

NEW ISSUE
BOOK-ENTRY ONLYS&P RATINGS: Program Rating: AA+
District Underlying Rating: A+
See "BOND RATINGS" herein.

In the opinion of Pierson Ferdinand LLP, Bond Counsel to the District, under existing law and assuming continued compliance with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) (1) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax and (2) is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri. The Bonds have not been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code. Bond Counsel notes that interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax. See "TAX MATTERS" in this Official Statement.



\$53,930,000*
BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING
AND REFUNDING BONDS
(MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM)
SERIES 2026

Dated: Date of Issuance**Due: March 1, as shown on the inside cover page**

The General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026 (the "Bonds") will be issued by Belton School District #124 of Cass County, Missouri (the "District") for the purpose of providing funds (1) to refund a portion of the District's General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017 (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), scheduled to mature on March 1, 2029* through March 1, 2037*, inclusive, outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000*, (2) to pay the costs of the Project (defined herein), and (3) to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds, as further described herein under the caption "PLAN OF FINANCING."

The Bonds will be issued as fully registered bonds and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be available for purchase in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, under the book-entry system maintained by DTC. DTC will receive all payments with respect to the Bonds from UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri, as paying agent for the Bonds. DTC is required to remit such payments to DTC Participants for subsequent disbursement to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Semiannual interest will be payable on March 1 and September 1, beginning on September 1, 2027*.

The Bonds and the interest thereon will constitute general obligations of the District, payable from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District.

The Bonds or portions thereof are subject to optional [and mandatory] redemption prior to maturity as more fully described herein. See the caption "THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions" herein.

The bonds are subject to certain risks. See the caption "RISK FACTORS" in this Official Statement.

MATURITY SCHEDULE
SEE INSIDE FRONT COVER

The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued by the District, subject to the approval of legality by Pierson Ferdinand LLP, Bond Counsel. Certain legal matters related to the Official Statement will be passed upon by Pierson Ferdinand LLP. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Thompson Coburn LLP. It is expected that the Bonds will be available for delivery in book-entry form through DTC, New York, New York on or about December 2, 2026.*

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The date of this Official Statement is _____, 2026.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion or amendment. These securities may not be sold nor may offers to buy be accepted prior to the time the Official Statement is delivered in final form. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction.

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MATURITY SCHEDULE*

Base CUSIP: 081005

SERIAL BONDS

<u>Maturity</u> <u>March 1</u>	<u>Principal</u> <u>Amount*</u>	<u>Interest</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>CUSIP</u>
2028	\$1,000,000			
2029	2,300,000			
2030	1,500,000			
2031	2,580,000			
2032	2,845,000			
2033	3,080,000			
2034	3,375,000			
2035	3,645,000			
2036	3,985,000			
2037	4,310,000			
2041	3,610,000			
2042	3,835,000			
2043	4,075,000			
2044	4,325,000			
2045	4,590,000			
2046	4,875,000			

* Preliminary; subject to change. Serial maturities may be aggregated into one or more term bonds with mandatory sinking fund payments per the serial maturity schedule.

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OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI**

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REGARDING USE OF THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized by the District or the Underwriter to give any information or to make any representations with respect to the Bonds other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorized by any of the foregoing. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such offer, solicitation or sale. The information set forth herein has been furnished by the District and other sources which are believed to be reliable, but such information is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness, and is not to be construed as a representation, by the Underwriter. The information and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date hereof.

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

The Bonds have not been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or under any state securities or “blue sky” laws. The Bonds are offered pursuant to an exemption from registration with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Certain statements included in or incorporated by reference in this Official Statement that are not purely historical are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 21E of the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 27A of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and reflect the District’s current expectations, hopes, intentions, or strategies regarding the future. Such statements may be identifiable by the terminology used such as “plan,” “expect,” “estimate,” “budget,” “intend” or other similar words.

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CERTAIN RESULTS OR OTHER EXPECTATIONS CONTAINED IN SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INVOLVES KNOWN AND UNKNOWN RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER FACTORS WHICH MAY CAUSE ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIBED TO BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM ANY FUTURE RESULTS, PERFORMANCE OR ACHIEVEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED BY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. INCLUDED IN SUCH RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES ARE (i) THOSE RELATING TO THE POSSIBLE INVALIDITY OF THE UNDERLYING ASSUMPTIONS AND ESTIMATES, (ii) POSSIBLE CHANGES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, BUSINESS, INDUSTRY, MARKET, LEGAL AND REGULATORY CIRCUMSTANCES, AND (iii) CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN BY THIRD PARTIES, INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, SUPPLIERS, BUSINESS PARTNERS AND COMPETITORS, AND LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND OFFICIALS. ASSUMPTIONS RELATED TO THE FOREGOING INVOLVE JUDGMENTS WITH RESPECT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FUTURE ECONOMIC, COMPETITIVE, AND MARKET CONDITIONS AND FUTURE BUSINESS DECISIONS, ALL OF WHICH ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT ACCURATELY. FOR THESE REASONS, THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT WILL PROVE TO BE ACCURATE.

UNDUE RELIANCE SHOULD NOT BE PLACED ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ALL FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ARE BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT ON THE DATE HEREOF, AND THE DISTRICT ASSUMES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS IF OR WHEN ITS EXPECTATIONS OR EVENTS, CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES ON WHICH SUCH STATEMENTS ARE BASED OCCUR OR FAIL TO OCCUR, OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH IN **APPENDIX C** TO THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

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BOND ISSUE SUMMARY

This Bond Issue Summary is expressly qualified by the entire Official Statement, which is provided for the convenience of potential investors, and which should be reviewed in its entirety by potential investors.

District:	Belton School District #124 of Cass County, Missouri
Issue:	\$53,930,000* General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026
Dated Date:	Date of issuance of the Bonds
Interest Payment Dates:	March 1 and September 1, beginning September 1, 2027*
Principal Due:	Serial Bonds are due on March 1 in the years 2028* through 2037* and 2041* through 2046*, inclusive, as detailed on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. [*Term Bonds are due on March 1 in the years 20__*, as detailed on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption prior to maturity as described herein.*]
Optional Redemption:	The Bonds maturing on March 1, 2037* and thereafter are subject to optional redemption on March 1, 2036* and at any time thereafter, in whole or in part, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest thereon to the redemption date.
Authorization:	The Bonds are authorized by a resolution of the Board of Education of the District pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Sections 26 and 28 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapters 108 and 164 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and an election duly held in the District on April 7, 2026.
Security:	The Bonds will be general obligations of the District and will be payable from ad valorem taxes which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See also the caption “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS” herein.
Credit Rating:	S&P Global Ratings (“S&P”) has assigned the Bonds the rating of “AA+” conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the caption “SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments.” In addition, S&P has assigned the Bonds an underlying rating of “A+” based on S&P’s evaluation of the credit worthiness of the District.
Purpose:	The Bonds are being issued to provide funds to (1) refund a portion of the District’s General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017 (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), scheduled to mature on March 1, 2029*, through March 1, 2037*, inclusive, outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000*, (2) pay a portion of the costs of the Project (defined herein) utilizing \$35,000,000* of the total \$58,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds approved by the required number of qualified voters of the District voting on the general obligation bond question at an election held in the District on April 7, 2026, and (3) pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. See also the section captioned “PLAN OF FINANCING” herein.
Tax Exemption:	Pierson Ferdinand LLP, Bond Counsel, will provide an opinion as to the tax exemption of the Bonds as discussed under “TAX MATTERS” in this Official Statement.
Bank Qualification:	The Bonds have <u>not</u> been designated as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
Paying Agent and Escrow Agent:	UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri
Book-Entry Form:	The Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co. as nominee for The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository of the Bonds.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

\$53,930,000*

**BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI
GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING AND REFUNDING BONDS
(MISSOURI DIRECT DEPOSIT PROGRAM)
SERIES 2026**

INTRODUCTION

This introduction is only a brief description and summary of certain information contained in this Official Statement and is qualified in its entirety by reference to more complete and detailed information contained in the entire Official Statement, including the cover page and appendices hereto, and the documents summarized or described herein. A full review should be made of the entire Official Statement.

Purpose of the Official Statement

The purpose of this Official Statement is to furnish information relating to (1) Belton School District #124 of Cass County, Missouri (the “**District**”), and (2) the General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026 (the “**Bonds**”) of the District to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$53,930,000* and dated the date of issuance and delivery.

The District

The District is a seven-director school district and political subdivision organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri. The District encompasses approximately 42.9 square miles and is located in the west-central portion of Missouri, in the southern portion of the Kansas City metropolitan area. See *Appendix A* of this Official Statement for further information regarding the District.

Purpose of the Bonds

At an election held in the District on April 7, 2026 (the “**2026 Election**”), the required majority of the qualified voters of the District approved a question authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$58,000,000 for the purpose of (i) acquiring, constructing, renovating, expanding, improving, furnishing and equipping school facilities of the District for the purpose of expanding career and technical programs and activities for middle school and high school students; expanding learning experiences for elementary students through farm, technology, and arts programs; and expanded experiences with Junior ROTC, academic, activities and athletic programs; and (ii) completing other facility maintenance and improvement projects throughout the District (collectively, the “**Project**”).

The District has not previously issued any of the general obligation bonds authorized by the voters at the 2026 Election, and a portion of the principal amount of the Bonds (in the aggregate principal amount of \$35,000,000*) represents the first portion of general obligation bonds authorized at the 2026 Election, which the District will use to finance a portion of the costs of the Project. Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$23,000,000* in remaining authorization from the 2026 Election.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

The remaining portion of the principal amount of the Bonds (in the principal amount of \$18,930,000*) is being issued for the purpose of refunding a portion of the District's General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017 (Missouri Direct Deposit Program) (the "**Series 2017 Bonds**"), scheduled to mature on March 1, 2029* through March 1, 2037*, inclusive, outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,000,000* (the "**Refunded Bonds**"). See also the caption "**PLAN OF FINANCING**" in this Official Statement. The District's Series 2017 Bonds scheduled to mature on March 1, 2027 and March 1, 2028, including accrued interest thereon, outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,675,000* will not be refunded with proceeds of the Bonds and will remain outstanding.

In connection with the pricing of the Bonds, the District will determine whether to proceed with the refunding of any portion of the Series 2017 Bonds. No assurances can be given that the District will refund any of the Series 2017 Bonds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and, in the event that the District does not refund any portion of the Series 2017 Bonds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the Bonds, when issued, shall be captioned as "General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026" and all references to the refunding transaction will be removed from the final Official Statement related to the Bonds.

The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution passed by the Board of Education, the governing body of the District, on October 14, 2026 and a Certificate of Final Terms dated November ____, 2026 (collectively, the "**Bond Resolution**"). *All capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to those terms in the Bond Resolution.*

Security and Source of Payment for the Bonds

The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to principal of and interest on the Bonds from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all of the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. See the section captioned "**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – General**" in this Official Statement. In addition, the District will enter into a Direct Deposit Agreement (hereinafter defined), whereby the District will pledge its State Aid (hereinafter defined) to the payment of the Bonds. The Direct Deposit Agreement will require that a portion of the District's State Aid payments be transferred directly to the Deposit Trustee (hereinafter defined) which will, in turn, transfer amounts as needed to the Paying Agent (hereinafter defined) for the Bonds in order to provide for payment of debt service on the Bonds. See the section captioned "**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**" in this Official Statement.

Other Outstanding Obligations Payable

In addition to the Bonds, the District is obligated to meet from ad valorem property taxes the principal and interest requirements on the District's other outstanding general obligation bonds as set forth in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement under the section captioned "**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness.**" The District is also obligated on an annually renewable basis to make certain lease payments under lease purchase financings described under the section captioned "**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Other Long-Term Obligations of the District**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. The lease payments are payable solely from available money in the District's Capital Projects Fund and not from moneys in the District's Debt Service Fund, which may be used solely to make payments on the District's general obligation bonds.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

Financial Statements

Audited financial statements of the District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, are included in *Appendix B* to this Official Statement. These financial statements have been audited by Marr and Company, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri, independent certified public accountants, to the extent and for the period indicated in their report which is also included in *Appendix B* to this Official Statement.

Continuing Disclosure

The District will enter into a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking dated as of the date of issuance of the Bonds (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”), to provide certain financial information and operating data relating to the District and to provide notices of the occurrence of certain enumerated events relating to the Bonds. The financial information, operating data and notice of events will be filed in compliance with Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. See the section herein captioned “**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**” and the form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking included as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

Bond Ratings

The District has received the program rating set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement from S&P Global Ratings, a division of Standard & Poor’s Financial Services, LLC (“**S&P**”), based upon the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” in this Official Statement. The District has also received the underlying rating on the Bonds set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement from S&P based upon the underlying credit worthiness of the District without regard to the Direct Deposit Agreement. See also the section captioned “**BOND RATINGS**” in this Official Statement.

Description of Documents

Brief descriptions of the Bonds, the security for the Bonds and certain other matters are included in this Official Statement. Such information, summaries and descriptions do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references herein to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution are qualified in their entirety by reference to such documents.

PLAN OF FINANCING

Authorization and Purpose of the Bonds

The Bonds are authorized pursuant to and in full compliance with the Constitution and statutes of the State of Missouri, including particularly Article VI, Sections 26 and 28 of the Missouri Constitution and Chapters 108 and 164 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

At the 2026 Election, the qualified voters of the District voting on the general obligation bond question approved by 68.7% (1,089 voting “yes” to 497 voting “no”) the question authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of \$58,000,000 for the purpose of paying costs of the Project. The District has not previously issued any of the general obligation bonds authorized by the voters at the 2026 Election. A portion of the principal amount of the Bonds (in the principal amount of \$35,000,000*) will constitute a portion of the total \$58,000,000 principal amount of general obligation bonds approved by the voters at the 2026 Election

* Preliminary, subject to change.

and will be used by the District to finance costs of the Project. Following the issuance of the Bonds, the District will have \$23,000,000* in remaining general obligation bonds authorized by voters at the 2026 Election.

The remaining portion of the principal amount of the Bonds (in the principal amount of \$18,930,000*) is being issued to refund the Refunded Bonds. See the caption “**Refunding of the Refunded Bonds**” below.

The Project

The District will utilize the sale proceeds from the \$35,000,000* principal amount portion of the Bonds to finance costs of the Project approved by voters at the 2026 Election. The components of the Project being financed with the Bonds include:

- improvements and replacements to various District athletic facilities, including replacement turf for baseball, softball and football fields, replacement of the existing track, along with concession stand and bleacher improvements;
- renovations to the District’s Yeokum Center of Innovation;
- purchase of replacement furniture for elementary schools; and
- deferred maintenance project throughout the District.

Refunding of the Refunded Bonds

The sale proceeds allocable to the \$18,930,000* principal amount portion of the Bonds will be used to refund and redeem, on March 1, 2027, the Refunded Bonds.

On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the District will transfer \$ _____ of the proceeds of the Bonds to UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri, as escrow agent (the “**Escrow Agent**”), for deposit in the Escrow Fund (the “**Escrow Fund**”) established under an Escrow Trust Agreement (the “**Escrow Agreement**”), between the District and the Escrow Agent. The moneys deposited in the Escrow Fund will be used to purchase United States government obligations maturing in such amounts and at such times as shall be sufficient, together with the interest to accrue thereon, to pay the principal of and interest on the Refunded Bonds upon redemption on March 1, 2027.

Robert Thomas, CPA, LLC, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, a firm of independent certified public accountants, will render an opinion to the effect that the principal of and interest income on the Escrowed Securities, together with the moneys held by the Escrow Agent will provide sufficient moneys to make the required payments to pay the Refunded Bonds.

* Preliminary; subject to change.

Set forth below is a description of the Refunded Bonds being called for redemption on March 1, 2027:

<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date*</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CUSIP Number</u>	<u>Redemption Date*</u>	<u>Redemption Price</u>
10/10/2017	03/01/2029	\$1,500,000	5.50%	081005 KF6	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2030	1,700,000	5.50	081005 KG4	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2031	1,800,000	5.50	081005 KH2	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2032	2,000,000	5.50	081005 KJ8	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2033	2,200,000	5.50	081005 KK5	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2034	2,400,000	5.50	081005 KL3	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2035	2,600,000	5.50	081005 KM1	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2036	2,800,000	5.50	081005 KN9	03/01/2027	100.00%
10/10/2017	03/01/2037	3,000,000	5.50	081005 KP4	03/01/2027	100.00%

In connection with the pricing of the Bonds, the District will determine whether to proceed with the refunding of any portion of the Refunded Bonds. No assurances can be given that the District will refund any of the Refunded Bonds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and, in the event that the District does not refund any portion of the Refunded Bonds in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, the Bonds, when issued, shall be captioned as “General Obligation School Building Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026” and all references to the refunding transaction will be removed from the final Official Statement related to the Bonds.

Sources and Uses of Funds

The following table summarizes the estimated sources of funds, including the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, and the expected uses of such funds, in connection with the plan of financing:

Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of the Bonds	\$ 53,930,000*
Plus [Net] Original Issue [Premium]	
Total	<u>\$</u>

Uses of Funds:

Deposit to Capital Projects Fund	\$
Deposit to Escrow Fund	
Costs of issuance, including Underwriter’s Discount	
Total	<u>\$</u>

* Preliminary; subject to change.

THE BONDS

The following is a summary of certain terms and provisions of the Bonds. Reference is hereby made to the Bonds and the provisions with respect thereto in the Bond Resolution for the detailed terms and provisions thereof.

General

The Bonds are being issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$53,930,000*. The Bonds are dated as of the date of original delivery of and payment for such Bonds. Principal is payable on March 1 in the years and in the principal amount set forth on the inside cover page of this Official Statement, subject to redemption and payment prior to maturity upon the terms and conditions described under the section below captioned **“Redemption Provisions.”** Interest on the Bonds is calculated at the rates per annum set forth on the inside cover page, computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. The Bonds shall consist of fully-registered bonds in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Interest on the Bonds is payable from the date thereof or the most recent date to which interest has been paid and is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 (each an **“Interest Payment Date”**), beginning September 1, 2027*.

The interest payable on each Bond on any Interest Payment Date will be paid to the person in whose name such Bond is registered (the **“Registered Owner”**) as shown on the registration books (the **“Bond Register”**) at the close of business on the 15th day (whether or not a Business Day) of the calendar month next preceding such Interest Payment Date (the **“Record Date”**) for such interest (a) by check or draft mailed by UMB Bank, N.A., Kansas City, Missouri (the **“Paying Agent”**), to the address of such Registered Owner shown on the Bond Register or such other address furnished to the Paying Agent in writing by such Registered Owner, or (b) by electronic transfer to such Registered Owner upon written notice given to the Paying Agent by such Registered Owner, not less than 15 days prior to the Record Date for such interest payment, containing the electronic transfer instructions including the name and address of the bank, its ABA routing number and the account number to which such Registered Owner wishes to have such transfer directed, and an acknowledgement that an electronic transfer fee may be applicable.

The principal or Redemption Price (as defined herein) of each Bond will be paid by check or draft to the Registered Owner at the Maturity thereof, upon presentation and surrender of such Bond at the payment office of the Paying Agent, or such other office designated by the Paying Agent.

While the Bonds remain in book-entry only form, payments to Beneficial Owners (as defined herein) are governed by the rules of DTC as described in *Appendix D* to this Official Statement. If DTC ceases to act as securities depository for the Bonds, payment may be made as described in the Bond Resolution. See also the caption **“Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System.”**

Book-Entry Only System

Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry only system (the **“Book-Entry Only System”**) described in *Appendix D* to this Official Statement.

Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System

The District will cause the Bond Register to be kept at the payment office of the Paying Agent or such other office designated by the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of the Bonds as provided in the Bond Resolution. Upon surrender of any Bond at the payment office of the Paying Agent, or at such other

* Preliminary; subject to change.

office designated by the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond as provided in the Bond Resolution.

The Paying Agent shall transfer or exchange such Bond for a new Bond or Bonds in any authorized denomination of the same Stated Maturity and in the same aggregate principal amount as the Bond that was presented for transfer or exchange. Bonds presented for transfer or exchange shall be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer or authorization for exchange, in a form and with guarantee of signature satisfactory to the Paying Agent, duly executed by the Registered Owner thereof or by the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent. In all cases in which the privilege of transferring or exchanging Bonds is exercised, the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver Bonds in accordance with the provisions of the Bond Resolution. The District shall pay the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds provided for by the Bond Resolution and the cost of printing a reasonable supply of registered bond blanks. Any additional costs or fees that might be incurred in the secondary market, other than fees of the Paying Agent, are the responsibility of the Registered Owners of the Bonds. If any Registered Owner fails to provide a correct taxpayer identification number to the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent may make a charge against such Registered Owner sufficient to pay any governmental charge required to be paid as a result of such failure. The District and the Paying Agent shall not be required (i) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond after notice calling such bond or portion thereof for redemption has been mailed by the Paying Agent in accordance with the Bond Resolution and during the period of 15 days next preceding the date of mailing of such notice of redemption, or (ii) to register the transfer or exchange of any Bond during a period beginning at the opening of business on the day after receiving written notice from the District of its intent to pay Defaulted Interest and ending at the close of business on the date fixed for the payment of Defaulted Interest pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

Redemption Provisions

Optional Redemption. At the option of the District, the Bonds or portions thereof maturing on March 1, 2037* and thereafter may be called for redemption and payment prior to their Stated Maturity on March 1, 2036* and at any time thereafter, in whole or in part, at the Redemption Price (as defined herein) of 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest thereon to the Redemption Date (as defined herein).

Selection of Bonds to be Redeemed. Bonds shall be redeemed only in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. When less than all of the Outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, such Bonds shall be redeemed from Stated Maturities selected by the District, and Bonds of less than a full Stated Maturity shall be selected by the Paying Agent in \$5,000 units of principal amount by lot or in such other equitable manner as the Paying Agent may determine.

In the case of a partial redemption of Bonds at the time Outstanding in denominations greater than \$5,000, then for all purposes in connection with such redemption each \$5,000 of face value shall be treated as though it were a separate Bond of the denomination of \$5,000. If it is determined that one or more, but not all, of the \$5,000 units of face value represented by any Bond are selected for redemption, then upon notice of intention to redeem such \$5,000 unit or units, the Registered Owner of such Bond or the Registered Owner's duly authorized agent shall present and surrender such Bond to the Paying Agent (1) for payment of the price which such Bonds are to be redeemed (the "**Redemption Price**") and interest to the date fixed for redemption (the "**Redemption Date**") of such \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption, and (2) for exchange, without charge to the Registered Owner thereof, for a new Bond or Bonds of the aggregate principal amount of the unredeemed portion of the principal amount of such Bond. If the Registered Owner of any such Bond shall fail to present such Bond to the Paying Agent for payment and exchange as aforesaid, such Bond shall, nevertheless, become due and payable on the Redemption Date to the extent of the \$5,000 unit or units of face value called for redemption (and to that extent only).

* Preliminary; subject to change.

Notice of Redemption. Unless waived by any Registered Owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of any redemption shall be given by the Paying Agent on behalf of the District by mailing a copy of an official redemption notice by first class mail at least 20 days prior to the Redemption Date to the State Auditor of Missouri and each Registered Owner of the Bond or Bonds to be redeemed at the address shown on the Bond Register.

With respect to optional redemptions, such notice may be conditioned upon moneys being on deposit with the Paying Agent on or prior to the Redemption Date in an amount sufficient to pay the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date. If such notice is conditional and either the Paying Agent receives written notice from the District that moneys sufficient to pay the Redemption Price will not be on deposit on the Redemption Date, or such moneys are not received on the Redemption Date, then such notice shall be of no force and effect, the Paying Agent shall not redeem such Bonds and the Paying Agent shall give notice, in the same manner in which the notice of redemption was given, that such moneys were not or will not be so received and that such Bonds will not be redeemed.

The failure of any Registered Owner to receive the foregoing notice or any immaterial defect therein shall not invalidate the effectiveness of the call for redemption.

So long as DTC is effecting book-entry transfers of the Bonds, the Paying Agent shall provide the notices specified in the Bond Resolution to DTC. It is expected that DTC will, in turn, notify its Participants and that the Participants, in turn, will notify or cause to be notified the Beneficial Owners. Any failure on the part of DTC or a Participant, or failure on the part of a nominee of a Beneficial Owner of a Bond (having been mailed notice from the Paying Agent, a Participant or otherwise) to notify the Beneficial Owner of the Bond so affected, will not affect the validity of the redemption of such Bond.

Effect of Call for Redemption. Official notice of redemption having been given as provided in the Bond Resolution, the Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall become due and payable on the Redemption Date, at the Redemption Price therein specified, and from and after the Redemption Date (unless the District defaults in the payment of the Redemption Price) such Bonds or portion of Bonds shall cease to bear interest. Upon surrender of such Bonds for redemption in accordance with such notice, the Redemption Price of such Bonds shall be paid by the Paying Agent. Installments of interest due on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable as provided in the Bond Resolution for payment of interest. Upon surrender for any partial redemption of any Bond, the Paying Agent shall prepare for the Registered Owner a new Bond or Bonds of the same Stated Maturity in the amount of the unpaid principal as provided in the Bond Resolution. All Bonds that have been surrendered for redemption shall be canceled and destroyed by the Paying Agent pursuant to the Bond Resolution and shall not be reissued.

CUSIP Numbers

It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any Bonds, nor any error in the printing of such numbers shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and payment for any Bonds.

SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS

General

Pledge of Full Faith and Credit. The Bonds will constitute general obligations of the District and will be payable as to both principal of and interest on the Bonds from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount upon all the taxable tangible property, real and personal, within the territorial limits of the District. The full faith, credit and resources of the District are irrevocably pledged for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due.

Levy and Collection of Annual Tax. Under the Bond Resolution, there is levied upon all of the taxable tangible property within the District a direct annual tax sufficient to produce the amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due and payable in each year. Such taxes shall be extended upon the tax rolls in each year and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as the other ad valorem taxes of the District are levied and collected. Except as otherwise provided under the heading **“SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments,”** the proceeds derived from said taxes shall be deposited in the Debt Service Fund, shall be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District and shall be used solely for the payment of the principal or Redemption Price of and interest on the Bonds as and when the same become due, taking into account scheduled mandatory redemptions, if any, and the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent.

Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments

Pursuant to Section 360.111 *et seq.* of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, and related statutes (the **“Deposit Law”**), the State of Missouri (the **“State”**) and the District may agree to transfer to a Missouri bank, as direct deposit trustee (the **“Deposit Trustee”**), a portion of the District’s State aid payments and distributions normally used for operational purposes (**“State Aid”**) in order to provide for payment of debt service on the Bonds. On the date of issuance of the Bonds, the District will enter into a Direct Deposit Agreement (the **“Deposit Agreement”**) with the Office of the Treasurer of the State of Missouri (**“Treasurer’s Office”**), the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education of the State of Missouri (**“DESE”**), the Health and Educational Facilities Authority of the State of Missouri (the **“Authority”**) and the Deposit Trustee. Under the Deposit Agreement, the District will pledge its State Aid to the payment of the Bonds. The Direct Deposit Agreement will provide that (a) one-tenth (1/10th) of the annual debt service to be paid on the Bonds in the bond year ending March 1, 2028, will be deposited with the Deposit Trustee in each of the ten (10) months of March 2027 through September 2027 (excluding October 2027 and November 2027) and in December 2027 through February 2028 and (b) for each bond year thereafter, one-tenth (1/10th) of the annual debt service to be paid on the Bonds will be deposited with the Deposit Trustee in each of the ten similar months of March through September (excluding October and November) and December through February so long as the Bonds are outstanding. Amounts of State Aid to the District in excess of the amounts required to be deposited with the Deposit Trustee will be transferred directly to the District as has historically been the case with all State Aid.

Each month, pursuant to the terms of the Deposit Agreement, DESE will advise the Treasurer’s Office of the amount of the District’s State Aid to be deposited with the Deposit Trustee for the purpose of paying the Bonds, as specified in the Deposit Agreement. If there is a shortfall in a monthly payment, it is to be made up in the succeeding monthly payment of State Aid. Following receipt of the deposits, the Deposit Trustee will invest the amounts for the benefit of the District. The Deposit Trustee will transfer to the Paying Agent the amount necessary for payment of debt service on the Bonds not later than the day prior to each payment date with respect to the Bonds. The District remains obligated to provide funds to the Paying Agent for debt service on the Bonds if the amounts of State Aid transferred are not sufficient to pay the Bonds when due.

Nothing in the Deposit Law or the Deposit Agreement relieves the District of its obligation to make payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds, or to impose any debt service levy sufficient to retire the Bonds. Moneys of the District which would otherwise be used to pay the Bonds on each payment date may be transferred to the District’s operational funds to replace State Aid funds used to pay the Bonds. The State has not committed pursuant to the Deposit Law, the Deposit Agreement or otherwise to maintain any particular level of State Aid on behalf of the District, and the State is not obligated in any manner, contractually or morally, to make payments of debt service on the Bonds, other than its obligation to make transfers to the Deposit Trustee as described above. No assurance can be made that the amount of annual State Aid to the District will not in the future drop below that of the annual debt service requirements on the Bonds.

RISK FACTORS

*The following is a discussion of certain risks that could affect the payments to be made by the District with respect to the Bonds. In order to identify risk factors and make an informed investment decision, potential investors should be thoroughly familiar with this entire Official Statement (including its appendices) in order to make a judgment as to whether the Bonds are an appropriate investment. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should consider carefully all possible factors that may result in a default in the payment of the Bonds, a determination that the interest on the Bonds might be deemed taxable for purposes of federal and Missouri income taxation, or that may affect the market price or liquidity of the Bonds. **This discussion of risk factors is not, and is not intended to be, comprehensive or exhaustive.***

Ad Valorem Property Taxes

The Bond Resolution levies a direct annual tax on all taxable tangible property within the District sufficient to produce amounts necessary for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds each year. Declining property values in the District, whether caused by national or global financial crises, natural disasters, local economic downturns, or other reasons, may require higher levy rates, which may increase the burden on local taxpayers and affect certain taxpayers' willingness or ability to continue timely paying property taxes. See the section captioned **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Property Valuations – History of Property Valuations"** in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. In addition, the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the District or by other political subdivisions in the District would increase the tax burden on taxpayers in the District. See the section captioned **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Indebtedness"** in *Appendix A* of this Official Statement. Missouri law limits the amount of general obligation debt issuable by the District to 15% of the assessed valuation of taxable tangible property in the District. See the section captioned **"DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT – Legal Debt Capacity"** in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. Other political subdivisions in the District are subject to similar limitations on general obligation debt imposed by Missouri law, including cities, counties and certain other political subdivisions, which are limited to general obligation debt of 20%, 10% and 5% of assessed valuation of taxable tangible property, respectively.

Concentration of property ownership in the District would expose the District's ability to collect ad valorem property taxes to the financial strength and ability and willingness of major taxpayers to pay property taxes. See the section captioned **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Major Property Taxpayers"** in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Senior Property Tax Credit Program

The Missouri General Assembly enacted legislation in 2023 (subsequently amended in 2024) that authorizes counties to grant property tax credits to each "eligible taxpayer" equal to the difference between the real property tax liability on the eligible taxpayer's homestead in the current year minus the real property tax liability on the homestead either (1) in the year the county initially authorizes the credit or (2) when the person becomes an "eligible taxpayer" (as codified in Section 137.1050 RSMo, the **"Senior Property Tax Credit Program"**). "Eligible taxpayer" means a Missouri resident who (1) is at least 62 years old, (2) owns real property used as the taxpayer's primary residence and (3) is liable for the payment of property taxes on that property. Implementation of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program requires either adoption of an ordinance by a county or an initiative petition and voter approval process. Property tax bills within counties that participate in the Senior Property Tax Credit Program will reflect the tax credit on property tax bills for eligible taxpayers, thereby reducing the amount of property taxes that the eligible taxpayer would otherwise pay. In March 2024, the Cass County Commission adopted a resolution (the **"Senior Property Tax Resolution"**) authorizing the Cass County Collector to begin accepting applications for the Senior Property Tax Credit Program in Cass County. The Senior Property Tax Resolution does not relieve the taxpayer of the obligation to pay the tax liability of the State Blind Pension Fund. Such exception is not included in Section 137.1050 RSMo.

When the District's property tax revenues are reduced in a given year as a result of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program, there may be less property tax revenues available to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District is permitted to retain in its debt service fund up to one year's debt service payments and can increase the debt service levy for future years to address the potential decrease from implementation of the Senior Property Tax Credit Program and to ensure continued payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds. See "**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Homestead Property Tax Credit Program

In June 2025, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 3 (as codified in Section 137.1055 RSMo., the "**Homestead Property Tax Credit Program**"), which authorizes counties to grant property tax credits in the form of a cap on increases to residential real property tax bills. For certain counties, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer's home may be increased by no more than five percent per year or the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index, whichever is greater. For other counties, including Cass County, the real property tax liability on an eligible taxpayer's home may not be increased above the liability incurred during the initial credit year. The City of St. Louis and 17 counties are exempt from the bill. The initial credit year is 2024 or, if the eligible taxpayer's real property tax liability is lower in a subsequent year, the initial credit year is that subsequent calendar year. All non-exempt counties were required to place a question of whether to enact this real property tax cap on the ballot by no later than the April 2026 general election. In Cass County, a majority of the votes cast on the question were in favor of the cap and the credit shall be in effect and Cass County shall grant the property tax credit to eligible taxpayers. The County Collector will note the amount of any credit on the real property tax bills sent to eligible taxpayers.

For all counties, an eligible taxpayer's real property tax liability shall be increased to reflect any increase in tax liability derived from any new property tax levy or an increase in an existing property tax levy approved by the voters subsequent to an eligible taxpayer's initial credit year; provided that, for five percent counties, such increase shall not be considered for the purposes of calculating the allowable increase in an eligible taxpayer's real property tax liability.

When the District's property tax revenues are capped as a result of the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program, there may be less property tax revenues available to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District is permitted to retain in its debt service fund up to one year's debt service payments. However, as described under the caption "**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS**" in this Official Statement, the District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and resources for the prompt payment of the Bonds and levied a direct annual tax, without limitation, sufficient to pay principal and interest on the Bonds on all taxable tangible property in the District. Further, the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program could impact the District's ability to levy a property tax that would be transferred to the District's operational funds in an amount sufficient to replace State Aid funds used to pay the Bonds. See the heading "**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**" herein. The potential financial impact of the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program on the District is not yet ascertainable.

No taxpayer is authorized to claim a property tax credit under the Senior Property Tax Credit Program and the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program for the same homestead.

Secondary Market Prices and Liquidity

The Underwriter will not be obligated to repurchase any of the Bonds, and no representation is made concerning the existence of any secondary market for the Bonds. No assurance is given that any secondary market will develop following the completion of the offering of the Bonds and no assurance is given that the initial offering price for the Bonds will continue for any period of time.

Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets and changes in the operating performance or tax collection patterns of issuers. Particularly, prices of outstanding municipal securities should be expected to decline if prevailing market interest rates rise. Municipal securities are generally viewed as long-term investments, subject to material unforeseen changes in the investor's or the issuer's circumstances and may require commitment of the investor's funds for an indefinite period of time, perhaps until maturity.

No Reserve Fund or Credit Enhancement

No debt service reserve fund will be funded and no financial guaranty insurance policy, letter of credit or other credit enhancement will be issued to ensure payment of the Bonds. Accordingly, any potential purchaser of the Bonds should consider the financial ability of the District to pay the Bonds. As described under **"SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS"** in this Official Statement, the District has irrevocably pledged its full faith, credit and resources for the prompt payment of the Bonds and levied a direct annual tax, without limitation, sufficient to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds on all taxable tangible property in the District.

Ratings

S&P has assigned the Bonds the Direct Deposit Program rating, and the District underlying rating, set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement as further reflected under the section captioned **"BOND RATINGS"** in this Official Statement. Such ratings reflect only the view of S&P, and an explanation of the significance of such ratings may be obtained therefrom. There is no assurance that the ratings will remain in effect for any given period of time or that they will not be revised, either downward or upward, or withdrawn entirely, by S&P if, in its judgment, circumstances warrant. Any such downward revisions or withdrawal of the ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds.

Pensions and Other Postemployment Benefits

The District contributes to two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans on behalf of its employees: (1) The Public School Retirement System of Missouri and (2) The Public Education Employee Retirement System of Missouri. See the section captioned **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Pension and Employee Retirement Plans"** in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. Future required contribution increases beyond the current fiscal year may require the District to increase its revenues, reduce its expenditures, or some combination thereof, which may impact the District's operations or limit the District's ability to generate additional revenues in the future.

State Aid and Direct Deposit Agreement

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, approximately 35.17% of the District's revenue was derived from moneys provided by the State of Missouri as State Aid. See the sections captioned **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – Sources of Revenue"** and **"– State Revenue"** in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement. A portion of the District's State Aid is currently pledged to the payment of the Bonds and will be directly deposited by the State with the Deposit Trustee for payment of the Bonds. See **"SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS – Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments"** in this Official Statement. Reductions in State Aid could occur in the future if, for example, the State of Missouri faces fiscal problems in the future or the District experiences a decline in enrollment. Reductions in State Aid could force the District to make budget cuts or operational adjustments and may adversely affect the rating on the Bonds or the market price of the Bonds.

Enrollment

Significant portions of the revenue the District receives are directly affected by the District's enrollment. A significant decrease in enrollment could reduce the amount of future revenue the District receives, which may adversely affect the District's financial position and results of operations. No assurance can be given that economic, social, legislative and other factors beyond the control of the District will not negatively impact student enrollment and revenues dependent thereon. Increased competition from other educational facilities, including virtual facilities and charter schools, which may offer comparable programs at lower prices, could adversely affect the ability of the District to maintain enrollment, or could adversely affect the ability of the District to attract faculty and other staff. Under the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program, eligible students may enroll in virtual courses, and the school district will have to pay for that course if certain criteria are met. Charter schools are allowed in certain limited areas of Missouri provided certain criteria are met; there are or may be pending in the General Assembly of Missouri legislative proposals that, if enacted, could expand the prevalence of charter schools. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any proposed legislation might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would negatively impact the District's enrollment, financial position or operations. For information about the historical enrollment of the District, see the section captioned "**THE DISTRICT – History of Enrollment**" in *Appendix A* to this Official Statement.

Amendment of the Bond Resolution

Certain amendments, effected by resolution of the District, to the Bonds and the Bond Resolution may be made with the written consent of the Registered Owners of not less than a majority in principal amount of the Bonds then outstanding. Such amendments may adversely affect the security of the owners of the Bonds; provided that, no amendments may (1) extend the maturity of any payment of principal or interest due upon any Bond; (2) alter the optional redemption provisions of any Bond; (3) effect a reduction in the amount which the District is required to pay as principal of or interest on any Bond; (4) permit preference or priority of any Bond over any other Bond; or (5) reduce the percentage in principal amount of Bonds required for the written consent to any modification or alteration of the provisions of the Bond Resolution without the written consent of the Registered Owners of all of the Bonds at the time outstanding. The District may also amend or supplement the Bond Resolution, without notice to or the consent of any Registered Owners, for the purpose of curing any formal defect, omission, inconsistency or ambiguity therein or in connection with any other change therein that is not materially adverse to the security of the Registered Owners.

Loss of Premium from Redemption

Any person who purchases the Bonds at a price in excess of their principal amount or who holds such Bonds trading at a price in excess of par should consider the fact that the Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the redemption prices described herein in the event such Bonds are redeemed prior to maturity. See the section captioned "**THE BONDS – Redemption Provisions**" in this Official Statement.

Tax-Exempt Status and Risk of Audit

The failure of the District to comply with certain covenants set forth in the Bond Resolution could cause the interest on the Bonds to become included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. The Bond Resolution does not provide for the payment of any additional interest, redemption premium or penalty if the interest on the Bonds becomes included in gross income for federal and Missouri income tax purposes. See the section captioned "**TAX MATTERS**" in this Official Statement.

The Internal Revenue Service (the "**IRS**") has established an ongoing program to audit tax-exempt obligations to determine whether interest on such obligations should be included in gross income for federal income tax purposes. Owners of the Bonds are advised that, if an audit of the Bonds were commenced, the IRS, in accordance with its current published procedures, is likely to treat the District as the taxpayer, and the owners

of the Bonds may not have a right to participate in such audit. Public awareness of any audit could adversely affect the market value and liquidity of the Bonds during the pendency of the audit, regardless of the ultimate outcome of the audit.

Adverse Tax Legislation

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

Defeasance Risks

When all Bonds are deemed paid and discharged as provided in the Bond Resolution, the requirements contained in the Bond Resolution and the pledge of the District's faith and credit thereunder and all other rights granted thereby will terminate with respect to the Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon so paid and discharged. Bonds or scheduled interest payments thereon shall be deemed to have been paid and discharged within the meaning of the Bond Resolution if there has been deposited with the Paying Agent, or other commercial bank or trust company moneys and/or Defeasance Obligations that, together with the interest to be earned on any such Defeasance Obligations, will be sufficient for the payment of the Bonds to the stated maturity or prior redemption date. There is no legal requirement in the Bond Resolution that Defeasance Obligations be rated in the highest rating category by any rating agency. Prices of municipal securities in the secondary market are subject to adjustment upward and downward in response to changes in the credit markets, and that could include the rating of Bonds defeased with Defeasance Obligations to the extent the Defeasance Obligations have a change or downgrade in rating.

Cybersecurity Risks

The District relies on its information systems to provide security for processing, transmission and storage of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. It is possible that the District's security measures will not prevent improper or unauthorized access or disclosure of personally identifiable information resulting from cyber-attacks. Security breaches, including electronic break-ins, computer viruses, attacks by hackers and similar breaches can create disruptions or shutdowns of the District and the services it provides or the unauthorized disclosure of confidential personal, health-related, credit and other information. If personal or otherwise protected information is improperly accessed, tampered with or distributed, the District may incur significant costs to remediate possible injury to the affected persons, and the District may be subject to sanctions and civil penalties if it is found to be in violation of federal or state laws or regulations. Any failure to maintain proper functionality and security of information systems could interrupt the District's operations, delay receipt of revenues, damage its reputation, subject it to liability claims or regulatory penalties and could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and results of operations.

LEGAL MATTERS

Legal Proceedings

As of the date hereof, there is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or, to the District's knowledge, threatened wherein or whereby any question is raised or may be raised, questioning, disputing or affecting in any way the legal organization of the District or its boundaries, or the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, or the legality of any official act in connection with the authorization,

issuance and sale of the Bonds, or the constitutionality or validity of the Bonds or any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization, issuance or sale thereof, or the levy and collection of a tax to pay the principal and interest thereof, or which might affect the District's ability to meet its obligations to pay the Bonds.

Approval of Legality

All legal matters incident to the authorization and issuance of the Bonds are subject to the approval of Pierson Ferdinand LLP, as Bond Counsel to the District, whose approving opinion will be available at the time of delivery of the Bonds. Pierson Ferdinand LLP will also pass upon certain legal matters relating to this Official Statement, as disclosure counsel to the District. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the Underwriter by Thompson Coburn LLP, as the Underwriter's counsel.

The various legal opinions to be delivered concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds express the professional judgment of the attorneys rendering the opinions as to the legal issues explicitly addressed therein. By rendering a legal opinion, the opinion giver does not become an insurer or guarantor of that expression of professional judgment, of the transactions opined upon, or of the future performance of parties to such transaction, nor does the rendering of an opinion guarantee the outcome of any legal dispute that may arise out of the transaction.

TAX MATTERS

The following is a summary of the material federal and State of Missouri income tax consequences of holding and disposing of the Bonds. This summary is based upon laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change (possibly on a retroactive basis). This summary does not discuss all aspects of federal income taxation that may be relevant to investors in light of their personal investment circumstances or describe the tax consequences to certain types of owners subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws (for example, dealers in securities or other persons who do not hold the Bonds as a capital asset, tax-exempt organizations, individual retirement accounts and other tax deferred accounts, and foreign taxpayers), and, except for the income tax laws of the State of Missouri, does not discuss the consequences to an owner under any state, local or foreign tax laws. The summary does not deal with the tax treatment of persons who purchase the Bonds in the secondary market. Prospective investors are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding federal, state, local and other tax considerations of holding and disposing of the Bonds.

Opinion of Bond Counsel

In the opinion of Pierson Ferdinand LLP, as Bond Counsel to the District ("**Bond Counsel**"), under the law existing as of the issue date of the Bonds:

Federal and State of Missouri Tax Exemption. The interest on the Bonds (including any original issue discount properly allocable to an owner thereof) is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is exempt from income taxation by the State of Missouri.

Alternative Minimum Tax. The interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of computing the federal alternative minimum tax.

Bank Qualification. The Bonds have not been designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Bond Counsel's opinions are provided as of the date of the original issue of the Bonds, subject to the condition that the District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excludable from gross income for

federal income tax purposes. The District has covenanted to comply with all such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal and State of Missouri income tax purposes retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel is expressing no opinion regarding other federal, state or local tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds, but has reviewed the discussion under the section captioned “**TAX MATTERS**” in this Official Statement.

Other Tax Consequences

Original Issue Discount. For federal income tax purposes, original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond over its issue price. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than “qualified stated interest” (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 1288 of the Code, original issue discount on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. The amount of original issue discount that accrues to an owner of a Bond during any accrual period generally equals (1) the issue price of that Bond, plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (2) the yield to maturity on that Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), minus (3) any interest payable on that Bond during that accrual period. The amount of original issue discount accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner’s tax basis in that Bond. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of original issue discount.

Original Issue Premium. For federal income tax purposes, premium is the excess of the issue price of a Bond over its stated redemption price at maturity. The stated redemption price at maturity of a Bond is the sum of all payments on the Bond other than “qualified stated interest” (*i.e.*, interest unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate). The issue price of a Bond is generally the first price at which a substantial amount of the Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. Under Section 171 of the Code, premium on tax-exempt bonds amortizes over the term of the Bond using constant yield principles, based on the purchaser’s yield to maturity. As premium is amortized, the owner’s basis in the Bond and the amount of tax-exempt interest received will be reduced by the amount of amortizable premium properly allocable to the owner, which will result in an increase in the gain (or decrease in the loss) to be recognized for federal income tax purposes on sale or disposition of the Bond prior to its maturity. Even though the owner’s basis is reduced, no federal income tax deduction is allowed. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the calculation and accrual of bond premium.

Sale, Exchange, or Retirement of Bonds. Upon the sale, exchange, or retirement (including redemption) of a Bond, an owner of the Bond generally will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of any property actually or constructively received on the sale, exchange or retirement of the Bond (other than in respect of accrued and unpaid interest) and such owner’s adjusted tax basis in the Bond. To the extent a Bond is held as a capital asset, such gain or loss will be capital gain or loss and will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Bond has been held for more than 12 months at the time of sale, exchange or retirement.

Reporting Requirements. In general, information reporting requirements will apply to certain payments of principal, interest and premium paid on the Bonds, and to the proceeds paid on the sale of the Bonds, other than certain exempt recipients (such as corporations and foreign entities). A backup withholding tax will apply to such payments if the owner fails to provide a taxpayer identification number or certification of foreign or other exempt status or fails to report in full dividend and interest income. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to an owner will be allowed as a credit against the owner’s federal income tax liability.

Collateral Federal Income Tax Consequences. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that ownership of the Bonds may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to certain taxpayers,

including, without limitation, certain applicable corporations subject to the corporate alternative minimum tax, financial institutions, property and casualty insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security or Railroad Retirement benefits, certain S corporations with “excess net passive income,” foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax, life insurance companies, and taxpayers who may be deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry or have paid or incurred certain expenses allocable to the Bonds. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding these tax consequences. Purchasers of Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to the applicability of these tax consequences and other federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Bonds, including the possible application of state, local, foreign and other tax laws.

Bond Counsel notes that interest on the Bonds may be included in adjusted financial statement income of applicable corporations for purposes of determining the applicability and amount of the federal corporate alternative minimum tax.

BOND RATINGS

S&P has assigned the Bonds the program rating as shown on the cover page of this Official Statement based upon the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program conditioned upon the execution and delivery of the Direct Deposit Agreement described under the section captioned “**SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE BONDS - Direct Deposit of State Aid Payments**” herein. In addition, S&P has assigned the Bonds an underlying rating shown on the cover page of this Official Statement based on S&P’s evaluation of the credit worthiness of the District without regard to the Direct Deposit Agreement and the District’s participation in the Missouri Direct Deposit Program.

The District has furnished S&P with certain information and materials relating to the Bonds and the District that have not been included in this Official Statement. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on the information and materials so furnished and on investigations, studies and assumptions made by the rating agencies. There is no assurance that a particular rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that it will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the judgment of the rating agency originally establishing such rating, circumstances so warrant. Neither the Underwriter nor the District has undertaken any responsibility to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any proposed revision or withdrawal of the ratings of the Bonds or to oppose any such proposed revision or withdrawal. Any such revision or withdrawal of the ratings could have an adverse effect on the market price and marketability of the Bonds. Pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District is required to bring to the attention of the holders of the Bonds any change of the ratings of the Bonds but has not undertaken any responsibility to oppose any such change. See the “**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” attached as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Pursuant to a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be entered into by the District in accordance with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Rule**”), the District has agreed to provide to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “**MSRB**”), *via* the EMMA system, not later than **December 31st** after the end of each fiscal year, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, (1) the audited financial statements of the District for that fiscal year and (2) certain operating data of the District (the “**Annual Report**”). The financial statements of the District are audited by the District’s independent certified public accountants. The District has also agreed to provide prompt notice of the occurrence of certain enumerated events with respect to the Bonds. See “**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**” attached as *Appendix C* to this Official Statement.

The District believes it has complied during the past five years with its prior undertakings under the Rule, except, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the District failed to timely file its audited financial statements on EMMA and failed to timely file the associated “failure to file” event notice.

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Underwriting

Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated (the “**Underwriter**” or “**Stifel**”), has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$[] (which is equal to the aggregate original principal amount of the Bonds, plus a[n] [net] original issue premium of \$[], less an underwriting discount of \$[]). The Underwriter is purchasing the Bonds for resale in the normal course of the Underwriter’s business activities. The Underwriter reserves the right to offer any of the Bonds to one or more purchasers on such terms and conditions and at such price or prices as the Underwriter, in its discretion, shall determine.

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 District and to persons and entities with relationships with the District, for which they received or will receive customary fees and expenses.

In the ordinary course of these business activities, Stifel and its affiliates may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and actively 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 District (directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the District.

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

Certain Relationships

Pierson Ferdinand LLP, as Bond Counsel to the District, has represented the Underwriter in transactions unrelated to the issuance of the Bonds, but is not representing the Underwriter in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

Thompson Coburn LLP, counsel to the Underwriter, has represented the Paying Agent in transactions unrelated to the delivery of the Bonds, but is not representing it in connection with the delivery of the Bonds.

Certification and Other Matters Regarding Official Statement

Information set forth in this Official Statement has been furnished or reviewed by certain officials of the District, certified public accountants and other sources which are believed to be reliable. Any statements made in this Official Statement involving matters of opinion, estimates or projections, whether or not so expressly stated, are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the estimates or projections will be realized.

Simultaneously with the delivery of the Bonds, the President of the Board of Education of the District, acting on behalf of the District, will furnish to the Underwriter a certificate which shall state, among other things, that to the best knowledge and belief of such officer, this Official Statement (and any amendment or supplement hereto) as of the date of sale and as of the date of delivery of the Bonds does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements herein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect.

The form of this Official Statement, and its distribution and use by the Underwriter, has been approved by the District. Neither the District nor any of its officers, directors or employees, in either their official or personal capacities, has made any warranties, representations or guarantees regarding the financial condition of the District or the District's ability to make payments required of it; and further, neither the District nor its officers, directors or employees assumes any duties, responsibilities or obligations in relation to the issuance of the Bonds other than those either expressly or by fair implication imposed on the District by the Bond Resolution.

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Additional Information

Additional information regarding the District or the Bonds may be obtained from the District, Belton School District, 110 W. Walnut Street, Belton, Missouri 64012, (816) 489-7000, Attn: Superintendent, or from the Underwriter, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, 501 North Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102, Attention: Becky Esrock, Telephone (314) 342-2923.

**BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS
COUNTY, MISSOURI**

By: _____
President of the Board of Education

APPENDIX A

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

GENERAL, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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THE DISTRICT

General Description

The District encompasses approximately 42.9 square miles and is located in the west central portion of Missouri in Cass County (the “County”) (highlighted in the map to the right). The District’s schools are located in Belton, Missouri. The District is located approximately 23 miles south of downtown Kansas City, Missouri.



Organization and Board of Education

The District is a reorganized school district formed pursuant to Chapter 162 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended (“**RSMo**”) and operates under the oversight of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“**DESE**”). The District is governed by a seven-member Board of Education (the “**Board**”). The members of the Board are elected by the voters of the District for three-year staggered terms. All Board members are elected at-large and serve without compensation. The Board is responsible for all policy decisions. The President of the Board is elected by the Board from among its members for a term of one year and has no regular administrative duties. The Secretary and Treasurer are appointed by the Board and may or may not be members of the Board.

The current members and officers of the Board are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>First Term Began</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
Jerry Miller	President & Member	April 2010	April 2028
David Daniels	Vice President & Member	April 2021	April 2027
Jim Armilio	Member	April 1997	April 2027
Theresa Cervantes	Member	April 2017	April 2029
Mary Cummings	Member	April 2020	April 2029
Angela Lea	Member	April 2026	April 2027 ⁽¹⁾
Rusty Sullivan	Member	April 2026	April 2029

⁽¹⁾ Appointed to fill a vacant position on the Board until the next school board election in April 2027.

District employee Teresa Stocking serves as Secretary to the Board. District employee Shawna Leeper serves as Treasurer to the Board.

Administration

The Board appoints the Superintendent who is the chief administrative officer of the District responsible for carrying out the policies set by the Board.

Dr. Andrew Underwood was named Superintendent of Schools in April 2010 after serving as Superintendent for the Ava R-I School District. Dr. Underwood received his bachelor’s degree from Southwest Missouri State University (currently known as Missouri State University), his master’s degree from Southwest Baptist University and his Doctorate and Specialist degree from St. Louis University.

Additional members of the administrative staff are appointed by the Board upon recommendation by the Superintendent.

Professional Staff, Teachers and Employees

The District has a total of 686 employees, including 26 administrative personnel, 369 teachers/licensed personnel and 291 non-certificated employees. On average, teachers employed by the District have 13.4 years of teaching experience, compared to a statewide average of 13.2 years, and 70.7% of the District's teachers hold advanced degrees compared to a statewide average of 60.8%. For the 2024-2025 school year, the average salary for all teaching staff was \$69,705, compared to a statewide average salary for teaching staff of \$59,777.

Educational Facilities

The District operates seven schools, as shown below. In addition, it operates the Grace Early Childhood Care & Education Center, an early education, special education and childcare program for infants, toddlers and preschool-aged children, the Yeokum Center of Innovation, an educational and career training facility, and the Scott Educational Center, a specialized non-traditional school facility with a primary focus on social, emotional, and behavioral skills. The aggregate replacement cost of the current physical facilities of the District as most recently determined for insurance purposes is approximately \$288,696,820.

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grades Served</u>
Cambridge Elementary	K-4
Gladden Elementary	K-4
Kentucky Trail Elementary	K-4
Wilckens STEAM Academy	K-6
Mill Creek Upper Elementary	5-6
Belton Middle School	7-8
Belton High School	9-12

History of Enrollment

Listed below are the District's fall enrollment figures for the following school years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
2026-2027	3,989
2025-2026	4,030
2024-2025	4,135
2023-2024	4,092
2022-2023	4,108
2021-2022	4,213

Source: DESE; District

Other District Statistics

The following table shows additional information about the District compiled by DESE for the following fiscal years.

	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>
Avg. Daily Attendance (ADA)	3,948	3,840	3,907	3,894	3,863
Current Expenditures per Pupil	\$12,738	\$13,548	\$14,705	\$14,995	\$16,359
Students per Teacher	14	14	14	13	14
Students per Classroom Teacher	20	19	19	19	17

Source: DESE

District Accreditation

DESE administers the Missouri School Improvement Program (“MSIP”), the state’s school accountability system for reviewing and accrediting public school districts in Missouri. Since MSIP was established in 1990, five review cycles have been completed, each cycle lasting from five to six years. The sixth cycle, referred to as MSIP 6, began in the 2021-2022 school year.

The District is accredited. The MSIP classification is not a bond or debt rating but is solely an evaluation made by DESE.

National School Lunch Program

Certain District students are eligible to receive free or reduced price lunches (“FRL”) under The National School Lunch Program, which include students who participate in certain federal assistance programs (including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or that qualify based on household income. The following table shows information about the District’s students’ participation in the program.

<u>School</u>	<u>January 2025 Full-Time Enrollment FRL Count</u>	<u>January 2025 Full-Time Enrollment</u>	<u>January 2025 Percentage of FRL Participation</u>
Cambridge Elementary	312.00	485.00	64.30%
Gladden Elementary	235.00	344.00	68.30
Kentucky Trail Elementary	187.00	367.00	51.00
Wilckens STEAM Academy	231.00	479.00	48.20
Mill Creek Upper Elementary	285.00	445.00	64.00
Belton Middle School	347.00	632.00	54.90
Belton High School	655.00	1,225.16	53.50

Source: DESE.

ECONOMIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

*Some of the economic information in this section of **Appendix A** is historic in nature and may predate the COVID-19 pandemic. It is not possible to predict whether any of the trends shown herein will continue in the future.*

Population

The following table shows population figures for the District, the City of Belton, Cass County and the State of Missouri (the “State”) from the last three decennial censuses and the latest available estimate.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2024</u>
District	25,125	26,662	27,034	28,001
City of Belton	21,730	23,116	23,953	25,008
Cass County	82,092	99,478	107,824	110,773
State of Missouri	5,595,211	5,988,927	6,154,913	6,191,814

Source: U.S. Census Bureau; Missouri Census Data Center - American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2020-2024).

The following table shows population distribution by age for the District, the City of Belton, Cass County and the State of Missouri from the latest available estimate.

Estimated Population Distribution by Age

<u>Age</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>City of Belton</u>	<u>Cass County</u>	<u>State of Missouri</u>
Under 5 years	1,550	1,644	6,247	356,811
5-19 years	5,082	4,676	22,142	1,186,390
20-24 years	1,375	1,317	5,978	405,498
25-44 years	7,799	7,473	27,682	1,609,113
45-64 years	7,561	6,267	28,816	1,526,259
65 years and over	<u>4,634</u>	<u>3,631</u>	<u>19,908</u>	<u>1,107,743</u>
Total	28,001	25,008	110,773	6,191,814
Median age	39.7	36.8	40.4	39.0

Source: Missouri Census Data Center - American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2020-2024).

Commerce, Industry and Employment

Major Employers. The District's proximity to the Kansas City metropolitan area provides ample employment opportunities for District residents. Listed below are the top ten major employers located in the Kansas City metropolitan area:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Business</u>	<u>Approximate No. of Employees</u>
Federal Government	Government	28,373
The University of Kansas Health System	Health care	17,394
Saint Luke's Health System	Health care	12,822
HCA Midwest Health	Health care	9,981
Ford Kansas City Assembly Plant	Manufacturing	9,044
Children's Mercy Hospital	Health care	7,817
Honeywell Federal Mfg & Tech	Engineering, manufacturing	6,897
Cerner Corporation (Oracle Cerner)	Health care information systems	6,400
Amazon	Retail, distribution	6,000
Olathe Public Schools	Education	5,406

Source: Kansas City Business Journal Book of Lists (October 2025 and January 2026)

Employment Figures. The following table sets forth employment figures for Cass County, the State of Missouri and the United States:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026⁽¹⁾</u>
<i>Cass County</i>					
Total Labor Force	57,184	58,770	60,329	61,004	61,363
Unemployed	1,406	1,735	2,075	2,186	1,724
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	3.0%	3.4%	3.6%	2.8%
<i>State of Missouri</i>					
Total Labor Force	3,402,699	3,095,018	3,131,182	3,175,085	3,185,164
Unemployed	79,757	95,951	114,296	128,532	104,007
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.1%	3.7%	4.0%	3.3%
<i>United States</i>					
Total Labor Force	164,287,000	167,116,000	168,106,000	170,807,000	170,298,000
Unemployed	5,996,000	6,080,000	6,761,000	7,314,000	6,859,000
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.6%	4.0%	4.3%	4.0%

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center, Missouri Department of Economic Development.

⁽¹⁾ As of September 2026 (not seasonally adjusted).

Medical and Health Facilities

Belton Regional Medical Center, an 85-bed acute care facility offering a full range of inpatient and outpatient services, is located approximately 7 miles northwest of the District. Cass Regional Medical Center, a 35-bed critical access hospital, is located approximately 10 miles southeast of the District. District residents also have access to all the medical and health facilities in the Kansas City metropolitan area, including in particular: St. Luke's East in Lee's Summit, Missouri; Menorah Medical Center and Shawnee Mission Medical Center in Overland Park, Kansas; and St. Joseph's Medical Center and Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Higher Education

Higher education is offered to District residents by many colleges, technical schools, and universities in Cass County and the Kansas City area. These schools include DeVry Institute of Technology, located in the City of Kansas City, Missouri; Johnson County Community College, located in the City of Overland Park, Kansas; University of Missouri-Kansas City, located in the City of Kansas City, Missouri; the Metropolitan Community College, with locations in the City of Kansas City, Missouri, the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, and the City of Independence, Missouri; and many other colleges and universities located in Kansas and Missouri.

Recreational Facilities

There are many recreational and entertainment facilities in the Belton and Cass County areas. In addition, there are numerous recreational opportunities located throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. The Belton Parks and Recreation Department maintains eleven parks and a fitness and wellness center. These facilities include a community recreation and aquatic facility, a city lake with boating access, nature trails, a disc golf course, a sports complex with five lighted ball fields, a soccer field, playgrounds and various sports courts. The District is located approximately 25 miles south of the Harry S. Truman Sports Complex, the home of the Kansas City Royals professional baseball team and the Kansas City Chiefs professional football team.

Municipal Services and Utilities

Water and Sewer: The City of Belton provides water and sewer services to District facilities.

Electric: Evergy Missouri West provides electricity to the District.

Natural Gas: Spire Missouri, Inc. provides natural gas to the District.

Transportation and Accessibility

The District is located on Interstate Highway 49, approximately 23 miles south of downtown Kansas City, Missouri, in the southern portion of the Kansas City metropolitan area. The District's proximity to the metropolitan Kansas City area provides residents with a wide variety of transportation carriers, including water, air and rail transport. The City of Kansas City ranks as one of the largest rail centers in the United States, with numerous railroad trunk lines accommodating passenger trains (including Amtrak). The Missouri River provides water transportation of freight moved through the area's port facilities. There are private and contract carriers, and multiple common carriers operating barges on the Missouri River. The District is approximately 40 miles from Kansas City International Airport, where jet service is available to every part of the United States.

Income and Home Values

The following table presents per capita personal income⁽¹⁾ for Cass County and the State of Missouri for the years 2022 through 2024, the latest date for which such information is available:

	Cass County Per Capita <u>Personal Income</u>	State of Missouri Per Capita <u>Personal Income</u>
<u>Year</u>		
2024	\$59,720	\$64,920
2023	56,921	62,435
2022	54,329	58,525

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce - Bureau of Economic Analysis.

⁽¹⁾ Per Capita Personal Income is the annual total personal income of residents divided by resident population as of July 1. "**Personal Income**" is the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income, and transfer payments. "*Net Earnings*" is earnings by place of work - the sum of wage and salary disbursements (payrolls), other labor income, and proprietors' income - less personal contributions for social insurance, plus an adjustment to convert earnings by place of work to a place-of-residence basis. Personal Income is measured before the deduction of personal income taxes and other personal taxes and is reported in current dollars (no adjustment is made for price changes).

The following table presents the estimated median household income for the District, the City of Belton, Cass County and the State of Missouri:

	<u>Median Household Income</u>
District	\$73,941
City of Belton	69,226
Cass County	87,535
State of Missouri	70,702

Source: Missouri Census Data Center, American Community Survey, 5-year estimates (2020-2024).

The following table presents the number of and median value of owner-occupied housing units in the District, the City of Belton, Cass County and the State of Missouri:

	Number of Owner- <u>Occupied Units</u>	<u>Median Home Value</u>
District	11,593	\$219,400
City of Belton	6,148	203,200
Cass County	32,678	292,400
State of Missouri	1,708,413	230,300

Source: Missouri Census Data Center, American Community Survey, 5-year estimates (2020-2024).

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DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT

Overview

The following table summarizes certain financial information concerning the District after issuance of the Bonds (unless otherwise noted). This information should be reviewed in conjunction with the other information contained under the heading “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT**” and the financial statements of the District in **Appendix B** to this Official Statement.

2026 Assessed Valuation ⁽¹⁾	\$657,243,030
2026 Estimated Actual Valuation ⁽²⁾	\$2,796,993,097
Outstanding General Obligation Bonds (“ Direct Debt ”) ⁽³⁾	\$76,320,000
Lease Debt ⁽⁴⁾	\$0
Total Direct Debt and Lease Debt	\$76,320,000
Estimated Population (2024)	28,001
Per Capita Direct Debt	\$2,725.62
Ratio of Direct Debt to Assessed Valuation	11.61%
Ratio of Direct Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation	2.73%
Per Capita Direct Debt and Lease Debt	\$2,725.62
Ratio of Direct Debt and Lease Debt to Assessed Valuation	11.61%
Ratio of Direct Debt and Lease Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation	2.73%
Overlapping and Underlying General Obligation Debt (“ Indirect Debt ”) ⁽⁵⁾	\$60,278,164
Total Direct Debt, Lease Debt and Indirect Debt	\$136,598,164
Per Capita Direct Debt, Lease Debt and Indirect Debt	\$4,878.33
Ratio of Direct Debt, Lease Debt and Indirect Debt to Assessed Valuation	20.78%
Ratio of Direct Debt, Lease Debt and Indirect Debt to Estimated Actual Valuation	4.88%

⁽¹⁾ Includes real and personal property valuations as provided by the Cass County Clerk, including assessed valuation in the amount of \$22,598,631 attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property and assessed valuation in the amount of \$23,330,860 attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District. For further details, see “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT.**”

⁽²⁾ Estimated actual valuation is calculated by dividing different classes of property by the corresponding assessment ratio. For a detail of these different classes and ratios, see “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT.**” Excludes assessed valuation in the amount of \$22,598,631 attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property and assessed valuation in the amount of \$23,330,860 attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District.

⁽³⁾ Includes the Bonds but does not include bonds that have been authorized at the April 7, 2026 election but are not being issued at this time and does not include the Refunded Bonds. See “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT - Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness.**” Preliminary; subject to change.

⁽⁴⁾ Does not include equipment leases.

⁽⁵⁾ See “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT - Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Indebtedness.**”

Current Long-Term General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table sets forth all of the outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the District after issuance of the Bonds.

<u>Bond Series</u>	<u>Date of Bonds</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>
Refunding Bonds, Series 2014	December 22, 2014	\$ 860,000
Refunding Bonds, Series 2017	October 10, 2017	5,675,000*, (1)
School Bonds, Series 2020A	August 19, 2020	13,855,000
School Bonds, Series 2020B	August 19, 2020	2,000,000
School and Refunding Bonds, Series 2026	December 2, 2026*	53,930,000*, (2)
Total		<u>\$76,320,000*</u>

* Preliminary; subject to change.

(1) Does not include the Refunded Bonds.

(2) General obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$58,000,000 were authorized by voters at the April 7, 2026 election. The District anticipates issuing \$35,000,000* of such authorization in connection with the issuance of the Series 2026 Bonds.

History of General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table shows the outstanding debt of the District for each of the following fiscal years.

<u>As of June 30</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Total Outstanding Debt</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund Available for Principal Payments</u>	<u>Net Outstanding Debt</u>	<u>Net Debt as % of Assessed Valuation⁽²⁾</u>
2026	\$611,697,815	\$42,390,000	\$8,089,597	\$34,300,403	5.61%
2025	540,132,578	45,305,000	5,888,269	39,416,731	7.30
2024	513,443,840	54,480,000	8,137,115	46,342,885	9.03
2023	444,376,843	58,491,184	6,128,838	52,362,346	11.78
2022	447,382,995	62,215,000	6,502,223	55,712,777	12.45

Source: The District.

(1) The assessed valuation used is the assessed valuation of the District as adjusted through December 31 of the calendar year prior to the fiscal year shown. Assessed valuation excludes state assessed railroad and utility property and the assessed valuation attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District.

(2) If state assessed railroad and utility property and assessed valuation of property to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas were taken into account, the debt as a percentage of total assessed valuation would be lower than the percentages shown. For more information, see “**DEBT STRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT - Legal Debt Capacity.**”

The District has never defaulted on the payment of any of its debt obligations.

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Legal Debt Capacity

Under Article VI, Section 26(b) of the Constitution of Missouri, the District may incur indebtedness for authorized school purposes not to exceed 15% of the valuation of taxable tangible property in the District according to the last completed assessment upon the approval of four-sevenths of the qualified voters in the District voting on the proposition at any municipal, primary or general election held in even-numbered years or two-thirds voter approval on any other election date. The legal debt limitation and debt margin of the District after issuance of the Bonds, based on 2026 assessed valuation, are as follows:

Legal Debt Limitation and Debt Margin

Constitutional Debt Limitation under Article VI, Section 26(b) (15% of 2026 assessed valuation ⁽¹⁾)	\$ 98,586,455
General Obligation Bonds Outstanding and Authorized But Not Issued ⁽²⁾	(99,320,000)*
Plus: Amounts in Debt Service Fund on June 30, 2026 minus amounts required to pay interest on general obligations bonds on September 1, 2026	8,089,597
Legal Debt Margin under Article VI, Section 26(b).....	<u>\$ 7,356,052</u>

⁽¹⁾ Includes real and personal property valuations as provided by the Cass County Clerk, assessed valuation in the amount of \$22,598,631 attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District for 2025, as confirmed by the District in connection with the April 7, 2026 bond election (see discussion below), and assessed valuation in the amount of \$23,330,860 attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District for 2026.

⁽²⁾ Includes the Bonds (\$53,930,000*) and the bonds authorized at the April 7, 2026 election but not yet issued (\$23,000,000*) and reflects the redemption of the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary; subject to change.

The District's legal debt margin would be higher if all and not just a portion of the value attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property were included in the calculation. Because of the manner in which tax collections are distributed to school districts from assessments of state assessed railroad and utility property (see **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT – County Revenue"**), the cumbersome task of determining the valuation of such property physically located within a school district is not normally undertaken unless, without the value of such property included in the calculation, the district would exceed its legal debt limit.

In order for the District to issue the Bonds, it was necessary for the District to include a portion of the value of state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District in calculating the District's legal debt limit. It was not necessary for the District to determine the value of all state assessed railroad and utility property located throughout the District because, based on the value of a portion of such property included, the District was able to provide evidence that the issuance of the Bonds would not cause the principal amount of all of the District's general obligation bonds to exceed the constitutional limitation of 15% of the valuation of all taxable tangible property located within the District.

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* Preliminary; subject to change.

General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Requirements

The following schedule shows the yearly principal and interest requirements for all outstanding general obligation bonds of the District and the Bonds.

Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	<u>Outstanding Bonds⁽¹⁾</u>		<u>The Bonds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Principal⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Interest⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Principal*</u>	<u>Interest</u>	
2027	\$3,140,000	\$1,484,488			
2028	3,395,000	788,113	\$1,000,000		
2029	1,000,000	628,150	2,300,000		
2030	1,000,000	612,200	1,500,000		
2031	0	595,250	2,580,000		
2032	0	595,250	2,845,000		
2033	0	595,250	3,080,000		
2034	0	595,250	3,375,000		
2035	0	595,250	3,645,000		
2036	0	595,250	3,985,000		
2037	0	595,250	4,310,000		
2038	4,105,000	595,250			
2039	4,700,000	390,000			
2040	5,050,000	202,000			
2041	—	—	3,610,000		
2042	—	—	3,835,000		
2043	—	—	4,075,000		
2044	—	—	4,325,000		
2045	—	—	4,590,000		
2046	—	—	4,875,000		
Total	\$22,390,000	\$8,866,950	\$53,930,000		

* Preliminary; subject to change.

⁽¹⁾ Reflects the redemption of the Refunded Bonds. Preliminary; subject to change.

Note: Totals may not foot due to rounding.

The principal and interest requirements on the District's general obligation bonds (including the Bonds) are payable from amounts in the District's Debt Service Fund generated by a levy on all taxable tangible property in the District. The Debt Service Fund levy may be set, without limitation as to rate or amount, at the level required to make payments on the general obligation bonds. See **"FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT."**

Other Long-Term Obligations of the District

In July 2020, the District entered into a Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Apple Financial Services for the purpose of purchasing certain technology equipment. Pursuant to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement, the District entered into a supplemental schedule in July 2026 related to additional technology equipment. The July 2026 schedule is the only outstanding obligation under the Master Lease Purchase Agreement and established a 3-year lease term in the original principal amount of \$824,505 with an interest rate of 4.45%, with an initial payment due on July 15, 2026. As of the date of this Official Statement, the principal amount outstanding is \$615,631.10.

Future Borrowing Plans

Other than the Projects financed with the proceeds of the Bonds and the issuance of the remaining bonds authorized by voters on April 7, 2026, the District does not have any immediate plans to finance any capital improvements.

Overlapping or Underlying General Obligation Indebtedness

The following table sets forth the approximate overlapping and underlying general obligation indebtedness of political subdivisions with boundaries overlapping the District or lying within the District as of the date of this Official Statement, and the percent attributable (on the basis of assessed valuation) to the District. The table was compiled from publicly available information furnished by the jurisdictions responsible for the debt obligations and the District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information. Furthermore, political subdivisions may have ongoing programs requiring the issuance of substantial additional bonds or other long-term obligations, the amounts of which may be unknown to the District at this time.

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Outstanding General Obligation Debt⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Percent Attributable to the District</u>	<u>Amount Attributable to the District</u>
City of Belton	\$57,400,000	100.00%	\$57,400,000
Cass County	<u>12,895,000</u>	22.32	<u>2,878,164</u>
Total	\$70,295,000		\$60,278,164

Source: Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Electronic Municipal Market Access system.

⁽¹⁾ Excludes special obligation bonds and neighborhood improvement district bonds, which are a general obligation of the issuer but are expected to be paid from special assessments and for which the issuer may not levy a general property tax without voter approval.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Accounting, Budgeting and Auditing Procedures

The District presents its governmental activities in fund financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, in conformity with the requirements of Missouri law and DESE. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net assets/fund equity, revenues and expenditures when they result from modified cash transactions.

The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. District resources are allocated to, and accounted for, individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. Transactions have been recorded in the following funds for the accounting of all District funds:

- ***General (Incidental) Fund:*** The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for general activities of the District, including expenditures for non-certificated employees, pupil transportation costs, plant operation, fringe benefits, student body activities, community services, food service and any expenditures not required or permitted to be accounted for in other funds.
- ***Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund:*** The Special Revenue Fund accounts for expenditures for certificated employees involved in administration and instruction. It includes revenues

restricted by the State and the local tax levy for the payment of teacher salaries and certain employee benefits.

- ***Debt Service Fund:*** The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of principal, interest and paying agent charges on long-term general obligation debt.
- ***Capital Projects Fund:*** The Capital Projects Fund accounts for resources restricted for the acquisition or construction of specific capital projects or items. It accounts for the proceeds of long-term debt, taxes and other receipts designated for construction of major capital assets and all other capital outlay.

The Treasurer of the District is responsible for handling all moneys of the District and administering the above funds. All moneys received by the District from whatever source are credited to the appropriate fund. Moneys may be disbursed from such funds by the Treasurer only for the purpose for which they are levied, collected or received and only upon checks drawn by the Treasurer pursuant to orders of the Board or upon orders for payment issued by the Treasurer pursuant to orders of the Board.

An annual budget of estimated receipts and disbursements for the coming fiscal year is prepared by the Superintendent and is presented to the Board prior to July 1 for approval. The District's fiscal year is July 1 through June 30. The budget lists estimated receipts by funds and sources and estimated disbursements by funds and purposes and includes a statement of the rate of levy per \$100 of assessed valuation required to raise each amount shown on the budget as coming from District property taxes.

The financial records of the District are audited annually by an independent public accountant according to the modified cash basis of accounting. The most recent annual audit has been performed by Marr & Company, P.C., Kansas City, Missouri. The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, together with the independent auditor's report thereon, are included in this Official Statement at **Appendix B**. A summary of significant accounting policies of the District is contained in the notes accompanying the financial statements in Appendix B. The audited financial statements for earlier years with reports by the certified public accountants are available for examination in the District's office.

Sources of Revenue

The District finances its operations through the local property tax levy, state sales tax, State Aid (as defined below), federal grant programs and miscellaneous sources, including without limitation State Aid for transportation, a state sales tax on cigarettes and a pro rata share of interest income from the counties in which each school district operates. Debt service on general obligation bonds is paid from amounts in the District's Debt Service Fund. The primary source of money in the Debt Service Fund is local property taxes derived from a debt service levy. As discussed below, the Debt Service Fund may, however, also contain money derived from transfers from the Incidental Fund, from State Aid in the Classroom Trust Fund, and from certain other taxes or payments-in-lieu-of-taxes that may be placed in the Debt Service Fund at the discretion of the Board. See ***"Certain Permitted Fund Transfers - Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service Fund and/or the Capital Projects Fund."***

State and federal revenue, as well as "Proposition C" sales tax revenue (included in the "Local Revenue" category below), are received on a continuous monthly basis throughout the fiscal year. Local taxes, however, are received primarily in January, over six months into a school district's fiscal year. Districts that receive a smaller percentage of revenue from state and federal aid and depend more on local revenues will typically carry a larger fund balance than other districts that may be receiving a larger percentage of their revenue from state and federal aid amounts rather than local taxes.

For the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the District's sources of revenue were as follows:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Local Revenue:		
Property Taxes	\$33,260,085.44	41.07%
Proposition C Sales Tax	6,678,233.12	8.25%
Other	5,513,221.37	6.81%
County Revenue:		
Railroad & Utility Property Taxes	1,907,257.32	2.36%
Fines, Forfeitures & Other	37,808.18	0.05%
State Revenue	28,477,614.94	35.17%
Federal Revenue	4,854,063.64	5.99%
Other Revenue	<u>248,797.35</u>	<u>0.31%</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$80,977,081.36</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Source: District's Annual Secretary of the Board Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2026.

Local Revenue

The primary sources of "local revenue" are (1) taxes upon real and personal property within a district, excluding railroad and utility property taxes, which are more fully described below, and (2) receipts from a 1% State sales tax (commonly referred to as "Proposition C revenues") approved by the voters in 1982.

Proposition C revenues are deemed to be "local" revenues for school district accounting purposes. Proposition C revenues are distributed to each school district based on the district's weighted average daily attendance (see "**State Revenue - Weighted ADA**" below). Proposition C payments vary each month due to cash availability, which is based on sales taxes paid during the second preceding month. The table below shows the approximate amount each school district received per pupil from Proposition C revenues for the following fiscal years:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u> <u>June 30</u>	<u>Proposition C</u> <u>Revenue</u> <u>(Per Pupil)</u>
2026	\$1,465
2025	1,514
2024	1,475
2023	1,287
2022	1,214

For the current 2026-2027 fiscal year, each school district is expected to receive approximately \$1,468 per pupil from Proposition C revenues; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

County Revenue

For school taxation purposes, all state assessed railroad and utility property within a county is taxed uniformly at a rate determined by averaging the tax rates of all school districts in the county. No determination is made of the assessed value of the railroad and utility property that is physically located within the boundaries of each school district. Such tax collections for each county are distributed to the school districts within that county according to a formula based in part on total student enrollments in each district and in part on the taxes levied by each district. County revenue also includes certain fines and forfeitures collected with respect to violations within the boundaries of the school district.

State Revenue

The primary source of state revenue or “State Aid” is provided under a formula enacted under Chapter 163, RSMo. The amount of State Aid for school districts in Missouri is calculated using a formula that is primarily student-needs-based.

Property Tax Levy Requirements. The sum of a district’s local property tax levies in its Incidental and Teachers’ Funds must be at least \$2.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation in order for the district to receive increases in State Aid above the level of State Aid it received in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Levy reductions required as a result of a “Hancock rollback” (see “**PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Tax Rates - Operating Levy**” below) will not affect a district’s eligibility for State Aid increases.

The Formula. A district’s State Aid is determined by first multiplying the district’s weighted average daily attendance (“**Weighted ADA**”) by the state adequacy target (“**State Adequacy Target**”). This figure may be adjusted upward by a dollar value modifier (“**DVM**”). The product of the Weighted ADA multiplied by the State Adequacy Target multiplied by the DVM is then reduced by a district’s local effort (“**Local Effort**”) to calculate a district’s final State Aid amount. The State Aid amount is distributed to school districts on a monthly basis.

Weighted ADA. Weighted ADA is based upon regular term ADA plus summer school ADA, with additional weight assigned in certain circumstances for students who qualify for free and reduced-price lunch (“**FRL**”), receive special education services (“**IEP**”), or possess limited English language proficiency (“**LEP**”). These FRL, IEP and LEP students are weighted to the extent they exceed certain thresholds (based on the percentage of students in each of the categories in certain high performing districts (“**Performance Districts**”)), which thresholds can change every two years. Beginning with the 2018-2019 fiscal year, certain school districts who operate early childhood education programs will also be able to claim a portion of their pre-kindergarten FRL students in their calculation of ADA; however, the portion of pre-kindergarten FRL students included in the calculation of ADA cannot exceed 4% of the total number of FRL students between the ages of 5 and 18 who are included in the school district’s calculation of ADA. The District’s State Aid revenues would be adversely affected by decreases in its Weighted ADA resulting from decreased enrollment generally and, specifically, decreased enrollment of FRL, IEP and LEP students. However, in the event that the District’s Weighted ADA is substantially reduced for any current fiscal year, the District may use the higher of the District’s Weighted ADA for the immediately preceding fiscal year or the second preceding fiscal year. This process is designed to absorb a one-year attendance irregularity.

Section 163.021 RSMo provides that “whenever there has existed within the school district an infectious disease, contagion, epidemic, plague or similar condition” (like COVID-19), the apportionment of school funds and all other distribution of school moneys, such as Proposition C revenues, shall be made on the basis of the school district’s ADA (or Weighted ADA) for the next preceding fiscal year in which such condition existed. Therefore, if the District’s ADA (or Weighted ADA) for any future fiscal year is substantially reduced as a result of an infectious disease, contagion, epidemic, plague or similar condition, the District will be allowed to base its revenue distributions on its ADA (or Weighted ADA) for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year in which the condition existed.

State Adequacy Target. The State Aid formula requires DESE to calculate a “State Adequacy Target,” which is intended to be the minimum amount of funds a school district needs in order to educate each student. DESE’s calculation of the State Adequacy Target is based upon amounts spent, excluding federal and state transportation revenues, by Performance Districts. Every two years, using the most current list of Performance Districts, DESE will recalculate the State Adequacy Target. The recalculation can never result in a decrease from the State Adequacy Target as calculated for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 and any State Adequacy Target figure calculated thereafter.

The table below shows the State Adequacy Target for the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	<u>State Adequacy Target</u>
2026	\$7,145
2025	6,750
2024	6,375
2023	6,375
2022	6,375

The State Adequacy Target for the current 2026-2027 fiscal year is expected to be \$7,145 per pupil based on the Governor’s recommendations; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

Dollar Value Modifier. The DVM is an index of the relative purchasing power of a dollar in different areas of the state. The DVM is calculated as one plus 15% of the difference of the regional wage ratio (the ratio of the regional wage per job divided by the state median wage per job) minus one. The law provides that the DVM can never be less than 1.000. DESE revises the DVM for each district on an annual basis. The DVM for the District for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years was 1.078, 1.076 and 1.075, respectively.

Local Effort. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the Local Effort figure utilized in a school district’s State Aid calculation was the amount of locally generated revenue that the school district would have received in the 2004-2005 fiscal year if its operating levy was set at \$3.43. The \$3.43 amount is called the “**performance levy.**” For all years subsequent to the 2006-2007 fiscal year, a school district’s Local Effort amount has been frozen at the 2006-2007 amount, except for adjustments due to increased locally collected fines or decreased assessed valuation in the school district. Growth in assessed valuation and operating levy increases will result in additional local revenue to the school district, without affecting State Aid payments.

Categorical-Source Add-Ons. In addition to State Aid distributed pursuant to the formula as described above, the formula provides for the distribution of certain categorical sources of State Aid to school districts. These include (1) 75% of allowable transportation costs, (2) the career ladder entitlement, (3) the vocational education entitlement and (4) educational and screening program entitlements.

Classroom Trust Fund (Gambling Revenue) Distributions. A portion of the State Aid received under the formula will be in the form of a distribution from the “**Classroom Trust Fund,**” a fund in the state treasury containing a portion of the state’s gambling revenues. This money is distributed to school districts on the basis of ADA (versus Weighted ADA, which applies to the basic formula distribution). The funds deposited into the Classroom Trust Fund are not earmarked for a particular fund or expense and may be spent at the discretion of the local school district except that, beginning with the 2010-2011 fiscal year, all proceeds of the Classroom Trust Fund in excess of amounts received in the 2009-2010 fiscal year must be placed in the Teachers’ or Incidental Funds. The table below shows the approximate amount each school district received per pupil from the Classroom Trust Fund for the following fiscal years:

Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	<u>Classroom Trust Fund (Per Pupil)</u>
2026	\$521
2025	605
2024	472
2023	425
2022	430

The estimated Classroom Trust Fund distributions to school districts during the current 2026-2027 fiscal year are expected to be approximately \$539; however, this is a preliminary estimate and subject to change.

Classroom Trust Fund dollars do not increase the amount of State Aid.

Mandatory Deposit and Expenditures of Certain Amounts in the Teachers' Fund. The following state and local revenues must be deposited in the Teachers' Fund: (1) 75% of basic formula State Aid, excluding State Aid distributed from the Classroom Trust Fund (gambling revenues); (2) 75% of one-half of the district's local share of Proposition C revenues; (3) 100% of the career ladder state matching payments; and (4) 100% of local revenue from fines and escheats based on violations or abandoned property within the district's boundaries.

In addition to these mandatory deposits, school districts are also required to spend for certificated staff compensation and tuition expenditures each year the amounts described in clauses (1) and (2) of the preceding paragraph. Since the 2007-2008 fiscal year, school districts are further required to spend for certificated staff compensation and tuition expenditures each year, per the second preceding year's Weighted ADA, as much as was spent in the previous year from local and county tax revenues deposited in the Teachers' Fund, plus the amount of any transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund that are calculated to be local and county tax sources. This amount is to be determined by dividing local and county tax sources in the Incidental Fund by total revenue in the Incidental Fund. Commencing with the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the formula provides that certificated staff compensation now includes the costs of public school retirement and Medicare for those staff members. These items were previously paid from the Incidental Fund.

Failure to satisfy the deposit and expenditure requirements applicable to the Teachers' Fund will result in a deduction of the amount of the expenditure shortfall from a district's basic formula State Aid for the following year, unless the district receives an exemption from the State Board of Education.

A school board may transfer any portion of the unrestricted balance remaining in the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund. Any district that uses a transfer from the Incidental Fund to pay for more than 25% of the annual certificated compensation obligation of the district, and has an Incidental Fund balance on June 30 in any year in excess of 50% of the combined Incidental and Teachers' Fund expenditures for the fiscal year just ended, will be required to transfer the excess from the Incidental Fund to the Teachers' Fund.

Federal Revenue

School districts receive certain grants and other revenue from the federal government that are required to be used for the specified purposes of the grant or funding program.

The federal "Every Student Succeeds Act" ("ESSA") was signed into law on December 10, 2015. ESSA replaces the "No Child Left Behind Act." Each state education agency must develop a state accountability plan ("ESSA Plan") that incorporates testing based on challenging academic standards. The ESSA Plans were required to be submitted to the United States Department of Education (the "DOE") in 2017. Under ESSA, states can decide how much weight to give standardized tests in their accountability systems and determine what consequences, if any, should attach to poor performance. However, at least 95% of eligible students are required to take the state-chosen standardized tests, and federal funding can be withheld if states fall below the 95% threshold.

The State submitted its plan to the DOE on September 13, 2017 in order to meet the September 18, 2017 deadline. The DOE approved the State's plan on January 16, 2018. Under ESSA, the State will continue to test students through the Missouri Assessment Program.

Certain Permitted Fund Transfers

Limited Sources of Funds for Capital Expenditures. School districts may only pay for capital outlays from the Capital Projects Fund. Sources of revenues in the Capital Projects Fund are limited to: (i) proceeds of general obligation bonds (which are repaid from a Debt Service Fund levy) and lease financings; (ii) revenue from the school district's local property tax levy for the Capital Projects Fund; (iii) certain permitted transfers

from the Incidental Fund; and (iv) a portion of the funds distributed to school districts from the Classroom Trust Fund.

Capital Projects Fund Levy. Prior to setting tax rates for the Teachers' and Incidental Funds, each school district must annually set the tax rate for the Capital Projects Fund as necessary to meet the expenditures of the Capital Projects Fund for capital outlays, except that the tax rate set for the Capital Projects Fund may not be in an amount that would result in the reduction of the equalized combined tax rates for the Teachers' and Incidental Funds to an amount below \$2.75. For the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the District's Capital Projects Fund levy is \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. In addition to money generated from the Capital Projects Fund levy, each school district may transfer money from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for certain purposes, including: (1) the amount to be expended for transportation equipment that is considered an allowable cost under the State Board of Education rules for transportation reimbursements during the current year; (2) the amount necessary to satisfy obligations of the Capital Projects Fund for state-approved area vocational-technical schools; (3) current year obligations for lease-purchase obligations entered into prior to January 1, 1997; (4) the amount necessary to repay costs of one or more guaranteed energy savings performance contracts to renovate buildings in the school district, provided that the contract specified that no payment or total of payments shall be required from the school district until at least an equal total amount of energy and energy-related operating savings and payments from the vendor pursuant to the contract have been realized; and (5) to satisfy current year capital project expenditures, an amount not to exceed the greater of (a) \$162,326 or (b) seven percent (7%) of the State Adequacy Target (see "***State Adequacy Target***" above) times a school district's Weighted ADA. The District transferred \$493,094 from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund under this provision during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Transfers from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service Fund and/or the Capital Projects Fund. If a school district is not using the seven percent (7%) or the \$162,326 transfer discussed in parts (5)(a) and (5)(b) of the prior paragraph and is not making payments on lease purchases pursuant to Section 177.088, RSMo, then the school district may transfer from the Incidental Fund to the Debt Service and/or the Capital Projects Fund the greater of (1) the State Aid received in the 2005-2006 school year as a result of no more than eighteen (18) cents of the sum of the Debt Service Fund levy and Capital Projects Fund levy used in the foundation formula and placed in the Capital Projects Fund or Debt Service Fund, or (2) five percent (5%) of the State Adequacy Target (see "***State Adequacy Target***" above) times the district's Weighted ADA. Because the District made a transfer under the provision discussed in the prior paragraph, the District was not eligible to make a transfer under this provision during the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

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Fund Balances Summary

The following Summary Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances was prepared from the District's Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through 2026. The statement set forth below should be read in conjunction with the other financial statements and notes set forth in **Appendix B** of this Official Statement and the financial statements on file at the District's office.

Summary Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances All Governmental Funds

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
General (Incidental) Fund					
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$13,546,331	\$18,303,109	\$23,585,032	\$24,608,811	\$23,996,501
Revenues	35,080,845	35,497,441	38,762,075	39,283,902	43,224,715
Expenditures	25,969,301	27,515,089	29,536,522	29,781,190	33,414,676
Transfers In (Out)	(4,354,766)	(2,700,430)	(8,201,774)	(10,115,021)	(9,595,686)
Balance – End of Year	\$18,303,109	\$23,585,032	\$24,608,811	\$23,996,501	\$24,210,854
Special Revenue (Teachers' Fund)					
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues	28,512,218	31,541,022	29,191,414	27,407,691	29,990,929
Expenditures	32,866,984	34,241,452	35,716,712	36,509,458	39,093,521
Transfers In (Out)	4,354,766	2,700,430	6,525,298	9,101,768	9,102,592
Balance – End of Year	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Fund					
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$5,363,438	\$7,865,112	\$7,433,861	\$9,357,200	\$6,973,200
Revenues	5,618,246	6,036,416	8,135,580	9,249,432	7,222,086
Expenditures	3,116,572	6,467,668 ⁽¹⁾	6,212,240	11,633,432 ⁽²⁾	5,088,445
Balance – End of Year	\$7,865,112	\$7,433,861	\$9,357,200	\$6,973,200	\$9,106,841
Capital Project Fund					
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$17,483,276	\$10,113,966	\$3,130,712	\$0	\$0
Revenues	758,229	1,018,989	1,051,253	596,798	539,350
Expenditures	8,127,539	8,002,243	5,858,440	1,610,052	1,032,445
Transfers In (Out)	0	0	1,676,475	1,013,254	493,094
Balance – End of Year	\$10,113,966	\$3,130,712	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Governmental Funds					
Balance – Beginning of Year	\$36,393,045	\$36,282,187	\$34,149,604	\$33,966,011	\$30,969,701
Revenues	69,969,538	74,093,868	77,140,321	76,537,822	80,977,081
Expenditures	70,080,396	76,226,451	77,323,914	79,534,132	78,629,086
Balance – End of Year	\$36,282,187	\$34,149,604	\$33,966,011	\$30,969,701	\$33,317,696

Source: Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2022-2026.

⁽¹⁾ Includes funds transferred to defease \$2,795,000 in principal amount of the District's Series 2020B Bonds.

⁽²⁾ Includes funds transferred to defease \$5,850,000 in principal amount of the District's Series 2020B Bonds.

Note: Totals may not foot due to rounding and may differ from final audit presentation due to adjustments made during the audit process.

Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss from, among other things, tort; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District maintains several policies of insurance, providing coverage that includes casualties to the District's facilities and general liability insurance, which policies are subject to certain deductible clauses. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year.

Pension and Employee Retirement Plans

General. The District contributes to two cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans on behalf of its employees: (i) The Public School Retirement System of Missouri ("**PSRS**"), which provides retirement, disability and death benefits to full-time (and certain part-time) certificated employees of school districts and certain other educational entities in Missouri and employees of certain related employers; and (ii) The Public Education Employee Retirement System of Missouri ("**PEERS**"), which provides retirement and disability benefits to employees of school districts and certain other educational entities in Missouri and of certain related employers who work 20 or more hours per week and do not contribute to PSRS. Benefit provisions relating to both PSRS and PEERS are set forth in Chapter 169, RSMo. The statutes assign responsibility for the administration of both plans to a seven-member Board of Trustees of PSRS (the "**PSRS Board**"). PSRS and PEERS had 534 and 531 contributing employers, respectively, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

PSRS and PEERS issue a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The PSRS/PEERS Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 (the "**2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR**"), the comprehensive financial report for the plans, is available at www.psr-peers.org/About-Us. The link to the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR is provided for general background information only, and the information in the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR is not incorporated by reference herein. The 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR provides detailed information about PSRS and PEERS, including their respective financial positions, investment policy and performance information, actuarial information and assumptions affecting plan design and policies, and certain statistical information about the plans.

PSRS and PEERS Contributions. Employees who contribute to PSRS are not eligible to make Social Security contributions, except in limited circumstances. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, PSRS contributing employees were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary and their employers, including the District, were required to contribute a matching amount of 14.5% of each contributing employee's covered salary. The contribution requirements of members and the District are established (and may be amended) by the PSRS Board based on the recommendation of an independent actuary. State statute prohibits the PSRS Board from approving an increase greater than 1.0% in aggregate of PSRS contributing member covered pay of the previous year.

Employees who contribute to PEERS are eligible to make Social Security contributions. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, PEERS contributing employees were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary and their employers, including the District, were required to contribute a matching amount of 6.86% of each contributing employee's covered salary. The contribution requirements of members and the District are established (and may be amended) by the PSRS Board based on the recommendation of an independent actuary. State statute prohibits the PSRS Board from approving an increase greater than 0.5% in aggregate of PEERS contributing member covered pay of the previous year.

PSRS and PEERS Funded Status. PSRS and PEERS reported funded ratios of 89.1% and 89.9%, respectively, as of June 30, 2025, according to the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR. Funded ratios are intended to estimate the ability of current plan assets to satisfy projected future liabilities. The PSRS and PEERS funded ratios are determined by dividing the smoothed actuarial value of plan assets by the plan's actuarial accrued liability determined under the entry age normal cost method with normal costs calculated as a level percentage

of payrolls, along with certain actuarial assumptions based on an experience study conducted in 2021. PSRS and PEERS amortize unfunded actuarial liabilities using a closed 30-year method. Additional assumptions and methods used to determine the actuarial funded status of PSRS and PEERS are set forth in the Actuarial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR. The funding objective of each plan, as stated in each plan's Actuarial Funding Policy, is to achieve a funded ratio of 100% over a closed 30-year period.

The following provides a historical comparison of actual employer contributions to actuarially determined contributions and the historical funded status for the plans for the years shown:

Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended June 30	PSRS			PEERS		
	<u>Actuarially Determined Contribution</u>	<u>Actual Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Excess / (Deficiency)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Actuarially Determined Contribution</u>	<u>Actual Employer Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Excess / (Deficiency)⁽¹⁾</u>
2025	\$835,236,887	\$848,104,682	\$12,867,795	\$172,711,373	\$173,979,445	\$1,268,072
2024	832,366,273	819,926,016	(12,440,257)	163,252,197	162,777,627	(474,570)
2023	771,873,895	792,646,705	20,772,810	145,744,095	147,463,789	1,719,694
2022	756,968,491	764,348,407	7,379,916	134,786,669	135,180,782	394,113
2021	702,442,650	745,638,245	43,195,595	123,733,066	126,877,255	3,144,189

Source: "Schedules of Employer Contributions" in the Financial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR.

⁽¹⁾ The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay for PSRS and 0.5% of pay for PEERS. The limitation on contribution increases resulted in a deficiency for some of the years presented. Contributions were funded to the maximum statutory limit each year.

Schedule of Funding Progress
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Year Ended June 30	PSRS			PEERS		
	<u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>	<u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>
2025	\$54,466,041	\$61,144,573	89.1%	\$7,414,008	\$8,250,244	89.9%
2024	51,430,822	58,971,485	87.2	6,881,439	7,810,188	88.1
2023	49,122,410	57,193,631	85.9	6,459,684	7,401,637	87.3
2022	47,185,300	55,405,260	85.2	6,113,154	6,998,708	87.3
2021	45,033,548	52,834,297	85.2	5,756,526	6,560,854	87.7

Source: "Schedule of Funding Progress" in the Actuarial Section of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR.

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As stated in the Financial Statement Information Related to the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri prepared by PSRS and PEERS and provided to the District, the District's contributions to PSRS and PEERS for the years shown were as follows:

District Contributions to PSRS and PEERS

<u>Year Ended June 30</u>	<u>PSRS</u>		<u>PEERS</u>	
	<u>Annual Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution (% of Payroll)⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>Annual Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution (% of Payroll)⁽²⁾</u>
2025	\$4,154,765	14.5%	\$794,006	6.86%
2024	4,099,228	14.5	754,147	6.86
2023	3,949,218	14.5	693,889	6.86
2022	3,793,675	14.5	622,094	6.86
2021	3,538,502	14.5	582,478	6.86

Source: Financial Statement Information Related to the Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri, prepared by PSRS and PEERS for the District (Unaudited).

(1) The percentages shown are less than 14.5% because the District has certain PSRS members who are required to contribute to Social Security under the requirements of Section 169.070, RSMo, known as the "2/3's statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate, and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount.

(2) The annual contributions equaled or exceeded the amounts required by the PSRS Board for each year.

The District's contribution to PSRS and PEERS during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 constituted approximately 6.2% of the District's total expenditures during the fiscal year. The District will be required to contribute 14.5% of covered payroll for PSRS contributing employees and 6.86% of covered payroll for PEERS contributing employees during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2027, equal to the contribution percentages for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026.

Estimated Proportionate Share of PSRS/PEERS Liability. The District has not implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions -An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, because the District's financial statements are prepared on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting different from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. PSRS and PEERS, however, have implemented GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 25. Accordingly, PSRS and PEERS are required annually to provide each contributing Missouri school district reports estimating each district's proportionate share of the net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS as of the end of the prior fiscal year. The estimate is computed for each district by multiplying the net pension liability of a plan (calculated by determining the difference between the plan's total pension liability and fiduciary net position) by a percentage reflecting the district's proportionate share of contributions to the plan during the fiscal year (calculated by dividing the District's actual contributions by the actual contributions of all participating employers for PSRS and PEERS, respectively, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025). At June 30, 2026 (measured as of June 30, 2025), the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS was \$27,340,260 and \$3,213,159, respectively, as determined by PSRS and PEERS on an accrual basis of accounting. At June 30, 2025, the District's contribution to PSRS and PEERS represented 0.4906% and 0.4604%, respectively, of the overall contributions to PSRS and PEERS during the fiscal year. In addition, for the year ended June 30, 2026, the District recognized pension expense of \$407,312 for PSRS and \$385,746 for PEERS, its proportionate share of the total pension expense. Detailed information about the calculation of the net pension liability of the plans, including information about the assumptions used, is available in Note 6 of the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR.

The net pension liability of PSRS and PEERS is based on a 7.3% discount rate, which was also the assumed investment rate of return for the plans effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. PSRS and

PEERS further advised the District that its proportionate share of the net pension liability using a 1% higher or lower discount rate at June 30, 2026 (measured as of June 30, 2025) would be as follows:

	<u>Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Sensitivity</u>		
	1.0% Decrease <u>(6.3%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(7.3%)</u>	1.0% Increase <u>(8.3%)</u>
District's proportionate share of PSRS net pension liability	\$65,141,899	\$27,340,260	\$(3,956,168)
District's proportionate share of PEERS net pension liability	\$7,868,806	\$3,213,159	\$(663,201)

For additional information regarding the District's pensions and employee retirement plans, see Note 4.A. to the District's financial statements included as **Appendix B** to this Official Statement. For additional information regarding PSRS and PEERS, see the 2025 PSRS/PEERS ACFR.

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT

Property Valuations

Assessment Procedure. All taxable real and personal property within the District is assessed annually by the County Assessor. Missouri law requires that personal property be assessed at various levels up to 33-1/3% of true value and that real property be assessed at the following percentages of true value:

Residential real property.....	19%
Agricultural and horticultural real property.....	12%
Utility, industrial, commercial, railroad and all other real property	32%

A general reassessment of real property occurred statewide in 1985. In order to maintain equalized assessed valuations following this reassessment, the state legislature adopted a maintenance law in 1986. On January 1 in every odd-numbered year, the County Assessor must adjust the assessed valuation of all real property located within the county in accordance with a two-year assessment and equalization maintenance plan approved by the State Tax Commission.

The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax roll each year and for submitting the tax roll to the Board of Equalization. The County Board of Equalization has the authority to adjust and equalize the values of individual properties appearing on the tax rolls.

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Current Assessed Valuation. The following table shows the total locally assessed valuation and the estimated actual valuation, by category, of all taxable tangible property situated in the District (excluding assessed valuation amounts attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District and the assessed valuation attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District) according to the assessment for calendar year 2026 for property owned as of January 1, 2026, as finally equalized.

<u>Type of Property</u>	<u>Total Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Assessment Rate</u>	<u>Estimated Actual Valuation</u>	<u>% of Actual Valuation</u>
Real:				
Residential	\$416,705,100	19.00%	\$2,193,184,737	78.41%
Agricultural	1,809,620	12.00%	15,080,166	0.54%
Commercial ⁽¹⁾	82,653,870	32.00%	258,293,344	9.23%
Total Real	501,168,590		2,466,558,247	
Personal ⁽¹⁾	110,144,949	33.33% ⁽²⁾	330,434,850	11.81%
Total Real & Personal	\$611,313,539		\$2,796,993,097	100.00%

Source: Cass County Clerk.

⁽¹⁾ Includes locally assessed railroad and utility property.

⁽²⁾ Assumes all personal property is assessed at 33 1/3%; because certain subclasses of tangible personal property are assessed at less than 33 1/3%, the estimated actual valuation for personal property would likely be greater than that shown above. See “*Assessment Procedure*” discussed above.

History of Property Valuations. The total assessed valuation of all taxable tangible property situated in the District (excluding assessed valuation amounts attributable to state assessed railroad and utility property located within the District and the assessed valuation attributable to the incremental increase in assessed valuation over the established assessed valuation base within tax increment financing areas located within the District) according to the assessments of January 1, as adjusted through December 31, in each of the following years has been as follows:

<u>Calendar Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>% Change</u>
2026	\$611,313,539	-0.06%
2025	611,697,815	13.25
2024	540,132,578	5.20
2023	513,443,840	15.54
2022	444,376,843	-0.67
2021	447,382,995	11.55

Source: Cass County Clerk; District’s Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through 2026.

Property Tax Levies and Collections

Generally. Property taxes are levied and collected for the District by Cass County, for which the county receives a collection fee of the gross tax collections made.

The District is required by law to prepare an annual budget, which includes an estimate of the amount of revenues to be received from all sources for the budget year, including an estimate of the amount of money required to be raised from property taxes and the tax levy rates required to produce such amounts. The budget must also include proposed expenditures and must state the amount required for the payment of interest, amortization and redemption charges on the District’s debt for the ensuing budget year. Such estimates are based

on the assessed valuation figures provided by the County Clerk. As required under SB 711 (discussed below), the District must informally project nonbinding tax levies for the year and return such projected tax levies to the County Clerk in April. The District must fix its ad valorem property tax rates and certify them to the County Clerk no later than September 1 for entry in the tax books. Taxes are levied at the District's tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation. The Missouri State Auditor is responsible for reviewing the rate of tax to ensure that it does not exceed constitutional rate limits.

Real and personal property within the District is assessed by the County Assessor. The County Assessor is responsible for preparing the tax rolls each year and for submitting tax rolls to the Board of Equalization of the County. The Board of Equalization has the authority to question and determine the proper value of property and then adjust and equalize individual properties appearing on the tax rolls. After local appeal procedures have been completed, the books are finalized and sent to the County Collector. The County Collector extends the taxes on the tax rolls and issues the tax statements in early December.

The County Collector is required to make disbursements of collected taxes to the District each month. Because of the tax collection procedure described above, the District receives the bulk of its moneys from local property taxes in the months of December, January and February.

District's Rights in Event of Tax Delinquency. Taxes are due by December 31 and become delinquent if not paid to the County Collector by that time. All tracts of land and city lots on which delinquent taxes are due are charged with a penalty of 18% of each year's delinquency. Taxes on real estate become delinquent on January 1 and the County Collector is required to enforce the State's lien by offering the property for sale in August. If the offering does not produce a bid equal to the delinquent taxes plus interest, penalty, and costs, the property is offered for sale again the following year. If the second offering also does not produce a bid adequate to cover the amount due, the property is sold the following year to the highest bidder. Tax sales at the first or second offerings are subject to the owner's redemption rights. Delinquent personal property taxes constitute a debt of the person assessed with the taxes, and a personal judgment can be rendered for such taxes against the debtor. Personal property taxes become delinquent on January 1. Collection suits may be commenced on or after February 1 and must be commenced within three years.

Tax Abatement and Tax Increment Financing

Under state law, tax abatement is available for redevelopers of areas determined by the governing body of a city to be "blighted." The Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority Law authorizes ten-year tax abatement pursuant to Sections 99.700 to 99.715, RSMo. In lieu of ten-year tax abatement, a redeveloper that is an urban redevelopment corporation formed pursuant to Chapter 353, RSMo, may seek real property tax abatement for a total period of 25 years. In addition, Chapters 135 and 137 (Missouri Works Enhanced Enterprise Zones), Chapter 100, RSMo and Article VI Section 27(b) of the Missouri Constitution authorize real and personal property tax abatement for corporations for certain projects. Currently, there are tax abatement projects located within the District.

In addition, the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, Sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, makes available tax increment financing for redevelopment projects in certain areas determined by the governing body of a city or county to be a "blighted area," "conservation area," or "economic development area," each as defined in such statute.

Currently, certain portions of the District are located in tax increment financing redevelopment areas ("**TIF Redevelopment Areas**"). Tax increment financing does not diminish the amount of property tax revenues collected by the District in an affected area compared to prior to the establishment of TIF Redevelopment Areas, but instead acts to freeze such revenues at current levels and deprives the District and other taxing districts of all or part of future increases in ad valorem real property tax revenues that otherwise would have resulted from increases in assessed valuation in such areas (the "**TIF Increment**"). The TIF Increment is captured by the TIF

Redevelopment Areas until the tax increment financing obligations issued are repaid or the tax increment financing period terminates.

According to the Cass County Assessor's office, the assessed valuation of the property within the TIF Redevelopment Areas within the District was approximately \$23,330,860 for the 2026 tax year. See **"PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT - Property Valuations - Current Assessed Valuation"** and **"- History of Property Valuations."**

Tax Rates

Debt Service Levy. The District's debt service levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year was \$1.0544 per \$100 of assessed valuation. On August 26, 2026, the District set its debt service levy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the same level as the prior fiscal year (*i.e.*, \$1.0544 per \$100 of assessed valuation). Once indebtedness has been approved by the requisite number of voters voting therefor and bonds are issued, the District is required under Article VI, Section 26(f) of the Missouri Constitution to levy an annual tax on all taxable tangible property therein sufficient to pay the interest and principal of the indebtedness as they fall due and to retire the same within 20 years from the date of issue. The Board of Education may set the tax rate for debt service, without limitation as to rate or amount, at the level required to make such payments.

Operating Levy. The operating tax levy of a school district (consisting of all ad valorem taxes levied except the debt service levy) cannot exceed the **"tax rate ceiling"** for the current year without voter approval. The tax rate ceiling, determined annually, is the rate of levy that, when charged against a school district's assessed valuation for the current year, excluding new construction and improvements, will produce an amount of tax revenues equal to tax revenues for the previous year increased by the lesser of actual assessment growth, 5% or the Consumer Price Index.

Under Article X, Section 11(b) of the Missouri Constitution, a school district may increase its operating levy up to \$2.75 per \$100 assessed valuation without voter approval. Any increase above \$2.75, however, must be approved by a majority of the voters voting on the proposition. Further, pursuant to Article X, Section 11(c) of the Missouri Constitution, any increase above \$6.00 must be approved by two-thirds of the voters voting on the proposition. Without the required percentage of voter approval, the tax rate ceiling cannot at any time exceed the greater of the tax rate in effect in 1980 or the most recent voter-approved tax rate (as adjusted pursuant to the provisions of the Hancock Amendment and SB 711, more fully explained below). The tax levy for debt service on a school district's general obligation bonds is exempt from these limitations upon the tax rate ceiling.

Article X, Section 22(a) of the Missouri Constitution (commonly known as the **"Hancock Amendment"**), approved in 1980, places limitations on total state revenues and the levying or increasing of taxes without voter approval. The Missouri Supreme Court has interpreted the definition of "total state revenues" to exclude voter-approved tax increases. The Hancock Amendment also includes provisions for rolling back tax rates. If the assessed valuation of property, excluding the value of new construction and improvements, increases by a larger percentage than the increase in the Consumer Price Index from the previous year (or 5%, if greater), the maximum authorized current levy must be reduced to yield the same gross revenue from existing property, adjusted for changes in the Consumer Price Index, as could have been collected at the existing authorized levy on the prior assessed value. This reduction is often referred to as a **"Hancock rollback."** The limitation on local governmental units does not apply to taxes levied in the Debt Service Fund for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonds.

In 2008, through the enactment of Senate Bill 711 (**"SB 711"**), the Missouri General Assembly approved further limitations on the amount of property taxes that can be imposed by a local governmental unit. Prior to the enactment of SB 711, a Hancock rollback would not necessarily result in a reduction of a district's actual operating tax levy if its current tax levy was less than its current tax levy ceiling, due to the district's voluntary rollback from the maximum authorized tax levy. Under SB 711, in reassessment years (odd-numbered years), the Hancock rollback is applied to a district's actual operating tax levy, regardless of whether that levy is at the

district's tax levy ceiling. This further reduction is sometimes referred to as an “**SB 711 rollback**.” In non-reassessment years (even-numbered years), the operating levy may be increased to the district's tax levy ceiling (as adjusted by the Hancock rollback), only after a public hearing and adoption of a resolution or policy statement justifying the action.

Under the provisions of an initiative petition adopted by the voters of Missouri on November 2, 1982, commonly known as “**Proposition C**,” revenues generated by a 1% state sales tax are credited to a special trust fund for school districts and are deemed to be “local” revenues for school district accounting purposes. Proposition C revenues are distributed to each school district within the State on the basis of eligible pupils. Under Proposition C, after determining its budget and the levy rate needed to produce required revenues to fund the budget, a school district must reduce the operating levy by an amount sufficient to decrease the revenues it would have received therefrom by an amount equal to 50% of the revenues received through Proposition C during the prior year. School districts may submit propositions to voters to forgo all or a part of the reduction in the operating levy that would otherwise be required under terms of Proposition C. The District's voters previously approved a proposition to forgo all of the reduction in the operating levy which would otherwise be required under terms of Proposition C which allows the District to levy up to its tax rate ceiling.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, the District's operating levy (all funds except the debt service fund levy) was \$4.3575 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which was equal to the District's tax rate ceiling for said fiscal year. On August 26, 2026, the District set its debt service levy for the 2026-2027 fiscal year at the same level as the prior fiscal year (*i.e.*, \$1.0544 per \$100 of assessed valuation).

The tax levy for debt service on the District's general obligation bonds is exempt from the calculations of and limitations upon the tax rate ceiling.

History of Tax Levies

The following table shows the District's tax levies (per \$100 of assessed valuation) for each of the following years:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	General Incidental Fund	Special Revenue Teachers' Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Levy
2027	\$4.3075	\$0.0000	\$1.0544	\$0.0500	\$5.4119
2026	4.3575	0.0000	1.0544	0.0000	5.4119
2025	4.0548	0.0000	1.3571	0.0000	5.4119
2024	4.0513	0.0000	1.3606	0.0000	5.4119
2023	4.2402	0.0000	1.1717	0.0000	5.4119
2022	4.2402	0.0000	1.1717	0.0000	5.4119

Source: The District; DESE Tax Rate Report; the District's Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through 2026.

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Tax Collection Record

Total Taxes Levied are based on assessed valuation as of December 31 of each year. Taxes are levied based on the assessed valuation following Board of Equalization review, which typically occurs in August. As a result of resolution of tax cases, the addition of undeclared personal property and other changes in assessment following Board of Equalization review, tax bills may be changed following the original levy and some taxpayers may be obligated to pay additional taxes or pay less taxes. The following table sets forth tax collection information for the District in each of the following years:

Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30</u>	Total <u>Levy</u>	Total Taxes <u>Levied</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Current & Delinquent Taxes Collected</u> ⁽²⁾	
			<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
2026	\$5.4119	\$33,104,474	\$33,260,085	100.47%
2025	5.4119	29,231,435	30,302,650	103.66
2024	5.4119	27,787,067	28,978,633	104.29
2023	5.4119	24,049,230	25,324,741	105.30
2022	5.4119	24,211,920	24,376,115	100.68

Source: District's Annual Secretary of the Board Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 through 2026.

⁽¹⁾ Total Taxes Levied is calculated by dividing assessed valuation by 100 and multiplying by the Total Levy. The assessed valuation used is the assessed valuation of the District as adjusted through December 31 of the calendar year prior to the fiscal year shown.

⁽²⁾ Delinquent taxes are shown in the year payment is actually received, which may cause the percentage of Current and Delinquent Taxes Collected to exceed 100%.

Major Property Taxpayers

The following table sets forth a list of the largest taxpayers in the District based on the valuation of property owned as of January 1, 2025. The District has not independently verified the accuracy or completeness of such information.

	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u> ⁽¹⁾	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
1.	QuikTrip Corp.	\$11,398,680	1.86%
2.	Midwest Division RBH LLC	9,073,270	1.48%
3.	Center 301 Limited Partnership	8,717,490	1.43%
4.	Menard Inc.	8,679,220	1.42%
5.	Matran Inc.	7,610,340	1.24%
6.	Adesa Missouri LLC	3,468,330	0.57%
7.	Rick Hoover Properties LLC	3,248,250	0.53%
8.	Spectrum Mid America LLC	3,230,800	0.53%
9.	Spire Missouri Inc.	3,202,610	0.52%
10.	Carnegie Village Real Estate LLC	<u>3,049,460</u>	0.50%
	Total	<u>\$61,678,450</u>	10.08%

Source: Cass County Assessor's Office.

⁽¹⁾ This list was compiled by aggregating the assessed valuation of the 2025 top real property billing accounts and the 2025 top personal property billing accounts by owner. The firms shown above may have holdings of lesser assessed valuation within the District that would not appear on such lists, which would result in the assessed value shown being lower than the actual total assessed valuation of property owned by such firm.

APPENDIX B

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025**

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**BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
BELTON, MISSOURI**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
with
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

June 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Education
Belton School District #124
Belton, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Belton School District #124 (the "School District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the School District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1E.

Basis for Opinions

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

Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1E of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1E, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents from pages 28-38, including the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the supplementary schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Board of Education
Belton School District #124
Belton, Missouri

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2025, on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marr and Company". The script is cursive and fluid, with the "M" and "C" being particularly large and stylized.

Marr and Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Kansas City, Missouri
December 17, 2025

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

June 30, 2025

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 17,780,702
Investments	12,649,234
Escrow with Fiscal Agents	<u>2,080,472</u>
Total Assets	<u>32,510,408</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Payroll Liabilities	<u>1,540,707</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,540,707</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Restricted for Debt Service	6,973,200
Unrestricted	<u>23,996,501</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>30,969,701</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Financial Statements.

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expenses)
		Charges for Services & Sales	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Revenues and Change in Net Position
Governmental Activities:					
Current:					
Instruction	\$ 31,378,626	\$ 16,647	\$ 4,886,290	\$ 3,193	\$ (26,472,496)
Student Services	3,615,563	666,494	0	0	(2,949,069)
Instructional Staff Support	2,364,893	0	0	0	(2,364,893)
Board/Executive & Tech Admin	7,467,911	0	0	0	(7,467,911)
Building Administration	3,441,808	0	0	0	(3,441,808)
General Admin/Central Services	907,434	0	0	0	(907,434)
Operation of Plant	7,404,022	0	0	0	(7,404,022)
Transportation	4,838,146	37,246	2,161,350	0	(2,639,550)
Food Services	3,363,533	542,466	1,917,526	23,995	(879,546)
Community Services	1,415,349	310,786	1,322,827	3,738	222,002
Early Childhood	1,591,441	0	149,332	0	(1,442,109)
Debt Service-principal, interest, fees	<u>10,977,473</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(10,977,473)</u>
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>78,766,199</u>	\$ <u>1,573,639</u>	\$ <u>10,437,325</u>	\$ <u>30,926</u>	\$ <u>(66,724,309)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes					\$ 22,684,292
Property taxes, levied for debt services					7,618,359
Non-restricted Intergovernmental Revenue:					
Proposition C - sales tax					6,560,994
Financial Institution Tax/In Lieu of Tax/M&M Surtax					515,125
State Assessed Railroad & Utility					1,979,723
County - fines					46,731
State - basic formula					19,287,270
State - classroom trust					2,330,422
Interest & Investment Earnings					1,657,905
Miscellaneous - local/state					<u>1,047,318</u>
Subtotal General Revenues					<u>63,728,139</u>
Change in Net Position					(2,996,170)
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR					<u>33,965,871</u>
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR					\$ <u>30,969,701</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Financial Statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENTAL FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>Total Government Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>					
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,887,974	\$ 0	\$ 4,892,728	\$ 0	\$ 17,780,702
Investments	12,649,234	0	0	0	12,649,234
Escrow with Fiscal Agents	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,080,472</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,080,472</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>25,537,208</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>6,973,200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>32,510,408</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>					
Liabilities:					
Payroll Withholdings	\$ <u>1,540,707</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>1,540,707</u>
Total Liabilities	1,540,707	0	0	0	1,540,707
Fund Balances:					
Restricted for –					
Debt Service	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,973,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,973,200</u>
Total Restricted	0	0	6,973,200	0	6,973,200
Assigned for –					
Student Activities	796,959	0	0	0	796,959
Food Service	<u>14,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,850</u>
Total Assigned	811,809	0	0	0	811,809
Unassigned	<u>23,184,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,184,692</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>23,996,501</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,973,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,969,701</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ <u>25,537,208</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>6,973,200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>32,510,408</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Financial Statements.

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES -
MODIFIED CASH BASIS

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>REVENUE</u>					
Local	\$ 30,530,618	\$ 3,342,880	\$ 7,963,709	\$ 565,872	\$ 42,403,079
County	1,461,932	46,731	517,791	0	2,026,454
State	3,800,369	22,321,681	0	3,193	26,125,243
Federal	3,453,876	1,679,753	0	27,733	5,161,362
Other	<u>37,246</u>	<u>16,645</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>53,891</u>
Total Revenue	39,284,041	27,407,690	8,481,500	596,798	75,770,029
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>					
Current:					
Instruction	4,235,212	27,057,184	0	86,230	31,378,626
Student Services	1,549,235	2,066,328	0	0	3,615,563
Instructional Staff Support	922,400	1,442,493	0	0	2,364,893
Board/Executive & Tech Admin	4,196,174	2,909,433	0	362,304	7,467,911
Building Administration	1,309,074	2,068,105	0	64,629	3,441,808
General Admin/Central Services	840,802	0	0	66,632	907,434
Operation of Plant	6,655,382	0	0	748,640	7,404,022
Transportation	4,838,146	0	0	0	4,838,146
Food Services	3,143,448	57,565	0	162,520	3,363,533
Community Services	1,292,036	116,190	0	7,123	1,415,349
Early Childhood	799,281	792,160	0	0	1,591,441
Debt Service-principal, interest, fees	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,865,500</u>	<u>111,973</u>	<u>10,977,473</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>29,781,190</u>	<u>36,509,458</u>	<u>10,865,500</u>	<u>1,610,051</u>	<u>78,766,199</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of					
Revenue over Expenditures	9,502,851	(9,101,768)	(2,384,000)	(1,013,253)	(2,996,170)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers In	0	9,101,768	0	1,013,253	10,115,021
Transfers Out	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(10,115,021)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>9,101,768</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(612,170)	0	(2,384,000)	0	(2,996,170)
FUND BALANCES – JUNE 30, 2024	<u>24,608,671</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9,357,200</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>33,965,871</u>
FUND BALANCES – JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>23,996,501</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>6,973,200</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>30,969,701</u>

See Accompanying Independent Auditor's Report and Notes to the Financial Statements.

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2025

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2025

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Entity

The Belton School District #124 (the “School District”) operates under the regulations pursuant to Section 162.092 RSMo of the Public School Laws of Missouri, which designates a Board of Education to act as the governing authority. The School District provides educational services to children of the School District, early childhood through twelfth grade. The School District operates eight attendance centers, has approximately 4,200 students and approximately 750 employees.

B. Principles Used to Determine Scope of Entity

The School District has implemented GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*. GASB Statement No. 39, which amended GASB Statement No. 14, provides specific criteria which must be met in order for an organization to be included in the School District’s financial statements.

The School District has developed criteria to determine whether outside agencies with activities which benefit the citizens of the School District, including joint agreements which serve students from numerous districts, should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the School District exercises oversight responsibility, which includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters, scope of public service and special financing relationships.

The School District has determined that no other outside agency meets the above criteria and, therefore, no other agency has been included as a component unit in the School District's financial statements. In addition, the School District is not aware of any entity which could exercise such oversight which would result in the School District being considered a component unit of the entity.

C. Basis of Presentation

The School District reports on the modified cash basis of accounting as discussed in Note 1-E. The School District complies with relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in this and subsequent footnotes.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements distinguish between activities that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities. They include all funds of the School District. The School District has only governmental activities which are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenue and other non-exchange revenue.

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2025

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Basis of Presentation (continued)

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements of the School District are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenue and expenditures. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental categories.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School District are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the School District's expendable financial resources and the related liabilities are accounted for through governmental funds. The measurement focus is upon determination of changes in financial position, rather than upon net income determination. The following are the School District's major governmental funds.

General Fund

Accounts for general activities of the School District, including student activities, food service, and transportation which are not required to be accounted for in a separate fund.

Special Revenue Fund

Accounts for expenditures for certified employees involved in administration and instruction. It includes revenue restricted by the state and the local tax levy for the payment of teacher salaries and employee benefits.

Debt Service Fund

Accounts for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, principal, interest and fiscal charges on long-term debt.

Capital Projects (Building) Fund

Accounts for the proceeds of long-term debt, taxes and other revenue restricted for acquisition or construction of major capital assets.

D. Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

E. Basis of Accounting

The School District's financial statements are presented using a modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position/fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions as designated by the School District. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements with the exception of payroll withholdings, investments and related earnings.

If the School District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash resources of the individual funds are combined to form a pool of cash and temporary investments which is managed by the District's Treasurer. Investments of the pooled accounts consist primarily of U.S. Government securities and certificates of deposit (with original maturity of 3 months or less), carried at cost. Interest income received is allocated to contributing funds based on cash and temporary investment balances. The investment pool is available for use by all funds except the Debt Service Fund (State law requires that all deposits of the Debt Service Fund be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District).

Investments

Investments consist of certificates of deposits with an original maturity greater than 3 months, carried at cost. All investments mature within one year of the statement of net position.

Escrow with Fiscal Agents

The School District utilizes a financial institution to service bonded debt as principal and interest payments come due, including any crossover refunding bond issuance. This account includes MOHEFA funds and other School District purchased U.S. Government Securities in the Debt Service Fund.

The School District utilizes a financial institution to hold bond proceeds for capital projects and provide payment for authorized projects. This account is in the Capital Projects Fund and includes MOCAAT funds which invest in U.S. government obligations, agencies, commercial paper, and other high-quality short-term investments allowable under Missouri state statutes.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the General (Incidental) and the Capital Projects (Building) Funds at the time the expenditures are incurred. The School District has not maintained capital asset records on a historical basis; therefore, capital assets are not included in the financial statements, which does not conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America but is allowed under the modified cash basis of accounting.

Payroll Withholdings

Employee insurance and payroll withholdings from payroll paid in June 2025, for July and August 2025 payrolls to fulfill the 2024-2025 contracts, are included in the financial statements as a liability commitment as of June 30, 2025, and an expenditure for the year then ended.

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities are not included in these financial statements, but long-term debt information is provided in a subsequent footnote and detailed in the supplementary information.

Accounts Payable

As a result of the modified cash basis of accounting, accounts payable are not included in these financial statements. However, the School District has an established purchase order and payables system which ensures bill payment within an adequate time frame.

Compensated Absences

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, compensated absences are not reported in these financial statements. Management has determined the cost of employee compensated absences that have been earned and not used as of June 30, 2025, amounted to \$832,880.

OPEB Liabilities

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, OPEB liabilities are not reported in these financial statements. The School District has not requested an estimate of this liability to be performed.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position balances are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either (1) through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or (2) through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The School District applies restricted resources first when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position amounts are available.

Fund Balance Classification

In the fund financial statements, GASB 54 provides for two major types of fund balances which are non-spendable and a hierarchy of spendable fund balances based on spending constraints imposed on the use of these resources as follows:

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (continued)

Fund Balance Classification (continued)

Non-spendable fund balances

This classification represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (1) not spendable due to form; or (2) legally or contractually required to remain intact.

Spendable fund balance:

Restricted

This classification includes the constraints imposed on resources either (1) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed

These amounts can only be used for special purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions of the Board of Education, which is the highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment.

Assigned

This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the School District's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in the governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned

This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds and is not constrained for any particular purpose.

In circumstances when a disbursement is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

The following table shows the restrictions, commitments and assigned amounts within each element of the School District's fund balances by fund at June 30, 2025.

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue (Teachers</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total</u>
Spendable:					
Restricted:					
Debt Service	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$6,973,200	\$ <u>0</u>	\$6,973,200
Total Restricted	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$6,973,200	\$ <u>0</u>	\$6,973,200

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Assets, Liabilities and Equity (continued)

Fund Balance Classification (continued)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue (Teachers)</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assigned:					
Student Activities	\$ 796,959	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 796,959
Food Services	<u>14,850</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,850</u>
Total Assigned	<u>811,809</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>811,809</u>
Unassigned	<u>23,184,692</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,184,692</u>
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 23,996,501</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$6,973,200</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$30,969,701</u>

Retirement Plans and related Pension Liability

Financial reporting information included in the notes to the financial statements pertaining to the School District's participation in the Public School Retirement System of Missouri and Public Education Employee Retirement System of Missouri (PSRS and PEERS, also referred to as the Systems) is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* as applicable to the School District's modified cash basis of accounting.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, member and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the School District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements. A Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") can be obtained at www.psrs-peers.org.

G. Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues are classified by their source as follows.

Local Revenues

Includes property taxes that are levied and collected at the county level for the School District, a percentage sales tax collected by local merchants and collections for services provided to students and patrons.

County Revenues

The county by law collects and passes through to the School District specified revenues.

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NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. Revenues and Expenditures (continued)

State Revenues

The School District receives state aid money from the state based upon the state basic formula and for various other state educational programs.

Federal Revenues

The School District receives federal aid for various educational programs and grants in which it participates.

Investment Income

Interest earned on invested funds is a material amount annually and is distributed in accordance with assets invested.

Other Sources

The issuance of bonds and related premiums received, including refunding bonds, are sources of revenue in the year of issuance.

Expenditures are classified by their use as follows.

Instruction

This category includes the payment of salaries to and benefits for all instructional staff along with needed supplies and aides.

Support Services

This category includes all the services that are provided for the support of the students and/or teachers, the management team, the facilities' expenses and the transporting of students.

Capital Outlay

This category represents the expenditures of major new construction or furnishing and the upgrading of existing facilities.

Debt Service

The payment of principal and interest on bonds payable or long-term lease purchases.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

I. Program Receipts

Amounts reported as program receipts include 1) charges to students or others for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general receipts. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.

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NOTE 2: COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Fund Accounting Requirements

The School District complies in all material respects with state and local laws and regulations requiring the use of separate funds. The legally required funds used by the School District include the following.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Required by</u>
General Fund	State law
Debt Service Fund	State law
Teachers' Fund (Special Revenue Fund)	State law
Capital Projects Fund	State law

B. Uninsured and Uncollateralized Deposits

In accordance with state law, all uninsured deposits of municipal funds in financial institutions must be secured with acceptable collateral. Acceptable collateral includes certain U.S. government governmental agency securities and certain state or political subdivision debt obligations. At June 30, 2025, all School District funds were covered with FDIC insurance or acceptable collateral.

C. Property Tax Requirements

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on the property each year as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1 and payable by December 31. The county collects the property tax and remits it to the School District on a weekly basis.

The School District also received sales tax collected by the state and remitted based on the prior year's weighted average daily attendance. The School District is required to reduce its property tax levy by one-half the amount of sales tax estimated to be received in the subsequent calendar year. The District's voters have approved a waiver of the rollback and, therefore, the District was not required to reduce its levy for the calendar year 2024.

The assessed valuation of the tangible property for calendar year 2024 for purposes of local taxation, excluding assessed valuation of tax increment financing (TIF) of \$20,950,330, is as follows:

Residential	\$ 354,921,640
Agricultural	1,599,760
Commercial	74,934,390
Local Utilities	1,603,451
Personal Property	<u>107,073,337</u>
	<u>\$ 540,132,578</u>

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NOTE 2: COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)

C. Property Tax Requirements (continued)

The tax levy per \$100 of the assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2024 for purposes of local taxation was as follows.

Incidental Fund	\$ 4.0548
Debt Service Fund	<u>1.3571</u>
	\$ <u>5.4119</u>

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, aggregated approximately 104% of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above.

D. Net Position/Fund Balance Restriction

State law prohibits the creation of a deficit fund balance in any individual fund. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District incurred no fund balance deficits in any individual fund on the modified cash basis of accounting.

E. Budgetary Law

State law requires that expenditures not exceed final budgeted expenditures as approved by the Board of Education. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, no budgets had been exceeded using the modified cash basis of accounting.

NOTE 3: DETAIL NOTES - TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS

The following information is presented to support the amounts reported in the basic financial statements for its various assets, liabilities, equity, revenue and expenditures/expenses.

A. Deposits and Investments

Deposits

Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits. The funds of the School District must be deposited and invested under the terms of a contract, contents of which are set out in the Depository Contract Law. The depository bank places approved pledged securities for safekeeping and trust with the School District's agent bank in an amount sufficient to protect School District funds on a day-to-day basis during the period of the contract. The pledge of approved securities is waived only to the extent of the depository bank's dollar amount of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "FDIC") insurance.

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NOTE 3: DETAIL NOTES - TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

A. Deposits and Investments (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a failure of a depository financial institution, the School District's deposits may not be returned or the School District will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. The School District's policy required deposits to be 100 percent secured by collateral valued at market less the amount covered by the FDIC. As of June 30, 2025, none of the School District's bank balances with financial institutions were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Investments

Authorized Investments

The School District is authorized to invest in U.S. obligation, U.S. government agency securities and instrumentalities of government-sponsored corporations, certificates of deposit and time-open agreements.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the School District's investment policy requires operating funds to be invested to coincide with projected cash flow needs.

Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. This is measured by the assignment of a rating by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The School District's investment policy is to apply the prudent-person rule: Investments will be made with judgment and care, under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering probable safety of their capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

The School District also has deposits and investments held by the Missouri Direct Program, Missouri Securities Investment Program, and the Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury. These investments and deposits are not classified by credit risk category.

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NOTE 3: DETAIL NOTES - TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

B. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	Beginning Balance <u>6/30/2024</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	Ending Balance <u>6/30/2025</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
General Obligation Bonds Payable	\$54,480,000	\$0	\$(9,175,000)	\$45,305,000	\$2,915,000

General Obligation Bonds Payable

The School District issues general obligation (GO) bonds to provide for acquisition and construction of new buildings and improvements, repair and renovation of existing buildings, and furnishing and equipping the facilities. In addition, the School District issues GO bonds to refund previously GO Bonds or lease purchase agreements. Bonds payable at June 30, 2025, consisted of the following:

Series 2014 general obligation refunding bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2028; interest at 2.0% to 3.0%	\$ 1,275,000
Series 2016 general obligation refunding bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2025; interest at 2.0% to 5.0%	0
Series 2017 general obligation building bonds due in varying annual installments through March 1, 2037; interest at 5.0% to 5.5%	28,175,000
Series 2020A general obligation school bonds due in varying annual installments from March 1, 2038 through March 1, 2040; interest at 4.0% to 5.0%	13,855,000
Series 2020B taxable general obligation school bonds due in varying annual installments from March 1, 2021 through March 1, 2038; interest at .721% to 2.399%	<u>2,000,000</u>
Total Bonds Payable	\$ <u>45,305,000</u>

General Obligation Bonds payable debt service requirements as of June 30, 2025, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Totals</u>
2026	\$ 2,915,000	\$ 2,169,862	\$ 5,084,862
2027	3,140,000	2,034,488	5,174,488
2028	3,395,000	1,888,112	5,283,112
2029	2,500,000	1,728,150	4,228,150
2030	2,700,000	1,629,700	4,329,700
2031 to 2035	11,000,000	6,496,250	17,496,250
2036 to 2040	<u>19,655,000</u>	<u>2,861,750</u>	<u>22,516,750</u>
	\$ <u>43,305,000</u>	\$ <u>18,808,312</u>	\$ <u>64,113,312</u>

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NOTE 3: DETAIL NOTES - TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)

B. Long-term Liabilities (continued)

General Obligation Bonds Payable (continued)

On March 30, 2023, the District entered into an escrow trust agreement for the defeasance of a portion of the principal and interest associated with the Series 2020B bonds maturing from March 1, 2035 to March 1, 2038 totaling \$2,795,000. The District placed \$2,378,816 into an irrevocable trust, which along with future earnings will provide for the principal and interest payments associated with these bonds, resulting in a partial defeasance.

On May 1, 2025, the District entered into an escrow trust agreement for the defeasance of a portion of the principal and interest associated with the Series 2020B bonds maturing from March 1, 2031 to March 1, 2035 totaling \$5,850,000. The District placed \$5,082,068 into an irrevocable trust, which along with future earnings will provide for the principal and interest payments associated with these bonds, resulting in a partial defeasance.

General obligation bond interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2025, was \$2,440,170.

For the outstanding series bonds, the School District participates in the Missouri School District Direct Deposit Program ("Direct Deposit Program"), which pledges its state aid for payment of bonds and for the State to directly deposit a portion into a Direct Deposit Program account. The principal and interest payments on the bonds are paid directly from this account when due.

Article VI, Section 26(b), Constitution of Missouri, limits the outstanding amount of authorized general obligation bonds of a district to 15 percent of the assessed valuation of the district (including TIF). The legal debt margin, including the assessed valuation of TIF, of the School District at June 30, 2025, was as follows.

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 84,162,436
General obligation bonds payable	(45,305,000)
Amount available in Debt Service Fund	<u>6,973,200</u>
Legal Debt Margin	<u>\$45,830,636</u>

C. Inter-fund Transfers

Inter-fund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements. Those transfers made by the School District at June 30, 2025, and details of those transfers are as follows.

During the year, the District transferred from the General Fund to the Special Revenue and Capital Projects Funds \$9,101,768 and \$1,013,253, respectively, to avoid deficit spending. These funds allow the School District to transfer from the General Fund an amount necessary to bring a negative fund balance to zero or for repayment to funds responsible for particular expenditures.

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NOTE 4: OTHER NOTES

A. Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS)

Accounting Policy

The District participates in the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PSRS and PEERS, also referred to as the systems). The financial statements of the District were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, member and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements.

Plan Descriptions

PSRS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all full-time certificated employees and certain part-time certificated employees of all public school districts in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City) and all public community colleges. PSRS also includes certificated employees of PSRS, Missouri State Teachers' Association, Missouri State High School Activities Association, and certain employees of the state of Missouri who elected to remain covered by PSRS under legislation enacted in 1986, 1987 and 1989. The majority of PSRS members are exempt from Social Security contributions. In some instances, positions may be determined not to be exempt from Social Security contributions. Any PSRS member who is required to contribute to Social Security comes under the requirements of Section 169.070 (9) RSMo, known as the "2/3's statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount.

PEERS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all public school district employees (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City), employees of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, and community college employees (except the Community College of St. Louis). Employees of covered districts who work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis and who are not contributing members of the (PSRS) must contribute to PEERS. Employees of PSRS who do not hold Missouri educator certificates also contribute to PEERS. PEERS was established as a trust fund by an Act of the Missouri General Assembly effective October 13, 1965. Statutes governing the System are found in Sections 169.600 - 169.715 and Sections 169.560-169.595 RSMo. The statutes place responsibility for the operation of PEERS on the Board of Trustees of the Public School Retirement System of Missouri.

Benefits Provided

PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of 5 years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Beginning July 1, 2001, and ending July 1, 2014, a 2.55% benefit factor is used to calculate benefits for members who have 31 or more years of service. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

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NOTE 4: OTHER NOTES (continued)

A. Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS) (continued)

Benefits Provided (continued)

PEERS is a defined benefit plan providing service retirement and disability benefits to its members. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 1.61% benefit factor. Members qualifying for "Rule of 80" or "30-and-out" are entitled to an additional temporary 0.8% benefit multiplier until reaching minimum Social Security age (currently age 62). Actuarially age-reduced retirement benefits are available with five years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plan can be found on PSRS' website at www.psr-peers.org.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments ("COLA")

The Board of Trustees has established a policy of providing a 0.00% COLA for years in which the CPI increases between 0.00% and 2.00%, a 2.00% COLA for years in which CPI increases between 2.00% and 5.00%, and a COLA of 5.00% if CPI is greater than 5.00%. If the CPI decreases, no COLA is provided. For any PSRS member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, such adjustments commence on the second January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. For PEERS members, such adjustments commence on the fourth January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. The total of such increases may not exceed 80% of the original benefit for any member.

Contributions

PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay.

PEERS members were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 0.5% of pay.

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NOTE 4: OTHER NOTES (continued)

A. Public School and Education Employee Retirement Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS) (continued)

Contributions (continued)

The School District's contributions to PSRS and PEERS were \$4,146,735 and \$792,511 for the year ending June 30, 2025, respectively.

Summary Plan description detailing the provisions of the plans as well as additional information regarding the District's net pension liability and deferred inflows and outflows of resources can be found on the Systems' website at www.psrs-peers.org.

B. COBRA Benefits

Under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA), the School District offers healthcare benefits to eligible former employees and eligible dependents. Certain requirements are outlined by the federal government for this coverage. The premium is paid in full by the insured on or before the 5th day of the month for the current month's coverage. This program is offered for a duration of 18 months after the termination date (36 months for dependents and those who are disability qualified; for social security, 29 months). There is no associated cost to the School District under this program.

C. Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

The School District has a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. Under the Plan, School District employees may elect to withhold from their payroll amounts which can be used to pay for various medical and dependent care expenses not covered by insurance. Any balance that remains in the employee account at December 31 of each year (plan year-end) is not carried over to the subsequent plan year. The employee forfeits all rights with respect to the balance, and the forfeited balance reverts to the School District.

D. Risk Management

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss from torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; business interruption; errors and omissions; employee injuries and illnesses; natural disasters; and employee health, dental and accident benefits. Commercial insurance coverage is purchased for claims arising from such matters. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the three preceding years.

E. Post-employment Benefits

In addition to the pension benefits described in Note A, the School District makes available post-employment healthcare benefits to all eligible employees who retire from the School District. Participation by retirees in the School District health plan is subjected to terms and conditions set forth in the Board policy. The cost of the coverage is charged to the retiree at a blended rate for all employees. The School District has not made a formal evaluation or projection on the future cost of the existing healthcare plan in relation to retirees.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2025

NOTE 4: OTHER NOTES (continued)

F. Claims and Adjustments

The School District participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Disbursements financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If disbursements are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulation, the District may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of June 30, 2025, disbursements have not been audited by grantor governments, but the School District believes that disallowed disbursements, if any, based on subsequent audits will not have a material effect on any of the individual government funds or the overall financial position of the School District.

G. Litigation

As of June 30, 2025, the School District had several claims that were unsettled. These claims were not at a stage where the outcome could be predicted. The School District is vigorously contesting these claims. There has been no provision for possible loss included in these financial statements due to the modified cash basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

BUDGETARY COMPARISON – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Favorable / (Unfavorable) Variance
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Local	\$ 30,552,465	\$ 30,549,155	\$ 30,530,618	\$ (18,537)
County	1,462,000	1,461,932	1,461,932	0
State	3,802,574	3,800,369	3,800,369	0
Federal	3,527,019	3,137,632	3,453,876	316,244
Other	<u>37,246</u>	<u>37,246</u>	<u>37,246</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenue	39,381,304	38,986,334	39,284,041	297,707
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Salaries	9,706,131	9,466,410	9,466,410	0
Retirement	2,801,105	724,590	724,590	0
FICA/Medicare	0	686,539	686,539	0
Employee insurance	425,000	1,957,007	1,957,007	0
Tuition	6,331,550	635,279	635,279	0
Professional, Audit & Legal	80,000	112,448	112,448	0
Technical Services	408,201	4,231,486	4,231,486	0
Property Services	200,000	962,819	962,819	0
Contracted Transportation	4,674,100	4,561,847	4,561,847	0
Travel	0	221,075	221,075	0
Insurance - Property	650,000	862,275	862,275	0
Other Purchased Services	125,000	1,001,722	1,001,722	0
General Supplies	4,489,517	3,065,412	3,065,412	0
Books and Periodicals	87,700	48,829	48,829	0
Utilities, Energy Service	280,000	1,243,452	1,243,452	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
Debt and Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	<u>30,258,304</u>	<u>29,781,190</u>	<u>29,781,190</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	9,123,000	9,205,144	9,502,851	297,707
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers Out	<u>0</u>	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	9,123,000	(909,877)	(617,170)	297,707
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2024	<u>24,608,671</u>	<u>24,608,671</u>	<u>24,608,671</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>33,731,671</u>	\$ <u>23,698,794</u>	\$ <u>23,996,501</u>	\$ <u>297,707</u>

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) <u>Variance</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Local	\$ 3,337,320	\$ 3,342,880	\$ 3,342,880	\$ 0
County	52,871	46,731	46,731	0
State	22,322,052	22,321,681	22,321,681	0
Federal	2,028,594	1,679,753	1,679,753	0
Other	<u>20,000</u>	<u>16,645</u>	<u>16,645</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenue	27,760,837	27,407,690	27,407,690	0
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Salaries	27,400,539	27,137,789	27,137,789	0
Retirement	8,109,303	4,214,656	4,214,656	0
FICA/Medicare	0	485,230	485,230	0
Employee insurance	0	3,212,838	3,212,838	0
Tuition	<u>1,291,000</u>	<u>1,458,945</u>	<u>1,458,945</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>36,800,842</u>	<u>36,509,458</u>	<u>36,509,458</u>	<u>0</u>
 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(9,040,005)	(9,101,768)	(9,101,768)	0
 Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>9,101,768</u>	<u>9,101,768</u>	<u>0</u>
 Net Change in Fund Balance	(9,040,005)	0	0	0
 FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>(9,040,005)</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DEBT SERVICE FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original <u>Debt Budget</u>	Final <u>Debt Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) <u>Variance</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Local	\$ 7,964,718	\$ 7,963,709	\$ 7,963,709	\$ 0
County	<u>517,800</u>	<u>517,791</u>	<u>517,791</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenue	8,482,518	8,481,500	8,481,500	0
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Debt and Other	<u>5,850,952</u>	<u>11,633,432</u>	<u>10,865,500</u>	<u>767,932</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,850,952</u>	<u>11,633,432</u>	<u>10,865,500</u>	<u>767,932</u>
 Net Change in Fund Balance	2,631,566	(3,151,932)	(2,384,000)	767,932
 FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2024	<u>9,357,200</u>	<u>9,357,200</u>	<u>9,357,200</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>11,988,766</u>	\$ <u>6,205,268</u>	\$ <u>6,973,200</u>	\$ <u>767,932</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON – MODIFIED CASH BASIS
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Original Capital Budget	Final Capital Budget	Actual Capital	Favorable/ (Unfavorable) Variance
<u>REVENUE</u>				
Local	\$ 565,892	\$ 565,872	\$ 565,872	\$ 0
State	3,193	3,193	3,193	0
Federal	27,733	343,978	27,733	(316,245)
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Revenue	596,818	913,043	596,798	(316,245)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Capital Outlay	1,878,176	1,498,078	1,498,078	0
Debt and Other	<u>63,100</u>	<u>111,973</u>	<u>111,973</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,941,276</u>	<u>1,610,051</u>	<u>1,610,051</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenses	(1,344,458)	(697,008)	(1,013,253)	(316,245)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Transfers In	<u>0</u>	<u>1,013,253</u>	<u>1,013,253</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,344,458)	316,245	0	(316,245)
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
FUND BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2025	\$ <u>(1,344,458)</u>	\$ <u>316,245</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>(316,245)</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The School District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the School District adopts a budget for each fund.
2. Prior to June 30, the superintendent, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated receipts and proposed disbursements for all School District governmental type funds. Budgeted disbursements and transfers cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated receipts for the year.
3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
4. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
5. The Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the final budget information included in the financial statements.
6. Budgets for District funds are prepared and adopted on the modified cash basis (budget basis), recognizing receipts when collected and disbursements when paid.

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
June 30, 2025

Bonded Indebtedness:

<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Totals</u>	Series <u>2014</u>	Series <u>2017</u>	Series <u>2020A</u>	Series <u>2020B</u>
2025-26	\$ 2,915,000	\$ 415,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
2026-27	3,140,000	425,000	2,715,000	0	0
2027-28	3,395,000	435,000	2,960,000	0	0
2028-29	2,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	1,000,000
2029-30	2,700,000	0	1,700,000	0	1,000,000
2030-31	1,800,000	0	1,800,000	0	0
2031-32	2,000,000	0	2,000,000	0	0
2032-33	2,200,000	0	2,200,000	0	0
2033-34	2,400,000	0	2,400,000	0	0
2034-35	2,600,000	0	2,600,000	0	0
2035-36	2,800,000	0	2,800,000	0	0
2036-37	3,000,000	0	3,000,000	0	0
2037-38	4,105,000	0	0	4,105,000	0
2038-39	4,700,000	0	0	4,700,000	0
2039-40	<u>5,050,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,050,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$45,305,000</u>	<u>\$1,275,000</u>	<u>\$28,175,000</u>	<u>\$13,855,000</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

Interest Obligation:

<u>Fiscal</u>	<u>Totals</u>	Series <u>2014</u>	Series <u>2017</u>	Series <u>2020A</u>	Series <u>2020B</u>
2025-26	\$ 2,169,862	\$ 32,962	\$ 1,508,750	\$ 595,250	\$ 32,900
2026-27	2,034,488	22,588	1,383,750	595,250	32,900
2027-28	1,888,112	11,962	1,248,000	595,250	32,900
2028-29	1,728,150	0	1,100,000	595,250	32,900
2029-30	1,629,700	0	1,017,500	595,250	16,950
2030-31	1,519,250	0	924,000	595,250	0
2031-32	1,420,250	0	825,000	595,250	0
2032-33	1,310,250	0	715,000	595,250	0
2033-34	1,189,250	0	594,000	595,250	0
2034-35	1,057,250	0	462,000	595,250	0
2035-36	914,250	0	319,000	595,250	0
2036-37	760,250	0	165,000	595,250	0
2037-38	595,250	0	0	595,250	0
2038-39	390,000	0	0	390,000	0
2039-40	<u>202,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>202,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>\$18,808,312</u>	<u>\$ 67,512</u>	<u>\$10,262,000</u>	<u>\$8,330,250</u>	<u>\$148,550</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
<u>LOCAL</u>					
Current taxes	\$ 21,901,419	\$ 0	\$ 7,355,437	\$ 0	\$ 29,256,856
Delinquent Taxes	782,873	0	262,922	0	1,045,795
School District Trust Fund (Prop C)	3,280,497	3,280,497	0	0	6,560,994
M&M, in lieu of tax & FIT	0	0	0	515,125	515,125
Interest and Investment Earnings	1,304,669	6,139	345,350	1,747	1,657,905
Food Services	542,466	0	0	0	542,466
Student Services	666,496	0	0	0	666,496
Community Services	1,060,459	0	0	0	1,060,459
Other	991,739	56,244	0	49,000	1,096,983
Total Local	30,530,618	3,342,880	7,963,709	565,872	42,403,079
<u>COUNTY</u>					
Fines, Escheats, etc.	0	46,731	0	0	46,731
State Assessed Utilities	1,461,932	0	517,791	0	1,979,723
Total County	1,461,932	46,731	517,791	0	2,026,454
<u>STATE</u>					
Basic Formula	0	19,287,270	0	0	19,287,270
Transportation	2,161,350	0	0	0	2,161,350
Early Childhood Special Ed	1,417,723	0	0	0	1,417,723
Career Ladder	0	106,500	0	0	106,500
Classroom Trust Fund	0	2,330,423	0	0	2,330,423
Parents as Teachers	149,332	0	0	0	149,332
Career Education	5,285	28,028	0	3,193	36,506
Food Services	11,877	0	0	0	11,877
Evidence-Based Reading	0	28,134	0	0	28,134
High Need Fund	0	540,726	0	0	540,726
Other	54,802	600	0	0	55,402
Total State	3,800,369	22,321,681	0	3,193	26,125,243

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE - CONTINUED
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
<u>FEDERAL</u>					
Medicaid	485,963	0	0	0	485,963
CARES – ESSER III	143,356	0	0	0	143,356
Perkins Basic Grant Career Ed	89,106	4,903	0	0	94,009
Special Ed IDEA/ECSE	131,194	908,233	0	0	1,039,427
Food Service	1,905,650	0	0	23,995	1,929,645
ESEA Title I.A	60,156	721,098	0	0	781,254
ESEA Title III, English Language	41,388	0	0	0	41,388
ESEA Title IV, Student Support	47,683	7,457	0	0	55,140
ESEA Title II, Part A -Teacher & Prin	80,694	38,062	0	0	118,756
School Aged Children Grant	152,441	0	0	3,738	156,179
Summer Food Program	<u>316,245</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>316,245</u>
Total Federal	3,453,876	1,679,753	0	27,733	5,161,362
<u>OTHER</u>					
Tuition from Other Districts	0	16,645	0	0	16,645
Transportation Other Districts	<u>37,246</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,246</u>
Total Other	37,246	16,645	0	0	53,891
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>					
Transfers To	0	9,101,768	0	1,013,253	10,115,021
Transfers From	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(10,115,021)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(10,115,021)</u>	<u>9,101,768</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,013,253</u>	<u>0</u>
 TOTAL ALL SOURCES	 <u>\$29,169,020</u>	 <u>\$ 36,509,458</u>	 <u>\$ 8,481,500</u>	 <u>\$1,610,051</u>	 <u>\$ 75,770,029</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES PAID BY OBJECT
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Totals (Memo Only)
Salaries	\$ 9,466,410	\$ 27,137,788	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$36,604,198
Retirement	724,590	4,214,656	0	0	4,939,246
FICA/Medicare Taxes	686,539	485,231	0	0	1,171,770
Employee Insurance	1,957,007	3,212,838	0	0	5,169,845
Tuition	635,279	1,458,945	0	0	2,094,224
Professional, audit & legal	112,448	0	0	0	112,448
Technical Services	4,231,486	0	0	0	4,231,486
Property Services	962,819	0	0	0	962,819
Contracted Transportation	4,561,847	0	0	0	4,561,847
Travel	221,075	0	0	0	221,075
Insurance, property/liability	862,275	0	0	0	862,275
Other Purchased Services	1,001,722	0	0	0	1,001,722
General Supplies	3,065,412	0	0	0	3,065,412
Books & Periodicals	48,829	0	0	0	48,829
Utilities, Energy Service	1,243,452	0	0	0	1,243,452
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	1,498,078	1,498,078
Debt & Other	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,865,500</u>	<u>111,973</u>	<u>10,977,473</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ <u>29,781,190</u>	\$ <u>36,509,458</u>	\$ <u>10,865,500</u>	\$ <u>1,610,051</u>	\$ <u>78,766,199</u>

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BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Total Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture</u>			
Child Nutrition Cluster:			
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:</i>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	019-152	\$ 726,217
National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	10.555	019-152	1,492,034
COVID-19 – NSLP Supply Chain Assistance	10.555	019-152	142,417
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services:</i>			
Summer Food Service Program for Children	10.559	213MO305N1199	<u>220,956</u>
Total Child Nutrition Cluster			2,581,624
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:</i>			
Child Nutrition Discretionary Grant – Lunch Equipment	10.579	019-152	23,995
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services:</i>			
Child and Adult Care Food Program	10.558	223MO305N2020	<u>115,085</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>2,720,704</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Education</u>			
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:</i>			
Title I, Part A – Grants to LEAs	84.010A	019-152	504,634
Title I, Part A – Preschool	84.010A	019-152	257,327
Title I, Part A – Career and Technical Education	84.048A	019-152	78,922
Title II, Part A – Improving Teacher Quality	84.367A	019-152	117,390
Title III – English Language (LEP/Immigrant)	84.365A	019-152	35,518
Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment	84.424A	019-152	54,345
COVID-19 – Education Stabilization Fund – Evidence-Based Reading	84.425U	019-152	31,415
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):			
IDEA, Part B – Special Education Grants	84.027A	019-152	918,988
IDEA – Preschool Grants (ECSE)	84.027A	019-152	79,315
IDEA – Preschool Grants (ECSE)	84.173A	019-152	<u>28,692</u>
Total Special Education Cluster			<u>1,026,995</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>2,106,546</u>
<u>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>			
<i>Pass-through Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education:</i>			
Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Cluster:			
Child Care Grant	93.575	019-152	29,462
School Age Community Grant	93.596	019-152	<u>99,927</u>
Total Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Cluster			<u>129,389</u>
Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services			<u>129,389</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ <u>4,956,639</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

NOTE 1: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Belton School District #124 (the "School District") under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2025. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the School District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the School District.

NOTE 2: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the School District's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

The Schedule presents both Type A and Type B federal assistance programs administered by the School District. The Uniform Guidance establishes the formula for determining the level of expenditures of disbursements to be used in defining Type A and Type B federal financial assistance programs. For the School District, Type A programs are those which exceed \$750,000 in disbursements, expenditures, or distributions. The determination of major and nonmajor programs is based on the risk-based approach outlined in Uniform Guidance.

The School District elected not use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE 3: SUBRECIPIENTS

The School District did not provide funds to subrecipients in the current fiscal year.

NOTE 4: NONCASH ASSISTANCE

Of the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule, the School District expended \$312,601 of federal awards in the form of noncash assistance from food distribution commodities.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED
ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

Board of Education
Belton School District #124
Belton, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Belton School District #124 (the “School District”) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

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Belton, Missouri

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Marr and Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Kansas City, Missouri
December 17, 2025

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Board of Education
Belton School District #124
Belton, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Belton School District #124's (the "School District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025. The School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the School District's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marr and Company". The script is cursive and fluid, with the "M" and "C" being particularly large and stylized.

Marr and Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Kansas City, Missouri
December 17, 2025

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

SECTION I: SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. Type of auditor's report issued: Unmodified Opinion
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a) Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
 - b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None reported
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X No

Federal Awards

1. Internal Control over Major Programs:
 - a) Material weakness(es) identified? Yes X No
 - b) Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes X None reported
2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified Opinion
3. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a) section of the Uniform Guidance. Yes X No
4. The District's major federal programs were:

<u>Assistance Listing Number(s)</u>	<u>Federal Program or Cluster</u>
10.553, 10.555, 10.559	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.010	Title I, Part A
5. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000
6. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee specified in Section 200.520 of the Uniform Guidance?
 Yes X No

SECTION II: FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No financial statement findings were reported.

SECTION III: FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No federal award findings or questioned costs were reported.

SECTION IV: RESOLUTIONS OF PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no findings or questioned costs to be resolved in the prior year's audit report.

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON MANAGEMENT'S
ASSERTIONS ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS
OF MISSOURI LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Board of Education
Belton School District #124
Belton, Missouri

We have examined management's assertion, included in its representation letter dated December 17, 2025, that the Belton School District #124 (the "School District") complied with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures, accurate disclosure of the School District's records of average daily attendance and average daily transportation of pupils, and other statutory requirements as listed in the Schedule of Selected Statistics for the year ended June 30, 2025. Management is responsible for its assertion that the School District complied with the aforementioned requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assertion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether management's assertion is fairly stated, in all material respects. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about management's assertion. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material misstatement of management's assertion, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to the engagement.

Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the School District's compliance with specified requirements.

In our opinion, management's assertion that Belton School District #124 complied with the aforementioned requirements included in the Schedule of Selected Statistics for the year ended June 30, 2025, are fairly stated, in all material respects.



Kansas City, Missouri
December 17, 2025

Marr and Company, P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

1. CALENDAR (SECTIONS 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, AND 171.033 RSMO)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
1050	9	12	N/A	6.6500	169	1,117.4500
1055	7	8	N/A	6.6500	169	1,117.4500
4020	K	4	N/A	6.6000	169	1,109.0500
4040	K	6	N/A	6.6000	169	1,111.5500
4060	K	4	N/A	6.6000	169	1,109.0500
4080	5	6	N/A	6.6000	169	1,109.0500
4090	K	4	N/A	6.6000	169	1,109.0500
7500	PK	PK	N/A	6.6830	169	1,120.9446

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

2. ATTENDANCE HOURS

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
1050	9	327,248.5634	524.8440	-	5,877.8333	4,431.7500	338,082.9907
1050	10	308,546.1338	678.8168	-	4,117.6165	11,790.8015	325,133.3686
1050	11	325,756.7211	1,978.6692	-	16.0000	13,190.5953	340,941.9856
1050	12	274,175.0936	3,851.0193	-	3,052.0001	7,306.2517	288,384.3647
1055	7	350,741.9216	-	-	4,970.4004	11,486.7011	367,199.0231
1055	8	302,331.6756	-	-	5,729.7499	4,224.2500	312,285.6755
4020	K	104,292.5979	-	98.1666	-	9,396.1347	113,786.8992
4020	1	107,321.4493	-	61.9999	214.0000	9,422.4013	117,019.8505
4020	2	103,825.1946	-	108.4999	479.0000	10,588.8680	115,001.5625
4020	3	90,115.3825	-	247.9998	317.5000	9,161.8346	99,842.7169
4020	4	105,099.4325	-	108.4998	283.0000	11,627.7839	117,118.7162
4040	K	68,491.8177	-	191.1664	-	3,595.0670	72,278.0511
4040	1	69,836.9007	-	237.6663	1,071.9500	5,467.6175	76,614.1345
4040	2	71,829.6347	-	242.8329	1,053.1666	5,305.8341	78,431.4683
4040	3	72,148.2677	-	134.3330	2,097.6835	5,836.5340	80,216.8182
4040	4	76,689.1167	-	154.9998	1,849.8000	5,952.1004	84,646.0169
4040	5	69,367.9501	-	98.1666	2,946.8501	6,140.7839	78,553.7507
4040	6	67,495.9672	-	129.1666	1,063.7500	5,487.7008	74,176.5846
4060	K	56,092.6981	-	103.3332	4,614.8658	-	60,810.8971
4060	1	75,869.1998	-	242.8330	7,252.6998	-	83,364.7326
4060	2	61,123.8495	-	160.1664	4,031.4333	-	65,315.4492
4060	3	76,068.9708	-	247.9998	5,339.0999	-	81,656.0705
4060	4	69,862.4384	-	118.8332	4,898.2166	-	74,879.4882
4080	5	224,794.6222	-	196.3331	9,619.6167	8,577.0008	243,187.5728
4080	6	221,880.4331	149.5000	149.8332	1,192.7000	7,078.7169	230,451.1832
4090	K	70,178.9658	-	118.8332	-	-	70,297.7990
4090	1	65,936.6654	-	149.8331	-	-	66,086.4985

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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

2. ATTENDANCE HOURS (CONTINUED)

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
4090	2	88,740.4161	-	87.3332	-	-	88,828.2493
4090	3	69,383.3163	-	113.6666	-	-	69,496.9829
4090	4	80,015.7485	-	108.4998	-	-	80,124.2483
7500	PK	30,035.3851	-	-	328.0984	-	30,363.4835
Grand Total		4,085,296.5298	7,182.8493	3,611.4954	72,417.0309	156,068.7275	4,324,576.6329

3. SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day **and** in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
1050	9	316.00	0.50	6.00	322.50
1050	10	295.00	0.00	4.00	299.00
1050	11	322.00	1.42	0.00	323.42
1050	12	300.00	2.76	3.00	305.76
1055	7	335.00	0.00	5.00	340.00
1055	8	296.00	0.00	5.00	301.00
4020	K	102.00	0.00	0.00	102.00
4020	1	106.00	0.00	0.00	106.00
4020	2	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4020	3	89.00	0.00	0.00	89.00
4020	4	104.00	0.00	0.00	104.00
4040	K	66.00	0.00	0.00	66.00
4040	1	66.00	0.00	1.00	67.00
4040	2	69.00	0.00	1.00	70.00
4040	3	69.00	0.00	2.00	71.00

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3. SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4040	4	73.00	0.00	2.00	75.00
4040	5	68.00	0.00	3.00	71.00
4040	6	65.00	0.00	1.00	66.00
4060	K	35.00	0.00	2.00	37.00
4060	1	72.00	0.00	7.00	79.00
4060	2	57.00	0.00	4.00	61.00
4060	3	73.00	0.00	5.00	78.00
4060	4	66.00	0.00	5.00	71.00
4080	5	211.00	0.00	9.00	220.00
4080	6	214.00	0.00	1.00	215.00
4090	K	69.00	0.00	0.00	69.00
4090	1	62.00	0.00	0.00	62.00
4090	2	85.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
4090	3	66.00	0.00	0.00	66.00
4090	4	73.00	0.00	0.00	73.00
7500	PK	221.00	0.00	5.00	226.00
Grand Total		4,145.00	4.68	71.00	4,220.68

4. JANUARY MEMBERSHIP

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in January who are enrolled on the count day **and** in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
1050	9	318.00	0.50	5.00	323.50
1050	10	297.00	0.00	4.00	301.00
1050	11	313.00	0.70	0.00	313.70
1050	12	283.00	0.96	3.00	286.96
1055	7	332.00	0.00	5.00	337.00
1055	8	289.00	0.00	6.00	295.00

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4. JANUARY MEMBERSHIP (CONTINUED)

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4020	K	101.00	0.00	0.00	101.00
4020	1	101.00	0.00	0.00	101.00
4020	2	98.00	0.00	0.00	98.00
4020	3	85.00	0.00	0.00	85.00
4020	4	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
4040	K	64.00	0.00	0.00	64.00
4040	1	66.00	0.00	1.00	67.00
4040	2	68.00	0.00	1.00	69.00
4040	3	69.00	0.00	2.00	71.00
4040	4	73.00	0.00	2.00	75.00
4040	5	65.00	0.00	3.00	68.00
4040	6	64.00	0.00	1.00	65.00
4060	K	54.00	0.00	4.00	58.00
4060	1	70.00	0.00	7.00	77.00
4060	2	59.00	0.00	4.00	63.00
4060	3	71.00	0.00	5.00	76.00
4060	4	65.00	0.00	5.00	70.00
4080	5	216.00	0.00	9.00	225.00
4080	6	219.00	0.00	1.00	220.00
4090	K	70.00	0.00	0.00	70.00
4090	1	64.00	0.00	0.00	64.00
4090	2	87.00	0.00	0.00	87.00
4090	3	68.00	0.00	0.00	68.00
4090	4	78.00	0.00	0.00	78.00
7500	PK	260.00	0.00	4.00	264.00
Grand Total		4,167.00	2.16	72.00	4,241.16

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5. FREE AND REDUCED PRICED LUNCH FTE COUNT (SECTION 163.011(6), RSMO)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades K-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1050	465.36	189.60	0.00	0.00	654.96
1055	258.00	89.00	0.00	0.00	347.00
4020	247.00	65.00	0.00	0.00	312.00
4040	146.00	85.00	0.00	0.00	231.00
4060	189.00	46.00	0.00	0.00	235.00
4080	231.00	54.00	0.00	0.00	285.00
4090	157.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	187.00
7500	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	1,693.36	558.60	0.00	0.00	2,251.96

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6. FINANCE

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
6.1	The district maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
6.2	The district maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	True
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	True
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	True
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	True
	Dual enrollment	True
	Homebound instruction	True
	Missouri Options	True
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	True
	Remediation	True
	Sheltered Workshop participation	True
	Students participating in the school flex program	N/A
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	True
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	True
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	True
6.3	The district maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September and January Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
6.4	The district maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
6.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's/charter school's treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft the total amount of:	\$500,000

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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED STATISTICS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

6. FINANCE (CONTINUED)

Section	Question	Answer
6.6	The district's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Finance Accounting Manual.	True
6.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
6.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	True
6.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	N/A
6.10	The district published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	True
6.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
6.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$196,924
6.13	The district has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	True

All above "False" answers **must** be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	N/A
Management Letter Comment:	

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7. TRANSPORTATION (SECTION 163.161, RSMO)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
7.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	True
7.2	The district's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	True
7.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:	True
	Eligible ADT	# 1,932.00
	Ineligible ADT	# 133.00
7.4	The district's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	True
7.5	Actual odometer records show the total district-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:	# 670,164
7.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:	True
	Eligible Miles	# 536,367
	Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)	# 133,797
7.7	Number of days the district operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:	# 163

All above "False" answers **must** be supported by a finding or management letter comment.

Finding:	N/A	
Management Letter Comment:		

BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124
Belton, Missouri

SCHEDULE OF STATE FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Current year

There were no audit findings related to state compliance for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Prior year

There were no audit findings related to state compliance for the year ended June 30, 2024.

APPENDIX C

FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

This **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING** dated as of December ____, 2026 (the “**Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**”), is executed and delivered by **BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI** (the “**District**”).

RECITALS

1. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking is being executed and delivered in connection with the delivery by the District of \$_____ **General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds (Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026** (the “**Bonds**”), pursuant to a resolution adopted by the governing body of the District on October 14, 2026, as supplemented by a Certificate of Final Terms (collectively, the “**Resolution**”).

2. The District is entering into this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking for the benefit of the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**Rule**”). The District is the only “**obligated person**” with responsibility for continuing disclosure hereunder.

The District covenants and agrees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“**Annual Report**” means any Annual Report provided by the District pursuant to, and as described in, **Section 2** of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

“**Beneficial Owner**” means any registered owner of any Bonds and any person which (a) has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including persons holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or other intermediaries), or (b) is treated as the owner of any Bonds for federal income tax purposes.

“**Business Day**” means a day other than (a) a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, (b) a day on which banks located in any city in which the principal office or designated payment office of the paying agent or the Dissemination Agent is located are required or authorized by law to remain closed, or (c) a day on which the Securities Depository or the New York Stock Exchange is closed.

“**Dissemination Agent**” means any entity designated in writing by the District to serve as dissemination agent pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and which has filed with the District a written acceptance of such designation.

“**EMMA**” means the Electronic Municipal Market Access system for municipal securities disclosures established and maintained by the MSRB, which can be accessed at www.emma.msrb.org.

“**Financial Obligation**” means a (a) debt obligation; (b) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (c) guarantee of (a) or (b) in this definition; *provided however*, the term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“**Fiscal Year**” means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30 or any other 12-month period selected by the District as the Fiscal Year of the District for financial reporting purposes.

“Material Events” means any of the events listed in **Section 3** of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

“MSRB” means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any successor repository designated as such by the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with the Rule.

“Participating Underwriter” means any of the original underwriter(s) of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

Section 2. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) The District shall, not later than **December 31st** after the end of the District’s Fiscal Year, commencing with the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2026, file, or cause to be filed, with the MSRB, through EMMA, the following financial information and operating data (the **“Annual Report”**):

- (1) The audited financial statements of the District for the prior Fiscal Year, prepared in accordance with the accounting principles stated in the notes to the financial statements attached as ***Appendix B*** to the Official Statement relating to the Bonds. If audited financial statements are not available by the time the Annual Report is required to be filed pursuant to this Section, the Annual Report shall contain unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds, and the audited financial statements shall be filed in the same manner as the Annual Report promptly after they become available.
- (2) Updates as of the end of the Fiscal Year of certain financial information and operating data contained in tables located in the following described sections in ***Appendix A*** to the final Official Statement relating to the Bonds, which information may be contained in the audited financial statements of the District or any schedules supplemental thereto, with such modifications to the formatting and general presentation thereof as deemed appropriate by the District:

THE DISTRICT:

History of Enrollment

PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DISTRICT:

Property Valuations:

Current Assessed Valuation

History of Property Valuations

History of Tax Levies

Tax Collection Record

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues with respect to which the District is an “obligated person” (as defined by the Rule), which have been provided to the MSRB and are available through EMMA or the Securities and Exchange Commission. If the document included by reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB on EMMA. The District shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in this Section; provided that the audited financial

statements of the District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required above for the filing of the Annual Report if they are not available by that date. If the District's Fiscal Year changes, it shall give notice of such change in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

If the District has not submitted the Annual Report to the MSRB by the date required by this **Section 2(a)**, the District shall, in a timely manner, send a notice to the MSRB of the failure of the District to file on a timely basis the Annual Report, which notice shall be in substantially the form attached as **Exhibit A** and shall be given by the District in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

(b) The Annual Report shall be filed with the MSRB in such manner and format as is prescribed by the MSRB.

Section 3. Reporting of Material Events. Not later than 10 Business Days after the occurrence of any of the following events, the District shall give, or cause to be given, to the MSRB, through EMMA, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds ("**Material Events**"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions; the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;
- (7) modifications to rights of bondholders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the District;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of the trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which affect security holders, if material; and
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the District, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

Section 4. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The District's obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall terminate upon the legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds. If the District's obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking are assumed in full by some other entity, such entity shall be responsible for compliance with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the same manner as if it were the District, and the District shall have no further responsibility hereunder. If such termination or substitution occurs prior to the final maturity of the Bonds, the District shall give notice of such termination or substitution in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**.

Section 5. Dissemination Agents. The District may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent may resign as dissemination agent hereunder at any time upon 30 days' prior written notice to the District. The Dissemination Agent shall not be responsible in any manner for the content of any notice or report (including without limitation the Annual Report) prepared by the District pursuant to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. The initial Dissemination Agent shall be MuniCom, LLC, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Section 6. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District may amend this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may be waived, provided that Bond Counsel or other counsel experienced in federal securities law matters provides the District with its written opinion that the undertaking of the District contained herein, as so amended or after giving effect to such waiver, is in compliance with the Rule and all current amendments thereto and interpretations thereof that are applicable to this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

In the event of any amendment or waiver of a provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District shall describe such amendment or waiver in the next Annual Report, 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 a change of accounting principles, on the presentation) of financial information or operating data being presented by the District. In addition, if the amendment relates to the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, (1) notice of such change shall be given in the same manner as for a Material Event under **Section 3**, and (2) the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made should present a comparison (in narrative form and also, if feasible, in quantitative form) between the financial statements as prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles.

Section 7. Additional Information. Nothing in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. If the District chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that specifically required by this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the District shall have no obligation under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

Section 8. Default. If the District fails to comply with any provision of this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, any Participating Underwriter or any Beneficial Owner of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the District to comply with its obligations under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking. A default under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall not be deemed an event of default under the

Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in the event of any failure of the District to comply with this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be an action to compel performance.

Section 9. Beneficiaries. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall inure solely to the benefit of the District, the Participating Underwriter and the Beneficial Owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

Section 10. Severability. If any provision in this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, the Resolution or the Bonds shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11. Counterparts. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 12. Electronic Transactions. The arrangement described herein may be conducted and related documents may be sent, received, or stored by electronic means. Copies, telecopies, facsimiles, electronic files and other reproductions of original documents shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such original documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 13. Governing Law. This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the District has caused this Continuing Disclosure Undertaking to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

**BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS
COUNTY, MISSOURI**

By: _____
Title: President of the Board of Education

Acceptance of Dissemination Agent

The undersigned, for and on behalf of MuniCom, LLC, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, hereby accepts the duties and responsibilities of Dissemination Agent as set forth in the above and foregoing Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.

Dated: December ____, 2026

MUNICOM, LLC

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Belton School District #124 of Cass County, Missouri (the “**District**”)

Name of Bond Issue: \$_____ General Obligation School Building and Refunding Bonds
(Missouri Direct Deposit Program), Series 2026 (the “**Bonds**”)

Date of Issuance: December ___, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking dated as of December ___, 2026 by the District. [The District anticipates that the Annual Report will be provided by _____, 20__.]

Dated: _____ ___, 20__

**BELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #124 OF CASS
COUNTY, MISSOURI**

APPENDIX D

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM

The following information concerning DTC and DTC's Book-Entry Only System has been obtained from sources that the District believes to be reliable, but is not guaranteed as to accuracy or completeness by and is not to be construed as a representation by the District, the Paying Agent or the Underwriter. The District, the Paying Agent and the Underwriter make no assurances that DTC, Direct Participants, Indirect Participants or other nominees of the Beneficial Owners will act in accordance with the procedures described above or in a timely manner.

General. Ownership interests in the Bonds will be available to purchasers only through a book-entry only system (the **"Book-Entry Only System"**) maintained by The Depository Trust Company (**"DTC"**), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Initially, the Bonds will be issued as fully-registered securities, registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. One fully-registered Bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, and will be deposited with DTC. The following discussion will not apply to any Bonds issued in certificate form due to the discontinuance of the DTC Book-Entry Only System, as described below.

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

Purchase of Ownership Interests. 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 (the **"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 interest in the Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds is discontinued.

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

Notices. 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 the 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 Resolution. 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 Paying Agent 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 a maturity 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.

Voting. 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 Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the issuer of bonds as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

Discontinuation of Book-Entry Only System. DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the District or the Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Bond certificates are required to be printed and delivered as described in the Bond Resolution.

The District may decide to discontinue use of the system of book-entry-only transfers through DTC (or a successor securities depository). In that event, Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC. If, however, the system of book-entry-only transfers has been discontinued and a Direct Participant has elected to withdraw its Bonds from DTC (or such successor securities depository), Bond certificates may be delivered to

Beneficial Owners in the manner described herein under the caption “**THE BONDS - Registration, Transfer and Exchange of Bonds Upon Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System.**”

None of the Underwriter, the Paying Agent or the District will have any responsibility or obligations to any Direct Participants or Indirect Participants or the persons for whom they act with respect to (i) the accuracy of any records maintained by DTC or any such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant; (ii) the payment by any Participant of any amount due to any Beneficial Owner in respect of the principal or redemption price or interest on the Bonds; (iii) the delivery by any such Direct Participant or Indirect Participant of any notice to any Beneficial Owner that is required or permitted under the terms of the Bond Resolution to be given to owners of the Bonds; (iv) the selection of the Beneficial Owners to receive payment in the event of any partial redemption of the Bonds; or (v) any consent given or other action taken by DTC as Bondholder.