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**February 18, 2025**

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*Subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois (“Bond Counsel”), under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals. Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. See “TAX EXEMPTION” herein for a more complete discussion. The Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. See “QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS” herein.*

**\$6,740,000\***

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 66**

**DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**(CENTER CASS)**

**GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

**Dated: Date of Issuance**

**Due: January 1, as Shown on the Inside Cover Page**

The General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”), of School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “District”), are issuable as fully-registered bonds under the global book-entry system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). Individual purchases will be made in book-entry system form only. Beneficial owners of the Bonds will not receive physical delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds are issued in fully-registered form in denominations of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof, and will bear interest payable on January 1 and July 1 of each year, with July 1, 2025, as the first interest payment date. Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, will act as registrar and paying agent for the Bonds. Details of payment of the Bonds are described herein. Interest is calculated based on a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months.

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) construct fire prevention and life safety improvements to school buildings of the District and (ii) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein.

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

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity on the dates and at the redemption price described herein under “THE BONDS – Optional Redemption.”

The Bonds are offered at public sale, subject to the approval of legality by Bond Counsel. Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, is also acting as Disclosure Counsel to the District. Delivery of the Bonds through the facilities of DTC will be on or about March 11, 2025.



The date of this Official Statement is February \_\_, 2025.

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

+See “BOND RATING” herein.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion and amendment. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the Bonds, 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.

**MATURITY SCHEDULE, AMOUNTS, INTEREST RATES, YIELDS AND CUSIP NUMBERS**

**\$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025**

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(January 1)</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>	<u>Rate (%)</u>	<u>Yield (%)</u>	<u>CUSIP<sup>(1)</sup></u> <u>(263219)</u>
2038	630,000			
2039	665,000			
2040	695,000			
2041	730,000			
2042	760,000			
2043	795,000			
2044	830,000			
2045	870,000			
2046	765,000			

\*Preliminary, subject to change. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the individual maturities of the Bonds on the day of sale in increments of \$5,000. If any principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000 portion of a Bond.

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

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

No dealer, broker, salesman or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such other information or representations must not be relied upon as statements of the District or the Underwriter. 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 to make such offer, solicitation or sale. Unless otherwise indicated, the District is the source of all tables and statistical and financial information contained in this Official Statement. The information set forth herein relating to governmental bodies other than the District has been obtained from such governmental bodies or from other sources believed to be reliable. The information and opinions expressed herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the District since the date of this Official Statement.

PMA Securities, LLC, Naperville, Illinois, is serving as municipal advisor (the “Municipal Advisor”) to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing this Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon the District, and other sources, having access to relevant data to provide accurate information for this Official Statement. To the best of the Municipal Advisor’s knowledge, the information contained in this Official Statement is true and accurate. However, the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information.

Any statements made in this Official Statement, including the Appendices, involving matters of opinion or estimates, 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 such estimates will be realized. This Official Statement contains certain forward-looking statements and information that are based on the District's beliefs as well as assumptions made by and information currently available to the District. Such statements are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or expected.

The Underwriter has provided the following sentence for inclusion in this Official Statement. 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 such information.

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

Upon issuance, the Bonds will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and will not be listed on any stock or other securities exchange and neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other Federal, State, Municipal or other governmental entity, other than the District, shall have passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this Official Statement.

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**\$6,740,000\***  
**School District Number 66**  
**DuPage County, Illinois**  
**(Center Cass)**  
**General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this Official Statement is to set forth certain information concerning School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “District”), in connection with the offering and sale of its \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”). This Official Statement includes the cover page, the reverse thereof and the Appendices. Certain factors that may affect an investment decision concerning the Bonds are described throughout this Official Statement. Persons considering a purchase of the Bonds should read this Official Statement in its entirety.

**THE BONDS**

**General Description**

The Bonds will be issued in fully-registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$5,000 each or authorized integral multiples thereof under a book-entry only system operated by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable as described under the caption “BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM” by Zions Bancorporation, National Association, Chicago, Illinois, as paying agent and registrar (the “Registrar”).

The Bonds will be dated as of the date of delivery and will mature as shown on the inside cover page of this Official Statement. Interest on the Bonds will be payable on each January 1 and July 1, beginning July 1, 2025. The Bonds will bear interest from their dated date, or from the most recent interest payment date to which interest has been paid or provided for, computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The principal of the Bonds will be payable in lawful money of the United States of America upon presentation and surrender thereof at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar in Chicago, Illinois. Interest on each Bond will be paid by check or draft of the Registrar payable upon presentation in lawful money of the United States of America to the person in whose name such Bond is registered at the close of business on the record date, which is the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month next preceding the interest payment date (the “Record Date”).

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as discussed under “Optional Redemption” herein.

**Registration and Exchange**

The Bonds may be transferred, registered and assigned only on the registration books of the Registrar (the “Register”), and such registration shall be at the expense of the District;

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

provided, however, that the District or the Registrar may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any transfer or exchange of Bonds, except in the case of the issuance of a Bond or Bonds for the unredeemed portion of a Bond surrendered for redemption.

Upon surrender for transfer of any Bond at the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar, duly endorsed by, or accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar and duly executed by, the registered owner or his or her attorney duly authorized in writing, the District shall execute and the Registrar shall authenticate, date and deliver in the name of the transferee or transferees a new fully-registered Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of authorized denominations for a like aggregate principal amount. Any fully-registered Bond or Bonds may be exchanged at said office of the Registrar for a like aggregate principal amount of Bond or Bonds of the same maturity of other authorized denominations. The execution by the District of any fully-registered Bond shall constitute full and due authorization of such Bond and the Registrar shall thereby be authorized to authenticate, date and deliver such Bond, provided, however, the principal amount of outstanding Bonds of each maturity authenticated by the Registrar shall not exceed the authorized principal amount of Bonds for such maturity less previous retirements.

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

### **Authority and Purpose**

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the School Code of the State of Illinois (the “School Code”), the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois (the “Debt Reform Act”), and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the District on February 12, 2025, as supplemented by a notification of sale (together, the “Bond Resolution”). Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) construct fire prevention and life safety improvements to school buildings of the District (the “Project”), and (ii) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds. See “USE OF PROCEEDS” herein.

### **Security and Payment**

The Bonds, in the opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois (“Bond Counsel”), are valid and legally binding upon the District and are payable from any funds of the District legally available for such purpose, and all taxable property in the District is subject to the levy of taxes to pay the same without limitation as to rate or amount, except that the rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability of the Bonds may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, reorganization and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights and by



equitable principles, whether considered at law or in equity, including the exercise of judicial discretion.

Pursuant to Public Act 103-0591, effective July 1, 2024, levies to pay school fire and prevention bonds, such as the Bonds, are excepted from the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended (the “Limitation Law”). See “REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law” herein for more information. The Bond Resolution provides for the levy of ad valorem taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, upon all taxable property within the District in amounts sufficient to pay, as and when due, all principal of and interest on the Bonds. The Bond Resolution will be filed with the County Clerk of DuPage County, Illinois (the “County Clerk”), and will serve as authorization to the County Clerk to extend and collect the property taxes as set forth in the Bond Resolution to pay the Bonds.

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

### **Optional Redemption**

The Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the District as a whole or in part in integral multiples of \$5,000 in any order of their maturity as determined by the District (less than all of the Bonds of a single maturity to be selected by the Registrar), on **January 1, 2035**, and on any date thereafter, at a redemption price of par plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

### **Redemption Procedures**

The District will, at least 45 days prior to any optional redemption date (unless a shorter time period shall be satisfactory to the Registrar), notify the Registrar of such redemption date and of the principal amount and maturity or maturities of Bonds to be redeemed. For purposes of any redemption of less than all of the outstanding Bonds of a single maturity, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by lot by the Registrar from the Bonds of such maturity by such method of lottery as the Registrar shall deem fair and appropriate (except when the Bonds are held in a book-entry system, in which case the selection of Bonds to be redeemed will be made in accordance with procedures established by DTC or any other book-entry depository); *provided* that such lottery will provide for the selection for redemption of Bonds or portions thereof in principal amounts of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof.

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

All notices of redemption will state (1) the redemption date, (2) the redemption price, (3) if less than all the outstanding Bonds are to be redeemed, the identification (and, in the case of partial redemption of Bonds, the respective principal amounts) of the Bonds to be redeemed, (4) that on the redemption date the redemption price will become due and payable upon each such Bond or portion thereof called for redemption and that interest thereon will cease to accrue from and after said date, (5) the place where such Bonds are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price, which place of payment will be the principal corporate trust office of the Registrar and (6) such other information then required by custom, practice or industry standard.

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

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

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay for the Project. The Project includes repairs to the pavement of playgrounds, school bus turnarounds, student drop-off areas, sidewalks, and parking areas at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School, Prairieview Elementary School and Lakeview Junior High School. The Project is expected to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_.

**SOURCES AND USES**

**Estimated Sources of Funds**

Par Amount of the Bonds.....	
[Net] Original Issue Premium/(Discount).....	
Total Sources .....	<u>\$ _____</u>

**Estimated Uses of Funds**

Costs of the Project.....	
Costs of Issuance..... <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>_____</u>
Total Uses .....	<u>\$ _____</u>

(1) Includes Underwriter’s discount, Bond and Disclosure Counsel fees, Municipal Advisor’s fee, Registrar’s fee, rating agency fee and other costs of issuance.

**BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM**

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

DTC, the world’s largest securities depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC’s participants (“Direct Participants”) deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants’ accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (“DTCC”). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly (“Indirect Participants”). DTC has an S&P Global Ratings rating of “AA+”. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with

the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”). More information about DTC can be found at [www.dtcc.com](http://www.dtcc.com).

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

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds deposited by Direct Participants with DTC are registered in the name of DTC’s partnership nominee, Cede & Co., or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. The deposit of Bonds with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not affect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds; DTC’s records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds are credited, which may or may not be the Beneficial Owners. The Direct and Indirect Participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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

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

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

Redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detailed information from the District or Registrar, on payable date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records. Payments by Participants to Beneficial Owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is the case with securities held for the accounts of customers in bearer form or registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such Participant and not of DTC, the Registrar, or the District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of redemption proceeds, distributions, and dividend payments to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) is the responsibility of the District or the Registrar, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants will be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners will be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

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

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

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

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

## **REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES**

### **Summary of Property Assessment, Tax Levy and Collection Procedures**

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

## **Tax Levy and Collection Procedures**

Local Assessment Officers determine the assessed valuation of taxable real property and railroad property not held or used for railroad operations. The Illinois Department of Revenue (the “Department”) assesses certain other types of taxable property, including railroad property held or used for railroad operations. Local Assessment Officers’ valuation determinations are subject to review at the county level and then, in general, to equalization by the Department. Such equalization is achieved by applying to each county’s assessments a multiplier determined by the Department. The purpose of equalization is to provide a common basis of assessments among counties by adjusting assessments toward the statutory standard of 33-1/3% of fair cash value. Farmland is assessed according to a statutory formula, which takes into account factors such as productivity and crop mix. Taxes are extended against the assessed values after equalization.

Property tax levies of each taxing body are filed in the office of the county clerk of each county in which territory of that taxing body is located. The county clerk computes the rates and amount of taxes applicable to taxable property subject to the tax levies of each taxing body and determines the dollar amount of taxes attributable to each respective parcel of taxable property. The county clerk then supplies to the appropriate collecting officials within the county the information needed to bill the taxes attributable to the various parcels therein. After the taxes have been collected, the collecting officials distribute to the various taxing bodies their respective shares of the taxes collected. Taxes levied in one calendar year are due and payable in two installments during the next calendar year.

## **Unpaid Taxes and Annual Tax Sales**

Taxes that are not paid when due, or that are not paid by mail and postmarked on or before the due date, are deemed delinquent and bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month (or portion thereof) until paid. Unpaid property taxes, together with penalties, interest and costs, constitute a lien against the property subject to the tax. If taxes go unpaid for 13 months, each county treasurer is required to sell the delinquent property taxes at the “Annual Tax Sale” — a sale of tax liens, not properties. A public sale is held, at which time successful tax buyers pay the unpaid taxes plus penalties. Taxpayers can redeem their property by paying the amount paid at the sale, plus interest penalties and fees. If no redemption is made within the applicable redemption period, then the tax buyer can secure a court-ordered deed to the home. If a tax buyer can prove the home has been abandoned, the period for seeking a deed can be shortened to two years. Owners of vacant, commercial and industrial properties have six months to redeem their taxes before the tax buyer can seek ownership of the property.

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

When taxes go unpaid for more than 20 years, Illinois law states that the property is “forfeited to the state.” As a practical matter, this does not happen. Instead, the taxes are wiped

out, as the property remains in its distressed condition barring a change in the owner's circumstances or it being sold.

## **Exemptions**

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

An annual General Homestead Exemption provides that the Equalized Assessed Valuation ("EAV") of certain property owned and used for residential purposes ("Residential Property") may be reduced by the amount of any increase over the 1977 EAV, up to a maximum reduction of \$6,000. Beginning with tax year 2023, the maximum reduction in the five collar counties (DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will) (the "Collar Counties") is \$8,000.

The Homestead Improvement Exemption applies to Residential Property that has been improved or rebuilt in the two years following a catastrophic event, as defined in the Property Tax Code. The exemption is limited to an annual maximum amount of \$75,000 for up to four years to the extent the assessed value is attributable solely to such improvements or rebuilding.

The Senior Citizens Homestead Exemption annually reduces the EAV on residences owned and occupied by senior citizens. The maximum exemption is \$5,000. Beginning with tax year 2023, the maximum exemption in the Collar Counties is \$8,000.

The Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze Homestead Exemption freezes property tax assessments for homeowners who are 65 and older, reside in their property as their principal place of residence and receive a household income not in excess of the maximum income limitation. The maximum income limitation is \$65,000. This exemption grants to qualifying senior citizens an exemption equal to the difference between (a) the current EAV of the residence and (b) the EAV of a senior citizen's residence for the year prior to the year in which he or she first qualifies and applies for the exemption, plus the EAV of improvements since such year.

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

The Natural Disaster Homestead Exemption (the "Natural Disaster Exemption") applies to homestead properties containing a residential structure that has been rebuilt following a

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

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

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

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

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

### **Property Tax Extension Limitation Law**

The Limitation Law limits the annual growth in the amount of property taxes to be extended for certain Illinois non-home rule units, including the District. In general, the annual growth permitted under the Limitation Law is the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the CPI during the calendar year preceding the levy year. Taxes can also be increased due to new construction, referendum approval of tax rate increases, mergers and consolidations.

The effect of the Limitation Law is to limit the amount of property taxes that can be extended for a taxing body. In addition, general obligation bonds, notes and installment contracts



payable from ad valorem taxes unlimited as to rate and amount cannot be issued by the affected taxing bodies unless they are approved by referendum, are bonds issued after July 1, 2024, for school fire prevention and safety purposes (such as the Bonds), are alternate bonds or are for certain refunding purposes.

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

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

Local governments, including the District, can issue limited bonds in lieu of general obligation bonds that have otherwise been authorized by applicable law.

Beginning with levy year 2021, each tax-capped taxing district (such as the District) receives an automatic levy increase in the amount of any property tax refunds paid by such taxing district in the prior year as a result of the issuance of certificates of error, court orders issued in connection with valuation tax objection complaints and Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board decisions. For levy year 2023, the additional amount added to the District’s tax levy as a result of this change was \$20,352.

Pursuant to Section 18-190.7 of the Property Tax Code, school districts that have a designation of “recognition” or “review” according to the Illinois State Board of Education’s

(“ISBE”) School District Financial Profile System, park districts, library districts and community college districts and for which taxes were not extended at the maximum amount permitted under the Limitation Law in a given levy year may be able to recapture all or a portion of such unrealized levy amount in a subsequent levy year. Section 18-190.7 directs county clerks, in calculating the limiting rate for a given taxing district, to use the greater of the taxing district’s last preceding aggregate extension or the district’s last preceding aggregate extension if the taxing district had utilized the maximum limiting rate permitted without referendum for each of the three immediately preceding levy years. The aggregate extension of a taxing district that includes any recapture for a particular levy year cannot exceed the taxing district’s aggregate extension for the immediately preceding levy year by more than 5%. If a taxing district cannot recapture the entire unrealized levy amount in a single levy year, the taxing district may increase its aggregate extension in each succeeding levy year until the entire levy amount is recaptured.

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

### **Truth in Taxation Law**

Legislation known as the Truth in Taxation Law (the “Law”) limits the aggregate amount of certain taxes which can be levied by, and extended for, a taxing district to 105% of the amount of taxes extended in the preceding year unless specified notice, hearing and certification requirements are met by the taxing body. The express purpose of the Law is to require published disclosure of, and hearing upon, an intention to adopt a levy in excess of the specified levels.

The provisions of the Law do not apply to levies made to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District covenanted in the Bond Resolution that it will not take any action or fail to take any action which in any way would adversely affect the ability of the District to levy and collect the taxes levied by the District for payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds. The District also covenanted that it and its officers will comply with all present and future applicable laws to assure that such taxes will be levied, extended, collected and deposited as provided in the Bond Resolution.

### **RISK FACTORS**

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

## **Construction Risks**

There are potential risks that could affect the ability of the District to timely complete the Project. While preliminary costs have been projected by the District's consulting architects, not all of the construction contracts have been let by the District. No assurance can be given that the cost of completing the Project will not exceed available funds.

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

## **Finances of the State of Illinois**

State funding sources constituted 6.64% of the District's General Fund revenue sources for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. While the finances of the State have significantly improved in recent years, the State continues to deal with a severe underfunding of its pension systems, which, based on the comprehensive annual financial reports of the State's five retirement systems, have a combined unfunded pension liability of approximately \$140 billion and a combined funded ratio of approximately 45%. Also, despite nine credit rating upgrades since June 2021, the State's long-term general obligation bonds carry the lowest ratings of all states.

## **Local Economy**

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

## **Bond Rating**

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

## **Cybersecurity**

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

## **Secondary Market for the Bonds**

No assurance can be given that a secondary market will develop for the purchase and sale of the Bonds or, if a secondary market exists, that such Bonds can be sold for any particular price. The hereinafter-defined Underwriter is not obligated to engage in secondary market trading or to repurchase any of the Bonds at the request of the owners thereof.

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

## **Continuing Disclosure**

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

## **Suitability of Investment**

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

## **Future Changes in Laws**

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

## **Factors Relating to Tax Exemption**

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

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

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

## **Bankruptcy**

The rights and remedies of the Bondholders may be limited by and are subject to the provisions of federal bankruptcy laws, to other laws or equitable principles that may affect the enforcement of creditors’ rights, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to

limitations on legal remedies against local governments. The various opinions of counsel to be delivered with respect to the Bonds will be similarly qualified.

**THE DISTRICT**

**General Description**

The District encompasses an area of 4.6 square miles located in the southeastern portion of the County. The District is located approximately 20 miles from downtown Chicago. The District provides elementary education to students in portions of the City of Darien (the “City”) (38.64% of the District’s 2023 EAV), the Village of Woodridge (the “Village”) (31.63% of the District’s 2023 EAV) and the Village of Downers Grove (3.83% of the District’s 2023 EAV). The District’s students feed into Downers Grove South High School District Number 99.

District residents have access to several major highways, Interstate 55 (Stevenson Expressway), Interstate 355 (North/South Tollway) and Illinois 83. Air transportation is provided at Chicago Midway International Airport and O’Hare International Airport, both approximately 17 miles to the east and northeast, respectively. Commuter rail service to Chicago is provided by Metra and Pace Regional Bus Service.

**Educational Facilities**

The District operates three facilities.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>2024-2025 Enrollment</u>	<u>Capacity Enrollment</u>	<u>Constructed</u>	<u>Years of Additions/Renovations</u>
Elizabeth Ide School.....	K-2	404	400	1970	2010, 2017
Prairieview Elementary School.....	3-5	366	575	2000	N/A
Lakeview Jr. High School.....	6-8	365	608	1975	2003, 2010

Source: The District

**Enrollments**

The table below includes historical enrollment utilizing the Fall Housing Count (Housed) which reflects students enrolled as of the last school day in September and the projected enrollment for the next five years. The projected enrollment figures are based on the Cohort Model and factoring in the average number of school-age students based on the models used by local municipalities for determining impact fees for new construction.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>School Year</u>	<u>Projected Enrollment</u>
2020-2021	1,083	2025-2026	1,135
2021-2022	1,088	2026-2027	1,147
2022-2023	1,079	2027-2028	1,159
2023-2024	1,135	2028-2029	1,160
2024-2025		2029-2030	

Source: The District

**Board of Education**

The District is governed by the Board, whose members are elected for staggered terms of office. The Board is a policy making body whose primary functions are to establish policies for the District, provide for the general operation and personnel of the District, and oversee the property and facilities of the District. The Board elects a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer from its membership. The present members are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Term Expires</u>
President.....	Liane Raso	May 2025
Vice President.....	Brian Liedtke	May 2025
Secretary.....	Chris Esposito	May 2025
Treasurer.....	Doug Wiley	May 2027
Member.....	Tiffany Watson	May 2027
Member.....	Megan DuPass	May 2027
Member.....	Donna Sobotka	May 2025

**Administration**

The District’s Superintendent is Andrew S. Wise, Ph.D., who has been with the District since June 30, 2020. His prior position was Superintendent at Olympia Community Unit School District Number 16.

## Employees

The District has approximately 150 employees of whom 110 are certified employees and 40 are non-certified. Of the total number, the Center Cass Education Association represents 100 members. The Center Cass Educational Support Professionals, IEA represents 20 members. The contracts expire on June 30, 2030, and June 30, 2025, respectively. The District considers its relationship with its employees to be excellent.

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

### Population Trend

Below are the population statistics for the District, the City, the Village, the County and the State.

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>% Change</u> <u>2010-2020</u>
The District.....	N/A	11,145	11,626	+ 4.32
The City.....	22,860	22,086	22,011	-0.34
The Village.....	30,934	32,971	34,158	+ 3.60
The County .....	904,161	916,924	932,877	+ 1.74
The State .....	12,419,293	12,830,632	12,812,508	-0.14

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

### Income and Housing

The following table sets forth the comparative income and home value levels for the District, the County and the State.

	<u>The</u> <u>District</u>	<u>The</u> <u>County</u>	<u>The</u> <u>State</u>	<u>United</u> <u>States</u>
Median Home Value.....	\$425,500	\$374,100	\$250,500	\$303,400
Median Household Income.....	115,803	110,502	81,702	78,538
Median Family Income.....	136,760	136,376	103,504	96,922
Per Capita Income.....	56,255	57,051	45,104	43,289

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, U.S. Census Bureau as released by the U.S. Census Bureau on December 12, 2024



## Residential Housing Building Permits

The following table sets forth the reported number of residential building permits issued and relative construction costs in the City and the Village for each of the years listed.

Year	<u>The City</u>		<u>The Village</u>	
	<u>Reported Number of Building Permits</u>	<u>Construction Cost</u>	<u>Reported Number of Building Permits</u>	<u>Construction Cost</u>
2019.....	4	\$ 1,100,000	72	\$ 16,331,148
2020.....	0	-	23	6,727,000
2021.....	0	-	25	11,370,538
2022.....	5	17,850,000	23	11,960,000
2023.....	4	1,761,400	20	8,628,064
2024..... <sup>(1)</sup>	10	6,634,013	60	16,534,052

(1) Through December.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Retail Sales

The following table demonstrates the estimated sales reported by retailers in the City and the Village for the last five calendar years and through the third quarter of 2024.

Calendar <u>Year</u>	<u>The City</u>	<u>The Village</u> <sup>(1)</sup>
	2019	\$ 333,979,021
2020	320,876,624	402,593,026
2021	393,241,909	552,252,326
2022	410,759,852	632,328,474
2023	420,530,328	668,313,977
2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	323,199,006	505,185,901

(1) DuPage County portion only.

(2) Through the third quarter of 2024.

Source: The Department

## Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes

Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes (“CPPRT”) are revenues received from a tax imposed on corporations, partnerships, trusts, S corporations and public utilities in the State. The purpose of the CPPRT is to replace revenues lost by units of local government (including the District) as a result of the abolishment of the corporate personal property tax (the “Personal Property Tax”) with the adoption of the Illinois Constitution of 1970. The State Revenue Sharing Act (the “Sharing Act”) was passed in 1979, implementing the CPPRT to replace the lost Personal Property Tax revenues and providing the mechanism for distributing

collections of CPPRT to taxing districts (including the District) entitled to receive such tax revenues under the Sharing Act. The following table sets forth the amount of CPPRT received by the District during fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, through the most recently completed fiscal year of June 30, 2024, and the estimated amount of CPPRT to be received in fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>Ended June 30</u>	<u>CPPRT</u> <u>Receipts</u>
2020	\$ 92,683
2021	117,559
2022	256,248
2023	289,636
2024	190,776
2025 (estimate)	128,540

Source: The audited financial statements of the District for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024 and the Department for fiscal year 2025.

Going forward, the District expects CPPRT revenues will continue to be in amounts similar to pre fiscal year 2022 levels.

### **Largest Area Employers**

The following table reflects the major employers in the area surrounding the District by the products manufactured or services performed and approximate number of employees.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Product or Service</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Approximate employees at location</u>
Argonne National Laboratory.....	U.S. government research facility.....	Lemont	3,250
Edward Don & Co.....	Company headquarters, wholesaler of commercial food service equipment & supplies.....	Woodridge	550
Building Services of America, LLC.....	Building maintenance services.....	Woodridge	500
CITGO Petroleum Corp.....	Fuel, oil, gasoline and petroleum products.....	Lemont	500
Eaton Trippe Lite.....	Uninterruptible power supplies.....	Woodridge	450
The Morey Corporation.....	Electronic equipment manufacturing.....	Woodridge	450
AMS Mechanical Systems, Inc.....	Mechanical contractor.....	Woodridge	300
Follett Corporation.....	Wholesale used high school & elementary textbooks & new reference books.....	Woodridge	300
Orbus, LLC.....	Company headquarters & exhibit & display products.....	Woodridge	300
Champion Packaging & Distributing, Inc.....	Windshield washer fluid, anti-freeze, glass cleaner, bleach & liquid pool chemicals.....	Woodridge	250
Superior Sound, Inc.....	Automotive accessories sales & installation.....	Woodridge	250

Source: 2024 Manufacturers' News, Inc. Illinois Manufacturers and Illinois Services Directories

## Historical Unemployment Statistics

Unemployment statistics are not compiled specifically for the District. The following table shows the trend in annual average unemployment rates as well as the monthly unemployment rates for December 2023 and December 2024 for the City and the Village compared with the County and the State.

	<u>The City</u>	<u>The Village</u>	<u>The County</u>	<u>The State</u>
Average, 2019.....	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	4.0%
Average, 2020..... <sup>(1)</sup>	7.9	7.7	7.6	9.3
Average, 2021.....	4.7	4.7	4.5	6.1
Average, 2022.....	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.6
Average, 2023.....	3.4	3.2	3.4	4.5
December, 2023.....	N/A <sup>(2)</sup>	2.7	3.1	4.2
December, 2024.....	N/A <sup>(2)</sup>	3.2	3.4	4.3

(1) The District attributes the increase in unemployment rates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) There is no monthly data available for the City since it is a community with a population of less than 25,000.

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### Trend of EAV

(Estimated 33-1/3% of Fair Market Value)

The following table reflects the EAV trend of the District by property type, growth rate and new property.

<u>Property Type</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Residential .....	\$ 491,705,831	\$ 512,803,850	\$ 524,145,611	\$ 535,068,559	\$ 555,443,335
Farm .....	41,019	42,283	43,678	45,209	49,720
Commercial .....	63,637,550	66,123,161	67,226,898	66,353,817	66,453,095
Industrial .....	<u>12,853,120</u>	<u>13,325,180</u>	<u>12,890,620</u>	<u>13,217,210</u>	<u>14,065,080</u>
Total.....	<u>\$ 568,237,520</u>	<u>\$ 592,294,474</u>	<u>\$ 604,306,807</u>	<u>\$ 614,684,795</u>	<u>\$ 636,011,230</u>
Percent of Change.....	3.81% <sup>(1)</sup>	4.23%	2.03%	1.72%	3.47%
New Property Amounts.....	\$ 2,191,900	\$ 1,687,520	\$ 2,492,260	\$ 2,357,760	\$ 3,011,670

(1) Based on the District's 2018 EAV of \$547,357,001.

Source: County Clerk's Office

**Tax Rates**  
(Per \$100 EAV)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>2023</u>	<u>Statutory Maximum Rate</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
Education .....	\$ 1.827	\$ 1.811	\$ 1.804	\$ 2.001	\$ 2.040	N/A <sup>(3)</sup>
Bond & Interest.....	0.165	0.159	0.156	0.153	0.148	N/A
Operations & Maintenance.....	0.143	0.129	0.135	0.261	0.266	\$0.550
IMRF .....	0.034	0.034	0.033	0.032	0.033	N/A
Transportation.....	0.119	0.116	0.116	0.163	0.166	N/A
Working Cash.....	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.048	0.049	0.050
Social Security.....	0.049	0.049	0.046	0.045	0.046	N/A
Revenue Recapture..... <sup>(4)</sup>	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.003	N/A
<b>Total.....</b>	<b><u>\$ 2.344</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.303</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.300</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.706</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2.751</u></b>	

(1) Pursuant to a successful referendum at the November 8, 2022 general election, the District increased its limiting rate to 2.55 percent of the District’s EAV for levy year 2022. The corresponding revenue increase was first reflected in fiscal year 2024. See “SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS—Management Discussion” herein for more information.

(2) See “REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law” herein for information on the operation of such maximum rates under the Limitation Law.

(3) The District does not have a maximum tax rate for educational fund purposes. The aggregate tax rate for the various purposes subject to the Limitation Law, however, may not exceed the District’s limiting rate under the Limitation Law.

(4) See “REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law” herein for information on the property tax refund revenue recapture provisions of the Limitation Law.

Source: County Clerk’s Office

**Representative Tax Rates for Property within the District**  
(Per \$100 EAV)

The following table of representative tax rates is for a resident of the District living in the City.

<u>Taxing Body</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
The District.....	\$ 2.344	\$ 2.303	\$ 2.300	\$ 2.706	\$ 2.751
The County.....	0.166	0.161	0.159	0.143	0.147
DuPage County Forest Preserve.....	0.124	0.121	0.118	0.113	0.108
DuPage Airport Authority.....	0.014	0.015	0.014	0.014	0.013
Downers Grove Township.....	0.031	0.031	0.031	0.032	0.032
Downers Grove Township Road District.....	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.053	0.054
The City.....	0.265	0.258	0.253	0.250	0.243
Darien Park District.....	0.323	0.317	0.317	0.328	0.334
Indian Prairie Public Library Distirct.....	0.173	0.172	0.169	0.178	0.182
Darien -Woodridge Fire Protection District.....	0.594	0.626	0.632	0.652	0.663
High School District Number 99.....	1.913	1.882	1.875	1.922	1.941
Community College District No. 502.....	0.211	0.211	0.204	0.195	0.191
Total.....	<u>\$ 6.209</u>	<u>\$ 6.148</u>	<u>\$ 6.122</u>	<u>\$ 6.583</u>	<u>\$ 6.659</u>

Source: County Clerk’s Office

**Tax Extensions and Collections**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Extensions .....	\$13,317,783	\$13,641,134	\$13,896,035	\$16,633,371 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$17,497,305
Collections .....	13,303,284	13,621,023	13,873,767	16,536,852	17,492,227
% Collected .....	99.89%	99.85%	99.84%	99.42%	99.97%

(1) Increased extension due to limiting rate increase.  
Source: DuPage County Treasurer’s Office

## Largest Taxpayers

The taxpayers listed below represent 6.16% of the District's 2023 EAV which is \$636,011,230. Reasonable efforts have been made to determine and report the largest taxpayers and to include all taxable property of those taxpayers listed. Many of the taxpayers listed, however, may own multiple parcels, and it is possible that some parcels and their valuations may not be included.

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>2023 EAV</u>	<u>% of EAV</u>
Cole Capital Corporation.....	Real estate investments.....	\$ 6,173,900	0.97%
Walmart.....	Retail store.....	5,520,330	0.87%
Inland Real Estate Corp.....	Commercial & real estate property.....	5,511,660	0.87%
75th Street Investment.....	Commercial property.....	4,605,040	0.72%
Darien Real Estate LLC.....	Real estate.....	3,608,320	0.57%
Art Van Furniture.....	Furniture store.....	3,469,900	0.55%
Ryan LLC.....	Tax and consulting services.....	3,100,970	0.49%
Myers Commons Senior Housing.....	Apartment complex for seniors.....	2,565,190	0.40%
CubSMART LP.....	Self storage.....	2,482,780	0.39%
8102 Lemont LLC.....	Real estate.....	2,167,790	0.34%
Total.....		<u>\$ 39,205,880</u>	<u>6.16%</u>

Source: County Clerk's Office, other than the taxpayer descriptions, which are derived from publicly-available sources.

## Summary of Outstanding Bonded Debt

Shown below is a summary of the outstanding debt of the District as of the closing of the Bonds.

<u>Issue Description</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Final</u>
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount of</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
	<u>Date</u>	<u>Issue</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Date</u>
G.O. School Building Bonds, Series 2017.....	12/05/17	\$ 3,995,000	\$ 3,450,000	01/01/37
G.O. School Building Bonds, Series 2018.....	09/10/18	8,910,000	5,580,000	01/01/33
G.O. Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2020.....	03/23/20	2,400,000	1,755,000	06/01/34
G.O. Debt Certificates (Limited Tax), Series 2024.....	10/15/24	11,460,000	11,460,000	06/15/44
The Bonds.....	03/11/25	6,740,000 *	6,740,000 *	01/01/46 *
Total .....			<u>\$ 28,985,000</u> *	

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## Debt Repayment Schedule

Shown below is the maturity schedule for the outstanding debt of the District as of the closing of the Bonds.

Fiscal Year	Principal Outstanding	The Bonds*	Total Principal*	Cumulative Amount*	Retirement Percent*
2025	\$ 165,000	\$ -	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000	0.57%
2026	1,045,000	-	1,045,000	1,210,000	4.17
2027	1,040,000	-	1,040,000	2,250,000	7.76
2028	1,075,000	-	1,075,000	3,325,000	11.47
2029	1,115,000	-	1,115,000	4,440,000	15.32
2030	1,150,000	-	1,150,000	5,590,000	19.29
2031	1,190,000	-	1,190,000	6,780,000	23.39
2032	1,230,000	-	1,230,000	8,010,000	27.63
2033	1,275,000	-	1,275,000	9,285,000	32.03
2034	1,335,000	-	1,335,000	10,620,000	36.64
2035	1,380,000	-	1,380,000	12,000,000	41.40
2036	1,435,000	-	1,435,000	13,435,000	46.35
2037	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	14,935,000	51.53
2038	925,000	630,000	1,555,000	16,490,000	56.89
2039	965,000	665,000	1,630,000	18,120,000	62.52
2040	1,000,000	695,000	1,695,000	19,815,000	68.36
2041	1,040,000	730,000	1,770,000	21,585,000	74.47
2042	1,085,000	760,000	1,845,000	23,430,000	80.83
2043	1,125,000	795,000	1,920,000	25,350,000	87.46
2044	1,170,000	830,000	2,000,000	27,350,000	94.36
2045	-	870,000	870,000	28,220,000	97.36
2046	-	765,000	765,000	28,985,000	100.00
	<u>\$ 22,245,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,740,000</u>	<u>\$ 28,985,000</u>		

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

## Overlapping General Obligation Bonds Debt

(As of December 5, 2024 – Excludes Bonds maturing through December 30, 2024)

<u>Taxing Body</u>	<u>Bonded Debt</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	<u>Allocated to the District</u>	
		<u>Percent</u>	<u>Amount</u>
The County.....	\$17,275,000	1.32%	\$ 228,376
DuPage County Forest Preserve District.....	30,490,000	1.32%	403,078
The City.....	2,380,000	23.78%	566,012
Village of Downers Grove.....	80,945,000	0.79%	641,084
The Village.....	29,285,000	14.28%	4,180,434
Darien Park District.....	916,265	19.92%	182,557
Downers Grove Park District.....	10,490,000	1.11%	116,334
Darien-Woodridge Fire Protection District.....	6,430,000	45.09%	2,899,030
High School District Number 99.....	102,990,000	11.40%	11,742,920
Community College District No. 502.....	64,455,000	1.19%	<u>765,725</u>
Total.....			<u>\$ 21,725,549</u>

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

Source: With respect to the applicable taxing bodies and the percentage of overlapping EAV, the County Clerk's Office. Information regarding the outstanding indebtedness of the overlapping taxing bodies was obtained from publicly-available sources.

### Debt Statement

General Obligation Direct Debt.....	\$22,245,000
The Bonds.....	\$6,740,000 *
Capital Leases.....	\$0
Net Direct Debt .....	\$28,985,000 *
Overlapping Bonded Debt.....	\$21,725,549
Net Direct Debt and Overlapping Bonded Debt.....	\$50,710,549 *
EAV (2023).....	\$636,011,230
Statutory Debt Limit (6.9% of EAV).....	\$43,884,774
Statutory Debt Margin .....	\$14,899,774 *

\*Preliminary, subject to change.



**Debt Ratios**

Estimated Market Valuation (2023).....	\$1,908,033,690
EAV (2023).....	\$636,011,230
2019-2023 American Community Survey Population Estimate.....	11,979
Net Direct Debt to EAV.....	4.56% *
Net Direct Debt to Estimated Market Valuation .....	1.52% *
Net Direct Debt and Overlapping Bonded Debt to EAV .....	7.97% *
Net Direct Debt and Overlapping Bonded Debt to Estimated Market Valuation .....	2.66% *
Net Direct Debt Per Capita .....	\$2,419.65 *
Net Direct Debt and Overlapping Bonded Debt Per Capita.....	\$4,233.29 *

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

**Short-Term Financing Record**

The District has utilized tax anticipation warrants (“TAWs”) to manage its cash flow needs. Below is a table of its short-term borrowing for the last two fiscal years. The District has no plans to issue tax anticipation warrants or revenue anticipation notes in the foreseeable future.

TAW		Repayment	
<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>
04/25/22	\$ 750,000	06/30/22	Educational
04/10/23	750,000	06/30/23	Educational

**Future Financing**

The District does not intend to issue any additional long-term debt in the next six months.

**Default Record**

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

**SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS**

**Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund Revenue Sources**  
(Years Ended June 30)

Below is a combined summary of the Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund revenue sources exclusive of “on-behalf” payments made by the State to TRS, as defined herein. This summary is provided since Moody’s combines these funds as the “General Fund” in its report.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Local Sources.....	91.61 %	88.79 %	87.77 %	89.21 %	87.27 %
State Sources.....	6.35	6.01	6.31	6.53	6.64
Federal Sources.....	<u>2.04</u>	<u>5.21</u>	<u>5.92</u>	<u>4.26</u>	<u>6.08</u>
Total.....	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>

Source: Compiled from the District’s Annual Financial Reports filed with ISBE for fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024.

**Management Discussion**

In DuPage County, taxing districts receive money in late May or early June for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The District was including those tax dollars in its year-end report for the fiscal year ending June 30, an accounting practice that makes a district’s fund balances look healthier than they are. Instead of rolling the funds over to the new fiscal year, the District was using that revenue to pay the current year’s expenses, a practice that started as early as 2014. The practice had for years painted an inaccurate picture of the District’s financial health, failed to acknowledge mounting deficits and depleted reserve funds.

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the District made an accounting policy change as part of the modified cash basis of accounting to defer recognition of early real estate taxes received prior to July 1. It is the District’s intention and policy that all real estate taxes collected within each calendar year are for financing the expenditures and obligations of the District arising during the fiscal year beginning July 1 of the calendar year in which the taxes are collected. The District believes that the tax collection prior to July 1 does not occur at a point within the District’s fiscal year to provide for these receipts to be reasonably estimated or readily available to fund the expenditures and obligations arising within the fiscal year ending June 30 and the deferred recognition would better reflect matching revenues and expenditures.

The District previously placed an operating rate referendum on the ballot at the June 28, 2022, primary election; however, that referendum failed. Prior to the Referendum (as hereinafter defined), the District implemented budget cuts and issued tax anticipation warrants in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 (see “FINANCIAL INFORMATION–Short-Term Financing Record” herein) to cover payroll.

The Board placed another operating rate referendum (the “Referendum”) on the ballot at the November 8, 2022, general election. The Referendum passed with approximately 51% of voters in favor. The Referendum increased local revenues by \$2.5 million and enabled the District to achieve a balanced operating budget in fiscal year 2024.

In fiscal year 2024, the District was able to achieve three major financial goals including not issuing tax anticipation warrants, not utilizing early property tax receipts and not using any transfers from Working Cash Fund. For fiscal year 2025, the District is currently ahead of its projected fund balance addition. The fiscal year 2025 anticipated fund balance addition will not be as large as occurred in fiscal year 2024, but the District is still meeting its Referendum commitment to put resources into updated curriculum, add staff to meet student needs, improve its facilities and add to fund balance.

The District expects to continue increasing fund balance over the next five years aided by the passing of the Referendum, which is expected to be used to recapture certain revenue that was lost because the District had not increased its property tax levy annually to the maximum allowable amount for several years, low tax assessments and problematic budgeting practices.

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**Summary of Operating Funds and Debt Service Fund**  
(Years Ended June 30)

Below is a combined summary of the operating funds of the District (consisting of the Educational Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund, Transportation Fund, Working Cash Fund and IMRF/Social Security Fund) in addition to the Debt Service Fund exclusive of “on-behalf” payments made by the State to TRS. The District’s General Fund in its Annual Financial Report and Other Financial Information includes the Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund.

	Educational Fund	Operations and Maintenance Fund	Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund	Transportation Fund	Working Cash Fund <sup>(1)</sup>	IMRF/Social Security Fund	Debt Service Fund	Combined Operating Funds and Debt Service Fund
<u>2020</u>								
Receipts.....	\$ 11,982,098	\$ 996,619	\$ 12,978,717	\$ 726,290	\$ 67,641	\$ 501,047	\$ 947,636	\$ 15,221,331
Disbursements.....	12,731,473	1,186,475	13,917,948	744,974	-	429,855	994,686	16,087,463
Net Surplus (Deficit).....	(749,375)	(189,856)	(939,231)	(18,684)	67,641	71,192	(47,050)	(866,132)
Other Sources (Uses).....	44,369	(167,234)	(122,865)	(299)	(28,332)	-	151,496	-
Beginning Fund Balance.....	4,091,330	1,084,012	-	54,512	1,753,728	56,180	337,609	7,681,526
Ending Fund Balance.....	\$ 3,386,324	\$ 726,922	\$ 4,113,246	\$ 35,529	\$ 1,793,037	\$ 127,372	\$ 442,055	\$ 6,815,394
<u>2021</u>								
Receipts.....	\$ 12,386,032	\$ 830,492	\$ 13,216,524	\$ 766,260	\$ 39,657	\$ 487,989	\$ 922,779	\$ 15,433,209
Disbursements.....	12,651,444	1,192,170	13,843,614	754,665	-	464,314	1,113,771	16,176,364
Net Surplus (Deficit).....	(265,412)	(361,678)	(627,090)	11,595	39,657	23,675	(190,992)	(743,155)
Other Sources (Uses).....	750,000	(191,990)	558,010	310,000	(1,060,000)	-	191,990	-
Beginning Fund Balance.....	3,386,324	726,922	4,113,246	35,529	1,793,037	127,372	442,055	6,815,394
Student Activity Funds.....	113,400	-	113,400	-	-	-	-	113,400
Ending Fund Balance.....	\$ 3,984,312	\$ 173,254	\$ 4,157,566	\$ 357,124	\$ 772,694	\$ 151,047	\$ 443,053	\$ 6,185,639
<u>2022</u>								
Receipts.....	\$ 13,655,468	\$ 1,164,446	\$ 14,819,914	\$ 842,657	\$ 42,706	\$ 518,565	\$ 978,827	\$ 17,202,669
Disbursements.....	13,072,932	1,126,764	14,199,696	888,756	-	453,936	1,114,036	16,656,424
Net Surplus (Deficit).....	582,536	37,682	620,218	(46,099)	42,706	64,629	(135,209)	546,245
Other Sources (Uses).....	500,000	34,370	534,370	-	(725,000)	-	190,630	-
Beginning Fund Balance.....	3,870,912 <sup>(2)</sup>	173,254	4,157,566	357,124	772,694	151,047	443,053	6,185,639
Student Activity Funds.....	97,002	-	97,002	-	-	-	-	97,002
Ending Fund Balance.....	\$ 5,050,450	\$ 245,306	\$ 5,295,756	\$ 311,025	\$ 90,400	\$ 215,676	\$ 498,474	\$ 6,828,886
<u>2023</u>								
Receipts.....	\$ 13,484,804	\$ 1,289,552	\$ 14,774,356	\$ 909,168	\$ 46,059	\$ 499,166	\$ 961,206	\$ 17,189,955
Disbursements.....	13,282,596	998,322	14,280,918	894,704	-	417,074	1,113,200	16,705,896
Net Surplus (Deficit).....	202,208	291,230	493,438	14,464	46,059	82,092	(151,994)	484,059
Other Sources (Uses).....	-	(189,270)	(189,270)	100,000	(100,000)	-	189,270	-
Beginning Fund Balance..... <sup>(3)</sup>	(790,530)	(191,916)	(982,446)	(65,270)	68,056	(39,829)	(5,734)	(1,025,223)
Ending Fund Balance.....	\$ (588,322)	\$ (89,956)	\$ (678,278)	\$ 49,194	\$ 14,115	\$ 42,263	\$ 31,542	\$ (541,164)
<u>2024</u>								
Receipts.....	\$ 15,686,589	\$ 1,988,960	\$ 17,675,549	\$ 1,260,449	\$ 304,276	\$ 506,344	\$ 959,271	\$ 20,705,889
Disbursements.....	14,471,820	1,356,890	15,828,710	835,923	-	434,334	1,116,173	18,215,140
Net Surplus (Deficit).....	1,214,769	632,070	1,846,839	424,526	304,276	72,010	(156,902)	2,490,749
Other Sources (Uses).....	-	(192,830)	(192,830)	-	-	-	192,830	-
Beginning Fund Balance.....	(588,322)	(89,956)	(678,278)	49,194	14,115	42,263	31,542	(541,164)
Ending Fund Balance.....	\$ 626,447	\$ 349,284	\$ 975,731	\$ 473,720	\$ 318,391	\$ 114,273	\$ 67,470	\$ 1,949,585
Cash and Investments.....	\$ 7,399,748	\$ 1,248,349	\$ 8,648,097	\$ 1,036,603	\$ 481,602	\$ 381,469	\$ 564,844	\$ 11,112,615

See footnotes on next page.

(1) See “Working Cash Fund” herein for a description of the Working Cash Fund.

(2) Restated beginning balance.

(3) Restated beginning balance. See “- Management Discussion” herein regarding accounting change.

Source: Compiled from the District’s Annual Financial Report and Other Financial Information for fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024.

### **On-Behalf Payments Summary**

(Years Ended June 30)

Below is a history of “on-behalf payments” made by the State to TRS with respect to the pension costs associated with the pensions of current and former District employees. At present, the State maintains the primary responsibility for funding TRS with respect to the District’s employees, however, such payments by the State on-behalf of the District are treated in the District’s financial statements as flowing through the District to the State. As such, the District’s financial statements recognize revenues and expenditures each in an amount equal to the amount paid by the State to TRS on the District’s behalf. The amount of on-behalf payments may vary significantly from year to year as a result of factors entirely outside the District’s control, including, but not limited to, changes in the law governing the State’s contributions to TRS, investment returns on TRS assets and changes in actuarial assumptions and methods used in calculating TRS’s liability.

As noted in the paragraphs preceding the tables titled “Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund Revenue Sources” (the “Revenue Sources Table”) and “Summary of Operating Funds and Debt Service Fund” (the “Fund Summary Table” and, together with the Revenue Sources Table, the “Financial Summary Tables”) above, the on-behalf payments have been excluded from the Financial Summary Tables for the purpose of isolating the revenues and expenditures derived from the District’s operations. However, as a result of this practice, the revenue and expenditure amounts used to make the calculations necessary to produce the Revenue Sources Table and the revenue and expenditure amounts set forth in the Fund Summary Table are inconsistent with the amount of revenues and expenditures set forth in the District’s respective audited financial statements for any fiscal year. For each fiscal year, the amount set forth in the table below constitutes the difference between the revenue and expenditure amounts in the financial statements and those used in, or used to produce, the Financial Summary Tables.

See the District’s Annual Financial Report and Other Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 (the “Audit”), attached hereto as Appendix B, for additional information regarding the District’s on-behalf payments.

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>On-Behalf Payments</u>
2020	\$ 6,292,964
2021	6,889,871
2022	4,460,087
2023	4,814,730
2024	5,077,032

Source: Compiled from the District’s Annual Financial Reports for fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024.

## **Working Cash Fund**

The District is authorized to issue (subject to the provisions of the Limitation Law) general obligation bonds to create, re-create or increase a Working Cash Fund. Such fund can also be created, re-created or increased by the levy of an annual tax not to exceed \$0.05 per hundred dollars of EAV (the "Working Cash Fund Tax"). The purpose of the fund is to enable the District to have sufficient cash to meet demands for expenditures for corporate purposes. Moneys in the Working Cash Fund may be loaned, in whole or in part, as authorized and directed by the Board, to any fund or funds of the District in anticipation of ad valorem property taxes levied by the District for such fund or funds. The Working Cash Fund is reimbursed when the anticipated taxes or other moneys are received by the District.

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

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

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

## Budget Summary

Below is the District’s budget summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Fund	Fund Balances	FY25	FY25	FY25	Estimated
	July 1, 2024 <sup>(1)</sup>	Revenue	Expenditures	Other Sources/ (Uses)	Fund Balances June 30, 2025
Educational.....	\$ 626,447	\$ 15,714,012	\$ 15,463,753	\$ -	\$ 876,706
Operations & Maintenance.....	349,284	2,071,000	1,679,170	(191,180)	549,934
Transportation.....	473,720	1,266,000	1,040,400	-	699,320
IMRF/Social Security.....	114,273	513,000	487,625	-	139,648
Working Cash.....	318,391	328,000	-	-	646,391
Total Operating Funds .....	<u>\$ 1,882,115</u>	<u>\$ 19,892,012</u>	<u>\$ 18,670,948</u>	<u>\$ (191,180)</u>	<u>\$ 2,911,999</u>
Debt Service.....	\$ 67,470	\$ 972,000	\$ 1,112,728	\$ 191,180	\$ 117,922
Fire Prevention & Safety.....	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Projects.....	434,880	260,000	588,000	-	106,880
Total All Funds .....	<u>\$ 2,384,465</u>	<u>\$ 21,124,012</u>	<u>\$ 20,371,676</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,136,801</u>

(1) The beginning fund balance was revised from the adopted budget to reflect the ending fund balance for the prior fiscal year. The budget is adopted before the audit for the prior fiscal year is available.

Source: The District

## STATE AID

### General

On June 5, 2024, Governor Pritzker signed the State’s \$53.1 billion general funds budget (Public Act 103-0589) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (the “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget”), which included a \$211 million surplus, additional contributions to the State’s pension system and the State’s Budget Stabilization Fund, commonly referred to as the State’s “rainy day” fund, which is set to surpass \$2.3 billion, and the elimination of the State’s bill backlog. In addition, the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget increased funding for education across early childhood, K-12 and higher education by more than \$500 million.

The State provides aid to local school districts on an annual basis as part of the State’s appropriation process. Many school districts throughout the State rely on such State aid as a significant part of their budgets. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, 6.64% of the District’s General Fund revenue came from State funding sources. See “SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS – Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund Revenue Sources” herein for more information concerning the breakdown of the District’s revenue sources.

## General State Aid - Evidence-Based Funding Model

Beginning with fiscal year 2018, general State funds (“General State Aid”) have, pursuant to Public Act 100-0465, been distributed to school districts under the “Evidence Based Funding Model”. The Evidence-Based Funding Model sets forth a school funding formula that ties individual district funding to evidence-based best practices that certain research shows enhance student achievement in the classroom. Under the funding formula, ISBE will calculate an adequacy target (the “Adequacy Target”) each year for each district based upon its unique student population, regional wage differences and best practices. Each district will be placed in one of four tiers depending on how close the sum of its local resources available to support education (based on certain State resources and its expected property tax collections, its “Local Capacity Target”) and its Base Funding Minimum (as hereinafter defined) are to its Adequacy Target; Tier One and Tier Two for those districts that are the furthest away from their Adequacy Targets and Tier Three and Tier Four for those districts that are the closest to (or above) their Adequacy Targets. For each school year, all State funds appropriated for General State Aid in excess of the amount needed to fund the Base Funding Minimum for all school districts (“New State Funds”) will be distributed to districts based on tier placement. Of any New State Funds available, Tier One receives 50%, Tier Two receives 49%, Tier Three receives 0.9%, and Tier Four receives 0.1%. Tier Two includes all Tier One districts for the purpose of the allocation percentages for New State Funds.

The Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, like the prior three State budgets, appropriated General State Aid in an amount \$350 million greater than the appropriation in the prior fiscal year budget.

The Evidence-Based Funding Model also provides that each school district will be allocated at least as much in General State Aid in future years as it received in the most recently completed school year (such amount being that district’s “Base Funding Minimum”). The Base Funding Minimum for the District for school year 2017-2018 was \$629,889 (the “Initial Base Funding Minimum”). Mandated Categorical State Aid (as hereinafter defined) received by the District in fiscal year 2017, other than Mandated Categorical State Aid related to transportation and extraordinary special education, was included in the Initial Base Funding Minimum. Any New State Funds received by a district in a year become part of its Base Funding Minimum in the following year.

### Evidence-Based Funding

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Base Funding Minimum</u>	<u>Tier Number</u>	<u>Amount of New State Funds</u>
2021	\$ 708,604	N/A	N/A <sup>(1)</sup>
2022	709,613	3	\$ 27,924
2023	737,538	3	23,574
2024	761,112	3	16,797
2025 (Projected)	777,909	4	992

(1) The State fiscal year 2021 budget did not appropriate General State Aid in excess of the amount appropriated in the State fiscal year 2020 budget. Therefore, school districts did not receive New State Funds during State fiscal year 2021.



## **Property Tax Relief Pool Funds**

For the purpose of encouraging high tax rate school districts to reduce property taxes, the Evidence-Based Funding Model also established a property tax relief grant program (the “Property Tax Relief Pool”). School districts must apply for the grant and indicate an amount of intended property tax relief, which relief may not be greater than 1% of EAV for a unit district, 0.69% of EAV for an elementary school district or 0.31% of EAV for a high school district, reduced, in each case, based on the Local Capacity Target of the applicant. Property Tax Relief Pool grants will be allocated to school districts based on each district’s percentage of the simple average operating tax rate of all school districts of the same type (unit, elementary or high), in order of priority from highest percentage to lowest, until the Property Tax Relief Pool is exhausted. A school district which receives a Property Tax Relief Pool grant is required to abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief for the levy year in which the grant is to be received, and the succeeding levy year. The difference between the amount of the grant and the amount of the abatement is based on a statutory calculation which takes into account relative Local Capacity Targets. Pursuant to such calculation, a school district with a low Local Capacity Target will be required to abate less than a school district with a high Local Capacity Target, assuming the amount of Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by the school districts are the same. Property Tax Relief Pool grants received by a school district are included in future calculations of that district’s Base Funding Minimum, unless that district does not abate its property tax levy by the amount of intended property tax relief as described above. Of the \$350 million of New State Funds appropriated in the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, \$50 million was allocated to the Property Tax Relief Pool, as was done in the prior three State budgets.

## **Mandated Categorical State Aid**

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

Prior to fiscal year 2018, the School Code provided for Mandated Categorical State Aid with respect to mandatory school programs relating to: (a) special education, (b) transportation, (c) free and reduced breakfast and lunch, and (d) orphanage tuition. Beginning with fiscal year 2018, Mandated Categorical State Aid is no longer the source of funding for mandatory school programs relating to special education, other than private facility tuition and transportation. Mandated Categorical State Aid received by a district in fiscal year 2017 for special education programming no longer available for Mandated Categorical State Aid in fiscal year 2018 is included in the Base Funding Minimum for that district.

In addition, although school districts are entitled to reimbursement for expenditures made under these programs, these reimbursements are subject to the State’s appropriation process. In

the event that the State does not appropriate an amount sufficient to fund fully the Mandated Categorical State Aid owed to each school district, the total Mandated Categorical State Aid is proportionally reduced such that each school district receives the same percentage of its Mandated Categorical State Aid request with respect to a specific category of such aid as every other school district.

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

### **Competitive Grant State Aid**

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

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

### **Payment for Mandated Categorical State Aid and Competitive Grant State Aid**

The State makes payments to school districts for Mandated Categorical State Aid and Competitive Grant State Aid (together, “Categorical State Aid”) in accordance with a voucher system involving ISBE. ISBE vouchers payments to the State on a periodic basis. The time between vouchers varies depending on the type of Categorical State Aid in question. For example, with respect to the categories of Mandated Categorical State Aid related to extraordinary special education and transportation, ISBE vouchers the State for payments on a quarterly basis. With respect to Competitive Grant State Aid, a payment schedule is established as part of the application process, and ISBE vouchers the State for payment in accordance with this payment schedule.

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

See “SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS – Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund Revenue Sources” herein for a summary of the District’s general fund revenue sources.

### **Federal COVID-19 Funds Distributed to the District**

The COVID-19 pandemic, along with various governmental measures taken to protect public health in light of the pandemic, had an adverse impact on global economies, including economic conditions in the United States. In response to the pandemic, federal legislation, particularly the (i) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (commonly known as ESSER I), (ii) the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (commonly known as ESSER II), and (iii) the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (commonly known as ESSER III), was enacted to provide funds to mitigate the economic downturn and health care crisis caused by COVID-19.

The amount of funds the District received from ESSER I was \$34,639. The District received additional funds in the amount of \$135,631 pursuant to ESSER II. Finally, the District has been allocated \$332,834 of ESSER III funds, which amounts have been fully expended.

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PROFILE**

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

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

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

- **Financial Recognition.** A school district with a score of 3.54-4.00 is assigned to this category, which is the best category of financial strength. These districts require minimal or no active monitoring by ISBE unless requested by the district.

- Financial Review. A school district with a score of 3.08-3.53 is assigned to this category, the next highest financial strength category. These districts receive a limited review by ISBE, but are monitored for potential downward trends. ISBE staff also review the next year's school budget for further negative trends.
- Financial Early Warning. A school district with a score of 2.62-3.07 is placed in this category. ISBE monitors these districts closely and offers proactive technical assistance, such as financial projections and cash flow analysis. These districts also are reviewed to determine whether they meet the criteria set forth in Article 1A-8 of the School Code to be certified in financial difficulty and possibly qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.
- Financial Watch. A school district with a score of 1.00-2.61 is in this category, the highest risk category. ISBE monitors these districts very closely and offers technical assistance with, but not limited to, financial projections, cash flow analysis, budgeting, personnel inventories and enrollment projections. These districts are also assessed to determine if they qualify for a Financial Oversight Panel.

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

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

<u>Fiscal Year (June 30)</u>	<u>Original Score</u>	<u>Designation Based on Original Score</u>	<u>Adjusted Score</u>	<u>Designation Based on Adjusted Score</u>
2019	3.55	Financial Recognition	3.55	Financial Recognition
2020	3.45	Financial Review	3.45	Financial Review
2021	3.45	Financial Review	3.45	Financial Review
2022	3.80	Financial Recognition	3.80	Financial Recognition
2023	2.75	Financial Warning	2.75	Financial Warning
2024 <sup>(1)</sup>	3.20	Financial Review	N/A	N/A

(1) A preliminary score reported in the District’s fiscal year 2024 Annual Financial Report.  
Source: ISBE, except for the preliminary fiscal year 2024 score.

### **RETIREMENT PLANS**

The District participates in two defined benefit pension plans: (i) the Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Illinois (“TRS”), which provides retirement benefits to the District’s teaching employees, and (ii) the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (the “IMRF” and, together with TRS, the “Pension Plans”), which provides retirement benefits to the District’s non-teaching employees. The District makes certain contributions to the Pension Plans on behalf of its employees, as further described in this section. The operations of the Pension Plans, including the contributions to be made to the Pension Plans, the benefits provided by the Pension Plans, and the actuarial assumptions and methods employed in generating the liabilities and contributions of the Pension Plans, are governed by the Illinois Pension Code, as amended (the “Pension Code”).

The following summarizes certain provisions of the Pension Plans and the funded status of the Pension Plans, as more completely described in Note 6 to the Audit, attached hereto as Appendix B.

#### **Background Regarding Pension Plans**

##### *The Actuarial Valuation*

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

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

### *GASB Standards*

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

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

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

Finally, the GASB Standards require that the Net Pension Liability be disclosed in the notes to the financial statements of the pension system and that a proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability be recognized on the balance sheet of the employer, and that an expense be recognized on the income statement of the employer.

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

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

### **Teachers’ Retirement System of the State of Illinois**

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

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

For information relating to the actuarial assumptions and methods used by TRS, including the Discount Rate and the sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to changes in the Discount Rate, see Note 6A to the Audit.

*Employer Funding of Teachers’ Retirement System*

Under the Pension Code, active members contribute 9.0% of creditable earnings to TRS. The State makes the balance of employer contributions to the State on behalf of the District, except for a small portion contributed by the teacher’s employer, such as the District. For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020 through June 30, 2024, all amounts contributed by the District to TRS were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	TRS Contribution
2020	\$ 52,350
2021	52,733
2022	81,419
2023	78,146
2024	64,719

Source: The District’s audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2020-2024.

For information regarding additional contributions the District may be required to make to TRS with respect to certain salary increases and other programs, see Note 6A to the Audit.

**Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund**

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

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

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

See Note 6B to the Audit for additional information on the IMRF.

*Contributions*

Both employers and employees contribute to the IMRF. At present, employees contribute 4.50% of their salary to the IMRF, as established by statute. Employers are required to make all additional contributions necessary to fund the benefits provided by the IMRF to its employees. The annual rate at which an employer must contribute to the IMRF is established by the IMRF Board. The District’s contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 7.82% of covered payroll.

For the calendar years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2023, the District contributed the following amounts to IMRF:

Calendar Year Ended December 31	IMRF Contribution
2019	\$ 165,552
2020	191,732
2021	207,888
2022	174,467
2023	138,248

Source: Actuarial GASB Disclosures Statement 68 prepared by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) as of December 31, 2019-2023.

*Measures of Financial Position*

The following table presents the measures of the IMRF Account’s financial position as of December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2023, which are presented pursuant to the GASB Standards.

Calendar Year Ended December 31	Total Pension Liability	Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability	Discount Rate
2019	\$ 9,054,976	\$ 8,241,741	\$ 813,235	91.02%	7.25%
2020	9,123,321	9,031,925	91,396	99.00%	7.25%
2021	9,516,057	10,302,557	(786,500)	108.26%	7.25%
2022	9,896,999	8,701,559	1,195,440	87.92%	7.25%
2023	10,492,674	9,502,208	990,466	90.56%	7.25%

Source: Actuarial GASB Disclosures Statement 68 prepared by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) as of December 31, 2019-2023.

See Note 6B to the Audit for additional information on the IMRF.



## **Post-Employment Benefit Trust**

The District participates in the Teacher Health Insurance Security (“THIS”) Fund, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit post-employment healthcare plan that was established by the General Assembly for the benefit of the State’s retired public school teachers employed outside the City of Chicago. The THIS Fund provides medical, prescription, and behavioral health benefits, but it does not provide vision, dental, or life insurance benefits to annuitants of the TRS. Annuitants may participate in the State administered participating provider option plan or choose from several managed care options.

The District also makes contributions to the THIS Fund. The employer THIS Fund contribution was 0.67% during the year ended June 30, 2024, 0.67% during the year ended June 30, 2023 and 0.67% during the year ended June 30, 2022. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District paid \$63,115 to the THIS Fund. For the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, the District paid \$57,043 and \$57,089, respectively, to the THIS Fund, which was 100% of the required contribution.

### **TAX EXEMPTION**

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

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

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

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

purchasers of the Bonds should consult their tax advisors as to applicability of any such collateral consequences.

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

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

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

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

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

market price of such Bond. Purchasers should consult their own tax advisors regarding the potential implications of market discount with respect to the Bonds.

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

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

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

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

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

## **QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**

Subject to the District's compliance with certain covenants, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" under the small issuer exception provided under Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, which affords banks and certain other financial institutions more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under Section 265(b)(2) of the Code.

## **LITIGATION**

There is no controversy or litigation of any nature now pending or threatened restraining or enjoining the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Bonds or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Bonds or any proceedings of the District taken with respect to the issuance or sale thereof.

## **BOND RATING**

Moody's has assigned its municipal rating of "Aa3" to the Bonds. The rating reflects only the views of Moody's and any explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained from Moody's. Certain information concerning the Bonds and the District not included in this Official Statement was furnished to Moody's by the District. There is no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that such rating may not be changed by Moody's, if, in the rating agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of the rating may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. Except as may be required by the Undertaking described below under the heading "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE," neither the District nor the Underwriter undertakes responsibility to bring to the attention of the owners of the Bonds any proposed change in or withdrawal of such rating or to oppose any such revision or withdrawal.

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

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

The District expects to implement the March, 2019 update (Issue 100) of the Illinois Association of School Boards' Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) that includes disclosure policies and procedures as Section 4.40-AP, Preparing and Updating Disclosures. The policies specifically include additional procedures to be followed by the District in relation to the two new reportable events required by the Rule for undertakings entered into on and after February 27, 2019.

There have been no instances in the previous five years in which the District failed to comply, in all material respects, with any undertaking previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule. The District has retained PMA Securities, LLC, Naperville, Illinois (“PMA”), to act as the District’s Dissemination Agent for its continuing disclosure filings. A failure by the District to comply with the Undertaking will not constitute a default under the Bond Resolution and beneficial owners of the Bonds are limited to the remedies described in the Undertaking. The District must report any failure to comply with the Undertaking in accordance with the Rule. Any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer must consider such report before recommending the purchase or sale of the Bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such a failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

### **CERTAIN LEGAL MATTERS**

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

### **UNDERWRITING**

The Bonds were offered for sale by the District at a public, competitive sale on February 18, 2025. The best bid submitted at the sale was submitted by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Underwriter”). The District awarded the contract for sale of the Bonds to the Underwriter at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Underwriter has represented to the District that the Bonds have been subsequently reoffered to the public at the approximate initial offering yields as set forth on the inside cover hereto. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and others at yields different than the offering yields stated on the inside cover hereto. The offering yields may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter. The aggregate underwriting fee equals \$\_\_\_\_\_.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

PMA has been retained as municipal advisor (the “Municipal Advisor”) in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In preparing this Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon the District, and other sources, having access to relevant data to provide accurate information for this Official Statement. To the best of the Municipal Advisor’s knowledge, the information contained in this Official Statement is true and accurate. However, the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information.

PMA is a broker-dealer and municipal advisor registered with the Commission and the MSRB and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. In these roles, PMA generally provides fixed income brokerage services and public finance services to municipal entity clients, including municipal advisory services and advice with respect to the investment of proceeds of municipal securities. PMA is affiliated with PMA Financial Network, LLC, a financial services provider, and PMA Asset Management, LLC, an investment adviser registered with the Commission. These entities operate under common ownership with PMA and are collectively referred to in this disclosure as the “Affiliates.” Each of these Affiliates also provides services to municipal entity clients and PMA and Affiliates market the services of the other Affiliates. Unless otherwise stated, separate fees are charged for each of these products and services and referrals to its Affiliates result in an increase in revenue to the overall Affiliated companies.

The Municipal Advisor’s duties, responsibilities, and fees in connection with this issuance arise solely from the services for which it is engaged to perform as municipal advisor on the Bonds and also from the investment of Bond proceeds. PMA’s compensation for serving as municipal advisor on the Bonds is conditional on the final amount and successful closing of the Bonds. PMA receives additional fees for the services used by the District, if any, described in the paragraph above. The fees for these services arise from separate agreements with the District and with institutions of which the District may be a member.

## **THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

This Official Statement includes the cover page, reverse thereof and the Appendices hereto.

All references to material not purporting to be quoted in full are only summaries of certain provisions thereof and do not purport to summarize or describe all the provisions thereof. Reference is hereby made to such instruments, documents and other materials for the complete provisions thereof, copies of which will be furnished upon request to the District.

## **Accuracy and Completeness of the Official Statement**

This Official Statement has been approved by the District for distribution to the Underwriter.

The District's officials will provide to the Underwriter at the time of delivery of the Bonds, a certificate confirming to the Underwriter that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, this Official Statement as of the date hereof and at the time of the sale and delivery of the Bonds, was true and correct in all material respects and did not at any time contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated where necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

/s/

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent  
School District Number 66  
DuPage County, Illinois

February \_\_, 2025

**Form of Legal Opinion of Bond Counsel**



**APPENDIX A**

**PROPOSED FORM OF OPINION OF BOND COUNSEL**

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

**[TO BE DATED CLOSING DATE]**

School District Number 66  
DuPage County, Illinois

We hereby certify that we have examined certified copy of the proceedings (the “*Proceedings*”) of the Board of Education of School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “*District*”), passed preliminary to the issue by the District of its fully registered General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “*Bonds*”), to the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, due serially on January 1 of the years and in the amounts and bearing interest as follows:

2038	\$	%
2039		%
2040		%
2041		%
2042		%
2043		%
2044		%
2045		%
2046		%

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

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

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

It is also our opinion that the Bonds are "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

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

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

**Annual Financial Report and Other Financial Information  
for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024**

The Annual Financial Report and Other Financial Information of the District contained in this Appendix B (the “Audit”), including the independent auditor’s report accompanying the Audit, has been prepared by Gorenz and Associates, Ltd., Peoria, Illinois (the “Auditor”), and approved by formal action of the Board of Education of the District. The District has not requested the Auditor to update information contained in the Audit; nor has the District requested that the Auditor consent to the use of the Audit in this Official Statement. Other than as expressly set forth in this Official Statement, the financial information contained in the Audit has not been updated since the date of the Audit. The inclusion of the Audit in this Official Statement in and of itself is not intended to demonstrate the fiscal condition of the District since the date of the Audit.

**Form of Continuing Disclosure Undertaking**

## APPENDIX C

### FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONTINUING DISCLOSURE INFORMATION UNDER SECTION (B)(5) OF RULE 15C2-12

This Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (this “*Agreement*”) is executed and delivered by School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “*District*”), in connection with the issuance of \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “*Bonds*”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the District on the 12th day of February, 2025 (as supplemented by a notification of sale, the “*Resolution*”).

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

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

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

*Annual Financial Information* means information of the type contained under the following headings and subheadings of the Official Statement:

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Trend of EAV

Tax Rates

Tax Extensions and Collections

Summary of Outstanding Bonded Debt

Debt Repayment Schedule

Debt Statement (with respect to the District’s debt only)

Debt Ratios (with respect to the District’s debt only)

#### SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS

Combined Educational Fund and Operations and Maintenance Fund Revenue Sources

Summary of Operating Funds and Debt Service Fund

On-Behalf Payments Summary (table only)

Budget Summary

SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL PROFILE (last paragraph only)

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

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

*Commission* means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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

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

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

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

*MSRB* means the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

*Official Statement* means the Official Statement, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and relating to the Bonds.

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

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

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

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

*State* means the State of Illinois.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 66,  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

**EXHIBIT I**  
**ANNUAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND TIMING AND AUDITED**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Annual Financial Information exclusive of Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA by 210 days after the last day of the District's fiscal year (currently June 30), beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Audited Financial Statements as described below should be filed at the same time as the Annual Financial Information. If Audited Financial Statements are not available when the Annual Financial Information is filed, Audited Financial Statements will be submitted to EMMA within 30 days after availability to the District.

Audited Financial Statements will be prepared in accordance with accounting principles mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

**EXHIBIT III**  
**CUSIP NUMBERS**

MATURITY (JANUARY 1)	CUSIP NUMBER (263219)
2038	
2039	
2040	
2041	
2042	
2043	
2044	
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**Official Notice of Sale and Bid Form**

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**

**AND**

**BID FORM**

**FOR**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 66**

**DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**\$6,740,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

DATE AND TIME:

February 18, 2025

10:15 a.m.

Central Standard Time

PLACE:

PMA Securities, LLC

2135 CityGate Lane, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

Naperville, Illinois 60563

Attention: Jen Currier

Phone: (630) 657-6443

E-mail: [compbidIL@pmanetwork.com](mailto:compbidIL@pmanetwork.com)

FORM OF BIDDING:

Electronic or via e-mail, as described herein

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE**

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 66,  
DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
\$6,740,000\* GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2025**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “District”), will receive bids either (i) electronically via **Parity®** or (ii) sent via e-mail to [compbidIL@pmanetwork.com](mailto:compbidIL@pmanetwork.com) (each as more fully described below), for the purchase of its \$6,740,000\* General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “Bonds”), on an all or none basis at the following time and place:

DATE AND TIME: 10:15 a.m.  
Central Standard Time  
February 18, 2025

PLACE: Offices of the District’s Municipal Advisor:  
PMA Securities, LLC (the “Municipal Advisor”)  
2135 CityGate Lane, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Naperville, Illinois 60563

AWARD OF BONDS: Bids will be publicly announced at the above time and place. Unless all bids are rejected, award will be made by the designated officials of the Board and the District to the bidder offering the *lowest true interest cost* (“TIC”) to the District.

**The Bonds**

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the School Code of the State of Illinois, the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and a bond resolution adopted by the Board of the District on February 12, 2025, as supplemented by a notification of sale (together, the “Bond Resolution”). Proceeds of the Bonds will be used to (i) construct fire prevention and life safety improvements to school buildings of the District, and (ii) pay costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds.

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

Pursuant to Public Act 103-0591, effective July 1, 2024, levies to pay school fire and prevention bonds, such as the Bonds, are excepted from the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law of the State of Illinois, as amended. See “REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT, TAX LEVY AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES—Property Tax Extension Limitation Law” in the Preliminary Official

\*Preliminary, subject to change.

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

The proposed form of opinion of Bond Counsel regarding the Bonds is set forth in Appendix A to the Preliminary Official Statement.

### **Bidding Instructions**

Each proposal must be submitted on the Official Bid Form without alteration or change until 10:15 a.m. Central Standard Time either:

(i) via **Parity®** in accordance with this Official Notice of Sale. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in **Parity®** conflict with this Official Notice of Sale, the terms of this Official Notice of Sale shall control. For further information about **Parity®**, potential bidders may contact the Municipal Advisor or i-Deal LLC at 1359 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, telephone (212) 849-5021; or

(ii) via e-mail to [compbidIL@pmanetwork.com](mailto:compbidIL@pmanetwork.com).

**The bidder bears all risk of transmission failure.**

**Any bidder intending to bid via e-mail shall notify the Municipal Advisor of such intention no later than the close of business on Friday, February 14, 2025.**

### **Determination of Winning Bid**

The Bonds will be awarded to the single and best bidder (the “Purchaser”) whose bid will be determined upon the basis of the **lowest TIC** at the rates designated in said bid from the dated date to the respective maturity dates after deducting the bid premium or adding the bid discount, if any. The TIC will be calculated as the rate which, when used in computing the present value of all payments of principal and interest to be paid on the Bonds (commencing on July 1, 2025 and semiannually on each January 1 and July 1 thereafter), produces an amount on the date of the Bonds (expected to be March 11, 2025) equal to the purchase price set forth in the bid. In the event of more than one proposal specifying the lowest TIC, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose proposal is selected by lot from among all such proposals.

### **Bidding Parameters**

The Bonds will be dated the date of issuance thereof and will mature on the dates and in the amounts as described in the Official Bid Form attached hereto.

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.



Any bidder electing to designate any maturities as term bonds shall so specify on the affirmed bid form. The term bonds shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by lot in the amounts currently specified for the serial bonds, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof.

**All interest rates must be in multiples of one-eighth or one-twentieth of one percent (1/8 or 1/20 of 1%), and not more than one rate for a single maturity shall be specified. The rate bid for each maturity shall not exceed 5.00%. The minimum rate of interest is 4.00% on the January 1, 2036 maturity and all maturities thereafter. All bids must be for all of the Bonds and must be for not less than 102.5% of the par amount thereof.**

Attorneys' fees, rating agency fees, Municipal Advisor fees, the cost of preparing and printing the Bonds, the fees of the registrar and paying agent for the Bonds, the cost of distributing this Official Notice of Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and miscellaneous expenses of the District incurred in connection with the offering and delivery of the Bonds shall all be the obligation of the District. The costs of issuance of the Bonds may be distributed by the Purchaser on behalf of the District from proceeds of the Bonds and by submitting a bid, the Purchaser agrees to send (an) additional wire(s) at closing to distribute such costs if so requested by the District.

*A good faith deposit will not be required prior to bid opening.* The Purchaser is required to submit a certified or cashier's check on a solvent bank or trust company or a wire transfer for TWO PERCENT OF PAR payable to the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District as evidence of good faith of the Purchaser (the "Deposit") not later than 3:30 P.M. Central Standard Time on the Sale Date (as hereinafter defined). The Deposit will be retained by the District pending delivery of the Bonds. The District may hold the proceeds of the Deposit or invest the same (at the District's risk) in obligations that mature at or before the delivery of the Bonds, until applied as follows: (a) at the delivery of the Bonds and upon compliance with the Purchaser's obligation to take up and pay for the Bonds, the full amount of the Deposit held by the District, without adjustment for interest, shall be applied toward the purchase price of the Bonds at that time, and the full amount of any interest earnings thereon shall be retained by the District; and (b) if the Purchaser fails to take up and pay for the Bonds when tendered, the full amount of the Deposit plus any interest earnings thereon will be forfeited to the District as liquidated damages.

### **Establishment of Issue Price**

(a) The Purchaser shall assist the District in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and shall execute and deliver to the District at closing an "issue price" or similar certificate setting forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the Public (as hereinafter defined) or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, the District and Bond Counsel. All actions to be taken by the District under this Official Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the Municipal Advisor, identified herein, and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the Municipal Advisor. Within one hour of the award, the Purchaser will provide the District and the Municipal Advisor the expected initial offering price of the Bonds, which the Purchaser used to formulate its bid.

(b) The District intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “Competitive Sale Requirements”) because:

- (1) the District will disseminate this Official Notice of Sale to potential Underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential Underwriters;
- (2) all bidders will have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (3) the District may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (4) the District anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the lowest TIC, as set forth in this Official Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to this Official Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid.

(c) In the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied, the District shall so advise the Purchaser. In such event, any bid proposal submitted will not be subject to cancellation or withdrawal, and the District agrees to use the rules selected by the Purchaser on its bid form to determine the issue price for the Bonds. On the bid form, each bidder must select one of the following rules to establish the issue price of the Bonds: (i) the “10% Test” which will establish the issue price of a maturity of the Bonds as the first price at which 10% of such maturity of the Bonds is sold to the Public and/or (ii) the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule” which will establish the issue price of a maturity of the Bonds as the initial offering price of that maturity, in each case applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis. If the Purchaser selects the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, the Purchaser shall promptly advise the District, at or before the time of award of the Bonds, which maturities of the Bonds have not satisfied the 10% Test and will be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule. ***Bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that some or all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule or the 10% Test, as selected on the bid form, in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds. In addition if the 10% Test has not been satisfied with respect to any maturity of the Bonds prior to closing, then the Purchaser shall provide the District with a representation as to the price or prices as of the date of closing at which the Purchaser reasonably expects to sell the remaining Bonds of such maturity.***

(d) **If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied and the Purchaser selects the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule**, then the Purchaser shall (i) confirm that the Underwriters (as hereinafter defined) have offered or will offer the Bonds to the Public on or before the date of award at the offering price or prices (the “Initial Offering Price”), or at the corresponding yield or yields set forth in the bid submitted by the Purchaser and (ii) agree, on behalf of the Underwriters participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that the Underwriters will neither offer nor sell unsold Bonds of any maturity to which the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule shall apply to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price to the Public.

The Purchaser will advise the District promptly after the close of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day after the Sale Date whether it has sold 10% of that maturity of the Bonds to the Public at a price that is no higher than the Initial Offering Price to the Public. Within one hour of the award, the Purchaser will inform the District of the Initial Offering Price for each maturity of the Bonds.

(e) **If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied and the Purchaser selects the 10% Test**, then until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the Purchaser agrees to promptly report to the District the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either (i) all Bonds of that maturity have been sold or (ii) the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the Purchaser's reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the District or Bond Counsel. In addition if the 10% Test has not been satisfied with respect to any maturity of the Bonds prior to closing, then the Purchaser shall provide the District with a representation as to the price or prices as of the date of closing at which the Purchaser reasonably expects to sell the remaining Bonds of such maturity.

(f) The District acknowledges that, in making the representations set forth above, the Purchaser will rely on (i) the agreement of each Underwriter to comply with requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in an agreement among Underwriters and the related pricing wires, (ii) in the event a selling group has been created in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in a selling group agreement and the related pricing wires, and (iii) in the event that an Underwriter is a party to a third-party distribution agreement that was employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, the agreement of each broker-dealer that is a party to such agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, as set forth in the third-party distribution agreement and the related pricing wires. The District further acknowledges that each Underwriter shall be solely liable for its failure to comply with its agreement regarding the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable to the Bonds, and that no Underwriter shall be liable for the failure of any other Underwriter, or of any dealer who is a member of a selling group, or of any broker-dealer that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to comply with its corresponding agreement to comply with the requirements for establishing the issue price of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, its agreement to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule if applicable to the Bonds.

(g) By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that:

(i) any agreement among Underwriters, any selling group agreement and each third-party distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement, as applicable:

- (A)(i) to report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold to the Public or it is notified by the Purchaser that the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Purchaser and (ii) to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the Purchaser and as set forth in the related pricing wires, which shall be until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or until the close of business on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day following the date of award,
- (B) to promptly notify the Purchaser of any sales of Bonds that, to its knowledge, are made to a purchaser who is a Related Party to an Underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and
- (C) to acknowledge that, unless otherwise advised by the Underwriter, dealer or broker-dealer, the Purchaser shall assume that each order submitted by the Underwriter is a sale to the Public.

(ii) any agreement among Underwriters or selling group agreement relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a third-party distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such third-party distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allocated to it, whether or not the closing date has occurred, until either all Bonds of that maturity allocated to it have been sold or until it is notified by the Purchaser or such Underwriter that the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity, provided that, the reporting obligation after the closing date may be at reasonable periodic intervals or otherwise upon request of the Purchaser or such Underwriter and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, if and for so long as directed by the Purchaser or the Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires, which shall be at least until the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or until the close of business on the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) business day following the date of the award.

(h) Sales of any Bonds to any person that is a Related Party to an Underwriter participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public shall not constitute sales to the Public for purposes of this Official Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this Official Notice of Sale:

- (i) “Public” means any person other than an Underwriter or a Related Party,

- (ii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “Related Party” to an Underwriter if the Underwriter and the Purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other),
- (iii) “Sale Date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the Purchaser, and
- (iv) “Underwriter” means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

### **Closing Transcript**

At the time of delivery, the District will furnish to the Purchaser the approving legal opinion of Bond Counsel and, in due course, a complete certified transcript of all proceedings in connection with the issuance of the Bonds which shall include a non-litigation certificate showing that there is no litigation pending or threatened as to the validity or security of the Bonds.

### **Bond Insurance at Purchaser’s Option**

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment thereof, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the Purchaser. The Purchaser, upon being advised of the successful bid, shall notify the Municipal Advisor of its intent to obtain bond insurance. Any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the Purchaser. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser. Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds have been awarded to the Purchaser shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds.

### **Tax Exemption**

Subject to compliance by the District with certain covenants, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, under present law, interest on the Bonds is excludible from gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes and is not includible as an item of tax preference in

computing the federal alternative minimum tax for individuals. Interest on the Bonds may affect the corporate alternative minimum tax for certain corporations. Interest on the Bonds is not exempt from present State of Illinois income taxes. See “TAX EXEMPTION” in the Preliminary Official Statement for a more complete discussion.

### **Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations**

Subject to the District’s compliance with certain covenants, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, the Bonds are “qualified tax-exempt obligations” under the small issuer exception provided under Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), which affords banks and certain other financial institutions more favorable treatment of their deduction for interest expense than would otherwise be allowed under Section 265(b)(2) of the Code.

### **Book-Entry Only**

The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered bonds without coupons and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”). DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. A single Bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to DTC and immobilized in its custody. Individual purchases may be made in book-entry-only form only through DTC participants, in the principal amount of \$5,000 and integral multiples thereof. Individual purchasers will not receive certificates evidencing their ownership of the Bonds purchased. The Purchaser shall be required to deposit the Bond certificates with DTC as a condition to delivery of the Bonds. The District will make payments of principal and interest on the Bonds to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds in same-day funds. Transfer of those payments to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of DTC; transfer of the payments to beneficial owners by DTC participants will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners all as required by DTC rules and procedures. No assurance can be given by the District that DTC, its participants and other nominees of beneficial owners will make prompt transfer of the payments as required by DTC rules and procedures. The District assumes no liability for failures of DTC, its participants or other nominees to promptly transfer payments to beneficial owners of the Bonds.

In the event that the securities depository relationship with DTC for the Bonds is terminated and the District does not appoint a successor depository, the District will prepare, authenticate and deliver, at its expense, fully-registered Bond certificates in the denominations of \$5,000 or an integral multiple thereof in the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds of the same maturity then outstanding to the beneficial owners of the Bonds.

### **CUSIP Numbers**

It is intended that CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print or type such number on any Bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of and make payment for the Bonds. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers, including CUSIP Service Bureau charges for the assignment of said numbers, shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid by the Purchaser.

## **Continuing Disclosure**

The District covenants and agrees to enter into a written agreement or contract, constituting an undertaking (the “Undertaking”) to provide ongoing disclosure about the District for the benefit of the beneficial owners of the Bonds on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds as required under Section (b)(5) of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The form of the Undertaking is set forth in Appendix C in the Preliminary Official Statement. Please see the section entitled “CONTINUING DISCLOSURE” in the Preliminary Official Statement for a description of the District’s compliance during the last five years with undertakings previously entered into by it pursuant to the Rule.

The Purchaser’s obligation to purchase the Bonds shall be conditional upon the District delivering the Undertaking on or before the date of delivery of the Bonds.

## **Official Statement**

The District declares the Preliminary Official Statement provided in connection with the sale of the Bonds to be final as of its date for purposes of the Rule, except for the omission of the offering prices or yields, the interest rates, any other terms or provisions required by the District specified in the bid, ratings, other terms of the Bonds depending on such matters, and the identity of the Purchaser. Upon the sale of the Bonds, the District will publish an Official Statement in substantially the same form as the Preliminary Official Statement, subject to minor additions, deletions and revisions as required to complete the Preliminary Official Statement. By submission of its bid, the Purchaser will be deemed to have certified that it has obtained and reviewed the Preliminary Official Statement. Promptly after the Sale Date, but in no event later than seven business days after the Sale Date, the District will provide the Purchaser with an electronic copy of the final Official Statement. The Purchaser agrees to supply to the District all information necessary to complete the Official Statement within 24 hours after the award of the Bonds.

## **Conditions of Closing**

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to determine the best bid in its sole discretion, and to waive any informality in any bid. Additionally, the District reserves the right to modify or amend this Official Notice of Sale; however, any such modification or amendment shall not be made less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date and time for receipt of bids on the Bonds and any such modification or amendment will be announced on the Amendments Page of the Parity® webpage and through *Thompson Municipal News*.

By submitting a bid, any bidder makes the representation that it understands Bond Counsel represents the District in the Bond transaction and, if such bidder has retained Bond Counsel in an unrelated matter, such bidder represents that the signatory to the bid is duly authorized to, and does consent to and waive for and on behalf of such bidder any conflict of interest of Bond Counsel arising from any adverse position to the District in this matter; such consent and waiver shall supersede any formalities otherwise required in any separate understandings, guidelines or contractual arrangements between the bidder and Bond Counsel.

The Bonds will be delivered to the Purchaser against full payment in immediately available funds as soon as they can be prepared and executed, which is expected to be March 11, 2025.

Should delivery, however, be delayed beyond forty-five (45) days from the Sale Date for any reason beyond the control of the District except failure of performance by the Purchaser, the District may cancel the award or the Purchaser may withdraw the Deposit and thereafter the Purchaser's interest in and liability for the Bonds will cease.

**Additional Information**

The Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Bid Form, together with other pertinent information, may be obtained from the District, Attention: Andrew S. Wise, Superintendent, 699 Plainfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516, Telephone: (630) 783-5000, or from the Municipal Advisor, Attention: Jen Currier, 2135 CityGate Lane, 7th Floor, Naperville, Illinois 60563, Telephone: (630) 657-6443.

By order of the Board of Education of the District, dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

/s/ Andrew S. Wise

Superintendent  
School District Number 66  
DuPage County, Illinois



**OFFICIAL BID FORM**

Board of Education  
 School District Number 66  
 DuPage County, Illinois

February 18, 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject to all the provisions of the Official Notice of Sale, which is expressly made a part of this bid, we offer to purchase the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the "Bonds"), as described below:

Par amount of Bonds: \$6,740,000\*  
 Dated date: Date of Issuance  
 Purchase price: \$\_\_\_\_\_  
 (not less than 102.5% of the par amount of the Bonds)

The Bonds shall bear interest as follows (each rate (i) a multiple of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1% and (ii) not exceeding 5.00%) and (iii) a minimum of 4.00% on the January 1, 2036 maturity and all maturities thereafter):

<u>Maturity</u> <u>(January 1)</u>	<u>Amount (\$)*</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Term Bonds</u> <u>(Year)</u>
2038	630,000	_____	_____
2039	665,000	_____	_____
2040	695,000	_____	_____
2041	730,000	_____	_____
2042	760,000	_____	_____
2043	795,000	_____	_____
2044	830,000	_____	_____
2045	870,000	_____	_____
2046	765,000	_____	_____

\*Preliminary, subject to change. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease the principal amount of the individual maturities of the Bonds on the day of sale in increments of \$5,000. If the principal amounts are adjusted, the purchase price proposed will be adjusted to maintain the same gross spread per \$1,000 portion of a Bond.

If insured, please insert the name of insurer \_\_\_\_\_ and amount of the premium \$\_\_\_\_\_. Any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the successful bidder (the "Purchaser"). Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser. Failure of the municipal bond insurer to issue the policy after the Bonds have been awarded to the Purchaser shall not constitute cause for failure or refusal by the Purchaser to accept delivery of the Bonds.

Any bidder electing to designate a maturity as a term bond shall so specify on the bid form. The term bond shall be subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption by lot in the amounts currently specified for the serial bonds, at a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof.

The Bonds are subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The Bonds are to be accompanied by the unqualified approving legal opinion of Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel, and a certificate evidencing that no litigation is pending against the District which will affect the validity or security of the Bonds.

Attorneys' fees, rating agency fees, Municipal Advisor fees, the cost of preparing and printing the Bonds, the fees of the registrar and paying agent for the Bonds, the cost of distributing the Official Notice of Sale, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement and miscellaneous expenses of the District incurred in connection with the offering and delivery of the Bonds shall all be the obligation of the District. The costs of issuance of the Bonds may be distributed by the Purchaser on behalf of the District from proceeds of the Bonds and by submitting this bid, we agree to send (an) additional wire(s) at closing to distribute such costs if so requested by the District.

If the net interest cost or the true interest cost stated below is incorrectly computed, the undersigned agrees that the purchase price and interest rates above shall prevail.

Net Interest Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
True Interest Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ %

This bid is a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds identified in the Official Notice of Sale, on the terms set forth in this bid form and the Official Notice of Sale, and is not subject to any conditions, except as permitted by the Official Notice of Sale. If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, the bidder selects the following rule to establish the issue price of the maturities of the Bonds for which 10% is not sold to the Public on the date hereof applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis (mark one):

\_\_\_\_\_ 10% Test: the first price at which 10% of a maturity of the Bonds is sold to the Public for the following maturities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule: the initial offering price of that maturity for the following maturities: \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this bid, we confirm that we have an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds. *[If the bidder cannot confirm an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds, the preceding sentence should be crossed out.]*

We understand that if we are the winning bidder, we will deposit with the School Treasurer who receives the taxes of the District not later than 3:30 P.M. CST on the Sale Date a certified or cashier's check or a wire in the amount of two percent (2%) of the par amount of the Bonds payable to said District as a guarantee of good faith, to be applied in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale.

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Managing Underwriter Signature

Name of Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**—PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF ACCOUNT MEMBERS—**

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, by the Board of Education of School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois, and in recognition thereof is signed by the official of the District empowered and authorized to make such acceptance.

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Superintendent  
School District Number 66  
DuPage County, Illinois

**Form of Issue Price Certificate**

## CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASER

The undersigned, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “*Purchaser*”), hereby certifies as set forth below with respect to the sale and issuance of the \$\_\_\_\_\_ General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025 (the “*Bonds*”), of School District Number 66, DuPage County, Illinois (the “*District*”).

### I. GENERAL

On the Sale Date, the Purchaser purchased the Bonds from the District by submitting electronically an “Official Bid Form” responsive to an “Official Notice of Sale” and having its bid accepted by the District. The Purchaser has not modified the terms of the purchase since the Sale Date.

### II. PRICE

#### **Competitive Sale Requirements Met – 3 Bids Received**

Reasonably Expected Initial Offering Price.

(a) As of the Sale Date, the reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the Purchaser are the prices listed in *Exhibit A* (the “*Expected Offering Prices*”). The Expected Offering Prices are the prices for the Maturities of the Bonds used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached as *Exhibit B* is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.

(b) The Purchaser was not given an exclusive opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.

(c) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.

#### **3 Bids Not Received – At Least 10% of Each Maturity Sold by Closing**

As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the Bonds, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in *Exhibit A* (the “*First Sale Price*”).

### **3 Bids Not Received – At Least 10% of Certain Maturities Not Sold by Closing; Expected First Sale Price**

1. As of the date of this certificate, for each Maturity of the Bonds, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in *Exhibit A* (the “*First Sale Price*”).
2. Expected First Sale Price.

With respect to each of the \_\_\_\_\_ Maturities of the Bonds:

- (a) As of the date of this certificate, the Purchaser has not sold at least 10% of the Bonds of this Maturity at any Price.
- (b) As of the date of this certificate, the Purchaser reasonably expects that the first sale to the Public of an amount of Bonds of this Maturity equal to 10% or more of this Maturity will be at or below the Expected Sale Price listed on the attached *Exhibit A* (the “*Expected First Sale Price*”).

### **3 Bids Not Received – At Least 10% of Certain Maturities Not Sold by Closing; Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule**

1. As of the date of this certificate, for each of the General Rule Maturities, the first price at which at least 10% of such Maturity of the Bonds was sold to the Public is the respective price listed in *Exhibit A* (the “*First Sale Price*”).

2. (a) The Purchaser offered the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities to the Public for purchase at the respective initial offering prices listed in *Exhibit A* (the “*Initial Offering Prices*”) on or before the Sale Date. A copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication for the Bonds is attached to this certificate as *Exhibit B*.

(b) As set forth in the Official Notice of Sale and the Official Bid Form, the Purchaser has agreed in writing that, (i) for each Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities, it would neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Maturity during the Holding Period for such Maturity (the “*Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule*”), and (ii) any selling group agreement would contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any third-party distribution agreement would contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the third-party distribution agreement, to comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule.

(c) No Underwriter (as defined below) has offered or sold any Bonds of any Maturity of the Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities at a price that is higher than the respective Initial Offering Price for that Maturity during the Holding Period.

### III. DEFINED TERMS

[1. “*General Rule Maturities*” means those Maturities of the Bonds not listed in *Exhibit A* hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”]

[2. “*Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities*” means those Maturities of the Bonds listed in *Exhibit A* hereto as the “Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturities.”]

[3. “*Holding Period*” means, with respect to a Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date (said fifth business day being \_\_\_\_\_, 2025), or (ii) the date on which the Purchaser has sold at least 10% of such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such Hold-the-Offering-Price Maturity.]

4. “*Maturity*” means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

5. “*Public*” means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.

6. A person is a “*Related Party*” to an Underwriter if the Underwriter and the person are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).

7. “*Sale Date*” means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale of a Maturity of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

8. “*Underwriter*” means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this paragraph to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a third-party distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).



**IV. USE OF REPRESENTATIONS**

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically Sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the District with respect to certain of the representations and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Chapman and Cutler LLP, Chicago, Illinois, Bond Counsel, in connection with rendering its opinion concerning interest on the Bonds, the preparation of the Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice that it may give to the District from time to time relating to the Bonds.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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

**EXHIBIT A**

The Bonds are dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, and are due on January 1 of the years and in the amounts, bear interest at the rates and were sold and offered to the Public as described in the attached Certificate of Purchaser at the prices, in percentages and dollars, as follows:

HOLD-THE-OFFER-PRICE MATURITY IF MARKED (*)	YEAR	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (\$)	INTEREST RATE (%)	[EXPECTED]	[EXPECTED]	[INITIAL OFFERING PRICE (/TOTAL ISSUE PRICE (\$))]	[TOTAL ISSUE PRICE (\$)]
				PRICE OF AT LEAST 10% (% OF PAR)]	PRICE OF AT LEAST 10% [ISSUE PRICE (\$)]	PRICE (% OF PAR)]	ISSUE PRICE (\$)]

Total

**EXHIBIT B**

**[PURCHASER'S BID]**

**[PRICING WIRE OR EQUIVALENT COMMUNICATION]**