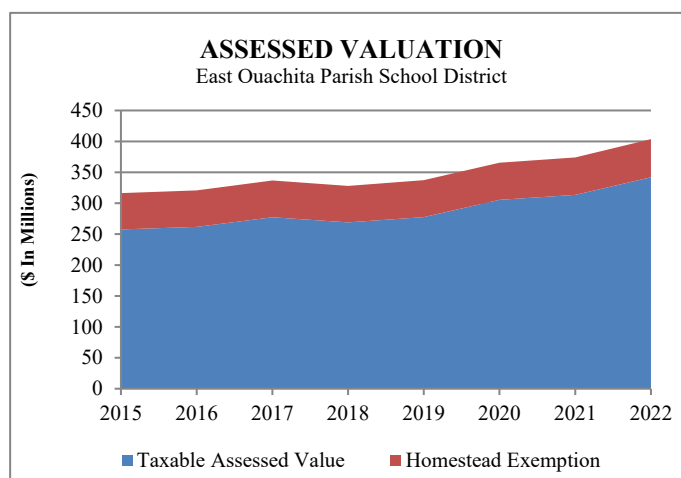


## Assessed Valuation of the Issuer

The recent trend in the assessed valuation of the Issuer follows:

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Taxable Assessed Value</b>	<b>Homestead Exemptions</b>	<b>Total Assessed Value</b>
2015	257,604,454	58,683,345	316,287,798
2016	261,753,648	58,992,211	320,745,859
2017	277,212,627	59,614,486	336,826,713
2018	268,987,022	59,036,500	328,023,522
2019	277,632,465	59,702,959	337,335,424
2020	305,433,515	60,045,751	365,479,266
2021	313,382,764	60,766,236	374,149,000
2022	341,907,935	61,742,305	402,907,935
2023	363,086,640	64,065,274	427,150,914
2024	393,267,988	66,356,658	459,624,656

Sources: Louisiana Tax Commission; Ouachita Parish Assessor.

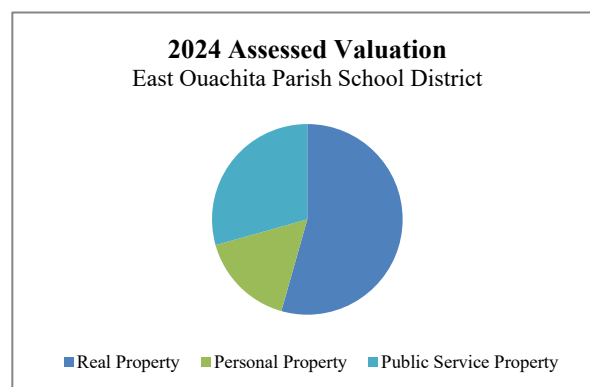


## Assessed Valuation – By Classification of Property

A summary breakdown of the assessed valuation by classification of property of the Issuer follows:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>2024 Assessed Valuation</b>
Real Property	\$250,004,079
Personal Property	74,721,745
Public Service Property	134,898,832
Total	<u>\$459,624,656</u>
Less: Homestead Exemption	<u>(66,356,658)</u>
Taxable Assessed Valuation	<u>\$393,267,988</u>

Source: Ouachita Parish Assessor.



## Tax Collection Record

The Governing Authority reported the following *ad valorem* tax collection records of the Issuer:

<b>Tax Year</b>	<b>Amount of Taxes Levied</b>	<b>Deduction for Pension Expense</b>	<b>Net Taxes Levied</b>	<b>Current Tax Year Net Collections</b>	<b>Percent of Levy Collected</b>	<b>Prior Years Tax Levy Collections</b>	<b>Total Net Collections</b>	<b>Ratio of Total Collections to Tax Levy</b>	<b>Millage Rate</b>
2020	\$10,995,587	\$109,956	\$10,885,631	\$10,781,320	99.04%	\$8,090	\$10,789,410	99.11%	36.00
2021	11,281,781	337,095	10,944,686	11,059,003	101.04%	7,948	11,066,951	101.12%	36.00
2022	12,281,964	366,556	11,915,408	12,093,005	101.49%	6,875	12,099,880	101.55%	36.00
2023	13,071,084	389,458	12,681,626	12,982,101	102.37%	(2,179)	12,979,922	102.35%	36.00
2024	14,157,649	421,272	13,736,377	13,947,197	101.54	580	13,947,777	101.54%	36.00

Source: The Issuer.

## Millage Rates

The recent trend in the *ad valorem* tax rates levied within the boundaries of the Issuer follows:

	<b>Millage Rates</b>				
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b><u>Ouachita Parish School Board:</u></b>					
Parish School Tax	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18	5.18
Maintenance/Operation	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15
East Ouachita School Bonds	<u>36.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>	<u>36.00</u>
Totals	<b>65.33</b>	<b>65.33</b>	<b>65.33</b>	<b>65.33</b>	<b>65.33</b>
<b><u>Parishwide Taxes:</u></b>					
Assessment District	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.83
GB Cooley Hospital	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.38
Law Enforcement	12.11	12.11	12.11	12.11	12.11
Mosquito District	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.39	1.97
Detention Home (Maintenance)	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.90
Health Unit	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.75	1.75
Correctional Center	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.20
Library Maintenance	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.64
<b><u>Other Parish and District Taxes:</u></b>					
Parish General Fund (In Municipalities)	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07	2.07
Parish General Fund (Outside Municipalities)	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.14	4.14
Tensas Basin Levee District	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.59
East Ouachita Recreation District Maintenance	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.20
Parish Fire Maintenance	19.11	19.11	18.00	18.00	19.11
Road Light District #1	5.00	5.00	5.00	--	5.00
<b><u>Municipal Taxes:</u></b>					
Richwood	26.95	26.95	26.95	26.95	26.95
Sterlington	9.18	9.18	9.18	9.18	9.03

Sources: Ouachita Parish Assessor; Louisiana Tax Commission.

## Leading Taxpayers

The ten largest property taxpayers located within the Issuer, their type of business and their 2024 assessed valuation follow:

	<b><u>Name of Taxpayer</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Business</u></b>	<b><u>2024 Assessed Valuation</u></b>
1.	Entergy	Public Utility	\$74,843,460
2.	Advancion Corporation	Manufacturing	34,221,200
3.	Atmos Energy	Public Utility	16,229,055
4.	Gulf South Pipeline Company, LLC	Oil & Gas	14,272,590
5.	VEREIT ID Monroe LA	Real Estate	11,431,336
6.	Graphic Packaging	Manufacturing	10,649,280
7.	Texas Gas Transmission	Oil & Gas	5,395,180
8.	Midcontinent Express Pipeline	Oil & Gas	3,634,610
9.	Union Pacific Railroad	Transportation	3,578,330
10.	Kinder Morgan	Oil & Gas	<u>3,385,093</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b><u>\$177,640,134*</u></b>

\*Approximately 45.17% of the 2024 taxable assessed valuation of the Issuer.

Source: Ouachita Parish Assessor.

**Debt Statement**

The debt statement of the Issuer as of June 2, 2025, is included in Appendix "D" attached hereto.

**Short Term Indebtedness**

According to the Director of Business of the Governing Authority, the Issuer has no short-term indebtedness, other than normal accounts payable or as otherwise stated in this Official Statement.

**Default Record**

According to the Director of Business of the Governing Authority, the Issuer has never defaulted in the payment of its outstanding bonds or obligations.

**Audit Report**

Included by reference in Appendix "B" attached hereto is the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Governing Authority for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, audited by Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP, Certified Public Accountants. Their report, dated as of December 30, 2024, is included herein. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report pertaining to the Governing Authority has been included in reliance upon said report; however, such Auditors have not consented to inclusion of the financial statements herein and have not performed any additional review procedures related thereto. The Auditors did not perform any procedures relating to any of the information in this Official Statement. The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the disclosures contained therein are fully incorporated in this Official Statement.

**Budget**

Included in Appendix "C" attached hereto is the Budget of the Governing Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

**ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

**Per Capita Personal Income**

A comprehensive revision of the estimates of Per Capita Personal Income by State were published in November 2024 by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce. The recent trends in revised per capita personal income for the Parish, Louisiana, and the Nation are indicated in the following table:

	<u>Per Capita Personal Income</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Ouachita Parish	\$39,577	\$43,491	\$46,896	\$47,304	\$49,818
Louisiana	47,015	50,136	54,959	55,729	58,845
United States	57,621	61,179	66,663	68,517	72,275

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. November 14, 2024.

(The personal income level for the United States is derived as the sum of the county estimates; it differs from the national income and product accounts (NIPA) estimate of personal income because by definition, it omits the earnings of Federal civilian and military personnel stationed abroad and others. It can also differ from the NIPA estimate because of different data sources and revision schedules.



## Employment

The Louisiana Workforce Commission has issued revised not seasonally adjusted annual average statistics for various employment areas within Louisiana. The annual average figures for the Parish and Louisiana were reported as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Parish Rate</u>	<u>State Rate</u>
2019	70,223	66,640	3,583	5.1%	4.6%
2020	69,033	63,661	5,372	7.8%	8.7%
2021	69,513	65,929	3,584	5.2%	5.6%
2022	69,870	67,319	2,551	3.7%	3.6%
2023	69,852	67,209	2,643	3.8%	3.6%

The preliminary figures for March 2025 were reported as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Parish Rate</u>	<u>State Rate</u>
03/25	69,881	66,569	3,312	4.7%	4.4%*

\*Seasonally adjusted rate was 4.4%.

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission. April 29, 2025.

## Largest Employers

The names of ten of the largest employers, their type of business and approximate number of employees located in the Parish are as follows:

<u>Name of Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Approximate No. of Employees</u>
1. Glenwood Regional Medical Center	Healthcare	500-999
2. Walmart Supercenter	Retail	250-499
3. Bancroft Bag	Paper Bag Manufacturer	250-499
4. Georgia Pacific Corp	Lumber Manufacturer	100-249
5. West Ouachita High School	Education	100-249
6. Ouachita Parish Fire Department	Fire Department	100-249
7. West Monroe School Based Health	Healthcare	100-249
8. Neighbors, LLC	Cookies & Crackers - Manufacturing	100-249
9. Cornerstone Specialty	Healthcare	100-249
10. Rogers Manufacturing Corp	Construction Wholesale	100-249

NOTE: Information pertaining to the Issuer is currently unavailable.

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission.

There can be no assurance that any employer listed will continue to locate in the Issuer or continue employment at the level stated.

Excluded from the previous list are several large employers located primarily in the City of Monroe (which is not included in the boundaries of the District), which provide employment to certain residents of the District. For example:

<b><u>Name of Employer</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Business</u></b>	<b><u>Approximate No. of Employees</u></b>
1. Hendons Buildings & Car Parts	Automotive	10,000+
2. Lumen Technologies, Inc.	Telecommunications	1,000-4,999
3. St. Francis Medical Center	Healthcare	1,000-4,999
4. University of Louisiana Monroe	Education	1,000-4,999
5. Affinity Health Group	Healthcare	500-999
6. Guide Corp	Shipping	500-999
7. A First Name Basis	Sitting Services	500-999
8. Berry Group	Plastic Products Retail	250-499
9. Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement	250-499
10. Transportation Department	Government Offices	250-499

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission, May 5, 2025.

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**ANNUAL AVERAGE OUACHITA PARISH CONCURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS, 2020,  
2021, 2022, 2023 AND THIRD QUARTER 2024** *(All data not seasonally adjusted.)*

<b>OUACHITA PARISH</b>					
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024:3</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,006</b>	<b>67,741</b>	<b>69,224</b>	<b>69,244</b>	<b>68,744</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	141	141	119	120	107
Mining	107	118	103	107	100
Utilities	559	544	522	576	627
Construction	3,382	3,586	3,708	3,892	4,130
Manufacturing	4,547	5,081	4,654	4,569	4,618
Wholesale Trade	1,991	1,963	1,909	1,961	1,976
Retail Trade	8,435	8,699	8,727	8,512	8,242
Transportation & Warehousing	1,811	1,840	1,847	1,907	1,912
Information	1,632	1,504	1,521	1,379	1,164
Finance & Insurance	2,670	2,656	2,657	2,642	2,629
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	989	907	899	959	996
Professional & Technical Services	2,368	2,260	2,390	2,725	2,669
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1,100	934	823	734	555
Administrative and Waste Services	4,382	4,748	5,794	5,452	5,421
Educational Services	5,815	5,781	6,217	6,239	6,010
Health Care and Social Assistance	14,532	14,718	14,680	14,762	14,992
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	812	997	1,101	1,092	1,021
Accommodation and Food Services	6,243	6,717	7,009	7,104	6,985
Other Services, except Public Administration	1,672	1,955	1,971	1,955	1,959
Public Administration	2,819	2,591	2,574	2,559	2,629
<b>EARNINGS (\$ in Thousands)</b>					
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>Annual</u> \$2,843,580</b>	<b><u>Annual</u> \$2,843,580</b>	<b><u>Annual</u> \$3,181,361</b>	<b><u>Annual</u> \$3,335,247</b>	<b><u>Quarterly</u> \$818,168</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting	6,375	6,375	4,613	4,825	1,107
Mining	6,259	6,259	8,073	7,889	2,556
Utilities	43,531	43,531	39,433	42,874	10,698
Construction	152,982	152,982	183,141	211,815	59,472
Manufacturing	302,611	302,611	322,015	347,806	82,856
Wholesale Trade	131,007	131,007	145,732	144,106	35,477
Retail Trade	234,642	234,642	269,196	272,540	66,491
Transportation & Warehousing	84,480	84,480	94,066	100,846	26,928
Information	106,511	106,511	101,579	91,878	18,111
Finance & Insurance	162,080	162,080	176,086	185,769	44,380
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	40,786	40,786	40,528	44,346	12,064
Professional & Technical Services	134,460	134,460	149,831	184,679	43,703
Management of Companies and Enterprises	108,507	108,507	74,503	63,891	12,943
Administrative and Waste Services	151,117	151,117	227,648	225,423	60,744
Educational Services	246,305	246,305	284,841	292,793	47,807
Health Care and Social Assistance	607,439	607,439	681,024	714,392	190,704
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	12,700	12,700	19,408	20,025	5,076
Accommodation and Food Services	97,908	97,908	125,854	135,082	34,445
Other Services, except Public Administration	64,332	64,332	93,110	96,579	24,009
Public Administration	149,548	149,548	140,680	147,690	38,597

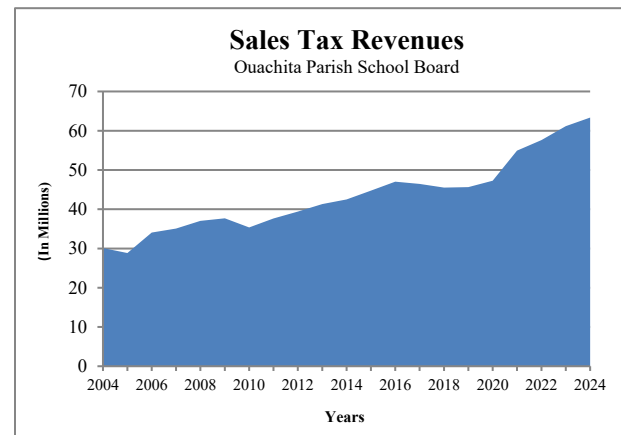
*\*Data non-publishable.*

Source: Louisiana Workforce Commission.

## Sales Tax Collections

The trend in the Governing Authority's sales and use tax revenues is indicated in the table below, which is provided solely for informational purposes. The Bonds are not secured by sales and use taxes nor are sales and use taxes pledged to the repayment of the Bonds.

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>(Ended 6/30)</u></b>	<b><u>Sales Tax</u></b> <b><u>Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>(Ended 6/30)</u></b>	<b><u>Sales Tax</u></b> <b><u>Revenues</u></b>
2002	\$31,785,965	2014	\$42,487,472
2003	31,313,000	2015	44,750,653
2004	30,116,787	2016	47,004,515
2005	28,853,074	2017	46,462,224
2006	34,076,810	2018	45,501,420
2007	35,057,227	2019	45,653,738
2008	37,052,593	2020	47,255,655
2009	37,697,295	2021	54,943,034
2010	35,355,711	2022	57,604,502
2011	37,627,495	2023	61,167,438
2012	39,402,765	2024	63,354,692
2013	41,309,080	2025	42,339,300*



\*Partial year collection. Information as of April, 2025.

Sources: *Annual Financial and Statistical Reports*, Louisiana Department of Education (2002-2011); *Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports* of the Ouachita Parish School Board; Ouachita Parish School Board (2012-2025).

## Banking Facilities

The Parish is served by the following banks:

### Banks

B1Bank  
 Bank of Oak Ridge  
 Cadence Bank  
 Capital One, National Association  
 Century Next Bank  
 Citizens Progressive Bank  
 Commercial Capital Bank  
 Cross Keys Bank  
 Guaranty Bank & Trust Company of Delhi

First Horizon  
 JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
 Louisiana National Bank  
 Marion State Bank  
 Origin Bank  
 Progressive Bank  
 Regions Bank  
 Woodforest National Bank

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## Trend in Enrollment

The trend in the membership at the end of session, average daily membership and average daily attendance of the public schools located in the Parish follows:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Membership End of Session</u></b>	<b><u>Average Daily Membership</u></b>	<b><u>Average Daily Attendance</u></b>
2005-06	18,277	18,593.8	17,597.1
2006-07	18,599	18,759.3	17,693.7
2007-08	18,691	18,881.5	17,923.0
2008-09	18,839	18,992.6	17,986.9
2009-10	19,094	19,241.5	18,218.8
2010-11	19,290	19,451.3	18,635.9
2011-12	19,177	19,209.1	18,444.4
2012-13	19,492	19,501.0	18,654.1
2013-14	19,363	19,419.2	18,414.4
2014-15	19,340	19,482.2	18,416.5
2015-16	19,696	19,496.1	18,835.7
2016-17	19,618	19,385.6	18,836.0
2017-18	19,524	19,261.6	18,619.1
2018-19	19,274	19,029.0	18,383.2
2019-20	19,096	18,942.5	18,134.3
2020-21	18,459	18,921.0	17,183.3
2021-22	18,260	18,367.6	16,787.8
2022-23	18,176	17,971.3	16,727.2
2023-24	17,838	17,676.1	16,404.5
2024-25	17,568	17,431.2	16,351.2

\*Information currently unavailable.

Sources: *Annual Financial and Statistical Reports*, Louisiana Department of Education (2005-2011); Ouachita Parish School Board (2012-2025).

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**ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024**

The 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Ouachita Parish School Board can be viewed at the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board - Electronic Municipal Market Access (MSRB-EMMA) site using the following link:

<https://emma.msrb.org/P11816522-P11392247-P11832505.pdf>

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**APPENDIX "C"**

**BUDGET  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING  
JUNE 30, 2025**

**Ouachita Parish School Board**  
**Annual Operating Budget**  
**General Fund - Combined**  
**Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

**Budget Summary by Function**

	2023-2024			2024-2025	
	Final Budget	Actual (Unaudited)	% Change	Budget	% Change
<b>Revenues</b>					
Local Revenues	\$ 34,297,985	\$ 35,346,415	3.1%	\$ 31,290,579	-11.5%
State Revenues	124,374,979	124,489,639	0.1%	123,726,579	-0.6%
Federal Revenues	<u>273,575</u>	<u>333,011</u>	<u>21.7%</u>	<u>333,011</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Revenues	\$ 158,946,539	\$ 160,169,065	0.8%	\$ 155,350,169	-3.0%
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Regular Programs	\$ 66,811,077	\$ 67,595,756	1.2%	\$ 64,491,124	-4.6%
Special Education Programs	11,303,647	10,756,453	-4.8%	10,405,662	-3.3%
Vocational (CTE) Programs	2,632,311	2,590,090	-1.6%	2,504,095	-3.3%
Other Instructional Programs	5,213,306	5,138,706	-1.4%	5,022,668	-2.3%
Special Programs	706,499	730,970	3.5%	648,057	-11.3%
Adult Education Programs	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Pupil Support Services	9,936,172	10,258,299	3.2%	9,929,509	-3.2%
Instructional Staff Services	8,121,567	8,291,750	2.1%	8,008,767	-3.4%
General Administration	1,663,152	1,784,248	7.3%	1,797,251	0.7%
School Administration	12,272,025	12,181,217	-0.7%	11,831,060	-2.9%
Business Services	2,858,557	2,826,853	-1.1%	2,758,588	-2.4%
Plant Services	21,076,534	21,846,070	3.7%	22,230,223	1.8%
Student Transportation Services	11,774,716	11,612,851	-1.4%	11,309,842	-2.6%
Central Services	3,305,108	3,349,080	1.3%	3,297,422	-1.5%
Other Support Services	-	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Food Services	1,253,047	1,271,800	1.5%	1,175,732	-7.6%
Community Service Programs	25,851	25,851	0.0%	25,851	0.0%
Facility Acquisition and Construction	170,806	1,346,433	688.3%	-	-100.0%
Debt Service	<u>1,374</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>	<u>2,897</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 159,125,749	\$ 161,606,427	1.6%	\$ 155,438,748	-3.8%
Other Sources of Funds	\$ 3,869,415	\$ 5,117,055	32.2%	\$ 2,715,391	-46.9%
Other Uses of Funds	<u>(3,112,796)</u>	<u>(2,552,634)</u>	<u>-18.0%</u>	<u>(2,626,812)</u>	<u>2.9%</u>
Total Other Sources (Uses)	\$ 756,619	\$ 2,564,421	238.9%	\$ 88,579	-96.5%
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 577,409	\$ 1,127,059	-100.0%	\$ -	-100.0%
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 22,648,637	\$ 22,648,637	0.0%	\$ 23,775,696	5.0%
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$ 23,226,046</u>	<u>\$ 23,775,696</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	<u>\$ 23,775,696</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Fund Balance as a Percentage of Total Expenditures	14.60%	14.71%		15.30%	

**Ouachita Parish School Board  
Combined Operating Budget  
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Budget Summary by Function					
	General Fund	District No. 1 M&O Sales Tax	Special Revenue Funds	Debt Service Funds	Total Operating Budget
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Local Sources	\$ 31,290,579	\$ 12,541,294	\$ 57,028,067	\$ 14,069,607	\$ 114,929,547
State Sources	123,726,579	-	3,625,476	-	127,352,055
Federal Sources	333,011	-	50,913,212	-	51,246,223
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 155,350,169</b>	<b>\$ 12,541,294</b>	<b>\$ 111,566,755</b>	<b>\$ 14,069,607</b>	<b>\$ 293,527,825</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>					
Regular Programs	\$ 64,491,124	\$ 1,713,618	\$ 21,668,011	\$ -	\$ 87,872,753
Special Education Programs	10,405,662	413,421	5,192,823	-	16,011,906
Vocational (CTE) Programs	2,504,095	108,715	889,295	-	3,502,105
Other Instructional Programs	5,022,668	889,278	5,394,171	-	11,306,117
Special Programs	648,057	84,742	11,214,401	-	11,947,200
Pupil Support Services	9,929,509	725,752	4,270,372	-	14,925,633
Instructional Staff Services	8,008,767	336,872	12,597,791	-	20,943,430
General Administration	1,797,251	70,165	357,793	399,713	2,624,922
School Administration	11,831,060	316,353	2,327,754	-	14,475,167
Business Services	2,758,588	89,838	399,508	-	3,247,934
Plant Services	22,230,223	3,840,824	5,866,085	-	31,937,132
Student Transportation Services	11,309,842	2,140,680	4,537,536	-	17,988,058
Central Services	3,297,422	61,910	463,059	-	3,822,391
Food Services	1,175,732	313,394	14,376,299	-	15,865,425
Community Service Programs	25,851	-	-	-	25,851
Facility Acquisition & Construction	-	1,500,000	22,594,758	-	24,094,758
Debt Service	2,897	-	60,900	27,173,805	27,237,602
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 155,438,748</b>	<b>\$ 12,605,562</b>	<b>\$ 112,210,556</b>	<b>\$ 27,573,518</b>	<b>\$ 307,828,384</b>
<b>Other Sources (Uses)</b>					
Other Sources of Funds	\$ 2,715,391	\$ 300,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 2,813,670	\$ 5,854,061
Other Uses of Funds	(2,626,812)	(546,141)	(5,850,190)	-	(9,023,143)
<b>Total Other Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>\$ 88,579</b>	<b>\$ (246,141)</b>	<b>\$ (5,825,190)</b>	<b>\$ 2,813,670</b>	<b>\$ (3,169,082)</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (310,409)</b>	<b>\$ (6,468,991)</b>	<b>\$ (10,690,241)</b>	<b>\$ (17,469,641)</b>
<b>Beginning Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 23,775,696</b>	<b>\$ 28,727,625</b>	<b>\$ 59,578,156</b>	<b>\$ 25,636,574</b>	<b>\$ 137,718,051</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 23,775,696</b>	<b>\$ 28,417,216</b>	<b>\$ 53,109,165</b>	<b>\$ 14,946,333</b>	<b>\$ 120,248,410</b>

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## **APPENDIX "D"**

### **DEBT STATEMENT**

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**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT**  
**AS OF JUNE 2, 2025**  
*(The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.)*

<u>Notes</u>	<u>Name of Issuer &amp; Issue</u>	<u>Interest Rates (%)</u>	<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding</u>	<u>Principal Amount Due Within One Year</u>
<b><u>Direct Debt of the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana</u></b>						
(1)	General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2014	2.5-3.5	7/29/14	3/01/34	\$ 5,395,000	\$ 510,000
(1)	General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2015	3.0	2/26/15	3/01/34	10,625,000	1,000,000
(1)	General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A	4.0	7/27/16	3/01/33	12,315,000	1,450,000
(1)	General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	2.69	9/26/17	3/01/34	5,035,000	475,000
(1)	General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2020	3.0-4.0	11/05/20	3/01/40	20,410,000	1,015,000
(1)	General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020	1.5	12/03/20	3/01/31	3,920,000	615,000
(1)	Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2021	2.04	5/05/21	3/01/32	4,475,000	570,000
(1)	General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2022	4.0	3/24/22	3/01/42	18,090,000	760,000
(1)	General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023	4.0-5.0	3/01/23	3/01/43	18,775,000	660,000

**NOTES**

- (1) Secured by and payable from unlimited *ad valorem* taxation.

*The above statement excludes the outstanding debt of all operating and capital leases.)*

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## **APPENDIX "E"**

### **ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

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**ESTIMATED ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS ON OUTSTANDING DEBT  
AND GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025, OF  
EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

CALENDAR YEAR	OUTSTANDING BONDS (a)			SERIES 2025 BONDS (b)			ESTIMATED TOTAL REQUIREMENTS		
	(3/1) PRINCIPAL	(3/1; 9/1) INTEREST	TOTAL	(3/1) PRINCIPAL	(3/1; 9/1) INTEREST	TOTAL	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL
2025		1,864,777.00	1,864,777.00					1,864,777.00	1,864,777.00
2026	7,055,000.00	3,615,438.75	10,670,438.75	745,000.00	1,366,791.67	2,111,791.67	7,800,000.00	4,982,230.42	12,782,230.42
2027	7,345,000.00	3,376,555.25	10,721,555.25	785,000.00	1,193,125.00	1,978,125.00	8,130,000.00	4,569,680.25	12,699,680.25
2028	7,650,000.00	3,121,324.75	10,771,324.75	825,000.00	1,152,875.00	1,977,875.00	8,475,000.00	4,274,199.75	12,749,199.75
2029	7,965,000.00	2,854,288.75	10,819,288.75	865,000.00	1,110,625.00	1,975,625.00	8,830,000.00	3,964,913.75	12,794,913.75
2030	8,305,000.00	2,574,318.75	10,879,318.75	910,000.00	1,066,250.00	1,976,250.00	9,215,000.00	3,640,568.75	12,855,568.75
2031	8,640,000.00	2,280,684.50	10,920,684.50	955,000.00	1,019,625.00	1,974,625.00	9,595,000.00	3,300,309.50	12,895,309.50
2032	8,295,000.00	1,978,947.00	10,273,947.00	1,005,000.00	970,625.00	1,975,625.00	9,300,000.00	2,949,572.00	12,249,572.00
2033	6,465,000.00	1,705,866.25	8,170,866.25	1,060,000.00	919,000.00	1,979,000.00	7,525,000.00	2,624,866.25	10,149,866.25
2034	6,155,000.00	1,469,167.50	7,624,167.50	1,115,000.00	864,625.00	1,979,625.00	7,270,000.00	2,333,792.50	9,603,792.50
2035	3,575,000.00	1,277,375.00	4,852,375.00	1,170,000.00	807,500.00	1,977,500.00	4,745,000.00	2,084,875.00	6,829,875.00
2036	3,735,000.00	1,120,550.00	4,855,550.00	1,230,000.00	747,500.00	1,977,500.00	4,965,000.00	1,868,050.00	6,833,050.00
2037	3,895,000.00	956,775.00	4,851,775.00	1,295,000.00	684,375.00	1,979,375.00	5,190,000.00	1,641,150.00	6,831,150.00
2038	4,065,000.00	785,850.00	4,850,850.00	1,360,000.00	618,000.00	1,978,000.00	5,425,000.00	1,403,850.00	6,828,850.00
2039	4,245,000.00	607,325.00	4,852,325.00	1,430,000.00	548,250.00	1,978,250.00	5,675,000.00	1,155,575.00	6,830,575.00
2040	4,430,000.00	420,850.00	4,850,850.00	1,500,000.00	475,000.00	1,975,000.00	5,930,000.00	895,850.00	6,825,850.00
2041	2,775,000.00	263,125.00	3,038,125.00	1,580,000.00	398,000.00	1,978,000.00	4,355,000.00	661,125.00	5,016,125.00
2042	2,910,000.00	138,700.00	3,048,700.00	1,660,000.00	317,000.00	1,977,000.00	4,570,000.00	455,700.00	5,025,700.00
2043	1,535,000.00	38,375.00	1,573,375.00	1,745,000.00	231,875.00	1,976,875.00	3,280,000.00	270,250.00	3,550,250.00
2044				1,835,000.00	142,375.00	1,977,375.00	1,835,000.00	142,375.00	1,977,375.00
2045				1,930,000.00	48,250.00	1,978,250.00	1,930,000.00	48,250.00	1,978,250.00
TOTALS	99,040,000.00	30,450,293.50	129,490,293.50	25,000,000.00	14,681,666.67	39,681,666.67	124,040,000.00	45,131,960.17	169,171,960.17

(a) Outstanding: Series 2014; Series 2015; Refunding Series 2016A, Refunding Series 2017, Series 2020, Refunding Series 2020 Taxable Refunding Series 2021, Series 2022 and Series 2023.

(b) Dated 7/22/2025. Preliminary subject to change.

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**PROPOSED FORM OF LEGAL OPINION  
OF  
FOLEY & JUDELL, L.L.P.**

**[PROPOSED FORM OF LEGAL OPINION]**

[July 22, 2025]

Honorable Parish School Board  
Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana  
Monroe, Louisiana

**\$25,000,000**  
**GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**  
**OF THE EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

We have acted as bond counsel to the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), in connection with the issuance of the captioned bonds (the "Bonds"). The Bonds have been issued by the Issuer pursuant to a resolution adopted by its governing authority May 13, 2025, as supplemented by a resolution adopted on July 8, 2025 (collectively, the "Resolution"), for the purpose of financing capital expenditures for school purposes for the Issuer, including constructing, acquiring and/or improving schools and other school related facilities, together with equipment and furnishings therefor, including, to the extent feasible, those specific school projects set forth in the "Capital Improvement Plan" approved by the School Board on January 14, 2025, title to which shall be in the public, and paying the costs of issuance of the Bonds, under the authority conferred by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, Part II of Chapter 4 of Subtitle II of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and were authorized at an election held on May 3, 2025, the result of which election has been duly promulgated in accordance with law.

We have examined the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of the State of Louisiana (the "State"), a certified transcript of the proceedings of the governing authority of the Issuer relating to the issuance of the Bonds, and such other documents, proofs and matters of law as we deemed necessary to give the opinions below.

As to questions of fact material to our opinions below, we have relied upon certified proceedings and other certifications and representations of public officials and others furnished to us without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion, as of the date hereof and under existing law, that:

1. The Bonds are valid and binding general obligations of the Issuer, and the full faith and credit of the Issuer is pledged for the payment of the Bonds.
2. All taxable property within the territory of the Issuer is subject to the levy of an ad valorem tax for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, without limit as to rate or amount.

3 Interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and is not a specific item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, such interest may be taken into account for the purpose of computing the alternative minimum tax imposed on certain corporations.

4. Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional and statutory authority, the Bonds and the interest or other income thereon or with respect thereto shall be exempt from all income tax and other taxation in the State.

The opinion given in numbered paragraph 3 above is subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that the interest thereon be, and continue to be, excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds, regardless of the date on which the event causing such inclusion occurs.

We express no opinion as to any federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds other than as expressly set forth herein.

It is to be understood that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other similar laws affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and by equitable principles, to the extent constitutionally applicable, and that their enforceability may also be subject to the exercise of the sovereign police powers of the State, or its governmental bodies, and the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

The opinions given in this letter are given as of the date set forth above, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement such opinions to reflect any facts or circumstances that may later come to our attention or any changes in law that may later occur.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **APPENDIX "G"**

### **PROPOSED FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

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**[PROPOSED FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE]**

**\$25,000,000**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025  
OF THE EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF LOUISIANA**

This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Disclosure Certificate") is executed and delivered by the East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana (the "Issuer"), acting through the President and Secretary of its governing authority, the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana, in connection with the issuance of the above captioned issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the governing authority of the Issuer on May 13, 2025, as supplemented by a resolution adopted on July 8, 2025 (collectively, the "Resolution"), and are described in that certain Official Statement dated [\_\_\_\_\_, 2025] (the "Official Statement") which contains certain information concerning the Issuer, the Bonds and certain financial and other information relating thereto. The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. *Definitions.* In addition to the definitions set forth in the preceding paragraph and in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

**"Annual Report"** shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

**"Bondholder"** shall mean any owner of the Bonds, including any owner of a beneficial interest in the Bonds.

**"Dissemination Agent"** shall mean the Director of Business of the Issuer, whose mailing address is 1600 North 7th Street, West Monroe, Louisiana 71291, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated by the Issuer.

**"Governing Authority"** shall mean the Parish School Board of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana.

**"Listed Events"** shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Certificate.

**"MSRB"** shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, through its Electronic Municipal Market Access Center ("EMMA") which has been designated by the Securities and Exchange Commission as the single centralized repository for the collection and availability of continuing disclosure documents for purposes of the Rule, and which is available at the following web address:

**Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board  
Electronic Municipal Market Access Center  
<http://emma.msrb.org>**

**"Participating Underwriter"** shall mean the original Purchaser (as defined in the Resolution) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with an offering of the Bonds.

**"Rule"** shall mean Rule 15c2-12 (b) (5) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 2. *Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate.* This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Bondholders and the Participating Underwriter, and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule.

SECTION 3. *Provision of Annual Reports.* (a) On or before December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year, commencing December 31, 2025, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, provide to the MSRB an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements set forth in Section 4 below. The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as set forth below; *provided* that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report. If the Issuer's fiscal year changes, it shall give, or shall cause to be given, notice of such change in the same manner as for a Listed Event under Section 5, and this Disclosure Certificate shall, to the extent necessary, be automatically amended so that the due date of the Annual Report as provided in this paragraph shall be the last day of the sixth month following the end of the new fiscal year, and such new date shall be included in the notice given pursuant to this sentence.

(b) If the Annual Report is not provided to the MSRB by the date required in (a) above, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, send in a timely manner a Notice of Failure to File Annual Report to the MSRB, in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 4. *Content of Annual Reports.* The Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

- (a) Audited financial statements of the Issuer for the preceding fiscal year. If the Issuer's audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to Section 3(a), the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format preferred by the Issuer, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report when they become available.
- (b) Any change in the basis of accounting used by the Issuer in reporting its financial statements. The Issuer currently follows GAAP principles and mandated Louisiana statutory accounting requirements as in effect from time to time. In the event of any material change in such requirements the impact of such changes will be described in the Annual Report of the year such change occurs.
- (c) The assessed value of taxable property in the Issuer and homestead exemptions for the most recent tax year available.
- (d) The assessed value of property by classifications for the Issuer for the most recent tax year available.
- (e) The *ad valorem* tax levies and collections of the Issuer for the most recent tax year available.

- (f) A listing of the ten largest *ad valorem* taxpayers within the Issuer for the most recent tax year available.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which have been submitted to the MSRB or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document incorporated by reference is a deemed final official statement, it shall be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. *Reporting of Listed Events.* (a) This section shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following Listed Events with respect to the Bonds:

- (i) Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (ii) Non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (iii) Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (iv) Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (v) Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) Modifications to rights of Bondholders, if material;
- (viii) Bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (ix) Defeasances;
- (x) Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (xi) Rating changes;
- (xii) Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer;
- (xiii) The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (xiv) Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or paying agent or the change of name of a trustee or paying agent, if material;
- (xv) Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Issuer, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect Bondholders; or
- (xvi) Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall direct the Dissemination Agent to file as soon as possible, but in no event more than ten business days after the occurrence of the event, a notice of such occurrence with the MSRB.

(c) The term "financial obligation" as used in Section 5(a)(xv) and (xvi) above shall have the meaning given to such term in the Issuer's Post-Issuance Compliance Policy for Municipal Securities in effect on the date hereof, as said policy may be amended from time to time.

SECTION 6. *Management Discussion of Items Disclosed.* If an item required to be disclosed as part of the Annual Report or the Listed Events would be misleading without discussion, the Issuer shall additionally provide a statement clarifying the disclosure in order that the statement made will not be misleading in light of the circumstances in which it is made.

SECTION 7. *Termination of Reporting Obligation.* The obligations of the Issuer under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

SECTION 8. *Dissemination Agent.* The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a successor Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

SECTION 9. *Amendment; Waiver.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate, and any provision of this Disclosure Certificate may be waived, provided that the following conditions are satisfied:

(a) The amendment or waiver is 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 Issuer, or type of business conducted;

(b) This Disclosure Certificate, as amended, or the provision, as waived, would, in the opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws selected by the Issuer, 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 or waiver either (i) is approved by Bondholders in the same manner as provided in the Resolution for amendments to the Resolution with the consent of Bondholders, (ii) does not, in the opinion of counsel expert in federal securities laws selected by the Issuer, materially impair the interests of the Bondholders, (iii) is necessary to comply with a change in the legal requirements or other change in law, including any change in the requirements of the Rule, or (iv) is otherwise permitted by federal securities laws at the time of such amendment.

In the event of any such amendment or waiver of a provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall describe such amendment in the next Annual Report relating to the Issuer and shall include, as applicable, a narrative explanation of the reason for the amendment or waiver and its impact on the type (or in the case of change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by or in respect of the Issuer.

SECTION 10. *Additional Information.* Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall not have any obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 11. *Default.* In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate any Bondholder or the Participating Underwriter may take such actions as may

be necessary and appropriate, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 12. *Beneficiaries.* This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriter and the Bondholders, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. *Other Stipulations.* Any document submitted to the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. Any document submitted to the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate shall be in Portable Document Format (.pdf) and word-searchable (without regard to diagrams, images and other non-textual elements).

IN FAITH WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Continuing Disclosure Certificate on this, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2025.

**EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF  
LOUISIANA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
President,  
Ouachita Parish School Board

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary,  
Ouachita Parish School Board

**EXHIBIT A**  
**to Continuing Disclosure Certificate**

**NOTICE OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT**

Name of Issuer: East Ouachita Parish School District of the Parish of Ouachita, State of Louisiana

Name of Bond Issue: General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025

Date of Issuance: July 22, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report as required by the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed in connection with the above-described bonds. The Issuer anticipates that its Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

**EAST OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF THE PARISH OF OUACHITA, STATE OF  
LOUISIANA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary,  
Ouachita Parish School Board



**BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

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## **BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM**

The Bonds initially will be issued solely in book-entry form to be held in the book-entry only system maintained by The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. So long as such book-entry only system is used, only DTC will receive or have the right to receive physical delivery of the Bonds and, except as otherwise provided herein with respect to Beneficial Owners of Beneficial Ownership Interests, Beneficial Owners will not be or be considered to be, and will not have any rights as owners or holders of the Bonds under the Bond Resolution.

The following information about the book-entry only system applicable to the Bonds has been supplied by DTC. The Issuer makes no representations, warranties or guarantees with respect to its accuracy or completeness.

DTC will initially act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds 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 will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the 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 an S&P Global Rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC's partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership.

DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Bonds unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the Issuer 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 Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

Principal and interest payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the Issuer or Paying Agent on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Paying Agent or the Issuer, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of principal and interest to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the Issuer or Paying 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 depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Issuer or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, the Bonds are required to be printed and delivered.

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

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

THE ISSUER AND UNDERWRITER CANNOT AND DO NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT THE DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS (i) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST AND PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON THE BONDS, (ii) CONFIRMATION OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN BONDS, OR (iii) REDEMPTION OR OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE BONDS, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS OR THAT DTC, DTC PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT. THE CURRENT "RULES" APPLICABLE TO DTC ARE ON FILE WITH THE SEC, AND THE CURRENT "PROCEDURES" OF DTC TO BE FOLLOWED IN DEALING WITH DTC PARTICIPANTS ARE ON FILE WITH DTC.

NEITHER THE ISSUER, UNDERWRITER NOR THE PAYING AGENT WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO SUCH DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (1) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DTC PARTICIPANT; (2) THE PAYMENT BY ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OR INTEREST OR PREMIUM, IF ANY, ON THE BONDS; (3) THE DELIVERY BY ANY DTC PARTICIPANT OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER WHICH IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION TO BE GIVEN TO BONDHOLDERS; (4) THE SELECTION OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF ANY PARTIAL REDEMPTION OF THE BONDS; OR (5) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS BONDHOLDER.

