



**OFFICIAL STATEMENT
SERIAL BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES**

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the existing statutes, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Bonds and Notes is excludable from gross income for Federal income tax purposes, and, under the existing statutes, interest on the Bonds and Notes is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, interest on the Bonds and Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax however, interest on the Bonds and Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. No opinion is expressed regarding other Federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds and Notes. See "Tax Exemption" herein.

The School District will designate the Bonds and Notes as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK**

General Obligation Bonds
\$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026
(The "Bonds")

Dated: June 24, 2026

Due: June 15, 2027-2041

\$1,282,900 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2026
(The "Notes")

Dated: June 25, 2026

Due: June 25, 2027

All of the Bonds and Notes are general obligations of the Richfield Springs Central School District, Otsego County, New York. All the taxable real property within such School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, ("DTC") which will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. The Bonds bear interest from June 24, 2026, with interest thereon payable on December 15, 2026 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15. Principal and interest will be paid by the School District to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds as described herein. The Record Date for the Bonds shall be the last business day of the calendar month preceding each payment date. Such Bonds mature on June 15 each year as set forth below.

The below-stated annual principal installments, together with the interest thereon, are expected to provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service on the Bonds. **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY, AFTER SELECTING THE LOW BIDDER, ADJUST SUCH INSTALLMENTS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSTANTIALLY LEVEL OR DECLINING ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE.**

MATURITIES

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|------|----|---------|---|------|----|--------|---|------|----|--------|---|------|----|--------|
| 2027 | \$ | 440,000 | : | 2031 | \$ | 45,000 | : | 2035 | \$ | 55,000 | : | 2039 | \$ | 65,000 |
| 2028 | | 445,000 | : | 2032 | | 50,000 | : | 2036 | | 55,000 | : | 2040 | | 65,000 |
| 2029 | | 110,000 | : | 2033 | | 50,000 | : | 2037 | | 60,000 | : | 2041 | | 70,000 |
| 2030 | | 45,000 | : | 2034 | | 50,000 | : | 2038 | | 65,000 | : | | | |

Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2034 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds maturing on or after June 15, 2035 are subject to redemption, at the option of the School District, prior to maturity, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity) on any date on or after June 15, 2034, at par, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. For the order and manner of redemption, see "Description of the Bonds" herein.

The Notes will be issued without the option of prepayment, with interest payable at maturity. The Notes will be issued in registered form payable to the purchaser, however, if the Notes are eligible for issuance through the book-entry-only system for note issues through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in Jersey City, New Jersey, the successful bidder may request with its bid that the Notes be issued in "book-entry-only" form, in which case the Notes will be registered and payable to "Cede & Co." as nominee of DTC.

Sealed bids will be received by the President of the Board of Education on **THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 until 11:15 a.m. Prevailing Time**, in accordance with the official Notices of Sale included herewith, at Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairport, New York 14450; facsimile: (585) 924-4636.

The Bonds and Notes are offered when, as and if issued and received by the Underwriters and subject to the receipt of an unqualified legal opinion as to the validity of the Bonds and Notes of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York. It is anticipated that the Bonds will be available for delivery in escrow to The Depository Trust Company one day in advance of the date of delivery of the Bonds. The closing will be in New York, New York or at such other place as may be agreed upon with the purchaser on or about June 24, 2026 at approximately 11:00 a.m. Prevailing Time. If issued in registered form, payable to the purchaser, closing on the Notes will be in Richfield Spring or Fairport, New York; if issued in book-entry-only form, the Notes will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey on or about June 25, 2026, at approximately 11:00 a.m. Prevailing Time, against receipt of the purchase price of the Notes in Federal Funds.

\$1,670,000

RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

SCHOOL DISTRICT (SERIAL) BONDS, 2026

NOTICE OF PRIVATE BOND SALE

(BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY) (BANK QUALIFIED) (CALLABLE)

SEALED/FACSIMILE PROPOSALS or, at the option of the bidders, proposals delivered via the BiDCOMP®/Parity® Electronic Competitive Bidding System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") will be received and considered by the undersigned President of the Board of Education of Richfield Springs Central School District (the "School District"), Otsego County, New York, at **Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairport, New York 14450, (Telephone No. (585) 924-2145, Fax No. (585) 924-4636) on THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 until 11:15 a.m., Prevailing Time**, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and announced, for the purchase IN FEDERAL FUNDS at not less than par and accrued interest of \$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026, maturing on June 15 of each year as follows:

MATURITIES

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The above-stated annual principal installments, together with the interest thereon, are expected to provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service on the Bonds. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY, AFTER SELECTING THE LOW BIDDER, ADJUST SUCH INSTALLMENTS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSTANTIALLY LEVEL OR DECLINING DEBT SERVICE.

The Bonds will be dated June 24, 2026 and will mature on June 15 in the years and amounts stated above and will bear interest payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15 in each year to maturity, commencing December 15, 2026. Such interest will be payable to the registered owners of the Bonds as shown on the registration books of the School District as of the close of business on the last business day of the calendar month next preceding each interest payment date. The Bonds will be issued in registered form by means of a book-entry system with no physical distribution of bond certificates made to the public. One bond certificate for each maturity will be issued to The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey ("DTC") and immobilized in its custody. The book-entry system will evidence ownership of the Bonds in the principal amount of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof for any single maturity, with transfers of ownership effected on the records of DTC and its participants pursuant to rules and procedures established by DTC and its participants. The successful bidder, as a condition to delivery of the Bonds shall be required to deposit the bond certificates with DTC, registered in the name of Cede & Co. its nominee. Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be payable to DTC or its nominee as registered owner of the Bonds. Transfer of principal and interest to participants of DTC will be the responsibility of such participants and other nominees of beneficial owners. The School District will not be responsible or liable for such transfers of payments or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing the records maintained by DTC, its participants or persons acting through such participants.

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2034 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on June 15, 2035 and thereafter will be subject to redemption, at the option of the School District prior to maturity, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity) on any date on or after June 15, 2034, at the redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered holders of such Bonds not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the School District or a duly appointed Fiscal Agent. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

In the event (a) DTC determines not to continue to act as securities depository for the Bonds or (b) the School District determines that continuation of the book-entry system of evidence and transfer of ownership of the Bonds would adversely affect the interests of the beneficial owners of the Bonds, the School District will discontinue the book-entry system with DTC. If the School District fails to identify another qualified securities depository to replace DTC, the School District will deliver replacement Bonds in the form of fully registered certificates.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE DATE AND TIME FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS. NOTICE OF ANY SUCH CHANGE SHALL BE PROVIDED NOT LESS THAN ONE HOUR PRIOR TO THE TIME SET FORTH ABOVE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS BY MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF SALE OVER THE TM3.

A telefax bid will be sealed upon receipt by Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. and opened and considered with sealed written proposals. The timely delivery of all proposals submitted by facsimile transmission must be in legible and completed form, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder, and shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder. The School District shall not be responsible for any errors and/or delays in transmission and/or receipt of such bids, mechanical or technical failures or disruptions, or any omissions or irregularities in any bids submitted in such manner.

Each bid must be for all of the \$1,670,000 Bonds and may state different rates of interest for different maturities, provided, however, that (i) only one rate of interest may be bid for bonds of the same maturity, (ii) the maximum difference between the highest and lowest interest rate bid may not exceed one and one-half per centum, (iii) variations in rates of interest so bid shall be in ascending progression in order of maturity so that the rate of interest on any single maturity of said Bonds shall not be less than the rate of interest applicable to any prior maturity, and (iv) all rates of interest bid must be stated in a multiple of one-eighth or one-hundredth of one per centum per annum. Unless all bids are rejected the award will be made to the bidder complying with the terms of sale and offering to purchase said Bonds at such rate or rates of interest as will produce the lowest net interest cost computed in accordance with the net interest cost method of calculation, that being the rate or rates of interest which will produce the least interest cost over the life of the Bonds, after accounting for the premium offered, if any. If two or more such bidders offer to purchase the Bonds at the same net interest cost, computed as described above, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid offers to purchase the Bonds at the highest premium dollar amount, and if two or more bidders offer the same lowest interest cost and the same premium, then to one of said bidders selected by lot from among all said bidders. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and any bid not complying with this Notice of Sale will be rejected.

Each bid must be received by 11:15 a.m. on June 4, 2026. For the purposes of the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY shall constitute the official time with respect to all electronic bids submitted.

Sealed proposals may be submitted electronically via PARITY or via facsimile transmission at (585) 924-4636, in accordance with this Notice of Sale, until the time specified herein. No other form of electronic bidding services nor telephone proposals will be accepted. No proposal will be accepted after the time for receiving proposals specified above. Bidders submitting proposals via facsimile must use the "Proposal for Bonds" form attached hereto. Once the proposals are communicated electronically via PARITY or via facsimile to the School District, each bid will constitute an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds pursuant to the terms therein provided.

Prospective bidders wishing to submit an electronic bid via PARITY must be contracted customers of PARITY. Prospective bidders who do not have a contract with PARITY must call (212) 849-5021 to become a customer. By submitting an electronic bid for the Bonds, a bidder represents and warrants to the School District that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Bonds is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Bonds.

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit electronic bids shall be solely responsible to register to bid via PARITY. Each qualified prospective bidder is solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting a timely bid in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Bond Sale. Neither the School District nor PARITY shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the School District nor PARITY shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for the proper operation of PARITY, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by the use or attempted use of PARITY. The School District is using PARITY as a communications mechanism, and not as the School District's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the School District's Bonds. The School District is not bound by any advice or determination of PARITY as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale. The use of PARITY facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. The School District is not responsible for ensuring or verifying bidder compliance with PARITY's procedures. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their registration and submission of bids via PARITY are the sole responsibility of the bidders and the School District is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Bonds, it should telephone PARITY and notify the School District's Municipal Advisor, Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. at (585) 924-2145 (provided that the School District shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). If the bidder's bid is accepted by the School District, this Notice of Bond Sale and the information that is submitted electronically through PARITY shall form a contract, and the bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract.

Information provided by PARITY to bidders shall form no part of any bid or of any contract between the successful bidder and the School District unless that information is included in this Notice of Bond Sale.

If any provision of the complete official Notice of Sale shall conflict with the information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, the official Notice of Sale shall control.

Award of the Bonds to the successful bidder, or rejection of all bids, is expected to be made promptly after opening of the bids, but such successful bidder may not withdraw its proposal until after 1:15 P.M., Prevailing Time, of the day of such bid opening and then only if such award has not been made prior to the withdrawal. The successful bidder will be promptly notified of the award to it.

Following the sale of the Bonds, the aggregate par amount of Bonds may be decreased in an amount not in excess of the premium offered by the successful bidder to the extent necessary in order that the total proceeds, which include the total par amount of the Bonds plus the original issue premium, if any, received by the School District, do not exceed the maximum amount permitted under applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In such event, the premium shall also be adjusted to the extent necessary to achieve the same net interest cost which served as the basis for the award to the purchaser.

If the Bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of a bidder, any purchase of such insurance or commitment therefor shall be at the sole option and expense of the bidder and any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting by reason of such insurance, unless otherwise paid, shall be paid by such bidder. Any failure of the Bonds to be so insured or of any such policy of insurance to be issued, shall not in any way relieve the purchaser of his contractual obligation arising from the acceptance of his proposal for the purchase of the Bonds.

The deposit of the Bonds with DTC under a book-entry system requires the assignment of CUSIP numbers prior to delivery. It shall be the responsibility of the successful bidder to obtain CUSIP numbers for the Bonds prior to delivery and the School District will not be responsible for any delay occasioned by the inability to deposit the Bonds with DTC due to the failure of the successful bidder to obtain such numbers and supply them to the School District in a timely manner. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds shall be paid for by the School District; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

In the event that prior to the delivery of the Bonds, any income tax law of the United States of America shall provide that the interest thereon is taxable, or shall be taxable at a future date, for federal income tax purposes, the successful bidder may, at his election, be relieved of his obligations under the contract to purchase the Bonds.

The Bonds will be executed and delivered in escrow to DTC, not less than 24 hours prior to the time set for the delivery thereof. It shall be the responsibility of the purchaser to verify the CUSIP numbers at such time. The closing will be held on or about June 24, 2026 at such place in Jersey City, New Jersey and on such business day and at such hour, as the Sale Officer shall fix on three business days' notice to the successful bidder, or at such other place and time as may be agreed upon with the successful bidder on or against receipt of Federal Funds, in an amount equal to the par amount of such Bonds, plus the premium, if any, plus accrued interest from the date of such Bonds until said day of delivery.

The Bonds will be issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, for the purpose of financing the construction and reconstruction of the school building and facilities. The Bonds are general obligations of the School District. There is no limitation, either as to rate or amount, upon ad valorem taxes upon taxable real property in the School District which may be required to pay the Bonds and the interest thereon. The State Constitution requires the School District to pledge its faith and credit for the payment of the principal of the Bonds and the interest thereon and to make annual appropriations for the amounts required for the payment of such interest and the redemption of the Bonds. The State Constitution also provides that if at any time the appropriating authorities fail to make the required appropriations for the annual debt service on the Bonds and certain other obligations of the School District, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied for such purposes; and also that the fiscal officer of the School District may be required to set apart and apply such revenues as aforesaid at the suit of any holder of such obligations.

Upon default in the payment of principal of or interest on the Bonds or certain other obligations of the School District, the State Comptroller is required, under the conditions and to the extent prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, to withhold state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of defaulted principal and interest with respect to said Bonds and said other obligations.

The population of the School District is estimated to be 3,749 (2024 U.S. Census estimate). The debt statement to be filed pursuant to Section 109.00 of the Local Finance Law, in connection with the sale of the Bonds herein described, prepared as of May 21, 2026, will show the assessed valuation of real property subject to taxation by the School District to be \$289,695,086, the full valuation of real property subject to taxation by the School District to be \$529,690,368, its debt limit to be \$52,969,036, and its bonded indebtedness (inclusive of the Bonds) to be \$6,383,618. The calculation of such bonded indebtedness has not taken into account any deductions therefrom of any apportionment of state aid for debt service for school building purposes to which the School District may be entitled.

The obligation hereunder to deliver and accept the Bonds shall be conditioned on the availability and the delivery at the time of delivery of the Bonds of (a) the approving opinion of **Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York**, Bond Counsel, which will be furnished without cost to the successful bidder, to the effect that the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Richfield Springs Central School District, New York, and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount, and that among other things, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Internal Revenue Code"), includes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income to the recipients thereof, and that under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School District complies with all such requirements, under existing statutes, interest on the Bonds is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxation, and under the Internal Revenue Code, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, however interest on the Bonds is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. Such opinion to be in substantially the form set forth in the Official Statement distributed in connection with the sale of the Bonds; (b) the usual closing certificates in form satisfactory to Bond Counsel evidencing, among other things, the proper execution and delivery of the Bonds, the receipt of payment therefor and the fact that the Bonds will not be arbitrage obligations within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code; (c) a certificate, in form and tenor satisfactory to Bond Counsel and dated as of the date of such delivery, to the effect that there is no litigation pending or (to the knowledge of the signer or signers thereof) threatened affecting the validity of the Bonds; and (d) a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the School District is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, the School District has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and to the knowledge of the School District, since the date of the Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the School District and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the School District or in its financial condition as shown in the Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Official Statement. Reference should be made to the Official Statement of the School District for a description of the scope of Bond Counsel's engagement in relation to the issuance of the Bonds and the matters covered by such legal opinion. A copy of the approving opinion will be delivered with the Bonds.

The Bonds will be deemed designated as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code; however, financial institutions incurring debt to acquire or carry tax-exempt obligations should consult the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code before purchasing the Bonds.

The official statement of the School District relating to the Bonds, dated of even date herewith, is in a form "deemed final" by the School District within the meaning of, and for the purposes of, paragraph (b)(1) of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c2-12.

In accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12 as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the SEC, the School District shall provide, or cause to be provided, either directly or indirectly through a designated agent, in an electronic format to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), or any other entity designed or authorized by the SEC to receive reports pursuant to the Rule,

- (i) during any succeeding fiscal year in which the Bonds are outstanding, to the MSRB's EMMA system in accordance with the Rule, certain annual financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, and a copy of the audited financial statements (prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect at the time of the audit) for the preceding fiscal year, if any, such information, data and audited financial statements, if any, will be of the type included in the final Official Statement delivered in connection with the Bonds, with consistent accounting principles, pursuant to State law and regulations in effect from time to time, and will be so provided on or prior to the later of either the end of the sixth month of each such succeeding fiscal year or, if audited financial statements are prepared, sixty days following receipt by the School District of audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, but, in any event, not later than the last business day of each such succeeding fiscal year; and
- (ii) in a timely manner, not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Bonds are outstanding, to the MSRB's EMMA system, notice of the occurrence of any of the events required by SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C), and the School District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events in addition to those referred to above, if the School District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Bonds; but the School District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events referred to above; and

- (iii) in a timely manner, to the MSRB's EMMA system, notice of its failure to provide the aforementioned annual financial information and operating data and such audited financial statements, if any, on or before the date specified.

All documents provided to the MSRB's EMMA system shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The School District's fiscal year ends on June 30. There is no obligated person under the Rule other than the School District.

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligations to provide the aforementioned annual financial information and operating data and such audited financial statements, if any, and notices of events as set forth above, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule. The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule provided herein is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds (including holders of beneficial interests in the Bonds). The right of holders of the Bonds to enforce the provisions of this undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the School District's obligations under this continuing disclosure undertaking and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of this undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Bonds nor entitle any holder of the Bonds to recover monetary damages.

The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the School District; provided that, the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule, as determined by the opinion of Bond Counsel.

Obligation of Winning Bidder to deliver an Issue Price Certificate at Closing

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Bonds, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Bonds pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The municipal advisor to the School District will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder of the award of the Bonds. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Bonds, advise the municipal advisor to the School District by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Bonds (the "Initial Reoffering Prices") as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder.

(1) Hold the Price. The winning bidder:

- (a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,
- (b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Bonds within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least 10 percent of the Bonds of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the 5th business day after the date of the award of the Bonds, and
- (c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Bonds as set forth above.

(2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:

- (a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Bonds at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,
- (b) will report to the School District information regarding the actual prices at which at least 10 percent of

the Bonds within each maturity of the Bonds have been sold to the public,

- (c) will provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Bonds, will continue until such date that 10 percent of each maturity of the Bonds has been sold to the public, and
- (d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

For purposes of the "hold the price" or "follow the price" requirement, a "maturity" refers to Bonds that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the School District a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Bonds stating the applicable facts as described above.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Bonds for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Reoffering Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Bonds was made.

For purposes of this Notice, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Bonds.

The Initial Reoffering Prices, together with any other information required by the Notice of Sale to be specified by the purchaser or which is necessary for the purchaser to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 such as, selling compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars), the identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate, the interest rate, insurance, if any, rating, if any, and the like), will be coupled by the purchaser with the official statement, dated of even date herewith, to become the "final official statement" under paragraph (b)(3) of SEC Rule 15c2-12. Within five business days following receipt by the School District of such information the School District will furnish to the purchaser, in reasonable quantities as requested by the purchaser, copies of said final official statement, updated as necessary, and supplemented to include said information. Failure of the purchaser to provide such information will prevent the School District from furnishing such final official statement as described above. The purchaser shall notify the School District as soon as practicable of the date which is the "end of the underwriting period" (as defined in SEC Rule 15c2-12).

The successful bidder will be provided with a reasonable number of such final official statements in sufficient quantity and in sufficient time for the successful bidder to comply with paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 and applicable rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Requests for additional information or additional copies of the Notice of Sale and Official Statement may be directed to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairport, New York 14450; phone (585) 924-2145, fax (585) 924-4636. School District's contact information: Amy Johnson, phone: (315) 858-0610 Ext. 1011; email: amyjohnson@richfieldcsd.org.

Dated: May 21, 2026
Richfield Springs, New York

Nancy Duevel
President of the Board of Education and Chief Fiscal Officer



PROPOSAL FOR BONDS

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 President, Board of Education
 Richfield Springs Central School District
 c/o Bernard P. Donegan, Inc.
 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor
 Fairport, New York 14450
 Facsimile: (585) 924-4636

\$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026
 Sale Date & Time: June 4, 2026 at 11:15 a.m.

| (1) | <u>Year of Maturity</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | : | <u>Year of Maturity</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | : | <u>Year of Maturity</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | : | <u>Year of Maturity</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> |
|-----|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | 2027 | _____ % | | 2030 | _____ % | | 2033 | _____ % | | 2036 | _____ % |
| | 2028 | _____ % | | 2031 | _____ % | | 2034 | _____ % | | 2037 | _____ % |
| | 2029 | _____ % | | 2032 | _____ % | | 2035 | _____ % | | 2038 | _____ % |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) | Gross Interest \$ | | | | | | Net Interest \$ | | | | |
| | Premium Bid Over Par \$ | | | | | | Net Interest Cost % | | | | |

(3) **A) ISSUE PRICE:**
THE BIDDER REPRESENTS THAT IT HAS AN ESTABLISHED INDUSTRY REPUTATION FOR UNDERWRITING NEW ISSUANCES OF MUNICIPAL BONDS SIMILAR TO THE BONDS. (Select one)
 YES ___ NO ___

If the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, the Bidder will use one or more of the following methods to determine the issue price of the Bonds:

Please select one of the following:
(if none are selected, then the method shall be assumed to be Follow the Price for each maturity with at least 10% sold on the Sale Date at the Initial Reoffering Price and Hold the Price for all unsold maturities):

- _____ Follow the Price for all maturities -or- _____ Hold the Price for all maturities -or-
 _____ Follow the Price for each maturity with at least 10% sold on the Sale Date at the Initial Reoffering Price and Hold the Price Rule for all other maturities

B) TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDERS WHO ARE PURCHASING BONDS FOR THEIR OWN ACCOUNT: The Bidder is not acting as an underwriter with respect to the Bonds or is not a related party to an underwriter with respect to the Bonds and has no present intention to sell, reoffer or otherwise dispose of the Bonds.
 YES ___ NO ___

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| <p>(4) BIDDER:</p> <p>Firm/Bank _____</p> <p>Individual _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>Telephone () _____</p> <p>E-Mail _____</p> | <p>AGENT for Bidder:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>() _____</p> <p>_____</p> |
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(5) **SIGNATURE** of Bidder or Agent _____



NOTICE OF SALE

\$1,282,900 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2026

RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--|
| SALE DATE: | JUNE 4, 2026 (THURSDAY) | Location: | Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. |
| Facsimile or | | | 345 Woodcliff Dr., 2 nd Floor |
| Telephone Bids Until: | 11:15 A.M. (Prevailing Time) | | Fairport, New York 14450 |
| Notes Dated: | June 25, 2026 (Thursday) | Fax: | (585) 924-4636 |
| Notes Mature: | June 25, 2027 (Friday) | Phone: | (585) 924-2145 |

Facsimile, telephone bids or, at the option of the bidders, proposals delivered via the BiDCOMP®/Parity® Electronic Competitive Bidding System ("PARITY") of i-Deal LLC ("i-Deal") will be received as outlined above for the purchase at not less than par and accrued interest of \$1,282,900 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2026. Said Notes will be issued without the option of prepayment, with interest payable at maturity. The Notes will be issued in registered form payable to the purchaser; provided, however, if the Notes are eligible for issuance through the book-entry-only system for note issues through The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") in Jersey City, New Jersey, the successful bidder may request with its bid that the Notes be issued in "book-entry-only" form, in which case the Notes will be registered and payable to "Cede & Co." as nominee of DTC.

The timely delivery of all proposals submitted by facsimile (FAX) must be in legible and completed form, signed by an authorized representative of the bidder, and shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder. The School District shall not be responsible for any errors and/or delays in transmission and/or receipt of such bids, mechanical or technical failures or disruptions, or any omissions or irregularities in any bids submitted in such manner.

Prospective bidders wishing to submit an electronic bid via PARITY must be contracted customers of PARITY. Prospective bidders who do not have a contract with PARITY must call (212) 849-5021 to become a customer. By submitting an electronic bid for the Notes, a bidder represents and warrants to the School District that such bidder's bid for the purchase of the Notes is submitted for and on behalf of such prospective bidder by an officer or agent who is duly authorized to bind the bidder to a legal, valid and enforceable contract for the purchase of the Notes.

Each prospective bidder who wishes to submit electronic bids shall be solely responsible to register to bid via PARITY. Each qualified prospective bidder is solely responsible for making necessary arrangements to access PARITY for purposes of submitting a timely bid in compliance with the requirements of this Notice of Sale. Neither the School District nor PARITY shall have any duty or obligation to undertake such registration to bid for any prospective bidder or to provide or assure such access to any qualified prospective bidder, and neither the School District nor PARITY shall be responsible for a bidder's failure to register to bid or for the proper operation of PARITY, or have any liability for any delays or interruptions of, or any damages caused by the use or attempted use of PARITY. The School District is using PARITY as a communications mechanism, and not as the School District's agent, to conduct the electronic bidding for the School District's Notes. The School District is not bound by any advice or determination of PARITY as to whether any bid complies with the terms of this Notice of Sale. The use of PARITY facilities are at the sole risk of the prospective bidders. The School District is not responsible for ensuring or verifying bidder compliance with PARITY's procedures. All costs and expenses incurred by prospective bidders in connection with their registration and submission of bids via PARITY are the sole responsibility of the bidders and the School District is not responsible, directly or indirectly, for any such costs or expenses. If a prospective bidder encounters any difficulty in registering to bid, or submitting or modifying a bid for the Notes, it should telephone PARITY and notify the School District's Municipal Advisor, Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. at (585) 924-2145 (provided that the School District shall have no obligation to take any action whatsoever upon receipt of such notice). If the bidder's bid is accepted by the School District, this Notice of Sale and the information that is submitted electronically through PARITY shall form a contract, and the bidder shall be bound by the terms of such contract. Information provided by PARITY to bidders shall form no part of any bid or of any contract between the successful bidder and the School District unless that information is included in this Notice of Sale.

If any provision of the complete official Notice of Sale shall conflict with the information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, the official Notice of Sale shall control.

The Notes will be designated as, or deemed designated as, "qualified tax-exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

The Bond Anticipation Notes are to be issued by the Richfield Springs Central School District, Otsego County, New York. The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, to redeem in part (\$775,000) currently outstanding Bond Anticipation Notes. Said Bond Anticipation Notes were issued to finance the cost of the cost of the School District's share of the cost of a certain capital project to be undertaken by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District, Herkimer, Fulton, Hamilton and Otsego Counties (the "BOCES"). The remaining portion (\$507,900) of this issue will be used to finance the cost of the same.

Said Notes are general obligations of the Richfield Springs Central School District, Otsego County, New York, for the payment of which the School District has pledged its faith and credit. All the taxable real property in said School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the principal of the Notes and the interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

Principal and interest on said Notes are payable in lawful money of the United States of America in Federal Funds. If issued in registered form, payable to the purchaser, a paying agent (or agents) on the Notes, other than, and acceptable to, the School District, may be designated by the winning bidder. Paying agent fees, if any, shall not be the responsibility of the School District.

Denominations, in multiples of \$5,000 (minimum denomination \$5,000, except that one Note may be issued in an amount which is or includes an amount less than the authorized multiple), may be determined by the purchaser.

One rate of interest, stated in a multiple of one-eighth or one-hundredth of one per centum per annum, must be submitted for all of the Notes. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Interest will be computed on a 30-day month/360-day year basis (MSRB Rule G-33).

The Notes will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase the Notes at the lowest interest cost, after accounting for the premium offered, if any, computed in accordance with the net interest cost method of calculation, and if two or more such bidders offer the same lowest net interest cost, then to one of said bidders selected by lot from among all said bidders.

If issued in registered form, payable to the purchaser, closing on the Notes will be in Richfield Springs or Fairport, New York; if issued in book-entry-only form, the Notes will be available for delivery through the facilities of DTC located in Jersey City, New Jersey on or about June 25, 2026 at approximately 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, against receipt of the purchase price of the Notes in Federal Funds.

If applicable, CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the Notes if the purchaser provides Bond Counsel with such numbers by telefax or any other mode of written communication (verbal advice will not be accepted) by 5:00 P.M. on the next business day following the date of sale of the Notes, but neither the failure to print such number on any Note nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes in accordance with the terms of purchase. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the Notes shall be paid for by the School District; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.

As a condition to the purchaser's obligation to accept delivery of and pay for the Notes, the purchaser will be furnished, without cost, the following, dated as of the date of the delivery of and payment for the Notes: (i) a certificate of the School District certifying that (a) as of the date of the Official Statement furnished by the School District in relation to said Notes, said Official Statement did not contain any untrue statements of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in said Official Statement obtained from sources other than the School District is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, he has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and (b) to his knowledge, since the date of said Official Statement, there have been no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the School District or in its financial condition as shown in said Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by said Official Statement; (ii) a Closing Certificate, constituting receipt for the Note proceeds and a signature certificate, which will include a statement that no litigation is pending or, to the knowledge of the signers, threatened affecting the Notes, and (iii) the approving opinion of **Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York**, Bond Counsel, to the effect that the Notes are valid and legally binding obligations of the Richfield Springs Central School District, Otsego County, New York, that all the taxable real property therein will be subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount, that among other things, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), includes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Notes in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income to the recipients thereof, and that under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Notes is excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School District complies with all such requirements, and interest on the Notes is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes under existing statutes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, under the Code, interest on the Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of federal alternative minimum tax, however, interest on the Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. No opinion is

expressed regarding other Federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Notes. A copy of the proposed form of such opinion is attached to the Official Statement as Appendix B.

The School District shall provide, for the benefit of holders of the Notes, as and when required, either directly or indirectly through a designated agent, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Notes are outstanding, notice of the occurrence of any of the events required by Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C). Notices of the events required by SEC Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C) will be provided to the Electronic Municipal Market Access system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or any other entity designated or authorized by the SEC to receive reports pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12, in an electronic format as prescribed by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. All documents provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. The School District's fiscal year ends on June 30. There is no obligated person under the Rule other than the School District.

Nothing in this continuing disclosure undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the School District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this continuing disclosure undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any notice of events, in addition to that which is required by this continuing disclosure undertaking. If the School District chooses to include any information in any notice of Material Events in addition to that which is specifically required by this continuing disclosure undertaking, the School District shall have no obligation under this continuing disclosure undertaking to update such information or to include it in any future notice of Material Events.

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the aforescribed notices of events, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of SEC Rule 15c2-12. The School District agrees that its undertaking pursuant to SEC Rule 15c2-12(b) set forth in this continuing disclosure undertaking is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (including holders of beneficial interests in the Notes) and shall be enforceable by them; provided, that the right to enforce the provisions of this undertaking shall be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the School District's obligations hereunder. In the event of the School District's failure to comply with any provision of this continuing disclosure undertaking any such holder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the School District to comply with its obligations under this continuing disclosure undertaking. No monetary damages shall arise or be payable hereunder nor shall any failure to comply with this undertaking constitute a default of the School District with respect to the Notes.

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Notes.

Obligation of Winning Bidder to deliver an Issue Price Certificate at Closing

By submitting a bid, each bidder is certifying that its bid is a firm offer to purchase the Notes, is a good faith offer which the bidder believes reflects current market conditions, and is not a "courtesy bid" being submitted for the purpose of assisting in meeting the competitive sale requirements relating to the establishment of the "issue price" of the Notes pursuant to Section 148 of the Code, including the requirement that bids be received from at least three (3) underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Competitive Sale Requirements"). The municipal advisor to the School District will advise the winning bidder if the Competitive Sale Requirements were met at the same time it notifies the winning bidder(s) of the award of the Notes. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the Competitive Sale Requirements are not satisfied.

The winning bidder shall, within one (1) hour after being notified of the award of the Notes, advise the municipal advisor to the School District by electronic or facsimile transmission of the reasonably expected initial public offering price or yield of each maturity of the Notes (the "Initial Reoffering Prices") as of the date of the award.

By submitting a bid, the winning bidder agrees (unless the winning bidder is purchasing the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public) that if the Competitive Sale Requirements are not met, it will elect and satisfy either option (1) or option (2) described below. Such election must be made on the bid form submitted by each bidder.

- (1) Hold the Price. The winning bidder:
 - (a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide Bond Counsel with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,
 - (b) will neither offer nor sell to any person any Notes within a maturity at a price that is higher, or a yield that is lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity until the earlier of (i) the date on which the winning bidder has sold to the public at least 10 percent of the Notes of such maturity at a price that is no higher, or a yield that is no lower, than the Initial Reoffering Price of such maturity or (ii) the close of business on the 5th business day after the date of the award of the Notes, and

- (c) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the limitations on the sale of the Notes as set forth above.
- (2) Follow the Price. The winning bidder:
- (a) will make a bona fide offering to the public of all of the Notes at the Initial Reoffering Prices and provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pricing wire or equivalent communication, the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel,
 - (b) will report to the School District information regarding the actual prices at which at least 10 percent of the Notes within each maturity of the Notes have been sold to the public,
 - (c) will provide the School District with reasonable supporting documentation or certifications of such sale prices the form of which is acceptable to Bond Counsel. This reporting requirement, which may extend beyond the closing date of the Notes, will continue until such date that 10 percent of each maturity of the Notes has been sold to the public, and
 - (d) has or will include within any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the winning bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Notes to the public, together with the related pricing wires, language obligating each underwriter to comply with the reporting requirement described above.

For purposes of the "hold the price" or "follow the price" requirement, a "maturity" refers to Notes that have the same interest rate, credit and payment terms.

Regardless of whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the winning bidder shall submit to the School District a certificate (the "Reoffering Price Certificate"), satisfactory to Bond Counsel, prior to the delivery of the Notes stating the applicable facts as described above.

If the winning bidder has purchased the Notes for its own account and not with a view to distribution or resale to the public, then, whether or not the Competitive Sale Requirements were met, the Reoffering Price Certificate will recite such facts and identify the price or prices at which the purchase of the Notes was made.

For purposes of this Notice, the "public" does not include the winning bidder or any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the winning bidder to participate in the initial sale of the Notes to the public (such as a retail distribution agreement between a national lead underwriter and a regional firm under which the regional firm participates in the initial sale of the Notes to the public). In making the representations described above, the winning bidder must reflect the effect on the offering prices of any "derivative products" (e.g., a tender option) used by the bidder in connection with the initial sale of any of the Notes.

The Initial Reoffering Prices, together with any other information required by the Notice of Sale to be specified by the purchaser or which is necessary for the purchaser to comply with SEC Rule 15c2-12 such as, selling compensation (aggregate total anticipated compensation to the underwriters expressed in dollars), the identity of the underwriters if the successful bidder is part of a group or syndicate, the interest rate, insurance, if any, rating, if any, and the like), will be coupled by the purchaser with the official statement, dated of even date herewith, to become the "final official statement" under paragraph (b)(3) of SEC Rule 15c2-12. Within five business days following receipt by the School District of such information the School District will furnish to the purchaser, in reasonable quantities as requested by the purchaser, copies of said final official statement, updated as necessary, and supplemented to include said information. Failure of the purchaser to provide such information will prevent the School District from furnishing such final official statement as described above. The purchaser shall notify the School District as soon as practicable of the date which is the "end of the underwriting period" (as defined in SEC Rule 15c2-12).

The successful bidder will be provided with a reasonable number of such final official statements in sufficient quantity and in sufficient time for the successful bidder to comply with paragraphs (b)(3) and (b)(4) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 and applicable rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Requests for additional information or additional copies of this Notice of Sale and the "near final official statement" may be directed to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairport, New York 14450; phone (585) 924-2145, fax (585) 924-4636. Such Official Statement is in a form "deemed final" by the School District within the meaning of, and for the purposes of, paragraph (b)(1) of SEC Rule 15c2-12. School District's contact information: Amy Johnson, phone: (315) 858-0610 Ext. 1011; email: amyjohnson@richfieldcsd.org.

Dated: May 21, 2026
Richfield Springs, New York

Nancy Duevel
President, Board of Education

No person has been authorized by the Richfield Springs Central School District to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Official Statement, and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized. This Official Statement does not constitute an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Bonds and Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation or sale in such jurisdiction. The information, estimates and expressions of opinion herein are subject to change without notice, and neither the delivery of this Official Statement nor any sale made hereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Richfield Springs Central School District since the date hereof.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT

RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OTSEGO COUNTY, NEW YORK

Relating to

\$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026

and

\$1,282,900 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2026

This Official Statement (the "Official Statement"), which includes the cover page, has been prepared by the Richfield Springs Central School District, Otsego County, New York (the "School District", the "County" and the "State", respectively) in connection with the sale by the School District of \$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026 (the "Bonds") and \$1,282,900 Bond Anticipation Notes, 2026 (the "Notes").

This Official Statement is hereby "deemed final" by the School District within the meaning of, and for the purposes of, paragraph (b)(1) of Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS

The Bonds contain a pledge of faith and credit of the School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York (State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 2; Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Bonds and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Bonds comprise an issue in the principal amount of \$1,670,000, will be dated June 24, 2026, and mature in annual installments on June 15 in the following years and amounts:

MATURITIES

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|----|---------|---|------|----|--------|---|------|----|--------|---|------|----|--------|
| 2027 | \$ | 440,000 | : | 2031 | \$ | 45,000 | : | 2035 | \$ | 55,000 | : | 2039 | \$ | 65,000 |
| 2028 | | 445,000 | : | 2032 | | 50,000 | : | 2036 | | 55,000 | : | 2040 | | 65,000 |
| 2029 | | 110,000 | : | 2033 | | 50,000 | : | 2037 | | 60,000 | : | 2041 | | 70,000 |
| 2030 | | 45,000 | : | 2034 | | 50,000 | : | 2038 | | 65,000 | : | | | |

The above-stated annual principal installments, together with the interest thereon, are expected to provide for substantially level or declining annual debt service on the Bonds. **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY, AFTER SELECTING THE LOW BIDDER, ADJUST SUCH INSTALLMENTS TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MEET THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSTANTIALLY LEVEL OR DECLINING ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE.**

The Bonds maturing on or before June 15, 2034 are not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Bonds maturing on June 15, 2035 and thereafter will be subject to redemption, at the option of the School District prior to maturity, in whole or in part, and if in part in any order of their maturity and in any amount within a maturity (selected by lot within a maturity) on any date on or after June 15, 2034, at the redemption price of par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Notice of Redemption shall be given by mailing by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered holders of such Bonds not less than thirty (30) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Such mailing shall be to the owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the School District or a duly appointed Fiscal Agent. Notice of redemption having been given as aforesaid, the Bonds so called for redemption shall, on the date for redemption set forth in such call for redemption, become due and payable, together with interest to such redemption date, and interest shall cease to be paid thereon after such redemption date.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE BONDS – Concluded

The Bonds will be issued as registered bonds and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, which will act as Securities Depository for the Bonds. Individual purchases will be made in book-entry only form, in the principal amount of \$5,000 or integral multiples thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Bonds. Principal and interest will be paid by the School District to the Securities Depository, which will in turn remit such principal and interest to its Participants, for subsequent distribution to the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds, as described herein. The Bonds bear interest from June 24, 2026, with interest thereon payable on December 15, 2026 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15. The Record Date for the Bonds shall be the last business day of the calendar month preceding each payment date. The Bonds may not be registered to bearer or converted to coupon bonds.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

The Notes contain a pledge of faith and credit of the School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes as required by the Constitution and laws of the State of New York (State Constitution, Article VIII, Section 2; Local Finance Law, Section 100.00). All the taxable real property within the School District is subject to the levy of ad valorem taxes to pay the Notes and interest thereon, without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Notes are anticipated to be redeemed at their maturity from the proceeds of a bond sale or from the sale of bond anticipation renewal notes to be issued in June of 2027. The ability of the School District to sell bonds or renewal notes at such time cannot now be predicted.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Bonds. The Bonds will be issued as fully-registered Bonds registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee) or such other name as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. Upon issuance of the Bonds, one fully registered bond certificate will be issued for each maturity of the Bonds, in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, and will be deposited with DTC.

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York, will act as securities depository for the Notes, if so requested by the purchaser. The Notes will be issued as fully-registered Notes 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, only if requested by the purchaser prior to initial issuance of the Notes. Upon issuance of the Notes, a single note will be issued for all Notes bearing the same rate of interest and CUSIP number, and will be deposited with DTC.

DTC, the world's largest security depository, is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds and provides asset servicing for over 3.5 million issues of U.S. and non-U.S. equity issues, corporate and municipal debt issues, and money market instruments (from over 100 countries) that DTC's participants ("Direct Participants") deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the post-trade settlement among Direct Participants of sales and other securities transactions in deposited securities, through electronic computerized book-entry transfers and pledges between Direct Participants' accounts. This eliminates the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct Participants include both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations. DTC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"). DTCC is the holding company for DTC, National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") and Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC"), 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"). The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

Purchases of Bonds and Notes under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Bonds and Notes on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of each Bond or Note ("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 and Notes are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of Direct and Indirect Participants acting on behalf of Beneficial Owners. Beneficial Owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in the Bonds and Notes, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Bonds and Notes is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Bonds and Notes 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 and Notes with DTC and their registration in the name of Cede & Co. or such other DTC nominee do not effect any change in beneficial ownership. DTC has no knowledge of the actual Beneficial Owners of the Bonds and Notes; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Bonds and Notes 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.

If applicable, redemption notices shall be sent to DTC. If less than all of the Bonds and Notes 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 and Notes unless authorized by a Direct Participant in accordance with DTC's MMI Procedures. Under its usual procedures, DTC mails an Omnibus Proxy to the School District as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts Bonds and Notes are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM - Concluded

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

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

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

Source: The Depository Trust Company, Jersey City, New Jersey.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CANNOT AND DOES NOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC WILL DISTRIBUTE TO THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES (I) PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS AND NOTES, (II) CONFIRMATIONS OF THEIR OWNERSHIP INTERESTS IN THE BONDS AND NOTES, OR (III) OTHER NOTICES SENT TO DTC OR CEDE & CO., ITS PARTNERSHIP NOMINEE, AS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE BONDS AND NOTES, OR THAT THEY WILL DO SO ON A TIMELY BASIS, OR THAT DTC, DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS WILL SERVE AND ACT IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WILL NOT HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATIONS TO DTC, THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS, THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS WITH RESPECT TO (I) THE ACCURACY OF ANY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC; (II) THE PAYMENT BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY AMOUNT DUE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF OR INTEREST OR REDEMPTION PREMIUM ON THE BONDS AND NOTES; (III) THE DELIVERY BY DTC OR ANY DIRECT PARTICIPANTS OR INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS OF DTC OF ANY NOTICE TO ANY BENEFICIAL OWNER THAT IS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE GIVEN TO OWNERS; OR (IV) ANY CONSENT GIVEN OR OTHER ACTION TAKEN BY DTC AS THE REGISTERED HOLDER OF THE BONDS AND NOTES.

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN CONCERNING DTC AND ITS BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM DTC AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES NO REPRESENTATION AS TO THE COMPLETENESS OR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION OR AS TO THE ABSENCE OF MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGES IN SUCH INFORMATION SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

CERTIFICATED BONDS

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions will apply: the Bonds will be issued in fully registered form in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof for any single maturity. Principal of the Bonds when due will be payable upon presentation at the office of a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York to be named as the fiscal agent by the School District upon termination of the book-entry-only system. Interest on the Bonds will remain payable December 15, 2026 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity (or earlier redemption). Interest on the Bonds will be payable by check or draft mailed by the fiscal agent to the registered owners of the Bonds, as shown on the registration books of the School District maintained by the fiscal agent as of the close of business on the Record Date, being the last business day of the calendar month immediately preceding each interest payment date. Bonds may be transferred or exchanged at no cost to the registered owner for Bonds of the same maturity or any other authorized denomination or denominations in the same aggregate principal amount in the manner described on the Bonds and as referenced in certain proceedings of the School District referred to therein.

CERTIFICATED NOTES

In the event that the purchaser does not request that the DTC book-entry-only system apply to the Notes on the date of initial issuance thereof, or in the event that such book-entry-only system is so requested but subsequently discontinued, by either DTC or the School District, the following provisions will apply: the Notes will be issued without the option of prepayment, with interest payable at maturity; the Notes will be issued in registered form in the name of the purchaser in denominations of \$5,000 each or any integral multiple thereof, except that one Note may be issued in an amount which is or includes an amount less than the authorized multiple. Principal and interest on the Notes, when due, are payable in lawful money of the United States of America in Federal Funds. A paying agent (or agents) on the Notes, other than, and acceptable to, the School District, may be designated by the winning bidder. In such case, paying agent fees, if any, shall not be the responsibility of the School District.

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE

The Bonds are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, for the following purpose:

The construction and reconstruction of the school building and facilities, pursuant to a Bond Resolution dated January 10, 2024 authorizing the issuance of \$1,670,000 of serial bonds.

There are currently outstanding \$1,670,000 Bond Anticipation Notes against said 2024 Resolution, maturing June 26, 2026. Said Notes will be paid in full at maturity with the proceeds of the Bond issue.

The Notes are issued pursuant to the Constitution and statutes of the State of New York, including among others, the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, for the following purpose:

The cost of the School District's share of the cost of a certain capital project to be undertaken by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Sole Supervisory District, Herkimer, Fulton, Hamilton and Otsego Counties (the "BOCES"), pursuant to an Intermunicipal Agreement dated September 27, 2022 and entered into by the School District on September 27, 2022 and a Bond Resolution dated March 15, 2023 authorizing the issuance of \$2,539,500 serial bonds, of which the School District is now issuing \$1,282,900 of bond anticipation notes.

There are currently outstanding \$920,718 Bond Anticipation Notes against said 2023 Resolution, maturing June 26, 2026. Said Notes will be paid in full at maturity with a portion (\$775,000) of the proceeds of the Note issue together with \$145,718 available current funds appropriated therefor. A portion of the Notes (\$507,900) represents the fourth issuance of indebtedness against said 2023 Resolution.

STATUS OF PROJECTS

On September 27, 2022 the School District entered into a Joint Agreement with the BOCES, which they approved on September 27, 2022, along with the other school districts of the BOCES, to provide for the construction of improvements to the BOCES school facilities designed to house services provided by the BOCES, at a maximum cost of \$50,000,000. The amount of the project costs allocated to the School District equals \$2,539,500.

On December 13, 2023, the voters approved a \$1,970,000 capital project consisting of construction and reconstruction of the school building and facilities. The School District has contributed \$300,000 of capital reserve funds to the project. Plans and specifications have been approved by the State Education Department and construction is complete.

REMAINING BOND AUTHORIZATIONS

After the issuance of the Notes, the School District will have a remaining \$558,690 bond authorization pursuant to a bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the School District on March 15, 2023 for a BOCES project. This is the project for which the Notes are being issued.

FUTURE CAPITAL PLANS

On May 19, 2026 the School District voters approved a proposition for the acquisition of school buses at an estimated cost of \$230,135. The School District may issue debt for the buses in September of 2026, as they historically have in the past.

The School District has no plans for any other major capital projects; however, the School District continues to perform annual maintenance, repairs and improvement projects through \$100,000 Capital Outlay projects which are funded by state aid the following year.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Richfield Springs Central School District is located in the Towns of Exeter, Otsego, Richfield and Springfield in Otsego County, and the Towns of Columbia and Warren in Herkimer County. The School District campus is located on a 25 acre site in the Village of Richfield Springs, and consists of a single building constructed in 1938.

The School District is equidistant between Albany and Syracuse, about 70 miles from each, on Route 20. It offers access to these urban areas on a excellent highway. Utica is located 28 miles to the northwest, Cooperstown 14 miles to the south and Oneonta is 30 miles to the south.

Two large lakes, Otsego and Canadarago, along with other smaller lakes are located within several miles. The area offers excellent hunting and fishing. Snowmobiling is a popular winter sport for the area. Chartered in 1861, the Village of Richfield Springs used to be a famous resort. It has gradually changed to an agricultural center and a suburban community for the workers of the Mohawk Valley. Expressways make travel very easy to the Utica area.

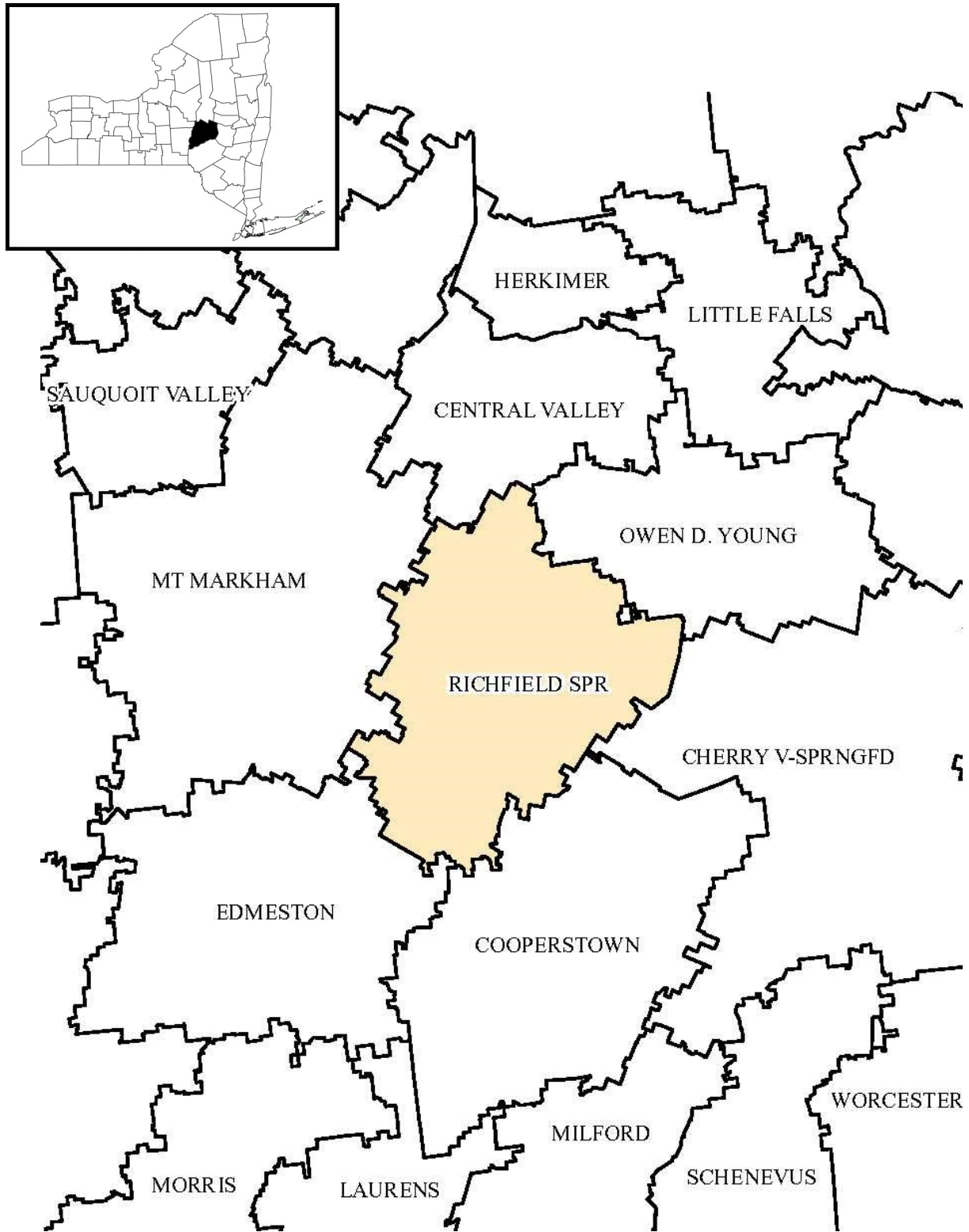
Utilities are provided by New York State Electric and Gas Corporation, and telephone service by Verizon New York, Inc.

BOND RATING

The School District has applied to S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc. for a rating for the Bonds. The School District has not applied for a rating for the Notes.

Currently, the School District does not have a recent underlying rating assigned to them by Moody's Investors Service Inc. ("Moody's") or by S&P Global Ratings, a division of S&P Global Inc.

GENERAL LOCATION MAP - RICHFIELD SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS

The 2025-26 Board of Education consists of:

| | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nancy Duevel, President | 06-30-27 |
| Scot Mondore, Vice President | 06-30-27 |
| Becky Marzeski | 06-30-28 |
| Bradley Smith | 06-30-26 |
| Michelle Zuba | 06-30-28 |

The administrative officers and professional advisors of the School District consist of:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Thomas Piatti | Superintendent |
| Marilyn Shaw | School District Clerk |
| Amy Johnson | Treasurer |
| Ferrara Fiorenza PC | School District Attorney |
| Girvin & Ferlazzo, PC | School District Attorney |
| King + King Architects | Architect |
| WEST & Company CPAs PC | Certified Public Accountant |
| Timothy R. McGill, Esq. | Bond Counsel |
| Bernard P. Donegan, Inc. | Municipal Advisor |

HISTORICAL/PROJECTED ENROLLMENT¹

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| 2021-22 | 421 |
| 2022-23 | 447 |
| 2023-24 | 456 |
| 2024-25 | 419 |
| 2025-26 | 414 |
| 2026-27 | 425 |
| 2027-28 | 429 |
| 2028-29 | 425 |
| 2029-30 | 419 |
| 2030-31 | 415 |

Note: 1 Pre-K enrollment included in figures for 2024-25 onward.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

| <u>Name of School</u> | <u>Grades</u> | <u>Date of Construction</u> | <u>Date of Last Addition or Alteration</u> | <u>Current Maximum Capacity</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| Richfield Springs Central School | Pre-K - 12 | 1938 | 2025 | <u>800</u> |
| Total Capacity | | | | <u>800</u> |

EMPLOYEE CONTRACTS

| <u>Association</u> | <u>Periods Covered</u> | <u>Number of Employees Covered</u> | <u>Affiliation</u> |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Richfield Springs Faculty Association | 07-01-23/06-30-27 | 42 | NYSUT |
| Richfield Springs Non-Instructional Staff | 07-01-24/06-30-27 | 35 | None |
| Richfield Springs Administrative Staff | 07-01-22/06-30-26 ¹ | 4 | None |

The School District currently has 86 full-time and 9 part-time employees.

Note: 1 The School District has negotiated a new contract with the Association. The new contract begins July 1, 2026 and expires June 30, 2030.

STATUS AND FINANCING OF EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS

All non-teaching and non-certified administrative employees of the School District eligible for pension or retirement benefits under the Retirement and Social Security Law of the State are members of the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System ("ERS"). In the School District's 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budgets, the appropriation for payments to the ERS are \$210,697 and \$226,318, respectively.

Teachers and certified administrators are members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System ("TRS" and, collectively with ERS, the "Retirement Systems"). Payments to the TRS are deducted from the School District's State aid payments. In the School District's 2025-26 and 2026-27 Budgets, the appropriation for payments to the TRS are \$382,149 and \$314,939, respectively.

The Retirement Systems are non-contributory with respect to members hired prior to July 27, 1976. Other than those in Tier V and Tier VI (as described below), all members hired on or after July 27, 1976 with less than 10 years of service must contribute 3% of their gross annual salary toward the cost of retirement programs.

The investment of monies, and assumptions underlying the same, of the Retirement Systems covering the School District's employees are not subject to the direction of the School District. Thus, it is not possible to predict, control or prepare for future unfunded accrued actuarial liabilities of the Retirement Systems ("UAALs"). The UAAL is the difference between total actuarially accrued liabilities and actuarially calculated assets available for the payment of such benefits. The UAAL is based on assumptions as to retirement age, mortality, projected salary increases attributed to inflation, across-the-board raises and merit raises, increases in retirement benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, valuation of current assets, investment return and other matters. Such UAALs could be substantial in the future, requiring significantly increased contributions from the School District which could affect other budgetary matters. Concerned investors should contact the Retirement Systems' administrative staff for further information on the latest actuarial valuations of the Retirement Systems.

The State's 2019-2020 Budget, which was signed into law on March 31, 2019, allows school districts in the State to establish a reserve fund for the purpose of funding/offsetting the cost of TRS contributions. School districts may pay into such fund, during any particular fiscal year, an amount not to exceed two percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year; provided that the balance of such fund may not exceed ten percent of the total compensation or salaries of all district-employed teachers who are members of the TRS paid during the immediately preceding fiscal year. The School District has established such a fund.

In 2003, Chapter 49 of the Laws of 2003 amended the Retirement and Social Security Law and the Local Finance Law ("Chapter 49"). Chapter 49 empowered the State Comptroller to implement a comprehensive structural reform program for the ERS. The reform program established a minimum contribution for any local governmental employer equal to 4.5% of pensionable salaries for bills which were due December 15, 2003 and for all fiscal years thereafter, as a minimum annual contribution where the actual rate would otherwise be 4.5% or less due to the investment performance of the fund. In addition, the reform program instituted a billing system to match the budget cycle of municipalities and school districts that will advise such employers over one year in advance concerning actual pension contribution rates for the next annual billing cycle. Under the previous method, the requisite ERS contributions for a fiscal year could not be determined until after the local budget adoption process was complete. Under Chapter 49, a contribution for a given fiscal year is now based on the valuation of the pension fund on the prior April 1 of the calendar year preceding the contribution due date instead of the following April 1 in the year of contribution so that the exact amount may now be included in a budget.

On July 20, 2004, Chapter 260 of the Laws of 2004 ("Chapter 260") was enacted amending the New York State General Municipal Law, Local Finance Law and the Retirement and Social Security Law.

Chapter 260 contained three components which altered the way municipalities and school districts contribute to the State pension system: (1) revision of the payment due date, (2) extension of the period of time for pension debt amortization, and (3) authorization to establish a pension reserve fund. Prior to the effective date of Chapter 260, the annual retirement bill sent to municipalities and school districts from the State had reflected pension payments due between April 1 and March 31, consistent with the State fiscal year.

Chapter 260 provided for the following changes:

- **Contribution Payment Date Change:** The law changed the date on which local pension contributions are due to the State. The annual required contribution is now due February 1 annually instead of December 15.

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STATUS AND FINANCING OF EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS - Continued

- Pension Cost Amortization-Extension of Payout Period: The law also extended the ability of municipalities and school districts to amortize a portion of the current year pension cost over a period of 10 years, extending the term from five years as authorized under Chapter 49. Municipalities and school districts could choose to amortize, either directly through the State retirement system at a fixed interest rate annually determined by the State Comptroller, or through the capital markets, pension payments in excess of 9.5% in 2006 and 10.5% in 2007.
- Pension Contributions Reserve Fund: The law created special authorization to create a new category of reserve fund under the General Municipal Law. Municipalities and school districts may now establish a retirement contribution reserve fund that can be funded from other available current government resources.

On December 10, 2009, legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier V pension level. Key components of Tier V include:

- Raising the minimum age at which most civilians can retire without penalty from 55 to 62 and imposing a penalty of up to 38% for any civilian who retires prior to age 62.
- Requiring employees to continue contributing 3% of their salaries toward pension costs so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from 5 years to 10 years. The State's 2022-23 Budget reduced the minimum years of service required to draw a pension from 10 years to 5 years.
- There is a cap on the amount of overtime that can be considered in the calculation of pension benefits. The cap for 2025-26 for Tier V is \$23,369.51 and the cap for Tier VI is \$20,958.

Members of the TRS have a separate Tier V benefit structure that will achieve equivalent savings as other civilian public employees. It includes:

- Raising the minimum age an individual can retire without penalty from 55 to 57 years.
- Contributing 3.5% of their annual wages to pension costs rather than 3% and continuing this increased contribution so long as they accumulate additional pension credits.
- Increasing the 2% multiplier threshold for final pension calculations from 20 to 25 years.

In accordance with constitutional requirements, Tier V applies only to public employees hired after December 31, 2009 and before April 2, 2012.

On March 16, 2012, legislation was signed into law that created a new Tier VI pension level. The Tier VI plan only applies to those employees hired on or after April 1, 2012.

Below is a brief summary highlighting a number of components from the Tier VI legislation:

- The employee contribution rates vary based on a salary sliding scale from 3% to 6% of salary.
- Under previous tiers, there was no limit to the number of public employers a public employee worked for from which retirement benefits could be calculated. Tier VI permits only two salaries to be included in the calculation.
- The legislation includes an optional defined contribution plan for new non-union employees with annual salaries of \$75,000 and over. The employer will make an 8% contribution to employee contribution accounts. This is a voluntary option for those employees.
- The new tier increases the minimum retirement age from 62 to 63 and allows for early retirement with penalties. There will be a permanent reduction of a pension payout for each year a person retires prior to age 63.
- The pension multiplier for Tier VI is 1.75% for the first 20 years of service and 2% starting in the 21st year.
- Employees will vest after 10 years of service. The State's 2022-23 Budget reduced the number of years of service to 5 years. This is not a change from Tier V.
The number of sick and leave days that can be applied toward retirement service credit is reduced from 200 to 100.
- The final average salary is based on a five-year average instead of the previous Tiers' three-year average. The State's 2024-25 Budget revised the final average salary to be based on the highest consecutive three-year average. The annual growth in salary used to determine pension allowances is capped at 10% of the average salary of the previous four years (lump sum payments of unused sick and vacation time are eliminated from the calculation).
- Pension eligible overtime for civilian and non-uniformed employees will be capped at \$15,000 plus inflation. For uniformed employees (primarily police and fire) outside of New York City, the cap is set at 15% of base pay.
- The State is required to fund any pension enhancements on an ongoing basis. This is a potential future cost savings for local governments.

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STATUS AND FINANCING OF EMPLOYEE PENSION BENEFITS - Concluded

The average contribution rate for the ERS for the 2025-26 fiscal year is 16.5%. The average contribution rate for the TRS for the 2025-26 fiscal year is 9.59%.

The 2013-14 State Budget included a provision that provides local governments and school districts, including the School District, with the option to "lock-in" long-term, stable rate pension contributions for a period of years determined by the State Comptroller and TRS. The stable rates were 12% for ERS and 14% for TRS for 2013-14 and 2014-15; 2015-16 and beyond were subject to adjustment. The pension contribution rates under this program reduced near-term payments for employers, but required higher than normal contributions in later years. This provision describes this savings as a "spin up" of future savings from the implementation of Tier VI of the State Retirement System last year. The School District did not avail itself of this option.

The School District and other municipal units of government in the State are prohibited from reducing health benefits received by or increasing health care contributions paid by retirees below the level of benefits or contributions afforded to or required from active employees.

The School District provides post-retirement healthcare benefits to various categories of former employees. These costs may be expected to rise substantially in the future. GASB Statement No. 75 ("GASB 75") of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") requires governmental entities, such as the School District, to account for the cost of certain non-pension postemployment benefits as it accounts for vested pension benefits.

GASB 75 and OPEB. OPEB refers to "other postemployment benefits," meaning other than pension benefits. OPEB consists primarily of health care benefits, and may include other benefits such as disability benefits and life insurance. Before GASB 75, OPEB costs were generally accounted for and managed as current expenses in the year paid and were not reported as a liability on governmental financial statements.

GASB 75 requires municipalities and school districts to account for OPEB liabilities much like they already account for pension liabilities, generally adopting the actuarial methodologies used for pensions, with adjustments for the different characteristics of OPEB and the fact that most municipalities and school districts have not set aside any funds against this liability. However, GASB 75 also addresses certain circumstances in which a non-employer entity provides financial support for OPEB of employees of another entity and requires: (a) explanations of how and why the OPEB liability changed from year to year, (b) amortization and reporting of deferred inflows and outflows due to assumption changes, (c) use of a discount rate that takes into account resources of an OPEB plan and how they will be invested to maximize coverage of the liability, (d) a single actual cost method and (e) immediate recognition of OPEB expense and effects of changes to benefit terms.

Under GASB 75, a total OPEB liability is determined for each municipality or school district. A net change in the total OPEB Liability is calculated as the sum of changes for the year including service cost, interest, difference between expected and actual experience, changes in benefit terms, changes in assumptions or other inputs, less the benefit payments made by the School District for the year.

Based on the most recent actuarial valuation dated July 1, 2023 and financial data as of June 30, 2025, the School District's beginning year total OPEB liability was \$26,197,149, the net change for the year was (\$355), resulting in a total OPEB liability of \$26,196,794 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The aforementioned liability is recognized and disclosed in accordance with GASB 75 standards in the School District's June 30, 2025 financial statements.

The total OPEB liability is required to be determined through an actuarial valuation every two years, at a minimum. However, OPEB plans with fewer than 100 members, may use an alternative measurement method in place of an actuarial valuation. Additional information about GASB 75 and other accounting rules applicable to municipalities and school districts may be obtained from GASB.

There is no authority in current State law to establish a trust account or reserve fund for this liability.

The School District's total OPEB liability is expected to increase. As is the case with most municipalities and school districts, this is being handled by the School District on a "pay-as-you-go" basis. Substantial future increases could have a material adverse impact upon the School District's finances and could force the School District to reduce services, raise taxes or both.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Type of Product or Service</u> | <u>Approximate Number of Employees</u> |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| Richfield Springs Central School District | Public Education | 95 |
| Price Chopper | Grocery Store | 30 |
| American Homes | Manufactured Housing Sales | 25 |
| Griffith CDJR (formerly Skinner & Damulis) | Auto Dealership | 16 |
| Suburban Propane | Utility | 15 |

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES¹

Unemployment statistics are not available for the School District as such. The smallest area for which such statistics are available (which includes the School District) is Otsego County. The data set forth below with respect to the County is included for information purposes only. It should not be inferred from the inclusion of such data in this Official Statement that the School District is necessarily representative of the County or vice versa.

| <u>Year</u> | <u>County Unemployment Rate</u> | <u>New York State Unemployment Rate</u> | <u>U.S. Unemployment Rate</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 2016 | 5.0% | 4.9% | 4.9% |
| 2017 | 5.0% | 4.6% | 4.4% |
| 2018 | 4.4% | 4.1% | 3.9% |
| 2019 | 4.1% | 3.9% | 3.7% |
| 2020 | 7.0% | 9.8% | 8.1% |
| 2021 | 4.7% | 7.1% | 5.3% |
| 2022 | 3.7% | 4.3% | 3.6% |
| 2023 | 4.0% | 4.0% | 3.6% |
| 2024 | 4.1% | 4.2% | 4.0% |
| 2025 | 4.3% | 4.3% | 4.3% |

Note: 1 Unemployment rates for 2020 increased substantially over prior years as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: New York State Department of Labor, abstracted April 2, 2026. Rates shown are not seasonally adjusted.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Pursuant to the statutes of the State of New York, the School District is permitted to invest only in the following investments: (1) special time deposit accounts in, certificates of deposit issued by or a deposit placement program (as provided by statute) with a bank or trust company located and authorized to do business in the State of New York; (2) obligations of the United States of America; (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America; (4) obligations of the State of New York; (5) obligations issued pursuant to Local Finance Law Sections 24.00 (tax anticipation notes) or 25.00 (revenue anticipation notes) with approval of the State Comptroller, by any municipality, school district or district corporation other than the School District; and (6) in the case of the School District moneys held in certain reserve funds established pursuant to law, obligations issued by the School District. These statutes further require that all bank deposits, in excess of the amount insured under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, be secured by a pledge of eligible securities, an eligible letter of credit or an eligible surety bond, as each such term is defined in the law, or satisfy the statutory requirements of the deposit placement program.

Consistent with the above statutory limitations, it is the School District's current policy to invest in: (1) certificates of deposit or time deposit accounts that are fully secured as required by statute, (2) obligations of the United States of America or (3) obligations guaranteed by agencies of the United States of America where the payment of principal and interest is guaranteed by the United States of America. In the case of obligations of the United States government, the School District may purchase such obligations pursuant to a written repurchase agreement that requires the purchased securities to be delivered to a third party custodian. The School District is not authorized by State Law to invest in reverse repurchase agreements or similar derivative-type investments.

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

Pursuant to the Education Law, the Board of Education of the School District annually prepares, or causes to be prepared, a budget for the ensuing fiscal year. A public hearing on such budget is held not less than seven and not more than fourteen days prior to the vote. The Board of Education causes notice of such public hearing to be published four times beginning seven weeks prior to the vote. After the public hearing, but not less than six days prior to the budget vote, the School District must mail a school budget notice to all qualified voters which contains the total budgeted amount, the dollar and percentage increase or decrease in the proposed budget (or contingency budget) as compared to the current budget, the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index, the estimated property tax levy, the basic STAR exemption impact and the date, time and place of the budget vote.

After the budget hearing and subsequent notice, a referendum upon the question of the adoption of the budget is held on the third Tuesday in May each year. All qualified School District residents are eligible to participate.

Pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York ("Chapter 97"), beginning with the 2012-13 fiscal year, if the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that does not exceed the lesser of 2% (plus certain adjustments, if applicable) or the rate of inflation (the "School District Tax Cap"), then a majority vote is required for approval. If the proposed budget requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the School District Tax Cap, the budget proposition must include special language and a 60% vote is required for approval. Any separate proposition that would cause the School District to exceed the School District Tax Cap also must receive at least 60% voter approval.

If the proposed budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education may resubmit the original budget or a revised budget to the voters on the third Tuesday in June, or adopt a contingency budget (which would provide for ordinary contingent expenses, including debt service) that levies a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy).

If the resubmitted and/or revised budget is not approved by the required margin, the Board of Education must adopt a budget that requires a tax levy no greater than that of the prior fiscal year (i.e. a 0% increase in the tax levy). For a complete discussion of Chapter 97, see "Tax Levy Limitation Law" herein.

The School District's Budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 20, 2025. The School District's 2025-26 Budget remained within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97. The School District's Budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year was adopted by the qualified voters on May 19, 2026. The School District's 2026-27 Budget will remain within the School District Tax Cap imposed by Chapter 97.

STATE AID

The School District receives financial assistance from the State. In its budgets for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 fiscal years, approximately 58.28% and 58.31% of the revenues of the School District, respectively, are estimated to be received in the form of State aid. If the State should experience difficulty in borrowing funds in anticipation of the receipt of State taxes in order to pay State aid to municipalities and school districts in the State, including the School District, in any year, the School District may be affected by a delay in the receipt of State aid until sufficient State taxes have been received by the State to make State aid payments. Additionally, should the State budget not be adopted in a timely manner, municipalities and school districts in the State, including the School District, may be affected by a delay in the payment of State aid.

The State is not constitutionally obligated to maintain or continue State aid to the School District. No assurance can be given that present State aid levels will be maintained in the future. State budgetary restrictions which eliminate or substantially reduce State aid could have a material adverse effect upon the School District requiring either a counterbalancing increase in revenues from other sources to the extent available, or a curtailment of expenditures.

The availability of State aid and the timeliness of payment of State aid to school districts could be affected by a delay in the adoption of the State budget and/or the State's cash flow difficulties.

Due to the extraordinary challenges from the COVID-19 health crisis creating a \$10 billion loss in revenue to the State, the State's 2020-21 Budget included a total of \$27.9 billion of State aid, which was essentially the same amount of State aid to school districts included in the State's 2019-20 Budget. It should be noted that there was an actual year-to-year decrease of State aid implemented through a reduction of each school district's State aid allocation from the 2019-20 year. The reduction was referred to as a "Pandemic Adjustment". However, the decrease in State aid was expected to be fully offset by an allocation received by the State of funds from the recently approved federal stimulus bill. Absent the federal stimulus funds, there would have been a \$1.127 billion decrease in State aid from the 2019-20 year. In addition, the State's 2020-21 Budget authorized the State's Budget Director to make periodic adjustments to State aid, in the event that actual State revenues came in below 99% percent of estimates or if actual disbursements exceeded 101% of estimates. Specifically, the legislation provided that the State Budget Director would determine whether the State's 2020-2021 Budget was balanced during three "measurement periods": April 1 to April 30, May 1 to June 30, and July 1 to Dec. 31. According to the legislation, if "a General Fund imbalance has occurred during any Measurement Period," the State's Budget Director will be empowered to "adjust or reduce any general fund and/or state special revenue fund appropriation ... and related cash disbursement by any amount needed to maintain a balanced budget," and "such adjustments or reductions shall be done uniformly across the board to the extent practicably or by specific appropriations as needed." The legislation further provided that prior to making any adjustments or reductions, the State's Budget Director must notify the Legislature in writing and the Legislature has 10 days following receipt of such notice to prepare and approve its own plan. If the Legislature failed to approve its own plan, the Budget Director's reductions would take effect automatically.

Pursuant to that provision, in October, 2020, the State announced that, in the absence of federal funding to offset such lost revenue, the State had begun to take steps to reduce spending, including but not limited to, temporarily holding back 20% of most aid payments to local governments and school districts. However, the 2020-2021 State aid declines were offset, in part, by \$1.1 billion of increased federal funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. With these federal funds, State aid totaled \$27.9 billion in the State's 2020-2021 Budget, an annual increase of approximately \$100 million or 0.4 percent from the 2019-2020 Budget. As of February 1, 2021, the State Education Department ("SED") advised school districts that the State Division of the Budget would, at some point, provide approval for SED to make the payments to school districts for State aid and other Pre-K-12 grant programs that had been subject to the above-referenced 20% withholding. Such approval was received and the State released all of the withheld funds prior to June 30, 2021.

The State's 2021-22 Budget included a total of \$29.5 billion for school aid, a year-to-year funding increase of \$3 billion or 11.3%. The State's 2021-22 Budget provided \$19.8 billion for Foundation Aid, a \$1.4 billion increase, as well as a three-year phase-in of full funding of Foundation Aid by the State's 2024-25 fiscal year. Approximately 75 percent of the Foundation Aid increase was targeted to high-need school districts. The State's 2021-22 Budget included a \$105 million expansion of the State's full-day prekindergarten programs. The State's 2021-22 Budget also authorized aid for pandemic-related school district transportation costs. School districts were reimbursed for the cost of delivering school meals and instructional materials as well as the cost of keeping transportation employees and contractors on stand-by during the pandemic-related closures in spring 2020. The State's 2021-22 Budget included \$13 billion of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief and Governor's Emergency Education Relief funds to public schools, to be used over multiple years. Of the \$13 billion, \$629 million was used as targeted grants to support efforts to address learning loss through activities such as summer enrichment and comprehensive after-school programs.

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STATE AID - Continued

The State's 2022-23 Budget included a total of \$31.5 billion for school aid, an increase of \$2.1 billion or 7.2%. This increase was largely driven by the second year of the three-year phase in of full funding of the Foundation Aid formula. The State's 2022-23 Budget provided a \$1.5 billion increase in Foundation Aid, which included a 3% minimum annual increase to fully funded school districts. The State's 2022-23 Budget also included a \$451 million increase in all other school aid programs. The State's 2022-23 Budget provided an additional \$125 million in funding for full-day prekindergarten programs.

The State's 2023-24 Budget included \$34.5 billion for school aid, an increase of \$3.1 billion or 10%. The States 2023-24 Budget also provided a \$2.6 billion increase in Foundation Aid, fully funding the program for the first time in history.

The State's 2023-24 Budget provided \$134 million to increase access to free school meals. A \$20 million in grant funding established new Early College High School and Pathways in Technology Early College High School Programs. An investment of \$10 million over two years in competitive funding for school districts, boards of cooperative educational services, and community colleges was made to promote job readiness. An additional \$150 million was used to expand high-quality full-day prekindergarten, resulting in universal prekindergarten to be phased into 95% of the State.

The State's 2024-25 Budget provided \$35.9 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2024-25 school year, the highest level of State aid ever. This represented an increase of \$1.3 billion compared to the 2023-24 school year and includes a \$934 million or 3.89% Foundation Aid increase. The State's 2024-25 Budget maintained the "save harmless" provision, which currently ensured a school district receives at least the same amount of Foundation Aid as it received in the prior year. The State's 2024-25 Budget also authorized a comprehensive study by the Rockefeller Institute and the State Department of Education to develop a modernized school funding formula.

The State's 2025-26 Budget included approximately \$37 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2025-2026 school year, an estimated year-to-year funding increase of \$1.7 billion. The State's 2025-26 Budget provided an estimated \$26.3 billion in Foundation Aid, a year over year increase of \$1.42 billion and includes a 2% minimum increase in Foundation Aid to all school districts. The State's 2025-26 Budget also made a number of alterations to the Foundation Aid formula to more accurately reflect low-income student populations and provide additional aid to low-wealth districts.

Provisions in the State's 2025-26 Budget granted the State Budget Director the authority to withhold all or some of the amounts appropriated therein, including amounts that were to be paid on specific dates prescribed in law or regulation (such as State Aid) if, on a cash basis of accounting, a "general fund imbalance" had or was expected to occur in fiscal year 2025-26. Specifically, the State's 2025-26 Budget provided that a "general fund imbalance" has occurred, and the State Budget Director's powers are activated, if any State fiscal year 2025-26 quarterly financial plan update required by Subdivision 4 of Section 23 of the New York State Finance Law reflected, or if at any point during the final quarter of State fiscal year 2025-26 the State Budget Director projected, that estimated general fund receipts and/or estimated general fund disbursements had or would vary from the estimates included in the State's 2025-26 Budget financial plan required by sections 22 and 23 of the New York State Finance Law resulted in a cumulative budget imbalance of \$2 billion or more. No "general fund imbalance" occurred during the State's 2025-26 fiscal year and, therefore, the State Budget Director did not exercise his powers to withhold all of some of the amounts appropriated in the State's 2025-26 Enacted Budget.

The State's 2026-27 Executive Budget includes \$39.3 billion in State funding to school districts for the 2026-27 school year, an estimated year-to-year funding increase of \$1.6 billion. The State's 2026-27 Executive Budget includes \$27 billion in Foundation Aid, an increase of \$779 million from 2025-26, and includes a 1% minimum increase in Foundation Aid to all school districts. The State's 2026-27 Executive Budget also includes an increase of \$561 million in Universal Pre-Kindergarten Aid to ensure universal full-day Pre-K for all four-year-olds in the State by the start of the State's 2029 fiscal year. On May 8, 2026, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that she had reached agreement with the State Legislature on a 2026-2027 budget. Details of the budget agreement have not been released and, as of the date of this Official Statement, the Legislature has not adopted and the Governor has not signed the State's 2026-27 budget.

The State's Enacted Budgets were adopted after the April 1 deadline in the State's fiscal years 2023-24 (adopted on May 2, 2023, thirty-one (31) days late), 2024-25 (adopted on April 22, 2024, twenty-one (21) days late, and 2025-26 (adopted on May 9, 2025, thirty-eight (38) days late). As of the date of this Official Statement, the State's 2026-27 budget is late and not yet adopted. The State's Enacted Budgets were adopted by April 1 or shortly thereafter in the State's fiscal years 2016-17 through 2022-23, inclusive. No assurance can be given that the State will not experience delays in the adoption of the budget in future fiscal years. Significant delays in the adoption of the State budget could result in delayed payment of State aid to school districts in the State which could adversely affect the financial condition of school districts in the State.

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STATE AID – Concluded

There can be no assurance that the State's financial position will not change materially and adversely from current projections. If this were to occur, the State would be required to take additional gap-closing actions. Such actions may include, but are not limited to: reductions in State agency operations; delays or reductions in payments to local governments or other recipients of State aid, including school districts in the State.

Section 99-b of the State Finance Law provides a mechanism for the intercept of certain State aid or assistance for the payment of the principal of and interest on bonds and notes of a school district (including the School District Bonds) in default on such payment. The intercept mechanism provides procedures for the giving of default notices to the State Comptroller, payment by the State Comptroller to the paying agent or agents for the bonds and notes in default of all or a portion of the amount then due and allotment, apportionment or payment by the State Comptroller of such State aid or assistance due to such school district.

From March, 2020 through the end of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the State was awarded over \$14 billion in federal education COVID response funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 ("CRRSA"); and the American Rescue Plan ("ARP") Act. These funds were used to support local educational agencies' efforts to address the impact that COVID-19 had, and continues to have, on elementary and secondary schools in the State. Such federal funding expired at the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year.

The State also receives a substantial amount of federal aid for health care, education, transportation and other governmental purposes, as well as federal funding to respond to, and recover from, severe weather events and other disasters. Current federal aid projections, and the assumptions on which they rely, are subject to revision.

In addition to the potential fiscal impact of policies that may be proposed and adopted by the federal administration and Congress, the State budget may be adversely affected by other actions taken by the federal government, including audits, disallowances, and changes to federal participation rates or other Medicaid rules.

President Trump signed an executive order that directs the Secretary of Education to take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the U.S. Department of Education. The executive order aims to minimize the federal role in education but stops short of completely closing the Department as this would require 60 votes in the U.S. Senate. President Trump also indicated his preference that critical functions, like distributing Individuals with Disabilities Education Act funding, would be the responsibility of other federal agencies. The impact that the executive order will have on the State and school districts in the State is unknown at this time.

FISCAL STRESS MONITORING

The New York State Office of the State Comptroller ("OSC") has developed a Fiscal Stress Monitoring System ("FSMS") to provide independent information to School District officials, taxpayers and policy makers regarding the various levels of fiscal stress under which the State's diverse school districts are operating.

The fiscal stress scores are based on financial information submitted as part of each school district's ST-3 report filed yearly with the State Education Department. Using financial indicators that include June 30, 2025 year-end fund balance, cash position and patterns of operating deficits, the OSC system creates an overall fiscal stress score which classifies whether a district is in "significant fiscal stress", in "moderate fiscal stress", as "susceptible to fiscal stress" or "no designation". Entities that do not accumulate the number of points that would place them in a stress category will receive a financial score but will be classified in a category of "no designation". This classification should not be interpreted to imply that the entity is completely free of fiscal stress conditions. Rather, the entity's financial information, when objectively scored according to the FSMS criteria, did not generate sufficient points to place them in one of the three established stress categories.

The report of the State Comptroller using financial indicators through June 30, 2025 designated the School District as "No Designation".

Note: See the official website of the New York State Comptroller for more information on FSMS. Reference to websites implies no warranty of accuracy of information therein nor inclusion herein by reference.

OTHER INFORMATION

The statutory authority for the power to spend money for the object or purpose, or to accomplish the object or purpose, for which the Bonds and Notes are to be issued is the Education Law and the Local Finance Law.

No principal or interest upon any obligation of the School District is past due.

The fiscal year of the School District is from July 1 to June 30.

The population of the School District is currently estimated to be 3,749 (2024 U.S. Census estimate).

Other than "Estimated Calculation of Overlapping Indebtedness", this Official Statement does not include the financial data of any other political subdivisions of the State having power to levy taxes within the School District.

FINANCIAL AUDITS

The School District retains an independent public accountant, whose most recent report covers the period ended June 30, 2025. Copies of the report have been duly delivered to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (<https://emma.msrb.org/P11908511-P11458000-P11906135.pdf>) and may be examined at the School District office. Such report was prepared as of the date thereof and has not been updated in connection with the preparation and dissemination of this Official Statement, which Official Statement itself was not audited. Any interested person is hereby referred to such report and any other report that may be filed with the EMMA system from time to time to determine whether there is, or has been, any material qualification to the opinion or opinions of such accountants that may have been provided therein.

The School District complies with the Uniform System of Accounts as prescribed for school districts in New York State. This system differs from generally accepted accounting principles as prescribed by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Industry Audit Guide, "Audits of State and Local Governmental Units", and codified in Government Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting ("GAAFR"), published by the National Committee on Government Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

WEST & Company CPAs PC, the independent auditor for the School District, has not been engaged to perform and has not performed, since the date of its report, any procedures on the financial statements addressed in that report. WEST & Company CPAs PC also has not performed any procedures relating to this Official Statement.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION¹

| Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30:</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Assessed Valuation: | | | | | | |
| Exeter | \$ 28,788,259 | \$ 29,244,837 | \$ 29,127,906 | \$ 29,209,639 | \$ 29,468,773 | \$ 29,645,942 |
| Otsego | 53,728,306 | 53,373,662 | 53,458,215 | 53,650,762 | 53,817,784 | 53,721,461 |
| Richfield | 145,608,112 | 146,295,909 | 146,488,013 | 146,807,615 | 147,613,718 | 147,441,589 |
| Springfield | 9,749,612 | 9,694,291 | 9,858,663 | 9,967,975 | 9,941,330 | 9,969,362 |
| Columbia | 20,799,765 | 20,831,100 | 21,162,207 | 22,466,974 | 22,165,508 | 22,105,790 |
| Warren | 26,064,117 | 26,187,631 | 26,332,829 | 26,383,857 | 26,683,974 | 26,810,942 |
| Total Assessed Value | \$ 284,738,171 | \$ 285,627,430 | \$ 286,427,833 | \$ 288,486,822 | \$ 289,691,087 | \$ 289,695,086 |
| Equalization Rates: | | | | | | |
| Exeter | 50.00% | 48.00% | 42.08% | 44.92% | 42.40% | 40.10% |
| Otsego | 100.00% | 100.00% | 90.94% | 82.00% | 74.00% | 70.00% |
| Richfield | 88.00% | 86.50% | 81.00% | 71.00% | 64.00% | 59.51% |
| Springfield | 94.00% | 91.00% | 87.00% | 75.40% | 70.00% | 59.51% |
| Columbia | 79.00% | 75.00% | 69.90% | 62.00% | 56.00% | 52.56% |
| Warren | 65.00% | 63.00% | 58.00% | 46.75% | 45.79% | 43.57% |
| Equalized Value: | | | | | | |
| Exeter | \$ 57,576,518 | \$ 60,926,743 | \$ 69,220,308 | \$ 65,025,910 | \$ 69,501,823 | \$ 73,930,029 |
| Otsego | 53,728,306 | 53,373,662 | 58,784,049 | 65,427,758 | 72,726,735 | 76,744,944 |
| Richfield | 165,463,763 | 169,128,218 | 180,849,398 | 206,771,288 | 230,646,434 | 247,759,349 |
| Springfield | 10,371,927 | 10,653,067 | 11,331,796 | 13,220,125 | 14,201,900 | 16,752,414 |
| Columbia | 26,328,816 | 27,774,800 | 30,274,974 | 36,237,054 | 39,581,264 | 42,058,200 |
| Warren | 40,098,641 | 41,567,668 | 45,401,429 | 56,436,057 | 58,274,675 | 61,535,327 |
| Total Equalized Value | \$ 353,567,971 | \$ 363,424,158 | \$ 395,861,954 | \$ 443,118,192 | \$ 484,932,831 | \$ 518,780,263 |

Note: 1 Equalized values shown here are those used by the School District for tax levy purposes as provided in the Real Property Tax Law. In some cases, equalization rates established specifically for school tax apportionment may have been used, as is also provided in the Real Property Tax Law.

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION - Concluded

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30: | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Total Equalized Value | \$ 353,567,971 | \$ 363,424,158 | \$ 395,861,954 | \$ 443,118,192 | \$ 484,932,831 | \$ 518,780,263 |
| Tax Levy for All Purposes | \$ 3,675,377 | \$ 3,742,095 | \$ 3,760,095 | \$ 3,861,184 | \$ 4,017,970 | \$ 4,164,570 |
| Tax Rate/\$1,000 Equalized Value | \$ 10.40 | \$ 10.30 | \$ 9.50 | \$ 8.71 | \$ 8.29 | \$ 8.03 |
| Tax Levy as a Percentage of Equalized Value | 1.04% | 1.03% | 0.95% | 0.87% | 0.83% | 0.80% |
| Outstanding Debt: | | | | | | |
| Serial Bonds | \$ 4,240,000 | \$ 3,870,000 | \$ 3,485,000 | \$ 3,080,000 | \$ 2,800,000 | \$ N/A |
| Bond Anticipation Notes | 215,000 | 370,500 | 515,000 | 1,509,940 | 3,326,497 | N/A |
| Total Debt | \$ 4,455,000 | \$ 4,240,500 | \$ 4,000,000 | \$ 4,589,940 | \$ 6,126,497 | \$ N/A |
| Per Capita Debt | \$ 1,188.32 | \$ 1,131.10 | \$ 1,066.95 | \$ 1,224.31 | \$ 1,634.17 | \$ N/A |
| Debt/\$1,000 Equalized Value | \$ 12.60 | \$ 11.67 | \$ 10.10 | \$ 10.36 | \$ 12.63 | \$ N/A |
| Debt as a Percentage of Equalized Value | 1.26% | 1.17% | 1.01% | 1.04% | 1.26% | N/A% |

Note: N/A Not available until June 30, 2026.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

As of June 30, 2025

ASSETS:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Cash | |
| Unrestricted | \$ 3,965,543 |
| Restricted | 1,096,669 |
| Receivables | |
| State & Federal Aid | 1,073,243 |
| Other Receivables | 79,369 |
| Net Pension Asset - Proportionate Share | 577,976 |
| Right to Use Assets, Net of Amortization | 47,779 |
| Capital Assets - Net of Depreciation | <u>12,426,893</u> |

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 19,267,472

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Other Postemployment Benefits | 2,753,194 |
| Pensions | <u>1,667,357</u> |

TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS \$ 23,688,023

LIABILITIES:

Payables:

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Accrued Payable | \$ 8,088 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 43,303 |
| Bond Anticipation Notes Payable | 3,326,497 |

Long-Term Liabilities:

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Due and Payable within One Year | |
| Compensated Absences Payable | 42,500 |
| Due to Teachers' Retirement System | 457,346 |
| Due to Employees' Retirement System | 33,192 |
| Bonds Payable | 220,000 |
| Due and Payable after One Year | |
| Bonds Payable | 2,580,000 |
| Net Pension Liability - Proportionate Share | 429,634 |
| Other Postemployment Benefits | 26,196,794 |
| Compensated Absences Payable | <u>918,547</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 34,255,901

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Other Postemployment Benefits | 6,538,939 |
| Pensions | <u>749,088</u> |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS \$ 41,543,928

NET POSITION:

Net Investment in Capital Assets \$ 6,348,175

Restricted:

| | |
|---|---------|
| Reserve for Employee Benefit Accrued Liability | 80,621 |
| Reserve for Debt Service | 805,907 |
| Unemployment Insurance Reserve | 30,344 |
| Reserve for Retirement Contribution - Employees' Retirement System | 603,546 |
| Reserve for Retirement Contribution - State Teachers' Retirement System | 173,043 |
| Capital Reserve | 50,000 |
| Reserve for Workers' Compensation | 30,500 |
| Reserve for Repairs | 100,000 |

Unrestricted: (26,078,041)

TOTAL NET POSITION \$ (17,855,905)

Source: Annual Financial Report prepared by Certified Public Accountants. Summary itself not audited.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

As of June 30, 2025

| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Program Revenue | | Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Charges for Services | Operating Grants | |
| General Support | \$ 2,772,695 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ (2,772,695) |
| Instruction | 11,127,030 | 51,308 | 780,631 | (10,295,091) |
| Pupil Transportation | 762,469 | 0 | 0 | (762,469) |
| Debt Service | 219,369 | 0 | 0 | (219,369) |
| Community Services | 22,687 | 0 | 0 | (22,687) |
| School Lunch Program | 85,150 | 0 | 0 | (85,150) |
| Total Functions/Programs | \$ 14,989,400 | \$ 51,308 | \$ 780,631 | \$ (14,157,461) |
| General Revenues: | | | | |
| Real Property Taxes | | | | \$ 3,676,114 |
| Other Tax Items | | | | 350,538 |
| Use of Money & Property | | | | 161,791 |
| Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss | | | | 3,502 |
| Miscellaneous | | | | 432,083 |
| State Sources | | | | 8,228,870 |
| Federal Sources | | | | 41,944 |
| Total General Revenues | | | | \$ 12,894,842 |
| NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR - As Previously Stated | | | | |
| | | | | \$ (15,651,095) |
| Prior Period Adjustment - Change in Accounting Principles | | | | |
| | | | | (942,191) |
| NET POSITION, BEGINNING OF YEAR - As Restated | | | | |
| | | | | \$ (16,593,286) |
| TOTAL NET POSITION, END OF YEAR | | | | |
| | | | | \$ (17,855,905) |

Source: Annual Financial Report prepared by Certified Public Accountants. Summary itself not audited.

GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

| Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30:</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS: | | | | | |
| Unrestricted Cash | \$ 1,246,081 | \$ 1,427,162 | \$ 700,876 | \$ 1,122,707 | \$ 3,363,709 |
| Restricted Cash | 939,818 | 939,819 | 972,709 | 1,254,647 | 1,068,054 |
| Other Receivables | 3,199 | 43,486 | 26,819 | 21,651 | 23,307 |
| Due from Other Funds | 332,845 | 363,187 | 313,179 | 630,022 | 1,102,577 |
| Due from State & Federal | <u>895,757</u> | <u>666,861</u> | <u>864,916</u> | <u>1,386,775</u> | <u>762,221</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 3,417,700</u> | <u>\$ 3,440,515</u> | <u>\$ 2,878,499</u> | <u>\$ 4,415,802</u> | <u>\$ 6,319,868</u> |
| LIABILITIES: | | | | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 144,390 | \$ 4,366 |
| Accrued Liabilities | 17,993 | 39,853 | 41,753 | 41,854 | 43,303 |
| Due to Other Funds | 489,697 | 556,576 | 4,819 | 827,648 | 3,037,572 |
| Due to State Teachers' Retirement System | 380,378 | 378,374 | 410,974 | 429,659 | 457,346 |
| Due to Employees' Retirement System | 33,192 | 33,192 | 33,192 | 33,192 | 33,192 |
| Unearned Revenues | 0 | 0 | 8,914 | 0 | 0 |
| FUND BALANCE: | | | | | |
| Restricted: | | | | | |
| Reserves for: | | | | | |
| Capital | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 50,000 | \$ 350,000 | \$ 50,000 |
| Employee Benefits Accrued Liability | 100,348 | 100,348 | 80,621 | 80,621 | 80,621 |
| Retirement Contribution for State Teachers' Retirement System | 173,042 | 173,043 | 173,043 | 173,043 | 173,043 |
| Retirement Contribution for Employees' Retirement System | 605,584 | 605,584 | 508,201 | 490,139 | 603,546 |
| Repairs | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Unemployment | 30,344 | 30,344 | 30,344 | 30,344 | 30,344 |
| Workers' Compensation | 30,500 | 30,500 | 30,500 | 30,500 | 30,500 |
| Assigned: | | | | | |
| Encumbrances | 99,083 | 45,919 | 11,912 | 97,370 | 88,849 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance | 950,000 | 950,000 | 975,000 | 1,013,500 | 1,000,600 |
| Unassigned: | | | | | |
| Unappropriated Fund Balance | <u>507,539</u> | <u>396,782</u> | <u>419,226</u> | <u>573,542</u> | <u>586,586</u> |
| Total Fund Balance | <u>2,496,440</u> | <u>2,432,520</u> | <u>2,378,847</u> | <u>2,939,059</u> | <u>2,744,089</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balance | <u>\$ 3,417,700</u> | <u>\$ 3,440,515</u> | <u>\$ 2,878,499</u> | <u>\$ 4,415,802</u> | <u>\$ 6,319,868</u> |

Source: Annual Financial Reports prepared by Certified Public Accountants. Summary itself not audited.

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES, EXPENSES AND FUND BALANCE

Modified Accrual Double-Entry Basis

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30: | Actual | | | | | Adopted Budgets | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 1,981,175 | \$ 2,496,440 | \$ 2,432,520 | \$ 2,378,847 | \$ 2,939,059 | \$ 2,744,089 ¹ | \$ N/A |
| REVENUES: | | | | | | | |
| Real Property Taxes | \$ 3,669,377 | \$ 3,736,095 | \$ 3,754,095 | \$ 3,855,184 | \$ 4,011,970 | \$ 4,158,570 | \$ 4,575,872 |
| Other Tax Items | 4,968 | 8,053 | 12,896 | 11,230 | 14,682 | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| Charges for Services | 36,706 | 41,201 | 38,514 | 50,621 | 51,308 | 0 | 39,500 |
| Use of Money & Property Sale of Property/ Compensation for Loss | 12,164 | 6,911 | 34,202 | 99,413 | 105,719 | 80,000 | 106,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,300 | 55,502 | 42,795 | 78,000 | 3,440 | 0 | 15,000 |
| State Aid | 249,396 | 224,264 | 247,858 | 272,096 | 415,328 | 862,580 | 220,000 |
| Federal Aid | 7,082,467 | 7,207,881 | 7,576,560 | 8,525,962 | 8,112,230 | 8,546,903 | 8,939,792 |
| Interfund Transfers | 259,437 | 143,454 | 69,028 | 72,960 | 41,944 | 0 | 80,000 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 340,000 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 11,315,815 | \$ 11,423,361 | \$ 11,775,948 | \$ 12,965,466 | \$ 12,756,621 | \$ 13,664,053 | \$ 14,332,164 ¹ |
| Total Revenues & Beginning Balance | \$ 13,296,990 | \$ 13,919,801 | \$ 14,208,468 | \$ 15,344,313 | \$ 15,695,680 | \$ 16,408,142 | \$ N/A |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | | |
| General Support | \$ 1,413,653 | \$ 1,493,509 | \$ 1,600,254 | \$ 1,577,849 | \$ 1,820,861 | \$ 1,881,513 | \$ 1,884,151 |
| Instruction | 5,816,649 | 6,145,793 | 6,375,247 | 6,347,253 | 6,553,537 | 7,119,869 | 7,200,024 |
| Transportation | 433,662 | 470,802 | 593,477 | 534,868 | 502,313 | 660,500 | 677,080 |
| Community Services | 18,825 | 27,967 | 39,825 | 25,852 | 22,687 | 55,300 | 52,100 |
| Employee Benefits | 2,526,837 | 2,758,074 | 2,640,029 | 2,886,825 | 2,872,940 | 4,057,650 | 4,204,117 |
| Debt Service - Principal | 305,000 | 370,000 | 385,000 | 741,480 | 654,940 | 631,320 | 987,900 |
| - Interest | 272,978 | 207,153 | 190,024 | 211,137 | 219,369 | 248,501 | 322,392 |
| Interfund Transfers | 12,946 | 13,983 | 5,765 | 79,990 | 304,944 | 10,000 | 5,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 10,800,550 | \$ 11,487,281 | \$ 11,829,621 | \$ 12,405,254 | \$ 12,951,591 | \$ 14,664,653 | \$ 15,332,764 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 2,496,440 | \$ 2,432,520 | \$ 2,378,847 | \$ 2,939,059 | \$ 2,744,089 | \$ 1,743,489 ^E | \$ N/A |
| Fund Balance as a Percentage of Total Revenues | 22.06% | 21.29% | 20.20% | 22.67% | 21.51% | 12.76% ^E | N/A% |

Source: Annual Financial Reports prepared by Certified Public Accountants and Annual Budgets. Summary itself not audited.

Notes: 1 Appropriated Fund Balance equals \$1,000,600.
E Estimated based on 2025-26 Budget.
N/A Not available.

CHANGES IN REMAINING FUND BALANCES

Modified Accrual Double-Entry Basis

| Fiscal Year Ended <u>June 30:</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>SPECIAL AID FUND:</u> | | | | | |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Revenues | 388,957 | 779,041 | 1,194,330 | 1,084,909 | 884,161 |
| Expenses | 388,957 | 779,041 | 1,194,330 | 1,084,909 | 884,161 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| <u>SCHOOL LUNCH FUND:</u> | | | | | |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 27,412 | \$ 35,806 | \$ 53,701 | \$ 39,194 | \$ 50,163 |
| Revenues | 58,136 | 68,364 | 51,078 | 65,056 | 74,121 |
| Expenses | 49,742 | 50,469 | 65,585 | 54,087 | 70,315 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 35,806 | \$ 53,701 | \$ 39,194 | \$ 50,163 | \$ 53,969 |
| <u>CAPITAL FUND:¹</u> | | | | | |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 1,298,771 | \$ 542,309 | \$ (470,692) | \$ (691,560) | \$ (1,228,509) |
| Revenues | 324,270 | 44,953 | 74 | 413,183 | 675,002 |
| Expenses | 1,080,732 | 1,057,954 | 220,942 | 950,132 | 882,014 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 542,309 | \$ (470,692) | \$ (691,560) | \$ (1,228,509) | \$ (1,435,521) |
| <u>DEBT SERVICE FUND:</u> | | | | | |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 37,584 | \$ 37,588 | \$ 799,916 | \$ 799,921 | \$ 799,926 |
| Revenues | 4 | 762,328 | 5 | 5 | 5,981 |
| Expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 37,588 | \$ 799,916 | \$ 799,921 | \$ 799,926 | \$ 805,907 |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND:</u> | | | | | |
| Balance July 1 | \$ 182,983 | \$ 180,261 | \$ 176,607 | \$ 174,365 | \$ 175,955 |
| Revenues | 8,649 | 7,996 | 7,808 | 12,714 | 10,779 |
| Expenses | 11,371 | 11,650 | 10,050 | 11,124 | 8,780 |
| Adjustments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance June 30 | \$ 180,261 | \$ 176,607 | \$ 174,365 | \$ 175,955 | \$ 177,954 |

Source: Annual Financial Reports prepared by Certified Public Accountants. Summary itself not audited.

Note: 1 The Governmental Accounting Standards Boards NCGA Interpretation #9 requires proceeds of short-term obligations (including bond anticipation notes) to be recorded as a "liability" on the balance sheet. Revenue may only be recognized as subsequent principal reductions are made to the short-term liability. Consequently, capital projects financed with short-term obligations appear to be overspent until permanent bonds are sold or the short-term obligation is liquidated.

TAX COLLECTION PROCEDURE

School taxes are due September 1. There is no penalty charged for the first thirty days after taxes are due, but a 2% penalty is charged for the next 45 days. On or about November 15th, uncollected taxes are returnable to Otsego and Herkimer Counties for collection. The School District receives this amount from said Counties prior to the end of the School District's fiscal year, thereby assuring 100% tax collection annually.

STAR - SCHOOL TAX EXEMPTION

The STAR (School Tax Relief) program provides State-funded exemptions from school property taxes to homeowners for their primary residences. School districts receive full reimbursement from the State for real property taxes exempted pursuant to the STAR program by the first business day in January of each year.

Homeowners over 65 years of age with household adjusted gross incomes, less the taxable amount of total distributions from individual retirement accounts and individual retirement annuities ("STAR Adjusted Gross Income") of \$107,300 or less in 2025 and \$110,750 or less in 2026, increased annually according to a cost-of-living adjustment, are eligible for a "full value" exemption of the first \$86,100 for the 2025-26 school year and the first \$88,500 for the 2026-27 school year (adjusted annually). Other homeowners with household STAR Adjusted Gross Income not in excess of \$250,000 (\$500,000 in the case of a STAR Credit, as discussed below) are eligible for a \$30,000 "full value" exemption on their primary residence.

Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016 of the State of New York ("Chapter 60") gradually converts the STAR program from a real property tax exemption to a personal income tax credit. Chapter 60 prohibits new STAR exemptions from being granted unless at least one of the applicants held title to the property on the taxable status date of the assessment roll that was used to levy school district taxes for the 2015-16 school year (generally, March 1, 2015), and the property was granted a STAR exemption on that assessment roll. However, a new homeowner may receive a new personal income tax credit in the form of a check. The dollar benefit to eligible taxpayers will not change. A taxpayer who is eligible for the new credit will receive a check from the State equal to the amount by which the STAR exemption would have reduced his or her school tax bill. A homeowner who owned his or her home on the taxable status date for the assessment roll used to levy taxes for the 2015-16 school year, and who received a STAR exemption on that roll, may continue to receive a STAR exemption on that home as long as he or she still owns and primarily resides in it. No further action is required (unless the homeowner has been receiving Basic STAR and wants to apply for Enhanced STAR, which is permissible).

The 2019-20 State Budget made several changes to the STAR program, which went into effect immediately. The changes are intended to encourage home owners to switch from the STAR exemption to the STAR credit. The income limit for the exemption has been lowered to \$250,000, compared with a \$500,000 limit for the credit. Homeowners with STAR Adjusted Gross Income of \$250,000 or less have the option to elect the credit or exemption. The amount received for the STAR exemption will remain the same each year, while the amount of the STAR credit can increase up to two percent annually.

The 2020-21 State Budget included a provision that provides that property owners with property tax delinquencies greater than one year are not eligible for the Basic STAR exemption or the Basic STAR credit. Recipients of the Enhanced STAR exemption and credits are not impacted by this program; they may continue to receive their STAR benefits even if their property taxes are delinquent.

TAX LEVY LIMITATION LAW

On June 24, 2011, Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (herein referred to as the "Tax Levy Limit Law" or "Law") was signed by the Governor. The Tax Levy Limit Law modifies current law by imposing a limit on the amount of real property taxes that a school district may levy. The Law will affect school district tax levies for the school district fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. On April 12, 2019 the enacted State budget legislation for fiscal year 2020 made the Tax Levy Limitation Law permanent.

Prior to the enactment of the Law, there was no statutory limitation on the amount of real property taxes that a school district could levy if its budget had been approved by a simple majority of its voters. In the event the budget had been defeated by the voters, the school district was required to adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, school budget increases were limited to the lesser of four percent (4%) of the prior year's budget or one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the consumer price index ("CPI").

The Tax Levy Limit Law imposes a limitation on the amount of tax levy growth from one fiscal year to the next. Such limitation is the lesser of (i) 2% or (ii) the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index, as described in the Law. Tax levies that do not exceed such limit will require approval by at least 50% of the voters. Approval by at least 60% of the voters will be required for a tax levy in excess of the limit. In the event the voters reject the tax levy, the school district's tax levy for the ensuing fiscal year may not exceed the amount of the tax levy for the prior fiscal year, without any stated exceptions.

The Law sets forth several exceptions to the tax levy limit for school districts. These include taxes to pay the local share of debt service on voter approved capital expenditures, certain pension cost increases, and other items enumerated in the Law. School districts will be permitted to carry forward a certain portion of their unused tax levy limitation from a prior year.

The Law provides an express exception from the limitation for those taxes to be levied to pay the local share of debt service on voter approved capital expenditures. However, such exception would not apply to taxes to be levied commencing in the 2012-13 fiscal year of a school district to pay debt service on tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, budget notes and deficiency notes; and any obligations issued to finance deficits and certain judgments, including tax certiorari payments.

Prospective investors in the Bonds and Notes are encouraged to consult their own legal and tax advisors and to review the provisions of the Tax Levy Limitation Law in its entirety.

TAX COLLECTION RECORD

| Fiscal Year Ended June 30: | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2026</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund Tax Levy | \$ 3,669,377 | \$ 3,736,095 | \$ 3,754,095 | \$ 3,855,184 | \$ 4,011,970 | \$ 4,158,570 |
| Omissions/Loss of Exemptions - Prior Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Levy for Library | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Total Levy for All Purposes | \$ 3,675,377 | \$ 3,742,095 | \$ 3,760,095 | \$ 3,861,184 | \$ 4,017,970 | \$ 4,164,570 |
| Excess/(Deficit) on Tax Rolls | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Taxes Cancelled | 0 | (6,064) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Taxes on Roll | \$ 3,675,377 | \$ 3,736,031 | \$ 3,760,095 | \$ 3,861,184 | \$ 4,017,970 | \$ 4,164,570 |
| STAR Program | 414,057 | 402,196 | 378,128 | 346,907 | 336,143 | 319,101 |
| Net Taxes After STAR Program | \$ 3,261,320 | \$ 3,333,835 | \$ 3,381,967 | \$ 3,514,277 | \$ 3,681,827 | \$ 3,845,469 |
| Taxes Collected Prior to Return | 2,942,631 | 3,069,604 | 3,093,986 | 3,256,202 | 3,329,592 | 3,533,419 |
| Uncollected Date of Return | \$ 318,689 | \$ 264,231 | \$ 287,981 | \$ 258,075 | \$ 352,235 | \$ 312,050 |
| Percentage Collected Prior to Return | 90.23% | 92.07% | 91.48% | 92.66% | 90.43% | 91.89% |

MAJOR TAXPAYERS

2025 Assessment Roll Used for 2025-26 Taxes

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Equalized Value</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| New York State Electric & Gas Corp. | Utility | \$ 13,472,629 |
| Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. | Utility | 9,694,158 |
| Richfield Springs Land LLC | Real Estate | 4,298,017 |
| TEPPCO | Real Estate | 3,321,479 |
| Otsego Electric Cooperative, Inc. | Utility | 3,009,241 |
| Spectrum Northeast Syracuse | Utility | 2,917,492 |
| Verizon New York, Inc. | Utility | 2,274,593 |
| Christine Corrigan | Real Estate | 2,144,514 |
| Timothy M. Cantwell | Agriculture | 1,931,503 |
| G&T Land, LLC | Agriculture | <u>1,898,112</u> |
| Total..... | | <u>\$ 44,961,737</u> ¹ |

Note: 1 The above taxpayers represent 8.67% of the School District's 2025-26 equalized value of \$518,780,263.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS - CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The New York State Constitution limits the power of the School District (and other municipalities and school districts of the State) to issue obligations and to otherwise contract indebtedness. Such constitutional limitations in summary form, and as generally applicable to the School District and the Bonds and Notes include the following:

Purpose and Pledge. The School District shall not give or loan any money or property to or in aid of any individual or private corporation or private undertaking or give or loan its credit to or in aid of any of the foregoing or any public corporation.

The School District may contract indebtedness only for a School District purpose and shall pledge its faith and credit for the payment of principal of and interest thereon. Apart from tax anticipation notes, revenue anticipation notes, or bond anticipation notes, the Constitution provides that if at any time the respective appropriating authorities shall fail to make such appropriations, a sufficient sum shall be set apart from the first revenues thereafter received and shall be applied to such purposes. In addition, the fiscal officer of any county, city, town, village or school district may be required to set apart and apply such revenues at the suit of any holder of any obligations of indebtedness issued with the pledge of the faith and credit of such political subdivision. It should be noted that the pledge of the faith and credit of a political subdivision in the State is a pledge of an issuer of a general obligation bond to use its general revenue powers, including, but not limited to, its property tax levy, to pay debt service on such obligations, but that such pledge may or may not be interpreted by a court of competent jurisdiction to include a constitutional or statutory lien upon any particular revenues. While the courts in the State have historically been protective of the rights of holders of general obligation debt of political subdivisions, it is not possible to predict what a future court might hold. Such courts might hold that future events, including a financial crisis as such may occur in the State or in political subdivisions of the State, may require the exercise by the State or its political subdivisions of emergency and police powers to assure the continuation of essential public services prior to the payment of debt service.

Payment and Maturity. Except for certain short-term indebtedness contracted in anticipation of taxes or to be paid within three fiscal year periods, indebtedness shall be paid in annual installments commencing no later than two years after the date such indebtedness shall have been contracted and ending no later than (i) the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose as determined by statute, with no installment of principal to be more than fifty per centum in excess of the smallest prior installment or, (ii) in the alternative, the weighted average period of probable usefulness of the several objects or purposes for which it is contracted with substantially level or declining annual debt service. The School District is required to provide an annual appropriation for the payment of interest due during the year on its indebtedness and for the amounts required in such year for amortization and redemption of its serial bonds and such required annual installments on its notes.

Debt Limit. The School District has the power to contract indebtedness for any school district purpose so long as the principal amount thereof shall not exceed ten per centum of the full valuation of the taxable real estate of the School District and subject to certain enumerated deductions. The constitutional method for determining full valuation is by taking the assessed valuation of taxable real estate for the last completed assessment roll and applying thereto the ratio which such assessed valuation bears to the full valuation as determined by the State Office of Real Property Services. The State Legislature is required to prescribe the manner by which such ratio shall be determined.

SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEBTEDNESS - STATUTORY PROCEDURE

In general, the State Legislature has authorized the power and procedure for the School District to borrow and incur indebtedness by the enactment of the Local Finance Law subject, of course, to the constitutional provisions set forth above. The power to spend money, however, generally derives from other law, including the Education Law.

The School District is generally required by such laws to submit propositions for the expenditure of money for capital purposes to the qualified electors of the School District. Upon approval thereby, the Board of Education may adopt a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds, and notes in anticipation of the bonds.

Each bond resolution usually authorizes the construction, acquisition or installation of the object or purpose to be financed, sets forth the plan of financing and specifies the maximum maturity of the bonds subject to the legal (Constitution, Local Finance Law and case law) restrictions relating to the period of probable usefulness with respect thereto.

The Local Finance Law also provides that where a bond resolution is published with a statutory form of notice, the validity of the bonds authorized thereby, including bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale thereof, may be contested only if

- 1 Such obligations are authorized for a purpose for which the School District is not authorized to expend money, or
 - 2 There has not been substantial compliance with the provisions of law which should have been complied with in the authorization of such obligations
- and an action contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
- 3 Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Except on rare occasions, the School District complies with this estoppel procedure. It is a procedure that is recommended by Bond Counsel, but it is not an absolute legal requirement.

The Board of Education, as the finance board of the School District, has the power to enact bond resolutions. In addition, such finance board has the power to authorize the sale and issuance of obligations. However, such finance board may delegate the power to sell the obligations to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the School District, pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

Statutory law in New York permits bond anticipation notes to be renewed each year provided annual principal installments are made in reduction of the total amount of such notes outstanding, commencing no later than two years from the date of the first issuance of such notes and provided that such renewals do not exceed five years beyond the original date of borrowing. (See "Payment and Maturity" under "Constitutional Requirements" herein, and "Status of Short-Term Indebtedness" herein.)

In general, the Local Finance Law contains provisions providing the School District with power to issue certain other short-term general obligation indebtedness including revenue and tax anticipation notes and budget notes (see "Status of Short-Term Indebtedness" herein).

STATUS OF OUTSTANDING BOND ISSUES

Original Amount: \$3,730,000
 Dated Date: 06/17/20
 Purpose: Reconstruction
 Last Maturity: 06/15/35
 Call Option: October 1, 2028
 Interest Rate/
 Instrument: 2.8252% - DASNY SB

| Balance Principal | | | Total | Year-End |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 06-30-25: | \$2,800,000 | | Debt | Outstanding |
| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest</u> | Service | Principal |
| <u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> | | | | |
| <u>June 30:</u> | | | | |
| 2026 | \$ 220,000 | \$ 140,000 | \$ 360,000 | \$ 2,580,000 |
| 2027 | 235,000 | 129,000 | 364,000 | 2,345,000 |
| 2028 | 245,000 | 117,250 | 362,250 | 2,100,000 |
| 2029 | 260,000 | 105,000 | 365,000 | 1,840,000 |
| 2030 | 270,000 | 92,000 | 362,000 | 1,570,000 |
| 2031 | 285,000 | 78,500 | 363,500 | 1,285,000 |
| 2032 | 295,000 | 64,250 | 359,250 | 990,000 |
| 2033 | 315,000 | 49,500 | 364,500 | 675,000 |
| 2034 | 330,000 | 33,750 | 363,750 | 345,000 |
| 2035 | <u>345,000</u> | <u>17,250</u> | <u>362,250</u> | 0 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 2,800,000</u> | <u>\$ 826,500</u> | <u>\$ 3,626,500</u> | |

Source: School District Bond Records.

BOND PRINCIPAL MATURING IN CURRENT AND SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS

| Fiscal Year Ending June 30: | Prior Issues | This Issue | Total Maturing Principal | Year-End Outstanding Principal |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2026 | \$ 220,000 | \$ 0 | \$ 220,000 | \$ 4,250,000 |
| 2027 | 235,000 | 440,000 | 675,000 | 3,575,000 |
| 2028 | 245,000 | 445,000 | 690,000 | 2,885,000 |
| 2029 | 260,000 | 110,000 | 370,000 | 2,515,000 |
| 2030 | 270,000 | 45,000 | 315,000 | 2,200,000 |
| 2031 | 285,000 | 45,000 | 330,000 | 1,870,000 |
| 2032 | 295,000 | 50,000 | 345,000 | 1,525,000 |
| 2033 | 315,000 | 50,000 | 365,000 | 1,160,000 |
| 2034 | 330,000 | 50,000 | 380,000 | 780,000 |
| 2035 | <u>345,000</u> | 55,000 | 400,000 | 380,000 |
| 2036 | | 55,000 | 55,000 | 325,000 |
| 2037 | | 60,000 | 60,000 | 265,000 |
| 2038 | | 65,000 | 65,000 | 200,000 |
| 2039 | | 65,000 | 65,000 | 135,000 |
| 2040 | | 65,000 | 65,000 | 70,000 |
| 2041 | | <u>70,000</u> | <u>70,000</u> | 0 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 2,800,000</u> | <u>\$ 1,670,000</u> | <u>\$ 4,470,000</u> | |

STATUS OF SHORT-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

As of May 21, 2026

| <u>Bond Anticipation Notes</u> | <u>Dated Date</u> | <u>Maturity Date</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Amount Outstanding</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Building Project | 06/26/25 | 06/26/26 | 3.55% | \$ 1,670,000 ¹ |
| BOCES Project | 06/26/25 | 06/26/26 | 3.55% | 920,718 ² |
| Buses | 09/25/25 | 09/25/26 | 3.49% | <u>485,000</u> |
| Total..... | | | | <u>\$ 3,075,718</u> |

Source: School District Note Records

- Notes: 1 To be paid in full at maturity with the proceeds of the Serial Bond issuance.
 2 To be paid in full at maturity with a portion (\$775,000) of the proceeds of the Bond Anticipation Note issuance together with \$145,718 available current funds appropriated therefor.

OPERATIONAL BORROWINGS

The School District, historically, does not issue Tax Anticipation Notes or Revenue Anticipation Notes.

BUILDING AID ESTIMATE

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of 1963, the School District is eligible to receive a Building Aid Estimate from the New York State Department of Education. The School District has not applied for a Building Aid Estimate, but anticipates that aid may be received on its outstanding indebtedness at their Building Aid Ratio of 82.1%.

The State building aid ratio is calculated each year based upon a formula which reflects Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance (RWADA) and the full value per pupil compared with the State average. Consequently, the estimated aid will vary over the life of each issue. State building aid is further dependent upon the continued apportionment of funds by the State Legislature.

A fundamental reform of building aid was enacted as Chapter 383 of the Laws of 2001. The provisions legislated, among other things, a new "assumed amortization" payout schedule for future State building aid payments based on an annual "average interest rate" and mandatory periods of probable usefulness with respect to the allocation of building aid. The School District has no reason to believe that it will not ultimately receive all of the building aid it anticipates, however, no assurance can be given as to when and how much building aid the School District will receive in relation to its outstanding debt. See "State Aid" herein.

DEBT STATEMENT SUMMARY

As of May 21, 2026

| Town | 2025-26 Assessed Valuation | Final 2025 Equalization Rate | Equalized Value |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exeter | \$ 29,645,942 | 40.10% | \$ 73,930,029 |
| Otsego | 53,721,461 | 70.00% | 76,744,944 |
| Richfield | 147,441,589 | 57.00% | 258,669,454 |
| Springfield | 9,969,362 | 59.51% | 16,752,414 |
| Columbia | 22,105,790 | 52.56% | 42,058,200 |
| Warren | 26,810,942 | 43.57% | <u>61,535,327</u> |
| Total | | | <u>\$ 529,690,368</u> |
| Debt Limit (10% thereof) | | | \$ 52,969,036 |
| <u>Borrowings:</u> | | | |
| Serial Bonds | | \$ 2,800,000 | |
| Bond Anticipation Notes | | <u>630,718</u> | |
| Total Inclusions | | | \$ 3,430,718 |
| <u>Proposed Issues:</u> | | | |
| Serial Bonds | | \$ 1,670,000 | |
| Bond Anticipation Notes | | <u>1,282,900</u> | <u>\$ 2,952,900</u> |
| Total Indebtedness | | | \$ 6,383,618 |
| <u>Exclusions:</u> | | | |
| Building Aid Estimate | | <u>\$ 0</u> ¹ | |
| Total Exclusions | | | <u>\$ 0</u> |
| Total Net Indebtedness | | | \$ 6,383,618 |
| Net Debt-Contracting Margin | | | \$ 46,585,418 |
| Percentage of Debt-Contracting Power Exhausted | | | 12.05% |

Note: 1 Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 760 of the Laws of New York State of 1963, the School District receives aid on existing building debt. Since the Gross Indebtedness of the School District is within the debt limit, the School District has not applied for a Building Aid Estimate.

ESTIMATED CALCULATION OF OVERLAPPING INDEBTEDNESS

| Overlapping Unit | <u>Applicable</u> <u>Equalized Value</u> | <u>Percent</u> | <u>Gross</u> <u>Indebtedness¹</u> | <u>Exclusions</u> | <u>Net</u> <u>Indebtedness</u> | <u>Estimated</u> <u>Applicable</u> <u>Overlapping</u> <u>Indebtedness</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|---|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Otsego County | \$ 347,432,874 \$ 5,937,112,064 | 5.85% | \$ 0 | N/A | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Herkimer County | \$ 91,836,012 \$ 6,842,962,187 | 1.34% | 12,549,456 | N/A | 12,549,456 | 168,163 |
| Town of Exeter | \$ 64,268,213 \$ 85,314,490 | 75.33% | 0 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| Town of Otsego | \$ 65,189,368 \$ 891,349,973 | 7.31% | 0 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| Town of Richfield | \$ 204,814,553 \$ 218,038,386 | 93.94% | 50,440 | N/A | 50,440 | 47,381 |
| Town of Springfield | \$ 13,160,740 \$ 250,627,135 | 5.25% | 0 | N/A | 0 | 0 |
| Town of Columbia | \$ 35,860,860 \$ 121,099,608 | 29.61% | 103,837 | N/A | 103,837 | 30,749 |
| Town of Warren | \$ 55,975,152 \$ 107,158,943 | 52.24% | 134,263 | N/A | 134,263 | 70,133 |
| Village of Richfield Springs | \$ 61,291,579 \$ 61,291,579 | 100.00% | 1,307,727 | N/A | 1,307,727 | <u>1,307,727</u> |
| Total | | | | | | <u>\$ 1,624,153</u> |

Source: Office of the State Comptroller Local Government Data for Fiscal Years Ended in 2024.

Notes: 1 Bonds and bond anticipation notes as of 2024 fiscal year. Not adjusted to include subsequent bond and note sales.
N/A Information not available from source document.

LITIGATION

The School District is subject to a number of lawsuits in the ordinary conduct of its affairs. The School District does not believe, however, that such suits, individually or in the aggregate, are likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial condition.

Source: School District Attorney.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING REMEDIES UPON DEFAULT

In the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds and Notes, the State Comptroller is required to withhold, under certain conditions prescribed by Section 99-b of the State Finance Law, state aid and assistance to the School District and to apply the amount thereof so withheld to the payment of such defaulted principal and/or interest, which requirement constitutes a covenant by the State with the holders from time to time of the Bonds and Notes.

Section 3-a of the General Municipal Law provides, subject to exceptions not pertinent, that the rate of interest to be paid by a municipality upon any judgment or accrued claim against such municipality shall not exceed nine per centum per annum. This provision might be construed to have application to the holders of the Bonds and Notes in the event of a default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds and Notes.

Upon default in the payment of or interest on the Bonds and Notes at the suit of an owner, a Court has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to render judgment against the School District. As a general rule, property and funds of a municipal corporation serving the public welfare and interest have not been judicially subjected to execution or attachment to satisfy a judgment. A court also has the power, in proper and appropriate proceedings, to order payment of a judgment on such bonds or notes from funds lawfully available therefor or, in the absence thereof, to order the School District to take all lawful action to obtain the same, including the raising of the required amount in the next annual tax levy. In exercising its discretion as to whether to issue such an order, the Court may take into account all relevant factors, including the current operating needs of the School District and the availability and adequacy of other remedies.

Recent amendments to the Federal Bankruptcy Act have the effect of facilitating recourse to the protection of a Federal Court by public bodies for the purpose of adjusting outstanding indebtedness. Section 85.80 of the Local Finance Law contains specific authorization for any municipality in the State to file a petition with any United States District Court or Court of Bankruptcy under any provision of Federal law for the composition or adjustment of municipal indebtedness. While these provisions do not apply to school districts, there can be no assurance that they will not be made applicable in the future.

At the Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature held in November, 1975, legislation was enacted which purported to suspend the right to commence or continue an action in any court to collect or enforce certain short-term obligations of the City of New York. The effect of such act was to create a three-year moratorium on actions to enforce the payment of such obligations. On November 19, 1976, the Court of Appeals, the State's highest court, declared such act to be invalid on the ground that it violates the provisions of the State Constitution requiring a pledge by such City of its faith and credit for the payment of such obligations.

As a result of the Court of Appeals decision, the constitutionality of that portion of Title 6-A of the Local Finance Law enacted at the 1975 Extraordinary Session of the State Legislature, authorizing any county, city, town or village with respect to which the State has declared a financial emergency to petition the State Supreme Court to stay the enforcement against such municipality of any claim for payment relating to any contract, debt or obligation of the municipality during the emergency period, is subject to doubt. These provisions do not apply to school districts, but there can be no assurance that they will not be made applicable in the future. In any event, no such emergency has been declared with respect to the School District.

APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The validity of the Bonds and Notes will be covered by the unqualified legal opinion of Timothy R. McGill, Esq., Fairport, New York, Bond Counsel to the School District, such opinion to be delivered with the Bonds and Notes. The proposed form of such opinions is attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively.

TAX EXEMPTION

The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), establishes certain requirements that must be met subsequent to the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and Notes in order that interest on the Bonds and Notes be and remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code. The School District has covenanted to comply with such requirements. Failure by the School District to comply with such requirements may cause interest on the Bonds and Notes to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes retroactive to the date of initial issuance of the Bonds and Notes. In the opinion of Bond Counsel, to be delivered at the time of initial issuance of the Bonds and Notes, under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Bonds and Notes is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School District complies with all such requirements; and under the Code, interest on the Bonds and Notes is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax, however interest on the Bonds and Notes is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. Bond Counsel expresses no opinion regarding other federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds and Notes.

The following is a brief discussion of certain collateral federal income tax matters with respect to the Bonds and Notes. It does not purport to address all aspects of federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular owner of a Bond. Prospective investors, particularly those who may be subject to special rules, are advised to consult their own tax advisors regarding the federal tax consequences of owning and disposing of the Bonds and Notes.

Prospective owners of the Bonds and Notes should be aware that the ownership of such obligations may result in collateral federal income tax consequences to various categories of persons, such as corporations (including S corporations and foreign corporations), financial institutions, property and casualty and life insurance companies, individual recipients of Social Security and railroad retirement benefits, individuals otherwise eligible for the earned income tax credit, and taxpayers deemed to have incurred or continued indebtedness to purchase or carry obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. Interest on the Bonds and Notes may be taken into account in determining the tax liability of foreign corporations subject to the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code.

ALL PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE BONDS AND NOTES SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE CODE AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF PURCHASING OR HOLDING THE BONDS AND NOTES.

The Code has been continuously subject to legislative modifications, amendments and revisions and proposals for further changes are regularly submitted by leaders of the legislative and executive branches of the federal government. Future or pending proposals, if enacted into law, regulations, rulings or court decisions may cause interest on the Bonds and Notes to be subject, directly or indirectly to federal income taxation or to State or local taxation, or may otherwise prevent beneficial owners from realizing the full benefit of the tax status of such interest. No representation is made as to the likelihood of such proposals being enacted in their current or similar form, or if enacted, the effective date of any such legislation and no assurances can be given that such proposals or amendments will not materially and adversely affect the economic value of the Bonds and Notes or the tax consequences of ownership of the Bonds and Notes. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisors regarding any pending or proposed federal or State tax legislation, regulations, rulings or litigation.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

In accordance with the requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12 as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in the Notice of Sale for the Bonds, the School District will agree to provide, or cause to be provided either directly or through a designated agent, during any succeeding fiscal year in which the Bonds are outstanding, in an electronic format, to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system maintained by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), or any other entity designated or authorized by the SEC to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB.

- (i) During any succeeding fiscal year in which the Bonds are outstanding, to the MSRB's EMMA system in accordance with the Rule, certain annual financial information and operating data for the preceding fiscal year, and a copy of the audited financial statements (prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in effect at the time of audit) for the preceding fiscal year, if any, such information, data and audited financial statements, if any, will be of the type included in the final Official Statement delivered in connection with the Bonds, with consistent accounting principles pursuant to State law and regulations in effect from time to time, and will be so provided on or prior to the later of either the end of the sixth month of each such succeeding fiscal year or, if audited financial statements are prepared, sixty days following receipt by the School District of audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, but, in any event, not later than the last business day of each such succeeding fiscal year;
- (ii) In a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Bonds are outstanding, to the MSRB's EMMA system, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds (an "Event Notice"):
 - (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies
 - (b) non-payment related defaults, if material
 - (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
 - (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
 - (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
 - (f) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701 TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds
 - (g) modifications to rights of Bond holders, if material
 - (h) bond calls, if material, and tender offers
 - (i) defeasances
 - (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, if material
 - (k) rating changes
 - (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District
 - (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material

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CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING - Concluded

- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
- (o) incurrence of a financial obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which affect security holders, if material
- (p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the term of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which reflect financing difficulties.

The School District may from time to time choose to provide notice of the occurrence of certain other events, in addition to those listed above, if the School District determines that any such other event is material with respect to the Bonds; but the School District does not undertake to commit to provide any such notice of the occurrence of any event except those events listed above.

- (iii) In a timely manner, to the MSRB's EMMA system, notice of its failure to provide the aforescribed annual financial information and operating data and such audited financial statement, if any, on or before the date specified.

All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The School District's fiscal year ends on June 30. There is no obligated person under the Rule other than the School District.

For the purpose of events (o) and (p), "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or source of pay for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii), but shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the School District; provided that, the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule, as determined by the opinion of Bond Counsel.

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligations to provide the aforescribed annual financial information and operating data and such audited financial statements, if any, and Event Notices as set forth above, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Bonds within the meaning of the Rule. The School District acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule provided herein is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds (including holders of beneficial interests in the Bonds). The right of holders of the Bonds to enforce the provisions of the undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the School District's obligations under the continuing disclosure undertaking and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Bonds nor entitle any holder of the Bonds to recover monetary damages.

Within the previous five years the School District has complied to the best of its understanding, in all material respects, with any previous undertakings pursuant to Rule 15c2-12.

EVENT NOTICES

In accordance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, as the same may be amended or officially interpreted from time to time (the "Rule"), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, in the Notice of Sale for the Notes, the School District will agree to provide or cause to be provided, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, during the period in which the Notes are outstanding, to the Electronic Municipal Market Access ("EMMA") system of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") or any other entity designated or authorized by the Commission to receive reports pursuant to the Rule, in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB, notice of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Notes (an "Event Notice"):

- (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies
- (b) non-payment related defaults, if material
- (c) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
- (d) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
- (e) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
- (f) 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 Notes, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Notes
- (g) modifications to rights of Note holders, if material
- (h) note calls, if material, and tender offers
- (i) defeasances
- (j) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Notes, if material
- (k) rating changes
- (l) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the School District
- (m) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the School District or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the School District, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material
- (n) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material
- (o) incurrence of a financial obligation of the School District, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which affect security holders, if material
- (p) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the term of a financial obligation of the School District, any of which reflect financing difficulties.

Nothing in this continuing disclosure undertaking shall be deemed to prevent the School District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this continuing disclosure undertaking or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any notice of events, in addition to that which is required by this continuing disclosure undertaking. If the School District chooses to include any information in any Event Notices in addition to that which is specifically required by this continuing disclosure undertaking, the School District shall have no obligation under this continuing disclosure undertaking to update such information or to include it in any future notice of Event Notices.

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EVENT NOTICES - Concluded

All documents provided to the MSRB shall be accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB. The School District's fiscal year ends on June 30. There is no obligated person under the Rule other than the School District.

For the purpose of events (o) and (p), "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or source of pay for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii), but shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

The School District reserves the right to modify from time to time the specific types of information provided or the format of the presentation of such information, to the extent necessary or appropriate in the judgment of the School District; provided that the School District agrees that any such modification will be done in a manner consistent with the Rule.

The School District reserves the right to terminate its obligation to provide the aforescribed notices of material events, as set forth above, if and when the School District no longer remains an obligated person with respect to the Notes within the meaning of the Rule. The Issuer acknowledges that its undertaking pursuant to the Rule described under this heading is intended to be for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (including holders of beneficial interests in the Notes). The right of holders of the Notes to enforce the provisions of the undertaking will be limited to a right to obtain specific performance of the School District's obligations under its Event Notices undertaking and any failure by the School District to comply with the provisions of the undertaking will neither be a default with respect to the Notes nor entitle any holder of the Notes to recover monetary damages.

Within the previous five years the School District has complied to the best of its understanding, in all material respects, with any previous undertakings pursuant to Rule 15c2-12.

MISCELLANEOUS

The execution and delivery of this Official Statement have been duly authorized by the Board of Education of the School District. Concurrently with the delivery of the Bonds and Notes, the School District will furnish a certificate to the effect that as of the date of the Official Statement, the Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, subject to the condition that while information in the Official Statement obtained from sources other than the School District is not guaranteed as to accuracy, completeness or fairness, the School District has no reason to believe and does not believe that such information is materially inaccurate or misleading, and to the knowledge of the School District, since the date of the Official Statement, there have been no material transactions not in the ordinary course of affairs entered into by the School District and no material adverse changes in the general affairs of the School District or in its financial condition as shown in the Official Statement other than as disclosed in or contemplated by the Official Statement. Certain information contained in the Official Statement has been obtained from sources other than the School District. All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of laws herein do not purport to be complete and reference is made to such laws for full and complete statements of their provisions.

So far as any statements made in this Official Statement involve matters of opinion or estimates, whether or not expressly stated, they are set forth as such and not as representations of fact, and no representation is made that any of the statements will be realized. Neither this Official Statement nor any statement which may have been made verbally or in writing is to be construed as a contract with the holders of the Bonds and Notes.

The School District will act as Paying Agent for the Bonds. The School District's contact information is as follows: Amy Johnson, phone: (315) 858-0610 Ext. 1011; email: amyjohnson@richfieldcsd.org. Requests for additional information or additional copies of the Notices of Sale and Official Statements may be directed to Bernard P. Donegan, Inc., 345 Woodcliff Drive, 2nd Floor, Fairport, New York 14450; phone (585) 924-2145, fax (585) 924-4636.

Dated: May 21, 2026
Richfield Springs, New York

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President, Board of Education

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June 24, 2026

Board of Education of the
Richfield Springs Central School District
Otsego County, New York

Re: ***Richfield Springs Central School District
\$1,670,000 School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026***

Dear Board Members:

I have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of \$1,670,000 aggregate principal amount of School District (Serial) Bonds, 2026 of the Richfield Springs Central School District, a school district of the State of New York. The Bonds are issued as serial bonds maturing on June 15 in the following years and in the following principal amounts:

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2027 | \$440,000 | 2032 | \$50,000 | 2037 | \$60,000 |
| 2028 | \$445,000 | 2033 | \$50,000 | 2038 | \$65,000 |
| 2029 | \$110,000 | 2034 | \$50,000 | 2039 | \$65,000 |
| 2030 | \$45,000 | 2035 | \$55,000 | 2040 | \$65,000 |
| 2031 | \$45,000 | 2036 | \$55,000 | 2041 | \$70,000 |

The Bonds are dated June 24, 2026, bear interest at the rate or rates per annum as set forth therein, payable December 15, 2026 and semi-annually thereafter on June 15 and December 15 in each year until maturity, are subject to optional redemption as provided therein, and are issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and a bond resolution adopted January 10, 2024. The proposition approving the matters set forth in the bond resolution was approved by the voters of the School District on December 13, 2023.

The Bonds are issued only in fully registered form, in the name of "Cede & Co.," as nominee for The Depository Trust Company, an automated depository for securities and

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clearinghouse for securities transactions which will maintain a book-entry system for recording the ownership interests in the Bonds. Only one Bond will be initially issued for each maturity in the aggregate principal amount of such maturity. Purchases of ownership interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry form in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, not exceeding the aggregate principal amount of Bonds maturing in any year.

In my opinion, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights, the Bonds are valid and legally binding obligations of the Richfield Springs Central School District and, unless paid from other sources, are payable from ad valorem taxes levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The School District has covenanted to comply with any requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income under the Code. In my opinion, under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Bonds is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School District continuously complies with such covenant; and under the Code, interest on the Bonds is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, interest on the Bonds is included in the "adjusted financial statement income" of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. I express no opinion regarding other Federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Bonds. Further, in my opinion, interest on the Bonds is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes under existing statutes.

In rendering the opinions expressed herein, I have assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by me which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and I also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings, and such certifications. The scope of my engagement in relation to the issuance of the Bonds has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the School District, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the School District to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same respectively become

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due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the School District in relation to the Bonds for factual information which, in the judgment of the School District, could materially affect the ability of the School District to pay such principal and interest. While I have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, I have not verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the factual information contained therein and, accordingly, I express no opinion as to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Bonds, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

I have examined the first executed Bond of the first year of maturity from the issue of Bonds and, in my opinion, its form and execution are regular and proper.

Very truly yours,

Timothy R. McGill, Esq.

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June 25, 2026

Board of Education of the
Richfield Springs Central School District
Otsego County, New York

Re: ***Richfield Springs Central School District
\$1,282,900 Bond Anticipation Note, 2026***

Dear Board Members:

I have examined a record of proceedings relating to the issuance of a \$1,282,900 principal amount Bond Anticipation Note, 2026 of the Richfield Springs Central School District, a school district of the State of New York. The Note is [registered to _____ / in book-entry-only form registered to "Cede & Co.,"] is dated June 25, 2026, is numbered 2026A-1, bears interest at the rate of _____ per centum (___%) per annum payable at maturity, matures June 25, 2027, and is issued pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York and a bond resolution adopted March 15, 2023. The Note is not subject to redemption prior to maturity. The Note is a temporary obligation issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds.

In my opinion, except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any applicable bankruptcy, moratorium or similar laws relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights, the Note is a valid and legally binding obligation of the Richfield Springs Central School District, payable in the first instance from the proceeds of the sale of the bonds in anticipation of which the Note is issued, but, if not so paid, payable ultimately from *ad valorem* taxes that may be levied upon all the taxable real property within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount.

The School District has covenanted to comply with any requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that must be met subsequent to the issuance of the Note in order that interest thereon be and remain excludable from gross income under the Code. In my opinion, under the existing statute, regulations and court decisions, interest on the Note is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under Section 103 of the Code and will continue to be so excluded if the School

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District continuously complies with such covenant; and under the Code, interest on the Note is not a specific preference item for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax; however, interest on the Note is included in the “adjusted financial statement income” of certain corporations that are subject to the alternative minimum tax under Section 55 of the Code. I express no opinion regarding other Federal income tax consequences caused by the receipt or accrual of interest on the Note. Further, in my opinion, interest on the Note is exempt from New York State and New York City personal income taxes under existing statutes.

In rendering the opinions expressed herein, I have assumed the accuracy and truthfulness of all public records, documents and proceedings examined by me which have been executed or certified by public officials acting within the scope of their official capacities, and have not verified the accuracy or truthfulness thereof, and I also have assumed the genuineness of the signatures appearing upon such public records, documents and proceedings, and such certifications. The scope of my engagement in relation to the issuance of the Note has extended solely to the examination of the facts and law incident to rendering the opinions expressed herein. Such opinions are not intended and should not be construed to express or imply any conclusion that the amount of real property subject to taxation within the boundaries of the School District, together with other legally available sources of revenue, if any, will be sufficient to enable the School District to pay the principal of and interest on the Note as the same respectively become due and payable. Reference should be made to the Official Statement prepared by the School District in relation to the Note for factual information which, in the judgment of the School District, could materially affect the ability of the School District to pay such principal and interest. While I have participated in the preparation of such Official Statement, I have not verified the accuracy, sufficiency, completeness or fairness of the Official Statement or any factual information contained therein or any additional proceedings, reports, correspondence, financial statements or other documents containing financial or other information relative to the School District or the financed project and, accordingly, I express no opinion as to whether the School District, in connection with the sale of the Note, has made any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact necessary in order to make any statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

Very truly yours,

Timothy R. McGill, Esq.

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