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Dr. Jamie Wilson Superintendent of Schools Denton Independent School District 1307 North Locust Street Denton, Texas 76201 Dr. Scott Niven Chief Financial Officer Denton Independent School District 1307 North Locust Street Denton, Texas 76201

Re: Final Results – Sale of Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020

Dear Dr. Wilson and Dr. Niven:

Introduction

On June 23, 2020, Denton Independent School District's ("DISD" or the "District") Board of Trustees adopted a "Parameters Bond Order" approving the sale of \$308,070,000 Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2020 (the "Series 2020 Bonds") from the 2018 Bond Program. This memorandum summarizes the final results from the sale of the Series 2020 Bonds that accomplished each parameter established by the Board of Trustees.

Comparison of Financing Results

DISD successfully marketed its Series 2020 Bonds at an "All-In" True Interest Rate of 1.93% on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, which was 0.87% below the estimated interest rate of 2.80% previously communicated to the Board of Trustees.

The following compares the Preliminary Financing Plan presented to the Board of Trustees and the Actual Financing Plan based upon the final results of the Series 2020 Bonds. We are pleased to report that the District's actual bond payments are \$43,468,841 less than anticipated!

Series 2020 Bonds – Summary of Final Results			
Description	Preliminary Financing Plan (June 23, 2020)	Actual Financing Plan (Aug. 19, 2020)	Difference
Funds Available for Capital Improvements	\$ 308,070,000	\$ 308,070,000	\$
"All-In" True Interest Cost	2.80%	1.93%	0.87%
Year 2019/20 I&S Tax Rate Plus: Projected I&S Tax Rate Increase Anticipated Maximum I&S Tax Rate	48.0 Cents <u>0.0 Cents</u> 48.0 Cents	48.0 Cents <u>0.0 Cents</u> 48.0 Cents	
Net Bond Payments	\$ 430,708,903	\$ 387,240,062	\$ 43,468,841
Bond Repayments – Next 5 Years Bond Repayments – Next 10 Years	\$ 63,200,000 107,910,000	\$ 73,920,000 128,260,000	\$ 10,720,000 20,350,000
Final Maturity	08/15/2048	08/15/2048	

The proceeds of the Series 2020 Bonds are scheduled to be delivered to the District's Construction Fund on Thursday, September 10, 2020. After the issuance of the Series 2020 Bonds, the District will have no remaining bonds to be sold from the 2018 Bond Program.

Significant Investor Interest in the Series 2020 Bonds

There was significant institutional investor interest in DISD's Series 2020 Bonds, as demonstrated by the more than \$590 million of orders submitted by investors. Such demand allowed the interest rates in certain maturities to be reduced by as much as 0.02% after the order period. Investors submitting orders for more than \$7.5 million of the Series 2020 Bonds included:

- GW&K Investment Management (\$53,360,000)
- Nuveen Asset Management (\$51,745,000)
- Hexagon Asset Management (\$48,690,000)
- "Undisclosed" Bank Portfolio (\$45,870,000)
- First Republic Asset Management (\$44,285,000)
- Invesco (\$39,795,000)
- PNC Capital Advisors (\$38,505,000)
- Centiva Capital (\$27,500,000)
- Millennium Management LLC (\$27,500,000)
- Fiera Capital Inc. (\$25,515,000)

- Dimensional Fund Advisors (\$19,000,000)
- Pacific Premier Bank (\$18,335,000)
- UBS Asset Management (\$17,060,000)
- Schroder Investment Management (\$13,235,000)
- Bank Leumi USA (\$10,000,000)
- Loews Corp./CNA Financial Corp. (\$9,000,000)
- Sage Capital Management (\$8,245,000)
- BlackRock (\$8,000,000)
- Country Club Bank (\$8,000,000)
- General Re Corporation (\$7,955,000)

Retail Advertisement and Local Participation

To promote and maximize local investor participation, an advertisement for the District's Series 2020 Bonds was published in the <u>Denton Record-Chronicle</u> to inform District residents and local businesses of the District's upcoming bond sale. The advertisement ran within the newspaper's main section (section A) from Wednesday, August 12, 2020 through Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

Orders submitted by residents of the District and local businesses/financial institutions were given top "priority" to purchase the Series 2020 Bonds. In addition and prior to offering the Series 2020 Bonds to institutional investors in the national capital markets, an exclusive and extended order period for local buyers was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, to help ensure the District's Series 2020 Bonds were available to local residents and taxpayers. As a result, District residents purchased \$40,000 of the Series 2020 Bonds. In total, participation from local, Texas and national retail investors included orders totaling \$3.93 million.



Independent Bond Ratings

As is customary during the bond sale process, DISD took part in an independent bond rating assessment conducted by S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, Inc. This consisted of a review of the District's financial position, debt position, future financing needs, various economic indicators and management practices. After a thorough review, which included conference calls with the District's Administration, Denton ISD's bond ratings of "AA" were affirmed by both S&P and Fitch.

In particular, the rating agencies cited the following credit strengths:

■ S&P Global Ratings:

- ✓ Historically very strong financial position as evidenced by its available general fund balance;
- ✓ The trend of positive financial performance stems from conservative budgeting and prudent capital planning by officials. The District has a track record of revenue exceeding budgeted amounts, while containing its expense budget;
- Continued expansion and diversification of the local property tax base, which provides the District with flexibility to address the increasing operating demands and capital needs associated with its rapid enrollment growth; and
- ✓ Participation in the broad and diverse Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metropolitan statistical area economy.

■ Fitch Ratings, Inc.:

- ✓ Strong financial management practices underpin the District's history of favorable operating performance and maintenance of robust reserve levels;
- ✓ Superior financial resilience, aided by solid expenditure flexibility;
- ✓ Steady expansion of the District's economic resource base, which has helped moderate the growth rate of the District's overall long-term liability burden; and
- ✓ DISD's well-established practice of retiring debt early.

Closing

Congratulations on the successful sale of the Series 2020 Bonds and the favorable interest rates obtained for the District's taxpayers. Should any questions arise, additional information is preferred or if we may be of any assistance, please let us know. We thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Denton ISD and hope you are pleased with the results of the bond sale!

Sincerely,

Managing Director

Director