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Book-Entry-Only

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Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program/Underlying

TAX STATUS: In the opinion of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., Bond Counsel, assuming continued compliance by the School District with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), (i) interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, (ii) the Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan, except inheritance and estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof, and (iii) interest on the Bonds is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax to the extent of, and subject to, the conditions described herein. The School District has covenanted to comply with certain requirements of the Code necessary to continue the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

THE BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED AND/OR DEEMED DESIGNATED AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 265(b)(3)(B) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.



\$8,650,000*
HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
County of Houghton, State of Michigan
2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds
(General Obligation - Unlimited Tax)

Date of Sale: February 25, 2026
Time of Sale: 11:00 AM, ET

PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax) (the "Bonds") were authorized by the Board of Education of the Houghton-Portage Township School District, County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "School District") by resolutions adopted on January 19, 2026 and expected to be adopted on March 16, 2026 (the "Resolutions"). The School District is authorized to issue a portion of the bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,700,000 as the second series of bonds approved by the electors of the School District at an election held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center and an addition to the elementary school; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds and sites (the "Project"), to issue a portion of the bonds approved by the electors of the District in the amount of not to exceed \$6,700,000 as the second series of bonds from the November 5, 2024 authorization for the Project; and to refund all or part of that portion of the Issuer's outstanding 2016 Refunding Bonds, Series A, dated July 14, 2016, in the original amount of \$8,035,000, which are callable on or after May 1, 2026, and are due and payable May 1, 2027 through May 1, 2029, inclusive (the "Prior Bonds"). The Bonds will pledge the full faith, credit and resources of the School District for payment of the principal and interest thereon, and will be payable from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount as provided by Article IX, Section 6, and Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

STATE QUALIFICATION: The Bonds are expected to be fully qualified as of delivery pursuant to Act 92, Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended, enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the School District will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due, then the School District shall borrow, and the State of Michigan shall lend to it, an amount sufficient to enable the School District to make the payment.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY: The Bonds are issuable only as fully registered bonds without coupons and, when issued, will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as Bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds. Purchases of beneficial interests in the Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. Purchasers of beneficial interests in the Bonds (the "Beneficial Owners") will not receive certificates representing their beneficial interest in Bonds purchased. So long as Cede & Co. is the Bondholder, as nominee of DTC, references herein to the Bondholders or registered owners shall mean Cede & Co., as aforesaid, and shall not mean the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds. See "BOOK-ENTRY ONLY SYSTEM" herein.

PAYMENT OF BONDS: Principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid by Argent Institutional Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Paying Agent"). So long as DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the Bondholder, such payments will be made directly to such Bondholder. Disbursement of such payments to the DTC Participants is the responsibility of DTC and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and Indirect Participants, as more fully described herein. Interest will be payable semiannually on November 1 and May 1, commencing November 1, 2026, to the Bondholders of record as of the applicable record dates as stated in the Bonds.

Dated/Delivery: To Be Determined (Estimated to be March 26, 2026) **Principal Due:** May 1, years shown below
Purchase Price: Not less than 100% or more than 115% of par value **Maximum Interest Rate:** 5.25%
Multiples: 1/8 or 1/100 of 1% or both

(Base CUSIP\$: _____)

CUSIP\$	Year	Amount*	Interest Rate	Yield	CUSIP\$	Year	Amount*	Interest Rate	Yield
	2027	\$685,000			2041	2041	\$260,000		
	2028	695,000			2042	2042	275,000		
	2029	695,000			2043	2043	410,000		
	2032	115,000			2044	2044	425,000		
	2033	140,000			2045	2045	445,000		
	2034	155,000			2046	2046	460,000		
	2035	170,000			2047	2047	485,000		
	2036	185,000			2048	2048	505,000		
	2037	200,000			2049	2049	525,000		
	2038	215,000			2050	2050	555,000		
	2039	230,000			2051	2051	575,000		
	2040	245,000							

INTEREST RATE RESTRICTION: No single maturity of the Bonds may have an initial offering price to the public less than 98.5% of par for that maturity.

PRIOR REDEMPTION: Bonds of this issue maturing in years 2036 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption at the option of the School District prior to maturity as described in "PRIOR REDEMPTION - Optional Redemption" herein.

TERM BOND OPTION: Bidders shall have the option of designating bonds maturing in any year as serial bonds or term bonds, or both. Any such designation must be made within one (1) hour after the Bond sale. See "TERM BOND OPTION" herein.

MATURITY ADJUSTMENT: The School District reserves the right to adjust the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds after receipt of the bids and prior to final award. See "MATURITY ADJUSTMENT" herein.

ADJUSTMENT TO PURCHASE PRICE: In the event of a maturity adjustment, the purchase price of the Bonds will be adjusted proportionately to the adjustment in principal amount of the Bonds and in such manner as to maintain as comparable an underwriter spread as possible to the winning bid.

BOND COUNSEL: The Bonds will be offered when, as and if issued by the School District subject to the approving legal opinion of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., East Lansing, Michigan.

This cover page contains information for a quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement to obtain information essential to the making of an informed investment decision.

Additional information relative to this Bond issue may be obtained from:

PFM Financial Advisors LLC
555 Briarwood Circle, Suite 333
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-994-9700

This Official Statement is dated _____, 2026

† For an explanation of the ratings, see "RATINGS" herein.

¹ As of date of delivery.

* Preliminary, subject to change.

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This Official Statement and any addenda thereto were prepared relying on information of the School District and other sources and are believed to be reliable.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the School District's financial records, and the terms of the offering, including the merits and risks involved.

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TERM BOND OPTION

Bidders shall have the option of designating bonds maturing in any year as serial bonds or term bonds, or both. The bidder must designate whether each of the principal amounts shown on the cover hereof represent a serial maturity or a mandatory redemption requirement for a term bond maturity. There may be more than one term bond maturity. In any event, the principal amount schedule on the cover hereof shall be represented by either serial bond maturities or mandatory redemption requirements, or a combination of both. Any such designation must be made within one (1) hour after the Bond sale.

PRIOR REDEMPTION

Optional Redemption

Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2032 through 2036, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of Bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the year 2037 and thereafter shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the School District, in such order as the School District may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any date occurring on or after May 1, 2036, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Mandatory Redemption – Term Bonds

Principal designated by the original Purchaser of the Bonds as a term maturity shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in part, by lot, at par and accrued interest on the redemption dates corresponding to the maturities hereinbefore scheduled. When term Bonds are purchased by the School District and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term Bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Bonds so redeemed or purchased in the order determined by the School District.

Notice of Redemption and Manner of Selection

Notice of redemption of any Bond shall be given not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the Registered Owner at the registered address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and Bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the Bond by \$5,000 and such Bonds may be redeemed in part. The notice of redemption for Bonds redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the Bond to be redeemed a new Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the Registered Owner thereof. No further interest payment on the Bonds or portions of Bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the Paying Agent to redeem the same.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity shall be called for redemption prior to maturity unless otherwise provided, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent, in such manner as the Paying Agent in its discretion may deem proper, in the principal amounts designated by the School District. Upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent, such Bonds shall be paid and redeemed.

So long as the book-entry-only system remains in effect, in the event of a partial redemption the Paying Agent will give notice to Cede & Co., as nominee of DTC, only, and only Cede & Co. will be deemed to be a holder of the Bonds. DTC is expected to reduce the credit balances of the applicable DTC Participants in respect of the Bonds and in turn the DTC Participants are expected to select those Beneficial Owners whose ownership interests are to be extinguished or reduced by such partial redemption, each by such method as DTC or such DTC Participants, as the case may be, deems fair and appropriate in its sole discretion.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

See APPENDIX G - "DRAFT OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE".

BIDCOMP/PARITY BIDDING

Notice is hereby given that electronic proposals will be received via BIDCOMP/PARITY, in the manner described below, until 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time, on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Bids may be submitted electronically via BIDCOMP/PARITY pursuant to the Notice of Sale, but no bid will be received after the time for receiving bids specified above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in BIDCOMP/PARITY conflict with the Official Notice of Sale for the Bond, the terms of the Official Notice of Sale

for the Bonds shall control. For further information about BIDCOMP/PARITY, potential bidders may contact the Municipal Advisor at (734) 994-9700 or BIDCOMP/PARITY at (212) 849-5021.

PURPOSE AND SECURITY

The Bonds were authorized by the Board of Education of the School District by resolutions adopted on January 19, 2026 and expected to be adopted on March 16, 2026 (the "Resolutions") and in part by the electors of the School District's at an election held on November 5, 2024, for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center and an addition to the elementary school; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds and sites (the "Project"), to issue a portion of the bonds approved by the electors of the District in the amount of not to exceed \$6,700,000 as the second series of bonds from the November 5, 2024 authorization for the Project; and to refund all or part of that portion of the Issuer's outstanding 2016 Refunding Bonds, Series A, dated July 14, 2016, in the original amount of \$8,035,000, which are callable on or after May 1, 2026, and are due and payable May 1, 2027 through May 1, 2029, inclusive (the "Prior Bonds"). The Bonds will pledge the full faith, credit and resources of the School District for payment of the principal and interest thereon, and will be payable from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount as provided by Article IX, Section 6, and Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS

THE BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED AND/OR DEEMED DESIGNATED AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" UNDER SECTION 265(b)(3)(B) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

An application will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Treasury to obtain, and it is the School District's expectation that the Bonds will receive, final qualification as of the date of delivery pursuant to Act 92 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended ("Act 92"), enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the School District will be or is unable to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds when due, the School District shall borrow and the State of Michigan (the "State") shall lend to it from the School Loan Revolving Fund (the "School Loan Revolving Fund") established by the State, an amount sufficient to enable the School District to make the payment. Article IX, Section 16 of the State Constitution as implemented by Act 112 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1961, as amended, authorizes the State, without approval of its electors, to borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge the State's full faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided under such section. Loans to school districts for such purposes are made from the proceeds of such State borrowing. See also APPENDIX A, "STATE QUALIFICATION," in this Official Statement.

Complete financial statements of all of the State's funds as included in the State's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report ("ACFR") prepared by the State's Office of the State Budget are available from the Office of the State Budget website: www.michigan.gov/budget. The State has agreed to file its ACFR with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board and the State Information Depository (as described in Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission) annually, so long as any bonds qualified for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program remain outstanding.

PLAN OF REFUNDING

A portion of the proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay certain costs of issuance relating to the current refunding of the 2016 Refunding Bonds, Series A, dated July 14, 2016 (the "Prior Bonds"), to establish an escrow fund (the "Escrow Fund") composed of cash and non-callable direct obligations of, or obligations the principal of and interest on which are unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America or other obligations the principal of and interest on which are fully secured by the foregoing. The Escrow Fund will be held by the corporate trust office of Argent Institutional Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan as Escrow Agent (the "Escrow Agent"), and will be used to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds at call for redemption. The Escrow Fund will be held by the Escrow Agent pursuant to an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") which irrevocably directs the Escrow Agent to make the payment of principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds at call for redemption. The Escrow Fund will be such that the cash and the principal of and interest payments received on the investments will be sufficient without reinvestment, except as provided in the Escrow Agreement, to pay the principal of and interest on the Prior Bonds as they are called for early redemption, as set forth in the following table.

**Principal of and Interest on the
Prior Bonds to be paid from the Escrow Fund**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
05/01/2026	\$2,110,000.00	\$42,200.00	\$2,152,200.00

The accuracy of the mathematical computations of the adequacy of cash and/or certain obligations to be held in the Escrow Fund and used, together with the earnings thereon, to pay the interest on the Prior Bonds when due and the principal of the Prior Bonds at call for redemption on May 1, 2026, supporting the conclusion of Bond Counsel that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes as indicated under the caption "TAX MATTERS" below, will be verified by Robert Thomas CPA, LLC, Overland Park, Kansas (the "Verification Agent"). Such verification of accuracy of the computations shall be based upon information supplied by the School District and PFM Financial Advisors LLC.

ESTIMATED SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

Sources of Funds:

Par Amount of Bonds
Net Premium
TOTAL SOURCES

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Uses of Funds:

Escrow Fund
Capital Projects Fund
Underwriter's Discount
Estimated Costs of Issuance
TOTAL USES

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TAX PROCEDURES

Article IX, Section 3, of the Michigan Constitution provides that the proportion of true cash value at which property shall be assessed shall not exceed 50% of true cash value. The Michigan Legislature by statute has provided that property shall be assessed at 50% of its true cash value, except as described below. The Michigan Legislature or the electorate may at some future time reduce the percentage below 50% of true cash value.

On March 15, 1994, the electors of the State approved an amendment to the Michigan Constitution permitting the Legislature to authorize ad valorem taxes on a non-uniform basis. The legislation implementing this constitutional amendment added a new measure of property value known as "Taxable Value." Beginning in 1995, taxable property has two valuations -- State equalized valuation ("SEV") and Taxable Value. Property taxes are levied on Taxable Value. Generally, Taxable Value of property is the lesser of (a) the Taxable Value of the property in the immediately preceding year, adjusted for losses, and increased by the lesser of the inflation rate or 5%, plus additions, or (b) the property's current SEV. Under certain circumstances, therefore, the Taxable Value of property may be different from the same property's SEV.

When property is sold or transferred, Taxable Value is adjusted to the SEV, which under existing law is 50% of the current true cash value. The Taxable Value of new construction is equal to current SEV. Taxable Value and SEV of existing property are also adjusted annually for additions and losses.

Responsibility for assessing taxable property rests with the local assessing officer of each township and city. Any property owner may appeal the assessment to the local board of review, to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and ultimately to the Michigan courts.

The Michigan Constitution also mandates a system of equalization for assessments. Although the assessors for each local unit of government within a county are responsible for actually assessing at 50% of true cash value, adjusted for Taxable Value purposes, the final SEV and Taxable Value are arrived at through several steps. Assessments are established initially by the municipal assessor. Municipal assessments are then equalized to the 50% levels as determined by the respective county's department of equalization. Thereafter, the State equalizes the various counties in relation to each other. SEV is important, aside from its use in determining Taxable Value for the purpose of levying ad valorem property taxes, because of its role in the spreading of taxes between overlapping jurisdictions, the distribution of various State aid programs, State revenue sharing and in the calculation of debt limits.

Property that is exempt from property taxes, e.g., churches, government property, public schools, is not included in the SEV and Taxable Value data in the Official Statement. Property granted tax abatements under Act 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, amended, is recorded on a separate tax roll while subject to tax abatement. The

valuation of tax-abated property is based upon SEV but is not included in either the SEV or Taxable Value data in the Official Statement except as noted. Under limited circumstances, other state laws permit the partial abatement of certain taxes for other types of property for periods of up to 12 years.

LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND BONDHOLDER'S REMEDIES

The Resolutions authorizing the issuance of the Bonds and State law obligate the School District to levy a tax annually in an amount sufficient so that the estimated collections therefrom, together with amounts, if any, to be borrowed from the School Loan Revolving Fund for the Bonds, will be sufficient to pay promptly when due the principal of and interest on the Bonds becoming due prior to the time of the next tax levy. The tax levy shall not be subject to limitation as to rate or amount. Taxes for the payment of the principal of or interest on the Bonds are certified for collection each year with the school tax levies. In the event of the failure of the proper officials to certify taxes for the payment of the principal and interest requirements, a timely action in the nature of mandamus could compel certification and collection of adequate taxes or could compel the School District to make application to borrow the necessary funds from the School Loan Revolving Fund and thus prevent a default. However, if the paying agent for any bonds of the School District qualified for State loans as provided in Article IX, Section 16, of the State Constitution notifies the State Treasurer that the School District has failed to deposit sufficient funds to pay principal or interest on the qualified bonds when due or if a bondholder notifies the State Treasurer that the School District has failed to pay principal or interest on such qualified bonds when due, whether or not the School District has filed a draw request with the State Treasurer, the State Treasurer shall promptly pay the principal or interest on the qualified bonds when due.

If sufficient funds for full payment of debt service on the Bonds do not reach the Paying Agent five business days prior to the debt service payment due date, the Paying Agent will notify the School District of the amount of insufficient funds four business days prior to the due date. In the event that the School District does not immediately resolve the insufficient funds situation, the Paying Agent will notify the Michigan Department of Treasury of the deficiency three business days before the payment due date and the State Treasurer shall make the payment.

Any amount paid by the State Treasurer as described in the preceding paragraphs shall be deemed a loan made to the School District pursuant to the requirements of said Article IX, Section 16, of the State Constitution. Registered owners of the Bonds may attempt to obtain a money judgment against the School District for the principal amount of the Bonds or interest not paid when due and may periodically attempt to enforce the collection of the money judgment by requiring the tax assessing officers for the School District to place the amount of such judgment on the next tax rolls of the School District. The rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof are subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted and their enforcement also may be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases. See also APPENDIX A, "STATE QUALIFICATION," for the excerpt from the State Constitution and for the statute creating the School Loan Revolving Fund and the related opinions of the Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

SOURCES OF SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE

On March 15, 1994, the electors of the State of Michigan approved a ballot proposition to amend the State Constitution of 1963, in part, to increase the State sales tax from 4% to 6% as part of a complex plan to restructure the source of funding of public education (K-12) in order to reduce reliance on local property taxes for school operating purposes and to reduce the per pupil finance resource disparities among school districts.

The State school aid package passed by the Legislature as part of the school finance reform legislation instituted a per pupil foundation allowance beginning in fiscal year 1994/95. With the passage of Public Act 48 of 2021, the Legislature eliminated the foundation allowance range in 2021/22 that had been in place since the passage of the school finance reform legislation in 1994. In Public Act 15 of 2025 ("PA 15"), the Legislature established a 2025/26 target foundation allowance of \$10,050 per pupil. In the future, the foundation allowance may be adjusted annually by an index based upon the change in revenues to the State school aid fund and change in the total number of pupils statewide. The foundation allowance is funded by locally raised property taxes plus State school aid. The revenues for the State's contribution to the foundation allowance are derived from a mix of taxing sources, including but not limited to, a statewide property tax of 6 mills on all taxable property¹, a State sales and use tax, a real estate transfer tax and a cigarette tax.

¹ "Taxable property" in this context does not include industrial personal property.

Generally, school districts are required to levy a local property tax of not more than 18 mills or the number of mills levied in 1993 for school operating purposes, whichever is less, on non-homestead properties¹ in order for the school district to receive its per pupil foundation allowance. An intermediate school district may seek voter approval for up to three enhancement mills for distribution to local constituent school districts on a per pupil basis. Proceeds of the enhancement mills are not counted toward the foundation allowance. Furthermore, school districts whose per pupil foundation allowance in 2025/26 calculates to an amount in excess of \$10,050 are authorized to levy additional millage to obtain the foundation allowance, first by levying such amount of the 18 mills against homestead property² as is necessary to hold themselves harmless and, if the 18 mills is insufficient, to then levy such additional mills against all property uniformly as is necessary to obtain the foundation allowance. The School District's 2025/26 per pupil foundation allowance does not exceed \$10,050, and the School District does not levy such additional millage.

State aid appropriations and the payment schedule for State school aid may be changed by the Legislature at any time. If the amount appropriated from the State School Aid Fund exceeds the amount available for expenditure for a fiscal year, in the absence of overriding legislative action by the Legislature, the School Aid Act subjects most state aid payable to school districts for that fiscal year to an automatic proration on a per pupil basis in an amount necessary to eliminate the portion of the overage attributable to the appropriation to all school districts. See "STATE AID PAYMENTS" in APPENDIX B.

Public Act 120 of 2024 amended the State School Aid Act for the 2024/25 fiscal year, maintaining the School District's foundation allowance at \$9,608 per pupil.

PA 15 amended the State School Aid Act for the 2025/26 fiscal year, increasing the School District's foundation allowance to \$10,050 per pupil.

Pursuant to PA 15, the School District may be eligible to receive various categorical grants for specific purposes, such as special education, "at-risk" students, meal programs, early education, career and technical education programs, and other instructional and non-instructional programs. The annual amendments to the State School Aid Act determine the type and amount of those categorical funds. For further information regarding the School District's receipt of categorical funds for the 2024/25 fiscal year, see the School District's audited financial statements in APPENDIX D.

THE SOURCES OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S OPERATING REVENUE DO NOT IMPACT THE TAXING AUTHORITY OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS AND DO NOT AFFECT THE OBLIGATION OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO LEVY TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE BONDS OFFERED HEREIN.

MICHIGAN PROPERTY TAX REFORM

On November 5, 2013, March 28, 2014, and April 1, 2014, a package of bills amended and replaced legislation enacted in 2012 to phase-out most personal property taxation in Michigan. The bills were contingent on Michigan voters approving a ballot question authorizing a new municipal entity, the Local Community Stabilization Authority ("LCSA"), to levy a local component of the statewide use tax and distribute that revenue to local units of government to offset their revenue losses resulting from the personal property tax reform. On August 5, 2014, voters approved that ballot question.

The bill package, together with the original 2012 legislation, created two new exemptions from the personal property tax. Under the "small taxpayer exemption," the commercial and industrial personal property of each owner with a combined true cash value in a local tax collecting unit of less than \$80,000 is exempt from ad valorem taxes in that collecting unit beginning in 2014, with such threshold being increased by the Legislature to a combined true cash value in a local tax collecting unit of less than \$180,000 beginning in 2023. For businesses that do not qualify for the "small taxpayer exemption," all "eligible manufacturing personal property" (personal property used more than 50% of the time in industrial processing or direct integrated support) purchased and placed into service before 2006 or during or after 2013 became exempt beginning in 2016. Taxation on "eligible manufacturing personal property" placed into service after 2006 but before 2013 was phased-out over time; with the exemption taking effect after the property

¹ "Non-homestead property" includes all taxable property other than principal residence, qualified agricultural property, qualified forestry property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy, and industrial personal property. Commercial personal property, to the extent not otherwise exempt, is exempt from the first 12 mills of not more than 18 mills levied by school districts.

² "Homestead property," in this context, means principal residence, qualified to the extent not otherwise exempt agricultural property, qualified forestry property, supportive housing property, property occupied by a public school academy, certain industrial personal property and certain commercial personal property to the extent not otherwise exempt.

has been in service for the immediately preceding 10 years. The legislation extends certain personal property tax exemptions and tax abatements for technology parks, industrial facilities and enterprise.

Pursuant to voter approval in August 2014, the legislation also includes a formula to reimburse school districts for 100% of their lost operating millage revenue and lost sinking fund millage revenue. To provide the reimbursement, the legislation reduces the state share of the use tax and authorizes the LCSA to levy a local component of the use tax and distribute that revenue to qualifying local units. However, the reimbursement for the school district's operating millage will come from the State use tax component, which is deposited into the school state aid fund.¹ While the legislation provides reimbursement for prospective school operating losses, pursuant to legislative changes made in 2020, school districts will be reimbursed in 2021 and thereafter for debt millage calculated pursuant to a statutory formula.

DESCRIPTION AND FORM OF THE BONDS

The Bonds will be issued in book-entry-only form as one fully registered Bond per maturity, without coupons, in the aggregate principal amount for each maturity set forth on the cover page hereof and may be purchased in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The Bonds will be dated as of and bear interest from the date of issuance. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable semiannually each November 1 and May 1 to maturity or early redemption, commencing November 1, 2026. Interest on the Bonds shall be computed using a 360-day year with twelve 30-day months, and the Bonds will mature on the dates and in the principal amounts and will bear interest at the rates as set forth on the cover of this Official Statement.

The corporate trust office of Argent Institutional Trust Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan or its successor will serve as the paying agent (the "Paying Agent") and also as bond registrar and transfer agent if the Bonds cease to be held in book-entry-only form. For a description of payment of principal and interest, transfers and exchanges and notice of redemption on the Bonds, which are held in the book-entry-only system, see "Book-Entry-Only System" below. Interest on the Bonds shall be payable when due by check or draft to the person or entity who or which is, as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding each interest payment date, the registered owner of record, at the owner's registered address. See also, "Transfer Outside Book-Entry-Only System" below.

BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

The information in this section has been furnished by The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"). No representation is made by the School District or the Paying Agent as to the completeness or accuracy of such information or as to the absence of material adverse changes in such information subsequent to the date hereof. No attempt has been made by the School District or the Paying Agent to determine whether DTC is or will be financially or otherwise capable of fulfilling its obligations. Neither the School District nor the Paying Agent will have any responsibility or obligation to DTC Participants, Indirect Participants (both as defined below) or the persons for which they act as nominees with respect to the Bonds, or for any principal, premium, if any, or interest payment thereof.

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

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

¹ A school district that increases its millage rate to replace debt millage revenue loss would not be eligible to receive reimbursement distributions. Further, because much of the foregone revenue is deposited into and disbursed to the State Aid Fund, in the future the legislature may choose to change the funding formulas in the State School Aid Act of 1979 (Act 94) or appropriate funds therein for other purposes.

Income Clearing Corporation, all of which are registered clearing agencies. DTCC is owned by the users of its regulated subsidiaries. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as both U.S. and non-U.S. securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, and clearing corporations that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Direct Participant, either directly or indirectly ("Indirect Participants"). DTC has a Standard & Poor's rating of AA+. The DTC Rules applicable to its Participants are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. More information about DTC can be found at www.dtcc.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Payments of principal, interest and redemption amounts, if any, on the Bonds will be made to Cede & Co., or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC. DTC's practice is to credit Direct Participants' accounts upon DTC's receipt of funds and corresponding detail information from the School District or the Paying Agent, 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), Paying Agent, or School District, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payments of principal, interest and redemption amounts, if any, to Cede & Co. (or such other nominee as may be requested by an authorized representative of DTC) are the responsibility of the School District or Paying Agent, disbursement of such payments to Direct Participants shall be the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the Beneficial Owners shall be the responsibility of Direct and Indirect Participants.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the School District or Paying Agent. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor 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.

TRANSFER OUTSIDE BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM

In the event that the book-entry-only system is discontinued, the following provisions would apply to the Bonds. The Paying Agent shall keep the registration books for the Bonds (the "Bond Register") at its corporate trust office. Subject to the further conditions contained in the Resolutions, the Bonds may be transferred or exchanged for one or more Bonds in different authorized denominations upon surrender thereof at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent by the registered owners or their duly authorized attorneys; upon surrender of any Bonds to be transferred or exchanged, the Paying Agent shall record the transfer or exchange in the Bond Register and shall authenticate replacement bonds in authorized denominations; during the fifteen (15) days immediately preceding the date of mailing of any notice of redemption or any time following the mailing of any notice of redemption, the Paying Agent shall not be required to effect or register any transfer or exchange of any Bond which has been selected for such redemption, except the Bonds properly surrendered for partial redemption may be exchanged for new Bonds in authorized denominations equal in the aggregate to the unredeemed portion; the School District and Paying Agent shall be entitled to treat the registered owners of the Bonds, as their names appear in the Bond Register as of the appropriate dates, as the owners of such Bonds for all purposes under the Resolutions. No transfer or exchange made other than as described above and in the Resolutions shall be valid or effective for any purposes under the Resolutions.

PAYING AGENT AND BOND REGISTRATION

Principal and interest shall be payable and the Bonds shall be registered and transferred as described under the heading "BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM" above until the book-entry only system is discontinued. The School District has appointed the Paying Agent shown on the cover. In the event the book-entry only system is discontinued, the Paying Agent will also act as bond registrar and transfer agent.

BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION

If the Bonds qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefore at the option of the purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the purchaser. There will be no changes made to the Resolutions to reflect bond insurance. Any increased costs of issuance of the Bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, if the School District has requested and received a rating on the Bonds from a rating agency, the School District will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. **FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.**

LITIGATION

The School District has not been served with any litigation, administrative action or proceeding, and to the knowledge of the appropriate officials of the School District no litigation or administrative action or proceeding has been threatened against it, seeking to restrain or enjoin the issuance and delivery of the Bonds, or questioning or contesting the validity of the Bonds or the proceedings or authorities under which they are authorized to be issued, sold, executed and delivered or that would materially impact the School District finances or their ability to meet the debt service obligations on the Bonds. A certificate to such effect will be delivered to the Purchaser at the time of the original delivery of the Bonds.

TAX MATTERS

State

In the opinion of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., East Lansing, Michigan ("Bond Counsel"), based on its examination of the documents described in its opinion, under existing State of Michigan statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan, except inheritance and estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof.

Federal

In the opinion of Bond Counsel, based upon its examination of the documents described in its opinion, under existing statutes, regulations, rulings and court decisions, the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, interest on the Bonds held by an "applicable corporation" (as defined in Section 59(k) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) is included in annual "adjusted financial statement income" for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on an applicable corporation. The

opinions set forth in the preceding sentence are subject to the condition that the School District comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The School District has covenanted to comply with such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes to be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. Bond Counsel will express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences with respect to the Bonds.

There are additional federal tax consequences relative to the Bonds and the interest thereon. The following is a general description of some of these consequences but is not intended to be complete or exhaustive and investors should consult with their tax advisors with respect to these matters. Prospective purchasers of the Bonds should be aware that (i) interest on the Bonds is included in the effectively connected earnings and profits of certain foreign corporations for purposes of calculating the branch profits tax imposed by Section 884 of the Code, (ii) interest on the Bonds may be subject to a tax on excess net passive income of certain S Corporations imposed by Section 1375 of the Code, (iii) interest on the Bonds is included in the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining the taxability of social security or railroad retirement benefits, (iv) the receipt of interest on the Bonds by life insurance companies may affect the federal tax liability of such companies, (v) in the case of property and casualty insurance companies, the amount of certain loss deductions otherwise allowed is reduced by a specific percentage of, among other things, interest on the Bonds, (vi) holders of the Bonds may not deduct interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry the Bonds, and (vii) commercial banks, thrift institutions and other financial institutions may deduct their costs of carrying certain obligations such as the Bonds.

Original Issue Discount¹

The initial public offering prices of certain Bonds, as set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement, may be less than the stated redemption prices at maturity (hereinafter referred to as the "OID Bonds"), and, to the extent properly allocable to each owner of such OID Bond, the original issue discount is excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes with respect to such owner. Original issue discount is the excess of the stated redemption price at maturity of an OID Bond over the initial offering price to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) at which price a substantial amount of the OID Bonds were sold. Under Section 1288 of the Code, original issue discount on tax-exempt bonds accrues on a compound basis. For an owner who acquires an OID Bond in this offering, the amount of original issue discount that accrues during any accrual period generally equals (i) the issue price of such OID Bond plus the amount of original issue discount accrued in all prior accrual periods, multiplied by (ii) the yield to maturity on such OID Bond (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period), less (iii) any interest payable on such OID Bond during such accrual period. The amount of original issue discount so accrued in a particular accrual period will be considered to be received ratably on each day of the accrual period, will be excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, and will increase the owner's tax basis in such OID Bond. Any gain realized by an owner from a sale, exchange, payment or redemption of an OID Bond would be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of such OID Bond. Owners of OID Bonds should consult with their individual tax advisors to determine whether the application of the original issue discount federal regulations will require them to include, for state and local income tax purposes, an amount of interest on the OID Bonds as income even though no corresponding cash interest payment is actually received during the tax year.

Original Issue Premium¹

For federal income tax purposes, the initial offering prices to the public (excluding bond houses and brokers) of certain Bonds, may be greater than the stated redemption prices at maturity (the "Premium Bonds"), and constitutes for the original purchasers of the Premium Bonds an amortizable bond premium. Such amortizable bond premium is not deductible from gross income. The amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to each taxable year is generally determined on the basis of a taxpayer's yield to maturity determined by using the taxpayer's basis (for purposes of determining loss on sale or exchange) of such Premium Bonds and compounding at the close of each six-month accrual period. The amount of amortizable bond premium allocable to each taxable year is deducted from the taxpayer's adjusted basis of such Premium Bonds to determine taxable gain upon disposition (including sale, redemption or payment on maturity) of such Premium Bonds.

Future Developments

No assurance can be given that any future legislation or clarifications or amendments to the Code, if enacted into law, will not contain proposals which could cause the interest on the Bonds to be subject directly or indirectly to

¹ Preliminary, subject to change.

federal or State income taxation, adversely affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds, or otherwise prevent bondholders from realizing the full current benefit of the status of the interest thereon.

Furthermore, no assurance can be given that the impact of any future court decisions will not cause the interest on the Bonds to be subject directly or indirectly to federal or State income taxation, adversely affect the market price or marketability of the Bonds, or otherwise prevent bondholders from realizing the full current benefit of the status of the interest thereon.

It is to be understood that the rights of the holders of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that their enforcement may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS AS TO THE TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACQUISITION, HOLDING OR DISPOSITION OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING THE TREATMENT OF ORIGINAL ISSUE PREMIUM AND ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT, IF ANY.

MUNICIPAL FINANCE QUALIFYING STATEMENT

The Michigan Department of Treasury has determined that the School District is in material compliance with the criteria identified in the Revised Municipal Finance Act, Act 34 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, for a municipality to be granted qualified status. The School District may therefore proceed to issue the Bonds without further approval from the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan.

BOND COUNSEL'S RESPONSIBILITY

Bond Counsel has reviewed the statements made in this Official Statement under the headings "INTEREST," "PRIOR REDEMPTION," "PURPOSE AND SECURITY," "PLAN OF REFUNDING," "TRANSFER OUTSIDE BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM," "TAX MATTERS," "MUNICIPAL FINANCE QUALIFYING STATEMENT," "BOND COUNSEL'S RESPONSIBILITY," and "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE" (first two paragraphs only). Except as otherwise disclosed on pages herein, Bond Counsel has not been retained to review and has not reviewed any other portion of this Official Statement for accuracy or completeness, and has not made inquiry of any official or employee of the School District or any other person and has not made independent verification of such other portions hereof, and further has not expressed and will not express an opinion as to the portions hereof.

Except as stated in the immediately preceding paragraph and to the extent necessary to render its approving opinion respecting the validity of the Bonds and the exemption of the Bonds and the interest thereon from taxation, Bond Counsel has not been retained to examine or review, and has not examined or reviewed, any financial documents, statements or other materials that have been or may be furnished in the connection with the authorization, marketing or issuance of the Bonds, and, therefore, will not express an opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such documents, statements or other materials.

The fees of Bond Counsel for services rendered in connection with its approving opinion are expected to be paid from Bond proceeds.

MUNICIPAL ADVISOR

The School District has retained PFM Financial Advisors LLC, of Ann Arbor, Michigan as municipal financial advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. In assisting to prepare the Official Statement, the Municipal Advisor has relied upon governmental officials and other sources which have access to relevant data, to provide accurate information for the Official Statement and the Municipal Advisor has not been engaged, nor has it undertaken, to independently verify the accuracy of such information. To the best of the Municipal Advisor's knowledge and belief, the information contained in the Official Statement which it assisted in preparing, while it may be summarized, is complete and accurate. The Municipal Advisor is not a public accounting firm and has not been engaged by the School District to compile, review, examine or audit any information in the Official Statement in accordance with accounting standards.

The Municipal Advisor is an independent advisory firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities and therefore will not participate in the underwriting of the Bonds. PFM Financial Advisors LLC is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board as a municipal advisor.

Requests for information concerning the School District should be addressed to PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 555 Briarwood Circle, Suite 333, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, telephone: (734) 994-9700.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE

Prior to delivery of the Bonds, the School District will execute a Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the "Agreement") for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and the Beneficial Owners (as hereinafter defined under this caption only) to send certain information annually and to provide notice of certain events to certain information repositories pursuant to the requirements of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) (the "Rule") adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. "Beneficial Owner" means, under this caption only, any person, which has the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or consent with respect to, or to dispose of ownership of, any Bonds (including any person holding Bonds through nominees, depositories or any other intermediaries). The information to be provided on an annual basis, the events which will be noticed on an occurrence basis, and other terms of the Agreement are set forth in APPENDIX F - "FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT" to this Official Statement. Additionally, the School District shall, to the extent not already provided in the School District's annual audit filing pursuant to the Agreement, provide certain annual financial information and operating data generally consistent with the information contained in APPENDIX B within the tables under the headings "ENROLLMENT - Historical Enrollment", "STATE AID PAYMENTS," "PROPERTY VALUATIONS – History of Valuations," "MAJOR TAXPAYERS," "SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES – (Per \$1,000 of Valuation)," "TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS," "RETIREMENT PLAN – Contribution to MPSERS," "LABOR RELATIONS," "DEBT STATEMENT – DIRECT DEBT," "SCHOOL LOAN REVOLVING FUND (SLRF) PROGRAM," and General Fund Budget Summary in APPENDIX C herein.

A failure by the School District to comply with the Agreement will not constitute an event of default under the Resolutions and holders of the Bonds or Beneficial Owners are limited to the remedies described in the Agreement. A failure by the School District to comply with the Agreement must be reported by the School District in accordance with the Rule and must be considered by any broker, dealer or municipal securities dealer before recommending the purchase or sale of the bonds in the secondary market. Consequently, such failure may adversely affect the transferability and liquidity of the Bonds and their market price.

The School District has not in the previous five years, failed to comply, in all material respects, with any previous continuing disclosure agreements executed by the School District pursuant to the Rule.

UNDERWRITER

The Bonds were purchased at a competitive sale on February 25, 2026, by _____ (the "Underwriter"). The Underwriter has agreed to purchase the Bonds at a price of \$_____, which represents the par amount of the Bonds of \$_____, less underwriter's discount of \$_____, and plus original issue premium in the amount of \$_____. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Bonds to certain dealers and others at prices lower than the public offering price stated on the inside cover page hereof. The initial public offering price may be changed from time to time by the Underwriter.

RATINGS

Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") will assign, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, its municipal bond rating of "Aa1" to the Bonds based upon the fact that each Bond will be fully qualified for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program as of its date of delivery. See "QUALIFICATION BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN," "LEVY AND COLLECTION OF TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND BONDHOLDERS' REMEDIES" and APPENDIX A, "STATE QUALIFICATION," herein.

Moody's will also assign, as of the date of delivery of the Bonds, its underlying municipal bond rating of "A2" to the Bonds without regard to qualification of the Bonds for participation in the Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program.

No application has been made to any other ratings service for a rating on the Bonds. The School District furnished to Moody's certain materials and information in addition to that provided herein. Generally, rating agencies base their ratings on such information and materials, and on investigations, studies and assumptions. There is no assurance that such ratings will prevail for any given period of time or that they will not be revised downward or withdrawn entirely by Moody's if, in its judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any such downward revision or withdrawal of such ratings may have an adverse effect on the market price of the Bonds. Any ratings assigned represent only the views of Moody's. Further information is available upon request from Moody's Investors Service, 7 Trade Center at 250 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007, telephone: (212) 553-0377.

OTHER MATTERS

All information contained in this Official Statement, in all respects, is subject to the complete body of information contained in the original sources thereof. In particular, no opinion or representation is rendered as to whether any projection will approximate actual results, and all opinions, estimates and assumptions, whether or not expressly identified as such, should not be considered statements of fact.

The School District certifies that to its best knowledge and belief, this Official Statement, insofar as it pertains to the School District and its economic and financial condition, is true and correct as of the date of this Official Statement, and does not contain, nor omit, any material facts or information which would make the statements contained herein misleading.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: _____
Its: Superintendent

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**APPENDIX A
STATE QUALIFICATION**

**ARTICLE IX, SECTION 16 OF THE
1963 STATE OF MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION**

State loans to school districts.

Sec. 16. The state, in addition to any other borrowing power, may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

Amount of loans.

If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

Qualified bonds.

The term "qualified bonds" means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section.

Repayment of loans, tax levy by school district.

After a school district has received loans from the state, each year thereafter it shall levy for debt service, exclusive of levies for nonqualified bonds, not less than 13 mill or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, until the amount loaned has been repaid, and any tax collections therefrom in any year over and above the minimum requirements for principal and interest on qualified bonds shall be used toward the repayment of state loans. In any year when such levy would produce an amount in excess of the requirements and the amount due to the state, the levy may be reduced by the amount of the excess.

Bonds, state loans, repayment.

Subject to the foregoing provisions, the legislature shall have the power to prescribe and to limit the procedure, terms and conditions for the qualification of bonds, for obtaining and making state loans, and for the repayment of loans.

Power to tax unlimited.

The power to tax for the payment of principal and interest on bonds hereafter issued which are the general obligations of any school district, including refunding bonds, and for repayment of any state loans made to school districts, shall be without limitations as to rate or amount.

Rights and obligations to remain unimpaired.

All rights acquired under Sections 27 and 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908, by holders of bonds heretofore issued, and all obligations assumed by the state or any school district under these sections, shall remain unimpaired.

SCHOOL BOND QUALIFICATION, APPROVAL, AND LOAN ACT
Act 92 of 2005

AN ACT to prescribe the procedures, terms, and conditions for the qualification or approval of school bonds and other bonds; to authorize this state to make loans to certain school districts for the payment of certain bonds and to authorize schools to borrow from this state for that purpose; to prescribe the terms and conditions of certain loans to school districts; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and certain state and local officials; to provide for certain fees; to prescribe certain penalties; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

388.1921 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "school bond qualification, approval, and loan act".

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1922 Purpose of act.

Sec. 2. The purpose of this act is to implement section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and to provide for loans to school districts.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1923 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

(a) "Computed millage" means the number of mills in any year, not less than 7 mills and not more than 13 mills, determined on the date of issuance of the order qualifying the bonds or on a later date if requested by the school district and approved by the state treasurer, that, if levied by the school district, will generate sufficient annual proceeds to pay principal and interest on all the school district's qualified bonds plus principal and interest on all qualified loans related to those qualified bonds no later than the final mandatory repayment date. Based on changes of circumstances, including, but not limited to, additional bond qualification, refundings, changes in qualified loan interest rates, changes in taxable values, and assumptions contained in any then currently effective guidelines issued by the state treasurer pursuant to section 5(2)(c), the school district shall not less than annually, beginning on October 1, 2013, using methods prescribed in this act, recalculate the computed millage necessary to generate sufficient annual levy proceeds to pay principal and interest on all of the school district's qualified bonds and principal and interest on all qualified loans related to those qualified bonds not later than the final mandatory repayment date. If the school district determines that the recalculated computed millage is lower than its current millage levy rate, the school district shall promptly notify the state treasurer in writing of the recalculated computed millage. Immediately thereafter, the school district shall decrease its millage levy rate to the recalculated computed millage, but not below the computed millage established pursuant to the most recent order qualifying bonds for that school district, or to the minimum levy prescribed by law for receipt of qualified loans, whichever rate is higher. If the school district determines that the recalculated computed millage is higher than its current millage levy rate, the school district shall promptly notify the state treasurer in writing of the recalculated computed millage. Immediately thereafter, the school district shall increase its millage levy rate to the recalculated computed millage, subject to 1 of the following exceptions, and subject to any maximum millage levy rate otherwise prescribed for by law:

(i) For each school district's first recalculated computed millage required as of October 1, 2013, increase its millage levy by a percentage amount equal to the equivalent percentage of taxable value change for that school district over the immediately preceding 5 years, but not higher than the recalculated computed millage.

(ii) For each school district's subsequent recalculated computed millage beginning October 1, 2014 and each year thereafter, increase its millage levy by a percentage amount equal to the percentage of taxable value decline for the immediately preceding year ending September 30, but not to a rate higher than the recalculated computed millage.

(iii) If it is determined that a district's current computed millage is sufficient to pay all qualified loans by the mandatory final loan repayment date, no recalculation of the computed millage is required.

(b) "Final mandatory repayment date" means the final mandatory repayment date determined by the state treasurer under section 9.

(c) "Michigan finance authority" means the Michigan finance authority created under Executive

Reorganization Order No. 2010-2, MCL 12.194.

(d) "Qualified bond" means a bond that is qualified under this act for state loans as provided in section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963. A qualified bond includes the interest amount required for payment of a school district's net interest obligation under an interest rate exchange or swap, hedge, or other agreement entered into pursuant to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, but does not include a termination payment or similar payment related to the termination or cancellation of an interest rate exchange or swap, hedge, or other similar agreement. A qualified bond may include a bond issued to refund loans owed to the state under this act.

(e) "Qualified loan" means a loan made under this act or former 1961 PA 108 from this state to a school district to pay debt service on a qualified bond.

(f) "Revolving loan fund" means the school loan revolving fund created under section 16c of the shared credit rating act, 1985 PA 227, MCL 141.1066c.

(g) "School district" means a general powers school district organized under the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, or a school district of the first class as described in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852, having the power to levy ad valorem property taxes.

(h) "State treasurer" means the state treasurer or his or her duly authorized designee.

(i) "Taxable value" means the value determined under section 27a of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 211.27a.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1924 Qualification of new bonds; terms and conditions applicable to outstanding qualified bonds; application for prequalification.

Sec. 4. (1) A school district may issue and market bonds as qualified bonds if the state treasurer has issued an order granting qualification under this act.

(2) Except with regard to qualification of new bonds, nothing in this act shall be construed to alter the terms and conditions applicable to outstanding qualified bonds issued in accordance with former 1961 PA 108. Unless otherwise amended as permitted by this act, outstanding qualified loans incurred in association with outstanding qualified bonds described in this subsection shall bear interest as provided in section 9(8) but otherwise shall be due and payable as provided in the repayment agreements entered into between the school district and the state before the effective date of this act.

(3) The state treasurer may qualify bonds for which the state treasurer has received an application for prequalification on or before May 25, 2005 without regard to the requirements of section 5(2)(f) if the electors of the school district approve the bonds at an election held during 2005.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1925 Preliminary qualification; application.

Sec. 5. (1) A school district may apply to the state treasurer for preliminary qualification of a proposed school bond issue by filing an application in the form and containing the information required by this act.

(2) An application for preliminary qualification of a school bond shall contain all of the following information:

(a) The proposed ballot language to be submitted to the electors.

(b) A description of the project or projects proposed to be financed.

(c) A pro forma debt service projection showing the estimated mills the school district will levy to provide revenue the school district will use to pay the qualified bonds, any outstanding qualified bonds, and any outstanding or projected qualified loans of the school district. For the purpose of the pro forma debt service projection, the school district may assume for the first 5 years following the date of the application the average growth or decline in taxable value for the 5 years or such other period of time requested by the school district if approved by the state treasurer preceding the date of the application and the average growth or decline rate for the 20 years immediately preceding the date of the application but not more than 3% or less than 0% growth rate, for the remaining term of the proposed bonds.

(d) Evidence that the rate of utilization of each project to be financed will be at least 85% for new buildings and 60% for renovated facilities. If the projected enrollment of the district would not otherwise support utilization at the rates described in this subsection, the school district may include an explanation of the actions the school district intends to take to address the underutilization, including, if applicable, actions to close school buildings or other actions designed to assure continued assured use of the facilities being financed.

(e) Evidence that the cost per square foot of the project or projects will be reasonable in light of economic conditions applicable to the geographic area in which the school district is located.

(f) Evidence that the school district will repay all outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed qualified bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed qualified bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

(g) The overall utilization rate of all school buildings in the school district, excluding special education purposes.

(h) The total bonded debt outstanding of the school district and the total taxable value of property in the school district for the school district fiscal year in which the application is filed.

(i) A statement describing any environmental or usability problems to be addressed by the project or projects.

(j) An architect's analysis of the overall condition of the facilities to be renovated or replaced as a part of the project or projects.

(k) An amortization schedule demonstrating that the weighted average maturity of the qualified bond issue does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected useful life of the facilities, excluding land and site improvements, being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the qualified bonds, determined as of the later of the date on which the qualified bonds will be issued or the date on which each facility is expected to be placed in service.

(l) An agreement that the school district will keep books and records detailing the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the qualified bonds and, at the request of the state treasurer, the school district will promptly, but not later than the date specified in the request, which date shall be not less than 5 business days after the date of the request, submit information requested by the state treasurer related to the detailed information maintained by the school district as to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of its qualified bonds.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1926 Prequalification of bonds; determination by state treasurer.

Sec. 6. The state treasurer shall prequalify bonds of a school district if the state treasurer determines all of the following:

(a) The issuance of additional qualified bonds will not prevent the school district from repaying its outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

(b) The form and language of the ballot conforms with the requirements of this act.

(c) The school district has filed an application complying with the requirements of section 5.

(d) If the proposed bond issue is approved by the voters after September 30, 2012 and will result in additional qualified loans, the outstanding balance of all qualified loans on the most recent May 1 or November 1 did not exceed \$1,800,000,000.00. The \$1,800,000,000.00 limitation described in the immediately preceding sentence does not apply after June 30, 2016.

(e) The issuance of additional qualified bonds approved by voters after September 30, 2012 will not have an adverse financial impact on the school district, this state, or the school loan revolving fund. In making this determination, the state treasurer shall consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, whether the issuance of the proposed bond issue will cause the aggregate outstanding amount of qualified and nonqualified bonds, including the proposed bond issue, and currently outstanding qualified loans of the school district to exceed 25% of the taxable value of the school district at the time the proposed bonds are issued.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1927 Qualification of bonds; determination by state treasurer; order; specifications; loan agreement; reapplication; qualification of refunding bonds; requirements.

Sec. 7. (1) The state treasurer shall qualify bonds of a school district if the state treasurer determines all of the following:

(a) A majority of the school district electors have approved the bonds.

(b) The terms of the bond issue comply with applicable provisions of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(c) The school district is in compliance with the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(d) The weighted average maturity of the qualified bond issue does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected useful life of the facilities, excluding land and site improvements, being financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the bonds, determined as of the later of the date on which the qualified bonds

will be issued or the date on which each facility is expected to be placed in service.

(e) The school district has filed any information necessary to update the contents of the original application to reflect changes in any of the information approved in the preliminary qualification process.

(f) The school district has agreed that the school district will keep books and records detailing the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of the qualified bonds and, at the request of the state treasurer, the school district will promptly, but not later than the date specified in the request, which date shall be not less than 5 business days after the date of the request, submit information requested by the state treasurer related to the detailed information maintained by the school district as to the investment and expenditure of the proceeds of its qualified bonds.

(2) An order qualifying bonds shall specify the principal and interest payment dates for all the bonds, the maximum principal amount of and maximum interest rate on the bonds, the computed millage, if any, the final mandatory repayment date, and other matters as the state treasurer shall determine or as are required by this act.

(3) If the application for prequalification demonstrates that the school district will borrow from this state in accordance with this act, the state treasurer and the school district shall enter into a loan agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of any qualified loans to be made to the school district under this act.

(4) If a school district does not issue its qualified bonds within 180 days after the date of the order qualifying bonds, the order shall no longer be effective. However, the school district may reapply for qualification by filing an application and information necessary to update the contents of the original application for prequalification or qualification.

(5) The state treasurer shall qualify refunding bonds issued to refund qualified loans or qualified bonds if the state treasurer finds that all of the following are met:

(a) The refunding bonds comply with the provisions of the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(b) That the school district will repay all outstanding qualified bonds, the proposed qualified bonds, all outstanding qualified loans, and all qualified loans expected to be incurred with respect to all qualified bonds of the school district, including the proposed qualified bond issue, not later than the applicable final mandatory repayment date.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1928 Submission of ballot to electors; ballot.

Sec. 8. A ballot submitted to the school electors of a school district after November 8, 2005 requesting authorization to issue unlimited tax general obligations that will be guaranteed by this state in accordance with section 16 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 shall inform the electors that if the school district expects to borrow from this state to pay debt service on the bonds, the estimated total amount of the principal of that borrowing and the interest to be paid on that borrowing, the estimated duration of the millage levy, and the estimated computed millage rate for that levy. The ballot shall also inform the electors of the total amount of qualified bond and loan debt currently outstanding and that the estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1929 Amount of borrowing; limitation; payment date for outstanding qualified loans; order; maintenance of separate accounts for each school district; duration of millage levy; amended and restated repayment agreements; waiver of portion of millage levy; findings; interest; final or later mandatory repayment date.

Sec. 9. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, a school district may borrow from the state an amount not greater than the difference between the proceeds of the school district's computed millage and the amount necessary to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies.

(2) For school districts having qualified loans outstanding as of July 20, 2005, the state treasurer shall review information relating to each school district regarding the taxable value of the school district and the actual debt service of outstanding qualified bonds as of July 20, 2005 and shall issue an order establishing the payment date for all those outstanding qualified loans and any additional qualified loans expected to be incurred by those school districts related to qualified bonds issued before July 20, 2005. The payment date shall be not later than 72 months after the date on which the qualified bonds most recently issued by the school district are due and payable. The payment date established pursuant to this subsection for a school district is a final mandatory repayment date.

(3) For qualified loans related to qualified bonds issued after July 20, 2005, the qualified loans shall be due

72 months after the date on which the qualified bonds for which the school borrowed from this state are due and payable. The due date determined pursuant to this subsection for a school district is a final mandatory repayment date. This section does not preclude early repayment of qualified bonds or qualified loans.

(4) The state treasurer shall maintain separate accounts for each school district on the books and accounts of this state noting the qualified bond, the related qualified loans, the final payment date of the bonds, the final mandatory repayment date of the qualified loans, and the interest rate accrued on the loans.

(5) For qualified loans relating to qualified bonds issued after July 20, 2005, a school district shall continue to levy the computed millage until it has completely repaid all principal and interest on its qualified loans.

(6) For qualified loans relating to qualified bonds issued before July 20, 2005, a school district shall continue to comply with the levy and repayment requirements imposed before July 20, 2005. Not less than 90 days after July 20, 2005, the state treasurer and the school district shall enter into amended and restated repayment agreements to incorporate the levy and repayment requirements applicable to qualified loans issued before July 20, 2005.

(7) Upon the request of a school district made before June 1 of any year, the state treasurer annually may waive all or a portion of the millage required to be levied by a school district to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds or qualified loans under this section if the state treasurer finds all of the following:

(a) The school board of the school district has applied to the state treasurer for permission to levy less than the millage required to be levied to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds or qualified loans under subsection (1).

(b) The application specifies the number of mills the school district requests permission to levy.

(c) The waiver will be financially beneficial to this state, the school district, or both.

(d) The waiver will not reduce the millage levied by the school district to pay principal and interest on qualified bonds or qualified loans under this act to less than 7 mills.

(e) The board of the school district, by resolution, has agreed to comply with all conditions that the state treasurer considers necessary.

(8) All qualified loans shall bear interest at 1 of the following rates:

(a) The greater of 3% or the average annual cost of funds used to make qualified loans plus 0.125%, but not less than the cost of funds on outstanding qualified notes and bonds issued by the Michigan finance authority to finance loans computed by the state treasurer not less often than annually.

(b) A lesser rate determined by the state treasurer to be necessary to maintain the exemption from federal income tax of interest on any bonds or notes issued to fund qualified loans.

(c) A higher rate determined by the state treasurer to be necessary to prevent the impairment of any contract of this state or the Michigan finance authority in existence on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision.

(9) A payment date determined under subsection (2) or a due date determined under subsection (3) is a final mandatory repayment date. Once established for a school district as provided in this section, a final mandatory repayment date shall apply to all qualified loans of the school district, whenever made, until 30 days after the date the school district has no outstanding qualified loans and no outstanding debt incurred to refund qualified loans. Notwithstanding this subsection, the state treasurer may determine a later mandatory repayment date for a school district that agrees to levy a higher millage, acceptable to the state treasurer, not to exceed 13 mills, than its existing computed millage.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 71, Imd. Eff. Mar. 20, 2006;—Am. 2009, Act 50, Imd. Eff. June 18, 2009;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1930 Certificates of qualification or approval; file; delivery.

Sec. 10. The state treasurer shall keep all certificates of qualification or approval in a permanent file and shall deliver copies of the certificates to the school district.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1931 Rules; bulletins.

Sec. 11. The state treasurer may promulgate rules to implement this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, and may issue bulletins as authorized by this act.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1932 Failure to apply for prequalification, qualification, or approval of bond before issuance.

Sec. 12. If a school district does not apply for prequalification or qualification or approval of a bond issue

before the issuance of those bonds, the state treasurer shall not approve or qualify those bonds as qualified bonds under this act.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1933 School district owing revolving loan fund; filing annual loan activity application required; borrowing for debt service on qualified bonds; draw request; duties of state treasurer upon receipt of qualified loan confirmation; notification of no need to borrow by school district; invoice for repayment amount; remittance.

Sec. 13. (1) If a school district owes a balance due to the revolving loan fund or has been identified as a potential borrower, the school district shall file an annual loan activity application with the state treasurer not less than 60 days before certifying its annual tax levy. The annual loan activity application shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the state treasurer and shall provide the taxable value, debt service, and any other information necessary to determine the proper required millage levy required under this act. The application shall contain a resolution passed by the local school board authorizing a designated school district official to complete all necessary documents to obtain a loan from the revolving loan fund or for making repayment to the revolving loan fund for the year.

(2) If a school district is eligible to borrow for debt service on qualified bonds, the school district shall file a draw request with the state treasurer not less than 30 days before each date on which the school district owes the debt service. The draw request shall include all of the following:

(a) A statement of the debt service owed in the next 6 months.

(b) A copy of the most recent bank statement showing the amount on hand in the debt service accounts for all qualified bonds.

(c) A statement of any revenue received for payment of the debt service since the date of the bank statement.

(d) A statement of any withdrawals made from the debt service account since the date of the bank statement.

(3) Not more than 7 days before the date established by the state treasurer for making qualified loans, the school district shall confirm in writing the final qualified loan amount to be drawn on a certificate in the form prescribed by the state treasurer.

(4) Upon receipt of a qualified loan confirmation described in subsection (3), the state treasurer shall determine the amount of the draw, which shall be the difference between the funds on hand in all debt service accounts and the amount of the debt service, and shall make a qualified loan in that amount to the school district no later than 6 days before the date the debt service is due.

(5) When a school district's current computed millage levy is sufficient to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, a school district shall notify the state treasurer in writing of no need to borrow no later than 30 days before the date set for payment of the qualified bonds.

(6) Within 30 days after receipt of the annual activity application under subsection (1), the state treasurer shall send an invoice to the school district for the amount of repayment the school district owes on its outstanding qualified loans, which shall be the difference between the debt service payable or paid to bondholders and the funds on hand at the school district, less a reasonable amount of funds on hand, as determined by the state treasurer, to cover minimum balance requirements or potential tax disputes. The school district shall remit the amount specified in the invoice within 30 days after the dated date of the invoice.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1934 Failure of school district to pay principal and interest due on qualified bonds; notice; payment by state treasurer; billing of school district for amount paid; remittance.

Sec. 14. (1) If any paying agent for a school district's qualified bonds notifies the state treasurer that the school district has failed to deposit sufficient funds to pay principal and interest due on the qualified bonds when due, or if a bondholder notifies the state treasurer that the school district has failed to pay principal or interest on qualified bonds when due, whether or not the school district has filed a draw request with the state treasurer, the state treasurer shall promptly pay the principal or interest on the qualified bond when due.

(2) If the state treasurer pays any amount described in this section, the state treasurer shall bill the school district for the amount paid and the school district shall immediately remit the amount to the state treasurer. If the school district would have been eligible to borrow the debt service in accordance with the terms of this act, the school district shall enter into a loan agreement establishing the terms of the qualified loan as provided in this act. If the state treasurer directs the Michigan municipal bond authority to pay any amount described in this section, the state treasurer shall cause the Michigan municipal bond authority to bill the

school district for the amount paid and the school district shall immediately remit the amount to the Michigan municipal bond authority.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1935 Default; repayment.

Sec. 15. (1) If a school district that owes this state loan repayments relating to qualified bonds fails to levy at least the computed millage upon its taxable value for debt retirement purposes for qualified bonds and for repayment of a qualified loan made under this act while any part of the qualified loan is unpaid or defaults in its agreement to repay a qualified loan or any installment of a qualified loan, the school district shall increase its debt levy in the next succeeding year to obtain the amount necessary to repay this state the amount of the default plus a late charge of 3% and shall pay that amount to this state together with any other amounts owed during the next tax year. The school district may use other funds to repay this state including a transfer of general funds of the school district, if approved by the state treasurer. The state treasurer shall not disburse state school aid to the school district until the school district has made satisfactory arrangements with the state treasurer for the payment of the amount in default.

(2) If a school district fails to process any report, application, confirmation, or repayment as required under this act, the state treasurer may withhold a school district's state aid funds until the school district complies with the requirements under this act.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1936 Charging and disposition of fees.

Sec. 16. (1) The state treasurer may charge a prequalification application fee, a qualification application fee, and an annual loan activity fee in the amounts determined by the state treasurer to be required to pay the estimated administrative expenses incurred under this act for the fiscal year in which the state treasurer imposes the fee.

(2) The state treasurer shall deposit all fees collected under this act into a separate fund established within the state treasury, and shall use the proceeds of the fees solely for the purpose of administering and enforcing this act. The unexpended and unobligated balance of this fund at the end of each state fiscal year shall be carried forward over to the succeeding state fiscal year and shall not lapse to the general fund but shall be available for reappropriation for the next state fiscal year.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1937 False statement or unauthorized use of proceeds; violation as felony; penalty.

Sec. 17. A person who knowingly makes a false statement or conceals material information for the purpose of obtaining qualification of a bond issue under this act or for the purpose of obtaining a qualified loan under this act, or who knowingly uses all or part of the proceeds of a qualified loan obtained under this act for any purpose not authorized by this act, is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 4 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000.00, or both.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

388.1938 Use of remaining proceeds.

Sec. 18. If a school district has completed the projects approved by the school electors of the school district to be funded from proceeds of qualified bonds, a school district may use any remaining proceeds of the qualified bonds as follows:

(a) To pay debt service on the qualified bonds.

(b) To repay this state.

(c) If in the opinion of the school district's bond counsel use of the remaining proceeds for the purposes described in subdivisions (a) and (b) would adversely affect the federal tax treatment of interest on the qualified bonds, to pay for enhancements to the projects approved by the school electors as described in the ballot language proposing the qualified bonds.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005;—Am. 2012, Act 437, Eff. Mar. 28, 2013.

388.1939 Actions by designee.

Sec. 19. The state treasurer may designate in writing a person or persons to take any actions required to be taken by the state treasurer under this act. The signature of any designee shall have the same force and effect as the signature of the state treasurer for all purposes of this act.

History: 2005, Act 92, Imd. Eff. July 20, 2005.

**OPINION #4422 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MICHIGAN
DATED MARCH 12, 1965**

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW:
SCHOOL BONDS:
MUNICIPAL FINANCE COMMISSION:

Article 9, § 16, Michigan Constitution of 1963, requires school districts to borrow and State to lend sufficient sum to cover debt service payments on qualified bonds of school districts. Although this is not a pledge of full faith and credit of the State, the Municipal Finance Commission may and must enforce the duty of the district to borrow and the State to lend such sum.

No. 4422

March 12, 1965.

Hon. Sanford A. Brown
State Treasurer
Lansing, Michigan

You have asked in your letter of February 5 whether Article IX, § 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 pledges the full faith and credit of the State to the payment of principal and interest of qualified school bonds.

Article IX, § 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides in pertinent part as follows:

"The state * * * may borrow from time to time such amounts as shall be required, pledge its faith and credit and issue its notes or bonds therefor, for the purpose of making loans to school districts as provided in this section.

"If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

"The term 'qualified bonds' means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section."

Thus, the school district is required to borrow and the State to lend an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make payments of principal and interest due on qualified bonds, and the state is empowered to borrow and to issue its notes or bonds for the purpose of making such loans, and to pledge its full faith and credit for such state bonds or notes.

The constitutional provision quoted does not pledge the full faith and credit of the state to all qualified bonds. The state is not primarily liable on qualified bonds of a school district. Rather, the state is required to lend whatever the school district needs, from time to time, to meet debt service requirements on such bonds.

You ask what remedies are available to enforce the obligation of the state.

The quoted language makes it mandatory upon the school district to borrow and upon the state to lend "an amount necessary to enable the school district to make the payment." Under Chapter II, Section 2(f) of the Municipal Finance Act [C.L. 1948 § 132.2; M.S.A. 1958 Rev. Vol. § 5.3188(4)f], the Municipal Finance Commission has power to enforce compliance with any law by, inter alia, the "institution of appropriate proceedings in the courts of the state, including those for writs of mandamus and injunction."

The Commission could and indeed must enforce the duty of the district to borrow and the state to lend. The bondholders also would have an action to enforce the duty of the district to borrow and of the state to lend.

Thus the bondholders are assured of the availability of state funds where needed to meet debt service requirements on qualified bonds. This is not a pledge of full faith and credit, but gives the bondholders as much or more protection as would such a pledge.

FRANK J. KELLEY,
Attorney General

**OPINION #4508 OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MICHIGAN
DATED AUGUST 29, 1966**

BONDS: Qualified bonds of school districts.

CONSTITUTION OF 1963: School Bond Loan Fund.

SCHOOLS: Bond Loans.

STATE TREASURER: Payment of principal and interest on qualified school district bonds.

Authority of State Treasurer and procedures to be followed in paying from the School Bond Loan Fund principal and interest on qualified school bonds upon presentment by a bondholder.

No. 4508 Hon. Allison Green
 State Treasurer
 Capitol Building
 Lansing, Michigan

August 29, 1966.

You have requested my opinion on what procedures should be followed by the state treasurer preparatory to making loans to local school districts which are unable to make payments on principal and interest of qualified school district bonds.¹

Loans to bonded school districts are authorized by Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, which in part contains pertinent language:

"If the minimum amount which would otherwise be necessary for a school district to levy in any year to pay principal and interest on its qualified bonds, including any necessary allowances for estimated tax delinquencies, exceeds 13 mills on each dollar of its assessed valuation as finally equalized, or such lower millage as the legislature may prescribe, then the school district may elect to borrow all or any part of the excess from the state. In that event the state shall lend the excess amount to the school district for the payment of principal and interest. If for any reason any school district will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on its qualified bonds when due, then the school district shall borrow and the state shall lend to it an amount sufficient to enable the school district to make the payment.

"The term 'qualified bonds' means general obligation bonds of school districts issued for capital expenditures, including refunding bonds, issued prior to May 4, 1955, or issued thereafter and qualified as provided by law pursuant to Section 27 or Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908 or pursuant to this section."

Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, is a continuation with minor revisions of the provisions relating to school bond financing which appeared in Sections 27 and 28 of Article X, Constitution of 1908. Section 27, Article X, Constitution of 1908, was proposed by joint resolution of the legislature in 1955 and approved by the people at the regular election of April 4, 1955. The loan provisions of Section 27 ceased to have effectiveness after July 1, 1962, and were replaced by the provisions of Section 28, Article X, Constitution of 1908, which was proposed by joint resolution of the legislature in 1960 and approved by the people at the general election of November 8, 1960. Section 28 by its own terms took effect on July 1, 1962.

Section 28, Article X, Constitution of 1908, was implemented by the legislature by the enactment of Act 108, P.A. 1961, which took effect September 8, 1961. The first section of Act 108, P.A. 1961, stated that the purpose of the act was to implement Section 28 of Article X of the Constitution of 1908. The Constitution of 1963 took effect on January 1, 1964. In anticipation of the effectiveness of that Constitution, the legislature passed Act 33, P.A. 1963, Second Extra Session, such act to take effect on January 1, 1964. Act 33, P.A. 1963, Second Extra Session, amended Sections 1, 3, 8 and 9 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, and further amended section 7 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, as amended by Act 131, P.A. 1962. The first section of amendatory Act 33 stated that the act's purpose was to implement Section 16 of Article IX of the Constitution of 1963. Subsequent amendment has been made to Sections 2, 4, 6, 9 and 10 of Act 108, P.A. 1961, by Act 169, P.A. 1964, which act also added a new Section 4a.²

¹In your letter of request you stated that you were familiar with Opinion No. 4422 issued by me on March 12, 1965, in which it was ruled that Article IX, Section 16, Constitution of 1963, requires school districts to borrow and the state to lend sufficient sums to cover debt service payments on qualified bonds of school districts but that this requirement is not a pledge of the full faith and credit of the state; the Municipal Finance Commission however may and must enforce the duty of the school district to borrow and have the state to lend the necessary amounts.

²Act 108, P.A. 1961, in its present amended form appears in M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. § S 3.424(111) et seq.

Answer to your question is to be found in amended Sections 6, 7 and 8 of the act. These sections present two situations in which you may become involved as state treasurer. The first situation is where a loan is to be made to the school district to permit the district to meet the principal and interest requirements on its bonds without a default in payment; the second is where the principal or interest on the bonds has not been paid when due upon proper presentation because of inadequate funds resulting in a default in payment.

Under amended Section 6 of the act, in any school district where the amount necessary to be levied in any year for principal and interest on qualified bonds exceeds 7 mills on each dollar of the assessed valuation of the school district as last equalized by the state, such school district on or before 60 days prior to the time of certification of its tax levy to the assessing officer shall file with the superintendent of public instruction³ a preliminary application for a loan from the state in the amount of any part of such excess over 7 mills which the school district does not propose to levy in such year.⁴ Amended Section 6 specifies the information to be supplied in the application. The superintendent of public instruction if he finds the application in proper form shall approve or deny the application in whole or in part and notify the school district of his action. Amended Section 7 of the act provides that if a loan from the state shall become necessary for the payment of principal and interest on qualified bonds in accordance with an approved preliminary application to the superintendent of public instruction or by virtue of a supplemental application, it shall be the duty of the superintendent of public instruction after audit to forward to the state treasurer a statement setting forth the amount to be loaned to the school district for the payment of principal and interest and the date on or before which loan shall be made.⁵ The superintendent shall prepare a voucher as a basis for the issuance of a warrant and upon receipt of such statement and warrant, it shall be the duty of the state treasurer to loan to the school district from the school bond loan fund the amount set forth in the statement of the superintendent of public instruction on or before the date specified therein. The state treasurer upon making such loan shall obtain from the school district a receipt for the amount so loaned which receipt shall specify the terms of repayment in accordance with the provisions of Section 16 of Article IX, Constitution of 1963 and the act. The school district treasurer upon receipt of the loan is required to deposit the same in the debt retirement fund to be used solely for the payment of principal and interest on qualified bonds.

The foregoing summaries of the procedures prescribed by amended Section 6 and 7 relate to the first situation above-described where the loan to the school district is to be made before the school district has defaulted in the payment of the principal or interest on its bonds.

The second situation described above is covered by amended Section 8 of the act which prescribes that in the event the principal or interest on any qualified bond is not paid when due, upon proper presentation of the bond or interest coupon to the agent or officer charged with making payment thereof, the state treasurer shall forthwith pay such principal or interest upon presentation of the bond or coupon to him. Any amount so paid by the state treasurer shall be deemed a loan to the school district made pursuant to the requirements of Section 16, Article IX, Constitution of 1963, and the act and the school district shall give a receipt therefor and repay the loan in the manner provided in the act for the repayment of loans.

The method of processing loans to school districts under amended Sections 6 and 7 before default in payment of principal or interest is adequately spelled out in those sections and no additional comment from me is necessary. Your real concern is in regard to the applicable procedures which you should follow in the situation where the school district has defaulted in the payment of principal or interest on its bonds and the bond or bonds and the interest coupons have not been paid when due by the paying agent because of lack of funds. In the event of such a happening it is assumed for the purposes of this opinion that the holder of the bond or of the interest coupon will make demand on you as state treasurer for the prompt payment of the obligation thereunder. Should such demand be made on you as state treasurer, you would be entitled to take the following action before making payment:

- a. Ascertaining from the superintendent of public instruction or from the records in your own office that the bonds involved are duly qualified bonds as defined and described in amended Section 3 of the act;
- b. Requiring proof reasonably satisfactory to you that the bond or bonds or the interest coupons have been properly presented for payment to the paying agent or officer charged with the responsibility for making payment thereof and that payment has been refused because sufficient monies had not been deposited by the school district for that purpose; such proof of nonpayment may be furnished you in the form of a certificate from the paying agent.

³Article VIII, Section 3, Constitution of 1963 requires the state board of education to appoint a superintendent of public instruction who shall be the principal executive officer of the department of education and who shall have powers and duties provided by law. Section 14 of Act 287, P.A. 1964 (M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. § 15.1023(14)) specifies that after June 30, 1965, a reference in any law to the powers and duties of the superintendent of public instruction shall be deemed to be made to the state board of education, subject to exceptions not pertinent here, and that the state board of education may delegate any of its functions to the superintendent. Section 300 of Act 380, P.A. 1965, creates a department of education. Section 301 of that act provides that the head of the department of education is the state board of education. Section 303 of that act transfers by a Type III transfer all powers, duties and functions then vested by law in the superintendent of public instruction to the department of education. Section 305 of the act specifies that the principal executive officer of the department of education is the superintendent of public instruction. Act 380 appears in M.S.A. 1965 Cum. Supp. at § 3.29(1) et seq. Act 380, P.A. 1965, was amended without regard to the sections involved here by Act 407, P.A. 1965. Without doubt, under the foregoing provisions the state board of education could delegate to the superintendent of public instruction the performance of all of the functions and duties imposed on the board in connection with the School Bond Loan Fund.

⁴Other details set forth in amended Section 6 have been omitted.

⁵Other details set forth in amended Section 7 have been omitted.

c. Notification to the school district given by you or your designee of the action taken by paying agent in refusing payment of the bonds or interest coupons on presentment because of the failure of the school district to have deposited funds with the paying agent for that purpose and verification from the school district of the fact of such failure to supply the required funds; notification to the school district by you or your designee that payment of the required amounts were to be made from the school bond loan fund by you as state treasurer and that such payment would be in the form of a loan to the school district which the school district would be required to be repay to the school bond loan fund in the manner required by law; the school district will be required to furnish you as state treasurer with a receipt evidencing the loan and specifying the terms of repayment, as required by law.

Upon the fulfillment of the above conditions in a manner reasonably acceptable to you, you would be authorized to make payment of the amounts due on the bonds and interest coupons and thereupon to demand their surrender and delivery to you as state treasurer.

Because of the safeguards built into the Michigan Constitution and statutes there should be no default of Michigan qualified school bonds. The School Loan Fund Program will have afforded the school district access to loan funds prior to the due date of the principle [sic] and interest on such bonds. In order to advise of the procedures in the remote possibility of nonpayment, however, I have set forth the foregoing guide lines [sic].

FRANK J. KELLEY,
Attorney General

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APPENDIX B¹

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FINANCIAL, ECONOMIC AND SCHOOL INFORMATION

LOCATION AND AREA

Houghton-Portage Township School District (the “School District”) occupies an area of 99.76 square miles in the northwest portion of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, encompassing all of the City of Houghton and a portion of the Charter Township of Portage in Houghton County.

POPULATION

The U.S. Census reported and 2023 estimated populations for the School District, City of Houghton and County of Houghton are as follows:

	School District	City of Houghton	County of Houghton
2023 Estimate	11,011	8,341	37,428
2020 U.S. Census	11,071	8,386	37,361
2010 U.S. Census	10,652 ¹	7,708	36,628

¹Based upon an extrapolation of the figures of the local units within the School District.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau via data.census.gov website

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education (the "Board") consists of seven members who are elected at large for six-year overlapping terms. The Board annually elects a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. The Board is responsible for the selection and appointment of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board meets as a single body to set or amend policy, develop long-range educational goals and act upon recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board is also responsible for adopting and periodically amending the operating budget and evaluating school programs in accordance with governing laws.

ENROLLMENT

Historical Enrollment

Historical fall enrollment for the School District is as follows:

School Year End 30-Jun	Full-time Equivalent	Change	School Year End 30-Jun	Full-time Equivalent	Change
2026*	1,409	-2.15%	2021	1,367	-4.27%
2025	1,440	-1.71	2020	1,428	1.49
2024	1,465	1.95	2019	1,407	-1.61
2023	1,437	1.99	2018	1,430	3.40
2022	1,409	3.07	2017	1,383	--

2025/2026 Fall Count*

Kindergarten	99	7 th	121
1 st	86	8 th	125
2 nd	91	9 th	119
3 rd	102	10 th	118
4 th	102	11 th	112
5 th	113	12 th	112
6 th	109	Total	1,409

*Unaudited.
Source: School District and Michigan Department of Education via website

¹Information included in APPENDIX B of this Official Statement was obtained from the School District unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES

The following is a table showing the existing School District facilities.

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Grades Served</u>	<u>Year Built</u>	<u>Last Remodel/Addition</u>	<u>Type of Construction</u>
<i>Elementary School:</i> Houghton	K-5	1972	1997	Masonry
<i>Middle/High School:</i> Houghton	6-12	1989	2009	Masonry
<i>Additional Facility:</i> Bus Garage	--	1917	--	Wood Frame

OTHER SCHOOLS

The following private school is located within the School District's boundaries:

<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Grades Served</u>	<u>Approximate Enrollment</u>
Copper Country Christian School	PK-12	51

Source: 2026 Michigan Education Directory and Private School Review website via www.privateschoolreview.com

STATE AID PAYMENTS

The School District's primary source of funding for operating costs is the State School Aid per pupil foundation allowance. Public Act 15 of 2025 set the target foundation allowance at \$10,050 for fiscal year 2025/2026.

In future years, this allowance may be adjusted by an index based upon the change in revenues to the state school aid fund and the change in the total number of pupils statewide. The State may reduce State School Aid appropriations at any time if the State's revenues do not meet budget expectations. See "SOURCES OF SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE" herein for additional information.

The following table shows a five-year history and a current year estimate of the School District's total state aid revenues, including categoricals and other amounts, and the per pupil state aid foundation allowance, which reflects the changes in sources of school operating revenue described herein:

<u>Fiscal Year End 30-Jun</u>	<u>Foundation Allowance per Pupil</u>	<u>Total State Aid Payments¹</u>	<u>Blended Pupil Count</u>	<u>Amount Received per Pupil²</u>
2026	\$10,050	\$14,940,789 ³	1,417.12 ³	\$10,543 ³
2025	9,608	15,393,816	1,446.25	10,644
2024	9,608	16,118,091	1,468.78	10,974
2023	9,150	14,545,633	1,435.94	10,130
2022	8,700	12,535,046	1,404.23	8,927
2021	8,111	11,850,456 ⁴	1,414.64	8,377 ⁴

¹Includes payments received for MPSERS UAAL rate stabilization. See "RETIREMENT PLAN - Contribution to MPSERS" herein.

²Represents the "Total State Aid Payments" divided by the "Blended Pupil Count".

³Preliminary estimate, subject to change.

⁴Public Act 165 of 2020 restored the State school aid reductions contained in Public Act 146 of 2020 for the 2020/21 fiscal year, added a onetime \$65 per pupil payment and added other appropriations for qualifying school districts.

Source: Michigan Department of Education via website www.michigan.gov

PROPERTY VALUATIONS

In accordance with Act No. 539, Public Acts of Michigan, 1982, and Article IX, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution, the ad valorem State Equalized Valuation (SEV) represents 50% of true cash value. SEV does not include any value of tax exempt property (e.g. churches, governmental property) or property granted tax abatements under Act No. 198, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended. **Since 1994, ad valorem property taxes are assessed on the basis of Taxable Value, which is subject to assessment caps. SEV is used in the calculation of debt margin and true cash value.** See “TAX PROCEDURES” herein for further information.

Taxable property in the School District is assessed by the local municipal assessor, and is subject to review by the County Equalization Department.

History of Valuations

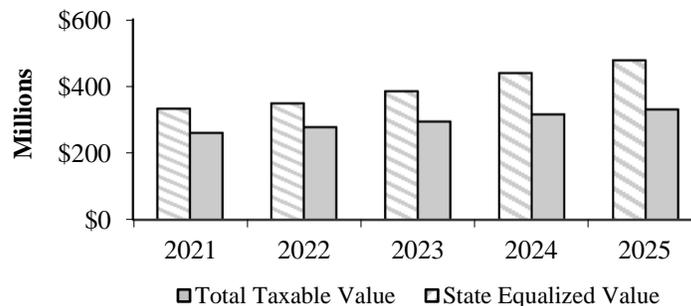
A history of the property valuations in the School District is shown below:

Year	Principal Residence ¹	Non- Principal Residence ¹	Total Taxable Value	Percent Change	State Equalized Value	Percent Change
2025	\$164,946,817	\$165,562,457	\$330,509,274	4.72%	\$477,453,689	8.67%
2024	160,355,479	155,258,250	315,613,729	7.29	439,364,352	14.11
2023	147,610,985	146,547,222	294,158,207	6.06	385,044,114	10.41
2022	140,092,324	137,251,402	277,343,726	6.54	348,735,081	4.80
2021	132,506,901	127,807,348	260,314,249	----	332,751,253	----

¹All industrial personal property is included in the principal residence tax base. While commercial personal property continues to be included in the non-principal residence tax base, it is exempt from 12 of the 18 operating mills levied on non-principal residence property only. In 2025, industrial personal property had a taxable value of \$30,073 and commercial personal property had a taxable value of \$4,910,078 in the School District.

Source: Houghton County Equalization Department

History of Valuations



Annual Equivalent Valuation

A summary of the 2025 valuation is as follows:

2025 Taxable Value	\$330,509,274
Less: 2025 Disabled Veterans Exemption Taxable Value ¹	(2,404,551)
Net 2025 Taxable Value	<u>\$328,104,723</u>

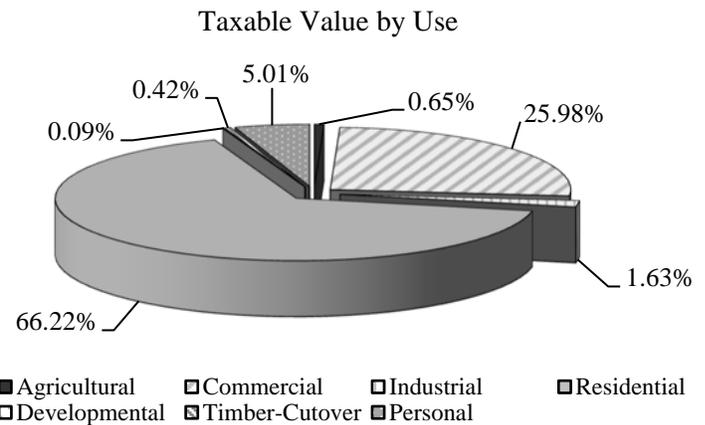
¹Represents value which is exempt from taxes pursuant to Michigan’s General Property Tax Act Section 7b, MCL 211.7b, which states real property used and owned as a homestead by either (1) a disabled veteran who was discharged from the United States armed forces under honorable conditions or (2) the disabled veteran’s un-remarried, surviving spouse is exempt from property taxes, subject to certain application requirements.

Source: Houghton County Equalization Department

Tax Base Composition

A breakdown of the School District's 2025 Taxable Value by class and use is as follows:

By Class:	2025 Taxable Value	Percent of Total
Real Property	\$313,943,552	94.99%
Personal Property	16,565,722	5.01
TOTAL	\$330,509,274	100.00%
By Use:		
Agricultural	\$2,127,602	0.65%
Commercial	85,877,072	25.98
Industrial	5,394,841	1.63
Residential	218,859,553	66.22
Developmental	308,912	0.09
Timber-Cutover	1,375,572	0.42
Personal	16,565,722	5.01
TOTAL	\$330,509,274	100.00%



A breakdown of the School District's 2025 Taxable Value by municipality is as follows:

Municipality	2025 Taxable Value	Percent of Total
<i>County of Houghton</i>		
City of Houghton	\$196,073,113	59.32%
Charter Township of Portage	134,436,161	40.68
TOTAL	\$330,509,274	100.00%

Source: Houghton County Equalization Department

MAJOR TAXPAYERS

Shown below are the ten largest taxpayers in the School District based on their 2025 total valuation subject to taxation.

Taxpayer	Product/Service	2025 Taxable Value
Upper Peninsula Power Corp.	Utility	\$5,158,579
Houghton RE LLC (d.b.a. The Elements (E3))	Apartments	5,090,538
Arcadia Communities LLC (d.b.a The Bluffs)	Retirement Community	4,584,887
American Transmission Co	Utility	3,474,012
Somero Enterprises	Special Industry Machinery	2,983,928
Walmart Inc.	Retail & Grocery	2,883,945
Pacific Coast Holdings LLC	Office Building	2,311,480
Big Sandy Holdings LLC (d.b.a. The Elements (E2))	Apartments	2,237,127
Daniel G. Kamin Houghton LLC	Gas Station	2,097,359
Country Inn & Suites	Hotel	2,004,898
TOTALS		\$32,826,753
Total 2025 Taxable Value		\$330,509,274
Top 10 Taxpayers as a % of 2025 Total Taxable Value		9.93%

Source: Houghton County Equalization Department

CONSTITUTIONAL MILLAGE ROLLBACK

Article IX, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution (also referred to as the “Headlee Amendment”) requires that if the total value of existing taxable property (Taxable Valuation) in a local taxing unit, exclusive of new construction and improvements, increases faster than the U.S. Consumer Price Index from one year to the next, the maximum authorized tax rate for that local taxing unit must be reduced through a Millage Reduction Fraction unless new millage is authorized by a vote of the electorate of the local taxing unit.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX RATES - (Per \$1,000 of Valuation)

The following table shows the total School District tax rates for the past five years.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Operating – Voted	17.1103	17.2832	17.2832	17.2832	17.4561
Debt	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400
Total Non-Principal Residence	26.7503	26.9232	26.9232	26.9232	27.0961
Total Principal Residence	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400	9.6400

The School District levies voted operating millage on non-principal residence property and authorized debt millage on all taxable property within the School District. The voted operating millage expires with the 2030 levy.

OTHER JURISDICTIONS’ TAX RATES - (Per \$1,000 of Valuation)

The following table provides the 2024 and 2025 tax rates for select units of government that overlap with the School District’s boundaries.

	2025	2024
State Education Tax	6.0000	6.0000
Houghton County	10.9552	9.9478
City of Houghton	15.0000	15.0000
Charter Township of Portage	4.7105	4.6989
Copper Country ISD	3.2768	3.2963

Source: Houghton County Equalization Department

TAX LEVIES AND COLLECTIONS

The School District’s fiscal year begins July 1 and ends June 30. School District property taxes are due July 1 and December 1 of each fiscal year in the City of Houghton and are payable without interest on or before the following July 31 and February 14, respectively and without penalty on or before the following February 14. In Portage Township, property taxes are due July 1 and December 1 and are payable without interest on or before September 15 and February 14, respectively, and without penalty on or before February 14. All real property taxes remaining unpaid on March 1 of the year following the levy are turned over to the County Treasurer for collection. Houghton County (the “County”) annually pays from its Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund delinquent taxes on real property to all taxing units in the County, including the School District, shortly after the date delinquent taxes are returned to the County Treasurer for collection.

A history of tax levies and collections for the School District is as follows:

Levy Year	Operating Tax Levy	Collections to March 1, Each Year		Collections Plus Funding to June 30, Each Year	
2025	\$2,500,000*	In Process of Collection		N/A	
2024	2,311,172	\$2,139,846	92.59%	\$2,309,855	99.94%
2023	2,095,067	1,952,342	93.19	2,091,983	99.85
2022	1,990,202	1,877,658	94.35	1,989,485	99.96
2021	1,875,642	1,751,065	93.36	1,875,020	99.97
2020	1,809,241	1,695,227	93.70	1,808,616	99.97

*Estimated.

RETIREMENT PLAN

For the period October 1 through September 30, the School District pays an amount equal to a percentage of its employees' wages to the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System ("MPERS"), which is a statewide retirement plan for employees of Michigan public schools administered by the State of Michigan. These contributions are established and required by law and are calculated by using the contribution rates as determined annually by the State.

MPERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer, statewide plan. Pension benefits, and retiree health benefits, are established by law and funded through employer contributions. The cost of retiree health benefits is funded annually on a pay-as-you-go basis, with retirees paying some of the costs. Current year liability for retiree health benefits is reflected in the figures provided below. Further information regarding MPERS, including retiree health benefits, can be found at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

Public Act 75 of 2010 ("Act 75") significantly modified MPERS and among other provisions required all employees hired after July 1, 2010 to participate in a new Pension Plus Plan which provides a combined defined benefit and defined contribution structure. Public Act 92 of 2017 ("Act 92") further modified MPERS for all employees hired on or after February 1, 2018. Act 92 requires all employees hired on or after February 1, 2018 to elect to participate in a new 401(k) style defined contribution plan or a new hybrid plan with different assumptions and cost sharing.

Contribution to MPERS

The School District's estimated annual contribution to MPERS for the 2025-26 fiscal year and the previous four fiscal years are shown below:

Fiscal Year Ended 30-Jun	Pension Amount	Health Care Amount	Total Amount	State Aid MPERS Direct Offset Payments ²
2026 ¹	\$1,763,195	\$228,596	\$1,991,791	\$1,242,460
2025	3,133,917	626,800	3,760,717	1,009,539
2024	2,616,929	571,510	3,188,439	1,444,432
2023	2,438,069	543,288	2,981,357	1,926,357
2022	2,175,249	547,204	2,722,453	1,109,422

¹Estimated.

²Represents the amount the School District received in state aid categorical revenue (Section 147c MPERS UAAL Rate Stabilization and One-Time Deposits) to directly pay for a portion of the School District's MPERS unfunded liability. This amount is included in the Total Amount shown in the table above.

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB Statement 68 requires all reporting units in a multi-employer cost sharing pension plan to record a balance sheet liability for their proportionate share of the net pension liability of the plan. The School District implemented GASB 68 in its year ended June 30, 2015 financial statements. In its June 30, 2025 financial statements, the School District reported a proportionate share of the net pension liability of \$18,351,426 as of September 30, 2024.

Effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017, GASB Statement 75 requires all reporting units in a multi-employer cost sharing OPEB plan to record a balance sheet liability for their proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of the plan. The School District implemented GASB 75 in its year ended June 30, 2018 financial statements. In its June 30, 2025 financial statements, the School District reported a proportionate share of the net OPEB asset of \$3,245,882 as of September 30, 2024.

For additional information regarding the Pension Plan and Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB), see the Notes to the Financial Statements in the School District's audited financial statements in APPENDIX D.

Source: Audited Financial Statements and School District

LABOR RELATIONS

The School District has labor agreements with the following employee groups. The agreements all provide for complete and comprehensive salary, wage, fringe benefit and working conditions provisions. The number of employees and duration of the agreements are as follows:

<u>Employee Group</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Exp. Date of Contract</u>
Administrators	13	Non-Affiliated	N/A
Teachers	85	MEA/Houghton Educ. Assoc.	06/30/26
Secretaries	6	AFSCME	06/30/26
Aides	13	AFSCME	06/30/26
Maintenance	1	AFSCME	06/30/26
Food Service	3	AFSCME	06/30/26
TOTAL	121		

The School District has not experienced a strike by any of its bargaining units within the past ten years.

DEBT STATEMENT* - (As of 02/17/26 – including the Bonds described herein)

DIRECT DEBT:

<u>Dated Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Bond Type</u>	<u>Final Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding before Refunding</u>	<u>Refunding (Refunded) Bonds</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding after Refunding</u>
07/14/16	Refunding, Series A	UTQ	05/01/29	\$2,830,000	(\$2,110,000)	\$720,000*
07/14/16	Refunding, Series B	UTQ	05/01/26	1,395,000	0	1,395,000
06/28/17	Building & Site	UTQ	05/01/42	9,125,000	0	9,125,000
02/08/18	Refunding	UTQ	05/01/26	410,000	0	410,000
05/20/25	Building & Site, Series I	UTQ	05/01/45	4,160,000	0	4,160,000
__/__/26	Building & Site, Series II & Refunding	UTQ	05/01/51	6,575,000	2,075,000	8,650,000*
NET DIRECT DEBT				<u>\$24,495,000</u>	<u>(\$35,000)</u>	<u>\$24,460,000*</u>

OVERLAPPING DEBT:

<u>Percent Share</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>	<u>District's Share</u>
100.00%	Houghton City	\$5,590,647	\$5,590,647
91.95	Charter Township of Portage	0	0
24.47	Houghton County	1,537,573	376,244
17.07	Copper Country ISD	0	0

TOTAL OVERLAPPING DEBT

NET DIRECT AND OVERLAPPING DEBT

5,966,891
\$30,426,891*

*Preliminary, subject to change.

Source: Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan

SCHOOL LOAN REVOLVING FUND (SLRF) PROGRAM

The School District had a SLRF balance of \$6,460,976 as of February 17, 2026.

OTHER DEBT

The School District has no short-term borrowing outstanding.

DEBT HISTORY

The School District has no record of default on its obligations.

FUTURE FINANCING

Following the issuance of the 2026 bonds, described herein, the School District will have approximately \$12,000,000 of remaining voted authorization that is expected to be issued within the next two years.

DEBT RATIOS*

Estimated School District Population	11,011
2025 Taxable Value	\$330,509,274
2025 State Equalized Value (SEV)	\$477,453,689
2025 True Cash Value (TCV)	\$954,907,378
Per Capita 2025 Taxable Value	\$30,016.28
Per Capita 2025 State Equalized Value	\$43,361.52
Per Capita 2025 True Cash Value	\$86,723.04
Per Capita Net Direct Debt	\$2,221.41
Per Capita Net Direct and Overlapping Debt	\$2,763.32
Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 Taxable Value	7.40%
Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 Taxable Value	9.21%
Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 SEV	5.12%
Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 SEV	6.37%
Percent of Net Direct Debt of 2025 TCV	2.56%
Percent of Net Direct and Overlapping Debt of 2025 TCV	3.19%

*Preliminary, subject to change.

LEGAL DEBT MARGIN* - (As of 02/17/26 – including the Bonds described herein)

2025 State Equalized Value	\$477,453,689
Legal Debt Limit - 15% of SEV	\$71,618,053
Total Bonded Debt Outstanding	\$24,460,000
Less: SLRF Qualified Bonds ¹	<u>(24,460,000)</u>
Net Amount Subject to Legal Debt Limit	<u>0</u>
LEGAL DEBT MARGIN AVAILABLE	<u><u>\$71,618,053</u></u>

*Preliminary, subject to change.

¹Section 1351(3) of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, provides that the bonded indebtedness of a school district shall not exceed 15% of the total assessed valuation of the district. Bonds not included in the computation of the legal debt margin are (1) any bond qualified under Article IX, Section 16 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and (2) deficit budget bonds as authorized under Section 1356. In addition, Section 605 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, provides, in relevant part, that debt evidenced by a refunding security shall not be deemed to be within any statutory or charter limitation of outstanding debt limit.

EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS

Listed below are the largest employers that are located within the School District and Houghton County:

Employer	Product or Service	Approx. No. of Employees
<i>Within the School District</i>		
Michigan Technological University	Higher Education	1,700
B-H-K Child Development Board	Prenatal & Early Education Care	320
Houghton County	Local Government	165
Wal-Mart (incl. in total below)	Grocery & Retail	150
Houghton-Portage Township School District	Education	121
Somero Enterprises	Concrete Construction	120
Houghton Building Supply	Building Materials Supplier	100
Upper Peninsula Power Co. (incl. in total below)	Utility	96
City of Houghton	Local Government	82
<i>Within the County of Houghton</i>		
UP Health System - Portage	Healthcare & Hospital	609
Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital	Healthcare & Hospital	379
Wal-Mart	Grocery & Retail	360
Canal View - Houghton Co	Assisted Living Facility	300
Calumet Electronics Corp.	Printed Circuit Boards	208
Upper Peninsula Power Co.	Utility	200
Copper Country ISD	Education	190
Thomas J Moyle, Inc.	Contractor	150
Public Schools of Calumet, Laurium and Keweenaw	Education	133
Mont Ripley Ski Area	Ski Hill	100

Source: 2025 Michigan Manufacturers Directory, MEDC website via www.michiganbusiness.org and individual employers.

EMPLOYMENT BREAKDOWN

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the occupational breakdown of persons 16 years and over for the City of Houghton and the County of Houghton as follows:

PERSONS BY OCCUPATION	City of Houghton		County of Houghton	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	3,646	100.00%	16,995	100.00%
Management, Business, Science & Arts	1,702	46.68	6,834	40.21
Service	905	24.82	3,363	19.79
Sales & Office	675	18.51	3,203	18.85
Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	156	4.28	1,635	9.62
Production, Transportation & Material Moving	208	5.71	1,960	11.53

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown by industry for persons 16 years and over for the City of Houghton and the County of Houghton as follows:

PERSONS BY INDUSTRY	City of Houghton		County of Houghton	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
	3,646	100.00%	16,995	100.00%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting & Mining	0	0.00	244	1.43
Construction	73	1.99	1,191	7.01
Manufacturing	114	3.13	1,678	9.87
Wholesale Trade	11	0.30	305	1.79
Retail Trade	377	10.34	2,025	11.92
Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities	81	2.22	542	3.19
Information	12	0.33	179	1.05
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	87	2.39	618	3.64
Professional, Scientific & Management Services	314	8.61	1,325	7.80
Educational, Health & Social Services	1,821	49.95	5,626	33.10
Arts, Entertainment, Recreation & Food Services	598	16.40	2,129	12.53
Other Services except Public Administration	118	3.24	671	3.95
Public Administration	40	1.10	462	2.72

UNEMPLOYMENT

The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Market Statistics, reports unemployment averages for the County of Houghton as compared to the State of Michigan as follows:

<u>Annual Average</u>	<u>County of Houghton</u>	<u>State of Michigan</u>
December, 2025	5.3%	4.8%
2024	5.4	4.7
2023	4.9	3.9
2022	4.7	4.2
2021	5.0	5.7

POPULATION BY AGE

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown of population by age for the City of Houghton and the County of Houghton as follows:

	<u>City of Houghton</u>		<u>County of Houghton</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Total Population	8,341	100.00%	37,428	100.00%
0 through 19 years	2,883	34.56	10,325	27.59
20 through 64 years	4,759	57.06	20,466	54.68
65 years and over	699	8.38	6,637	17.73
Median Age	21.9 years		32.3 years	

INCOME

The U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey reports the breakdown of household income for the City of Houghton and the County of Houghton as follows:

	<u>City of Houghton</u>		<u>County of Houghton</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME	2,297	100.00%	14,251	100.00%
Less than \$ 10,000	265	11.54	851	5.97
\$ 10,000 to \$ 14,999	253	11.01	758	5.32
\$ 15,000 to \$ 24,999	431	18.76	1,511	10.60
\$ 25,000 to \$ 34,999	195	8.49	1,407	9.87
\$ 35,000 to \$ 49,999	162	7.06	1,848	12.97
\$ 50,000 to \$ 74,999	209	9.10	2,348	16.48
\$ 75,000 to \$ 99,999	256	11.14	2,100	14.74
\$100,000 to \$149,999	159	6.92	1,698	11.91
\$150,000 to \$199,999	162	7.06	876	6.15
\$200,000 or MORE	205	8.92	854	5.99
Median Income	\$35,417		\$56,573	

APPENDIX C
GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY AND
COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Houghton-Portage Township School District
General Fund Budget Summary

	<u>As Adopted</u> <u>2025/26</u>
Revenues	
Local Sources	\$2,403,000
Athletics	127,370
State Sources	14,856,845
Federal Sources	145,000
Incoming Transfers & Other Transactions	<u>13,000</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$17,545,215</u>
Expenditures	
Instruction	
Basic Program	\$10,660,392
Added Needs	1,109,032
Support Services	
Pupil	623,811
Instructional Staff	211,713
General Administration	336,477
School Administration	1,101,717
Business	330,089
Operation & Maintenance	1,551,978
Pupil Transportation	505,000
Other Technical Support (Technology)	250,500
Athletics	760,814
Community Services	27,500
Outgoing Transfers & Other Transactions	<u>3,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$17,472,023</u>
Excess of Expenditures (over) under Revenues	<u>\$73,192</u>
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1	<u>\$5,464,013</u>
Projected Fund Balance - June 30	<u><u>\$5,537,205</u></u>

Source: School District

**Houghton-Portage Township School District
General Fund**

Comparative Balance Sheet

	For Fiscal Years Ended June 30th		
	2023	2024	2025
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	\$1,051,592	\$1,260,274	\$1,430,823
Investments	1,576,078	1,266,751	1,470,201
Accounts Receivable	717	3,084	1,320
Due from Other Governments	2,816,052	2,955,010	2,835,473
Due from Other Funds	372,462	1,002,096	331,448
Total Assets	\$5,816,901	\$6,487,215	\$6,069,265
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$69,253	\$126,610	\$136,119
Accrued Salaries	6,854	57,443	59,090
Accrued Expenses	176,684	183,851	224,227
Due to Other Governments	350,404	262,742	183,635
Due to Other Funds	54,892	19,450	2,181
Total Liabilities	\$658,087	\$650,096	\$605,252
Fund Balances			
Unassigned	\$5,158,814	\$5,837,119	\$5,464,013
Total Fund Balances	\$5,158,814	\$5,837,119	\$5,464,013
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$5,816,901	\$6,487,215	\$6,069,265

Source: Audited Financial Statements

**Houghton-Portage Township School District
General Fund**

**Comparative Statement of Revenues,
Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**

	For Fiscal Years Ended June 30th		
	2023	2024	2025
Revenues			
Local Sources	\$2,142,946	\$2,104,319	\$2,514,537
State Sources	14,519,183	15,634,793	15,268,436
Federal Sources	1,208,062	560,989	253,839
Total Revenues	<u>\$17,870,191</u>	<u>\$18,300,101</u>	<u>\$18,036,812</u>
Expenditures			
Instruction	\$11,385,213	\$12,037,792	\$12,472,227
Supporting Services	4,100,011	4,859,809	5,100,119
School Service	657,533	732,970	824,877
Community Services	15,783	15,993	20,189
Total Expenditures	<u>\$16,158,540</u>	<u>\$17,646,564</u>	<u>\$18,417,412</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	<u>\$1,711,651</u>	<u>\$653,537</u>	<u>(\$380,600)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In (Out)	(\$4,180)	(\$4,510)	(\$4,750)
Payments from Other Governmental Units	7,700	20,278	9,244
Other Sources	--	9,000	3,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$3,520</u>	<u>\$24,768</u>	<u>\$7,494</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$1,715,171	\$678,305	(\$373,106)
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>\$3,443,643</u>	<u>\$5,158,814</u>	<u>\$5,837,119</u>
Fund Balance - Ending	<u><u>\$5,158,814</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,837,119</u></u>	<u><u>\$5,464,013</u></u>

Source: Audited Financial Statements

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APPENDIX D
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The auditor was not requested to examine or review and therefore has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the Bonds and accordingly has not conducted any post-audit review procedures and will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of such financial documents, statements or materials.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
 Houghton-Portage Township School District
 Houghton, Michigan

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information, of the Houghton-Portage Township School District ("District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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

Change in Accounting Principle

As described in Note 14 to the financial statements, for the year ended June 30, 2025, the District adopted new accounting guidance, GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, and the pension and other post-employment benefits schedules as reported in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 15, 2025, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Anderson Tackman & Co., P.L.C.

ANDERSON, TACKMAN & COMPANY, PLC
 Certified Public Accountants
 Iron Mountain, Michigan

October 15, 2025

Houghton-Portage Township School District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Houghton-Portage Township School District's Management Discussion and Analysis is intended to assist the reader to focus on significant financial issues, provide an overview of the District's financial activity, and identify changes in the District's financial position including its ability to address the next and subsequent years' challenges. It also identifies any material deviations from the financial plan and identifies individual fund issues or concerns. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, GASB Statement No. 65, and GASB Statement No. 68 and 75, GASB Statement No. 71 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68, GASB Statement No. 84, GASB Statement No. 87, GASB Statement No. 96, and GASB Statement No. 101 and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
(Required Supplementary Information)

Basic Financial Statements

District-Wide Financial Statements

Fund Financial Statements

Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

(Required Supplementary Information)
(Other than MD&A expanded)

GASB 34, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63 and 65, requires the presentation of two basic types of financial statements: District-Wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements.

District-Wide Financial Statements

The District-Wide Financial Statements provide a perspective of the District as a whole. These financial statements use the full accrual basis of accounting similar to private sector companies. There are two District-Wide Financial Statements: the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities.

The Statement of Net Position combines and consolidates governmental funds: current financial resources (short-term available resources) (assets, liabilities, and deferred outflow/inflows of resources) with capital assets and long-term obligations, regardless of their current availability.

Consistent with the full accrual basis method of accounting, the Statement of Activities accounts for current year revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. The intent of this statement is to summarize and simplify the user's analysis of the costs of various District services.

Houghton-Portage Township School District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

The Fund Financial Statements are similar to financial presentations of years past but are focused on the District's Major Funds rather than fund types as in the past. The two Account Groups: General Fixed Assets and General Long-Term Debt are no longer reported. Consistent with previous years, the fund statements are reported using the modified accrual method of accounts. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when received, except when they are measurable and available and therefore represent resources that may be appropriated. Expenditures are accounted for in the period those goods and services are used in school programs. In addition, capital asset purchases are expensed and not recorded as an asset. Debt payments are recorded as expenditures in the current year, and future debt obligations are not recorded.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund types include the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Student Activities Fund, Community Services Fund, Debt Retirement Fund, Capital Projects Funds and a Sinking Fund. The General Fund is used primarily to account for the general education requirements of the District. For fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 and 2024 Athletics is combined with General Fund. Its revenues are derived from property taxes, state and federal distributions and grants, and other intergovernmental revenues. The Food Service Fund is used to record food service revenues derived from local, state and federal sources and expenses associated with running the food service program. The Debt Retirement Fund is used to record the funding and payment of principal and interest on bonded debt. The Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of major capital facilities. The Community Services Fund is used to account for daycares services provided by the District. The Student Activities Fund accounts for assets held by the District as an agent for various student groups and related activities.

Financial Analysis of the District as a Whole

The School District's net position was \$(7,850,175) at June 30, 2025, compared to \$(11,722,270), as restated, at June 30, 2024. Total net position can be separated into three categories: net investment in capital assets, restricted, and unrestricted.

Net investment in capital assets is a combination of funds available for capital assets less accumulated depreciation and related debt. The original cost of capital assets was \$43,727,049 at June 30, 2025, and \$44,170,832 at June 30, 2024. The accumulated depreciation is the accumulation of depreciation expense since acquisition. In accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), depreciation expense is recorded on the original cost of the asset, less any estimated salvage value, expensed over the estimated use life of the assets. Total accumulated depreciation was \$18,469,518 at June 30, 2025, and \$17,982,326 at June 30, 2024. Total debt related to capital assets was \$24,519,959 at June 30, 2025, and \$22,630,737 at June 30, 2024.

Restricted assets are, by their nature, restricted for use by laws or regulations by the State of Michigan. These funds totaled \$5,672,975 at June 30, 2025, compared to \$1,491,632 at June 30, 2024.

The remaining balance of unrestricted represents a deficit balance of \$(14,260,722) at June 30, 2025, and \$(16,771,671) at June 30, 2024. The deficit balances are a result of GASB Statement No. 68, GASB Statement No. 75, and GASB Statement No. 101 effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, June 15, 2017 and December 15, 2023 respectively. Additional information regarding GASB Statement No. 68, No. 75 and No. 101 can be found in the audit report under Note 7, Note 8, and Note 14.

The results of this year's operations for the School District as a whole are reported in the Statement of Activities. A summary of the District-Wide results of operations for the years ended June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024 is as follows on the next page:

Houghton-Portage Township School District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Summary of Net Position

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Assets:		
Current assets	\$ 11,932,703	\$ 8,137,546
Net non-current assets	<u>28,535,861</u>	<u>26,603,530</u>
Total assets	<u>40,468,564</u>	<u>34,741,076</u>
Deferred pension and OPEB outflows	<u>6,160,800</u>	<u>7,387,172</u>
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities	11,353,500	10,501,356
Long term liabilities	<u>33,740,715</u>	<u>37,260,855</u>
Total liabilities	<u>45,094,215</u>	<u>47,762,211</u>
Deferred pension and OPEB inflows	<u>9,385,324</u>	<u>5,872,252</u>
Net Position: *		
Invested in capital assets	737,572	3,557,769
Restricted	5,672,975	1,491,632
Unrestricted	<u>(14,260,722)</u>	<u>(16,771,671)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (7,850,175)</u>	<u>\$ (11,722,270)</u>

* See Note 14 for prior period adjustment

Houghton-Portage Township School District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025

Statement of Activities

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Program revenue		
Charges for services - local and support	\$ 520,124	\$ 525,376
Operating grants - federal, state, and local	<u>1,213,750</u>	<u>1,445,611</u>
Total program revenue	<u>1,733,874</u>	<u>1,970,987</u>
General revenue		
Property taxes levied for general operations	5,317,683	4,693,072
State revenue sharing	11,692,338	12,024,920
Other - federal, state, and local	<u>4,928,162</u>	<u>5,093,997</u>
Total general revenue	<u>21,938,183</u>	<u>21,811,989</u>
Total revenue	<u>23,672,057</u>	<u>23,782,976</u>
Expenses		
Instruction	10,591,102	11,021,112
Support services	4,329,110	4,225,997
School service	2,389,677	2,362,891
Community service	228,495	190,370
Interest and fees on long term debt	1,087,407	1,344,050
Depreciation	<u>1,174,171</u>	<u>1,110,125</u>
Total expenses	<u>19,799,962</u>	<u>20,254,545</u>
Change in net position	3,872,095	3,528,431
Net Position July 1 *	<u>(11,722,270)</u>	<u>(15,250,701)</u>
Net Position June 30	<u>\$ (7,850,175)</u>	<u>\$ (11,722,270)</u>

* See Note 14 for prior period adjustment

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The overall condition of the governmental funds has increased during June 30, 2025 and increased during June 30, 2024. In the General Fund, the excess of expenditures over revenue totaled (\$373,106) during fiscal year 2025, and the excess of revenues over expenditures totaled \$678,305 during fiscal year 2024. The primary factors that contributed to the difference from fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2025 was the existence of bond revenue during fiscal year 2025.

MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BUDGETING AND OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

The District's budgets are prepared according to Michigan law and are initially adopted prior to July 1 of each year, before student enrollment counts are known. Therefore, it is expected that there will be changes between the initial budget and subsequent budgets, as actual enrollments are known. The most significant fund budgeted is the General Fund operations. The General Fund operating budget was amended monthly during fiscal year 2025.

General Fund Operations

In the General Fund operations, the actual revenue for fiscal year June 30, 2025 was \$18,036,812. This is above the original budget of \$17,368,440 and above the final budget of \$17,344,105 - a variance of 3.84%. The actual expenditures of the general fund for fiscal year June 30, 2025 operations were \$18,417,412. This is above the original budget of \$17,674,497 and above the final budget of \$17,768,318 - a variance of 3.52%.

GOVERNMENTAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Below is a summary of the governmental fund expenditures and their percentages as they relate to total governmental funds:

	Total Expenditures June 30, 2025		Total Expenditures June 30, 2024	
		Percentage		Percentage
General Fund	\$ 18,417,412	76.18%	\$ 17,646,564	74.27%
Debt Service	3,231,772	13.37%	3,346,170	14.08%
Capital Projects	160,960	0.67%	356,318	1.50%
Food Service	1,789,792	7.40%	1,927,954	8.11%
Nonmajor Funds	574,970	2.38%	482,649	2.03%
Total Expenditures	\$ 24,174,906	100.00%	\$ 23,759,655	100.00%

TOTAL REVENUES

Below is a summary of the governmental fund revenues and their percentages as they relate to governmental funds.

	Total Revenue June 30, 2025		Total Revenue June 30, 2024	
		Percentage		Percentage
State revenue sharing	\$ 15,875,472	56.75%	\$ 16,209,026	68.14%
Prop taxes general operation	2,311,172	8.26%	1,884,482	7.92%
Operating grants federal, state, and local	1,213,749	4.34%	1,445,611	6.08%
Prop taxes debt retirement	3,006,511	10.75%	2,808,590	11.81%
Bond proceeds	4,295,130	15.36%	-	0.00%
Loan proceeds	313,446	1.12%	417,537	1.76%
Transfers in	4,750	0.02%	4,510	0.02%
Other	951,731	3.40%	1,017,732	4.28%
Total Revenues	\$ 27,971,961	100.00%	\$ 23,787,488	100.00%

Unrestricted State Aid

The District is predominately funded by State Aid based on a blended count formula that the State of Michigan utilizes. State revenues to the District have increased due to property tax decreases as compared to enrollment figures from the previous year. State aid blended membership was 1,437.

Property Taxes

The District levied 17.2832 mills of property taxes on all Non-Homestead property located within the District for General Fund operations. The levy is assessed on the taxable value of the property. The increase in taxable value is limited to the lesser of the inflation rate of the prior year or 5%. When a property is sold, the taxable valuation of the sold property is readjusted to the State Equalized Value, which is approximately 50% of market value.

The District levied 9.64 mills of property taxes on all classes of property located within the District for bonded debt retirement. The levy is not subject to rollback provisions and is used to pay the principal and interest on bond obligations.

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Operating Grants Federal, State, and Local

The primary sources are the Federal Title I/II/IV-Part A Programs, the State funded At Risk Program and the Special Education Obligation funds required under the Headlee Amendment, State of Michigan legislation. Both Title I-Part A and At-Risk Programs assist students who are deemed to be at risk in the instruction process. For the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the District has utilized \$545,635 of Title I/II/IV-Part A funds and \$590,438 of State At-Risk funds. For fiscal year 2025 the State, under the Headlee amendment, was obligated to remit to the District \$378,830.

ENROLLMENT

The District's 2024-2025 State aid blended membership enrollments was 1,437. This is a decrease of 31 full-time equivalent students from the previous year. Houghton-Portage Township School District is located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The area has experienced economic downturn in previous years but has seen an increase in employment opportunities due to some large area businesses. As a result of this, more families have moved to the area. The county however continues to experience declining birth rates from previous years. The increase in enrollment is due to families moving into the area and school of choice.

Enrollment changes over the last ten years can be illustrated as follows:

Fiscal Year	Student Enrollment (FTE)	Increase (Decrease) in Student Membership (FTE)
2025	1437	(31)
2024	1468	33
2023	1435	31
2022	1404	(10)
2021	1414	(14)
2020	1428	19
2019	1409	(15)
2018	1424	45
2017	1379	29
2016	1350	(26)

Student enrollment is important to the financial health of the District because state funding is based on a per pupil formula.

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CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year 2025, the District had \$43,727,049 invested in land and building, furniture and equipment, vehicles and buses compared to \$44,170,832 at June 30, 2024. Of this amount, \$18,469,518 and \$17,982,326 has been depreciated at June 30, 2025 and June 30, 2024 respectively. Net book value totaled \$25,257,531 at June 30, 2025, and \$26,188,506 at June 30, 2024. Due to budget constraints related to the State of Michigan financial status, the ability to maintain these buildings is becoming increasingly difficult. The District maintains a \$5,000 threshold for capitalization of assets.

Outstanding Debt at Year End

As of June 30, 2025, the District had \$17,920,000 in bonds outstanding, compared to \$16,295,000 at June 30, 2024. The District collects bonded debt across the total property values. Therefore, total growth in valuation is an important element in determining the District's ability to retire bonded debt and/or to incur additional bond debt.

For more detailed information regarding capital assets and debt administration, please review the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements located in the financial section of this report.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to give an overview of the financial conditions of the Houghton-Portage Township School District. For additional detailed financial information contact:

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HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS:	
Current assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 3,208,582
Investments	5,624,495
Accounts receivable	21,197
Due from other governments	2,969,998
Inventory	89,931
Prepaid expenses	18,500
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Total current assets	11,932,703
Noncurrent assets:	
Unamortized bond discount	32,448
Capital assets	43,727,049
Accumulated depreciation	(18,469,518)
Net other post employment benefits asset	3,243,882
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Total noncurrent assets	28,535,861
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TOTAL ASSETS	40,468,564
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Pension outflow	5,179,802
Other post employment benefits outflow	980,998
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TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	6,160,800
LIABILITIES:	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	165,421
Accrued salaries	103,932
Accrued interest	1,046,405
Accrued expenses	234,296
Due to other governments	183,635
Compensated absences	377,404
School bond loan	5,365,699
Bonds payable	2,610,000
Unamortized bond premium	1,266,708
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Total current liabilities	11,353,500
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	79,289
Bonds payable	15,310,000
Net pension liability	18,351,426
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Total noncurrent liabilities	33,740,715
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	45,094,215
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	
Pension inflow	5,166,526
Other post employment benefits inflow	4,218,798
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TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	9,385,324

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities
NET POSITION:	
Net investment in capital assets	737,572
Restricted	5,672,975
Unrestricted	(14,260,722)
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TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (7,850,175)

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	Program Revenue				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
	Expenses	Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government
					Governmental Activities
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:					
Governmental Activities:					
Instruction	\$ (10,591,102)	\$ -	\$ 253,840	\$ -	\$ (10,337,262)
Support	(4,329,110)	-	-	-	(4,329,110)
Community service	(228,495)	224,469	-	-	(4,026)
School service	(2,389,677)	295,655	959,910	-	(1,134,112)
Depreciation	(1,174,171)	-	-	-	(1,174,171)
Debt interest, fees and expenses	(1,087,407)	-	-	-	(1,087,407)
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	(19,799,962)	520,124	1,213,750	-	(18,066,088)
General revenues:					
Property taxes				\$	5,317,683
State revenue sharing					11,692,338
Unrestricted investment earnings					104,220
Other					4,823,942
Total general revenues and transfers					21,938,183
Changes in net position					3,872,095
Net position, beginning of year, restated *					(11,722,270)
Net position, end of year					\$ (7,850,175)

* See Note 14

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

June 30, 2025

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects Bond Fund	Special Revenue Food Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:						
Cash and equivalents	\$ 1,430,823	\$ 127,768	\$ -	\$ 472,647	\$ 1,177,344	\$ 3,208,582
Investments	1,470,201	-	4,154,294	-	-	5,624,495
Accounts receivable	1,320	2,872	-	17,005	-	21,197
Due from other governments	2,835,473	-	-	134,525	-	2,969,998
Due from other funds	331,448	-	-	13,055	-	344,503
Inventory	-	-	-	89,931	-	89,931
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-	-	18,500	18,500
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 6,069,265	\$ 130,640	\$ 4,154,294	\$ 727,163	\$ 1,195,844	\$ 12,277,206
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	\$ 136,119	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,528	\$ 774	\$ 165,421
Accrued salaries	59,090	-	-	29,998	24,913	114,001
Accrued expenses	224,227	-	-	-	-	224,227
Due to other governments	183,635	-	-	-	-	183,635
Due to other funds	2,181	-	-	70,411	271,911	344,503
TOTAL LIABILITIES	605,252	-	-	128,937	297,598	1,031,787
FUND BALANCE AND OTHER CREDITS:						
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	89,931	18,500	108,431
Restricted	-	130,640	4,154,294	508,295	879,746	5,672,975
Unassigned	5,464,013	-	-	-	-	5,464,013
TOTAL FUND BALANCE AND OTHER CREDITS	5,464,013	130,640	4,154,294	598,226	898,246	11,245,419
TOTAL LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE AND OTHER	\$ 6,069,265	\$ 130,640	\$ 4,154,294	\$ 727,163	\$ 1,195,844	\$ 12,277,206

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP DISTRICT SCHOOLS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Total fund balances for governmental funds \$ 11,226,919

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those assets consist of:

Total capital assets	\$ 43,727,049
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(18,469,518)</u>

Net capital assets 25,257,531

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions (including other post employment benefits - OPEB) are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. Those resources consist of:

Deferred outflows of pension and OPEB resources	6,160,800
Deferred inflows of pension and OPEB resources	<u>(9,385,324)</u>

Net deferred pension sources (3,224,524)

Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position.

Accrued interest on long-term debt	(1,046,405)
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Bonds payable	(17,920,000)
Bond loan payable	(5,365,699)
Unamortized bond premium	(1,266,708)
Unamortized bond discount	32,448
Compensated absences	(456,693)
Net OPEB asset	3,245,882
Net pension liability	<u>(18,351,426)</u>
	<u>(40,082,196)</u>

Total net position of governmental activities \$ (7,868,675)



HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General	Debt Service	Capital Projects Bond Fund	Special Revenue Food Service	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES						
Local sources	\$ 2,514,537	\$ 3,019,905	\$ 20,124	\$ 230,021	\$ 472,583	\$ 6,257,170
State sources	15,268,436	13,284	-	593,752	-	15,875,472
Federal sources	253,839	-	-	959,910	-	1,213,749
TOTAL REVENUES	18,036,812	3,033,189	20,124	1,783,683	472,583	23,346,391
EXPENDITURES:						
Instruction	12,472,227	-	-	-	-	12,472,227
Supporting services	5,100,119	-	160,960	-	103,758	5,364,837
Debt service	-	3,231,772	-	-	-	3,231,772
School service	824,877	-	-	1,789,816	221,806	2,836,499
Community services	20,189	-	-	-	249,406	269,595
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	18,417,412	3,231,772	160,960	1,789,816	574,970	24,174,930
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(380,600)	(198,583)	(140,836)	(6,133)	(102,387)	(828,539)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Payments received from other governmental units	9,244	-	-	-	-	9,244
Other sources	3,000	-	-	-	-	3,000
Transfers in	-	-	-	4,750	-	4,750
Transfers (out)	(4,750)	-	-	-	-	(4,750)
Bond proceeds	-	-	4,295,130	-	-	4,295,130
Loan proceeds	-	313,446	-	-	-	313,446
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	7,494	313,446	4,295,130	4,750	-	4,620,820
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES OVER REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	(373,106)	114,863	4,154,294	(1,383)	(102,387)	3,792,281
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	5,837,119	15,777	-	599,609	1,900,633	7,453,138
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 5,464,013	\$ 130,640	\$ 4,154,294	\$ 598,226	\$ 898,246	\$ 11,245,419

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP DISTRICT SCHOOLS

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ 3,773,781

The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is capitalized and the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense (\$1,174,171) exceeded capital outlay \$243,196 net of deletions. (930,975)

The change in net deferred outflow/inflows and pension and OPEB liability is not recorded in the governmental funds. However, in the statement of activities this change is recognized as an adjustment to instruction, support and community service expenses as it relates to 3,240,843

Bond and loan proceeds are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net assets, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of net position.

Bond premium amortization	16,776
Bond premium discount	32,448
Bond proceeds	(4,160,000)
Loan proceeds	(313,446)
Bond principal	2,535,000

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in governmental funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is not recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting until due, rather than as it accrues. This adjustment combines the following net changes:

Compensated absences	(79,289)
Accrued interest	(261,543)
Changes in net position of governmental activities	\$ 3,853,595



HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Houghton-Portage Township School District ("District") have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units, as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The significant accounting principles and policies utilized by the District are described below:

In June 1999, the GASB issued Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. Certain of the significant changes in the statement include the following:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis section providing an analysis of the District's overall financial position and results of operations.

Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all the District's activities.

A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2011, GASB Statement No. 63, effective for periods after December 15, 2012, GASB 65 amends Statement No. 34, and effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015, GASB Statement No. 68 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27, and GASB Statement No. 71 an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68. Statement No. 63 and No. 65 establish standards for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. Statements No. 68, 71 and 75 establish standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and expense/expenditures for defined benefit pension plans and Other Post-Employment Benefits. Effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, GASB Statement No. 84 establishes standards for reporting fiduciary activities. GASB Statement No. 87, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2021, establishes lease reporting standards. GASB Statement No. 96, effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2022, establishes subscription-based information technology arrangements. GASB Statement No. 101, effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023, establishes recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including notes to financial statements). The District has elected to implement the provisions of the Statements.

A. Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the District, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP, currently GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity* and as amended by GASB Statement No. 61.

The criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include budget adoption, taxing authority, funding, appointment of the respective governing board, and scope of public service.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025
(Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Based on the foregoing criteria, it has been determined that there are no component units of the Houghton-Portage Township School District.

B. Basic Financial Statements – Government-Wide Statements

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major funds). The government-wide financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All of the District's activities are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental activities column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The District's net position is reported in three parts – net investment in capital assets; restricted; and unrestricted.

The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions. The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (property taxes, state sources and federal sources, interest income, etc.).

The District does allocate indirect costs. In creating the government-wide financial statements the District has eliminated interfund transactions.

The government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

C. Pension

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Systems (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported to MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds or employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenue and expenditures. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped into generic fund types in two broad fund categories as follows:

Governmental Funds – Governmental funds are used to account for the acquisition, use and balances of expendable financial resources and the related current liabilities, except for those accounted for in fiduciary funds. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting.

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the District. It is used to account for all financial transactions of the District, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Funds – Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than expendable trusts or capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. The District uses the Special Revenue Fund to account for the Houghton-Portage Township School District's food service activity, student activities, and community service.

Debt Service Funds – Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

Capital Project Funds – Capital Project Funds are used to account for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).



HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

(Continued)

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Account Groups – Account groups are used to establish accounting control and accountability for the District's general fixed assets and long-term obligations. The following are the District's account groups:

General Fixed Assets – This group of accounts was established to account for all general fixed assets of the District.

General Long-Term Obligations – This group of accounts has been established to account for unmatured general long-term obligations and certain other liabilities of the District not expected to be liquidated through the use of available expendable financial resources.

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus. The governmental-wide statement uses the economic resources measurement focus.

Accrual

Governmental activity in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become both measurable and available (susceptible to accrual). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after the year end. A one-year period is used for revenue recognition for all other governmental fund revenues. Those revenues prone to accrual are property taxes, federal aid, interest-revenue, and charges for services.



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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The District reports deferred revenue on its governmental fund balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition by the District before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

State Foundation Revenue - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, the State of Michigan adopted a foundation grant approach which provides for a specific annual amount of revenue per student based on a state-wide formula. In previous years, the state utilized a district power equalizing approach. The Foundation is funded from state and local sources. Revenues from state sources are primarily governed by the School Aid Act and the School Code of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Education administers the allocation of state funds to school districts based on information supplied by the districts. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the foundation allowance was based on 10% of the pupil membership count taken in February of 2024 and 90% taken in October of 2024.

Expenditures and related liabilities are recognized when obligations are incurred as a result of the receipt of goods and services. Modifications include:

Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due, or when amounts have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payments of principal and interest to be made early in the following year.

F. Cash and Equivalents

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition. Cash and equivalent balances for individual funds are pooled unless maintained in segregated accounts.

G. Interfund Balances and Transfers

The current portion of lending/borrowing arrangements between funds are identified as "due to/from other funds". The non-current portion of outstanding balances between funds are reported as "advances to/from other funds". Advances between funds are offset by a fund balance reserve account to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

Transfers represent a flow of assets without equivalent flows of assets in return or a requirement for repayment.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or net realizable value. Inventories in the Special Revenue Fund consisting of expendable supplies held for consumption, are recorded as expenditures when consumed rather than when purchased. Inventories for commodities are recorded as revenue when utilized. Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

I. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Buildings and additions	20-50 years
Buses and other vehicles	5-10 years
Furniture and other equipment	5-20 years

The District has adopted a capitalization policy of \$5,000.

J. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group.

K. Compensated Absences

Amounts representing accumulated vacation and personal leave expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources are reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the government fund that will pay it.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied by the District are collected by various municipalities and periodically remitted to the District. The taxes are levied as of December 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer and become a lien on the first day of the levy year. The actual due dates are February 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity. School District property tax revenues are recognized as revenue when levied to the extent they result in current receivables (collected within sixty days after year end). Amounts received subsequent to August 31 are recognized as revenue when collected.

The District, along with certain other governmental units, is permitted by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 to levy combined taxes up to \$50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for general governmental services other than the payment of Debt Service Fund expenses if approved by a majority of the electors. The District must include certain tax levies of other governmental units located within the District, primarily the county, when determining the maximum millage of \$50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District levied the following amounts per \$1,000 of assessed valuation:

<u>Fund Mills</u>	
General Fund - Non-Homestead	17.2832
Debt Retirement	9.64

M. Unemployment Insurance

The District reimburses the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) for the actual amount of unemployment benefits disbursed by the UIA on behalf of the District. Billings received for amounts paid by the UIA through June 30 are accrued.

N. Fund Balance

Nonspendable fund balances represent amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The restricted fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount that has been legally identified for specific purposes. Committed fund balance, if any, is reported from amounts that can be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action by the government's highest level of decision-making authority, the Board of Education. A formal resolution of the Board of Education is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment. Assigned fund balances represent amounts set aside by the governing body for specific purposes, but do not meet the definition of restricted or committed fund balance. Under the District's policy, amounts may be assigned by the Business Manager under the authorization of the Board of Education. The unassigned fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations.



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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

O. Budgets

Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary date reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Superintendent submits to the School Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing on July 1st. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The level of control for the budget is at the functional level as set forth in the combined statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - budget and actual - all governmental fund types.
2. Public hearings are conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
3. Prior to July 1st, the budget is legally adopted by School Board resolution pursuant to the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (P.A. 621 of 1978). The Act requires that the budget be amended prior to the end of the fiscal year when necessary to adjust appropriations if it appears that revenues and other financing sources will be less than anticipated, or so that expenditures will not be in excess of original estimates. Expenditures shall not be made or incurred unless authorized in the budget, or in excess of the amount appropriated. Any material expenditures in violation of the budgeting act are disclosed in the footnotes.
4. The Superintendent is authorized to transfer budgeted amounts between major expenditure functions within any fund; however, these transfers and any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the School Board.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the general fund.
6. The budget as presented, has been amended. Supplemental appropriations were made during the year with the last one approved on June 15, 2025.

The budget for the year ended June 30, 2025 was adopted on June 17, 2024 and formally amended periodically through the year at the board of education meeting.

A comparison of actual results of operations to the budgeted amounts (at the level of control adopted by the Board of Education) for the General Fund is presented as Required Supplementary Information.



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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Q. Other Post-Employment Benefits:

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Systems (MPERS) and additions to/deductions from MPERS fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported to MPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds or employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Equivalents

The District's cash and equivalents, as reported in the Statement of Net Position, consisted of the following:

Petty cash	\$ 1,348
Checking accounts	<u>3,207,234</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$3,208,582</u>

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned. State law does not require, and the District does not have, a policy for deposit custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2025, the District held cash and equivalents in the amount of \$3,462,024 of which \$522,858 was insured through the FDIC and \$2,939,166 was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Investments

MILAF	\$ 5,624,495
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The District voluntarily invests certain excess funds in external pooled investment funds which included money market funds. One of the pooled investment funds utilized by the District is the Michigan Investment Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF). MILAF is an external pooled investment fund of "qualified" investments for Michigan School districts. MILAF is not regulated nor is it registered with the SEC. MILAF reports as of June 30, 2025, the fair value of the District's investments is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

MILAF funds are considered external investment pools as defined by the GASB and as such are recorded at amortized cost which approximate fair value. The MILAF fund requires notification of redemptions prior to 14 days to avoid penalties. These funds are not subject to fair value disclosures.

Michigan statutes authorize the District to invest in bonds, other direct obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, certificates of deposits, savings accounts, deposit accounts or receipts of a bank which is a member of the FDIC, commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and matures within 270 days of date of purchase, bankers' acceptances of United States banks, obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, external investment pools, and certain mutual funds.

Investments are recorded at fair market value, which is based on quoted market prices.

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the District's investments. The District's investment policy does not have specific limits in excess of state law on investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. The District's investments are not subject to interest rate risk.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2025 follows:

	Balance July 1, 2024	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2025
<i>Assets not subject to depreciation</i>				
Land	\$ 1,334,619	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,334,619
<i>Assets subject to depreciation</i>				
Land improvements	721,938	-	-	721,938
Buildings & improvements	37,121,736	95,273	-	37,217,009
Equipment & vehicles	4,663,262	147,923	(686,979)	4,124,206
Other assets	<u>329,277</u>	-	-	<u>329,277</u>
TOTALS	44,170,832	\$ 243,196	\$ (686,979)	43,727,049
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(17,982,326)</u>	<u>\$(1,174,171)</u>	<u>\$ 686,979</u>	<u>(18,469,518)</u>
Net capital assets	\$ 26,188,506			\$25,257,531

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NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2025 amounts to \$1,174,171. The District determined that it was impractical to allocate depreciation to various government activities as the assets serve multiple functions.

NOTE 4 - INTER-FUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

Amounts due from (to) other funds represent the balance of monies due from or to other funds for expenditures made or fund balance transfers approved. The amounts of inter-fund receivables and payables as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Inter-Fund Receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Inter-Fund Payable</u>
Food Service	\$ 13,055	Community Service	\$ 92,940
General	331,448	Food Service	70,411
		Student Activity	156,525
		General	2,181
		Sinking Fund	22,446
Total	<u>\$ 344,503</u>		<u>\$ 344,503</u>
<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>
Food Service	\$ 4,750	General	\$ 4,750

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NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations at June 30, 2025 are comprised of the following amounts:

1.	2018 refunding bonds due in annual installments ranging from \$410,000 - \$460,000 through May 1, 2026 with interest of 4.0%.	410,000
2.	2016 refunding bonds, series A due in annual installments ranging from \$695,000 - \$750,000 through May 1, 2029 with interest of 3.0% to 4.0%	2,830,000
3.	2016 refunding bonds, series B due in annual installments ranging from \$975,000 - \$1,395,000 through May 1, 2026 with interest of 1.07% to 2.80%.	1,395,000
4.	2017 building and site bonds due in annual installments ranging from \$50,000 - \$2,305,000 through May 1, 2042 with interest of 2.0% to 5.0%.	9,125,000
5.	School bond loan due in annual installments of \$553 with interest of 3.11836%.	552
6.	School loan revolving fund due with interest of 3.11836%.	5,365,147
7.	2025 building and site bonds due in annual installments ranging from \$125,000 - \$660,000 through May 1, 2045 with interest of 3.6% to 4.8%.	4,160,000
8.	Vested sick and vacation pay	456,693
9.	Net pension liability	<u>18,351,426</u>
	Total Long-Term Obligations	<u>\$ 42,093,818</u>

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NOTE 5 - BONDS AND NOTES PAYABLE

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations:

	Balance July 1, 2024	Additions	Repayments	Balance June 30, 2025	Amounts Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 16,295,000	\$ 4,160,000	\$ (2,535,000)	\$ 17,920,000	\$ 2,610,000
Loans Payable	5,052,253	313,446	-	5,365,699	5,365,699
Employee Benefits:					
Vested Sick and Vacation *	377,404	79,289	-	456,693	377,404
Net Pension Liability	23,500,855	-	(5,149,429)	18,351,426	-
TOTALS	\$ 45,225,512	\$ 4,552,735	\$ (7,684,429)	\$ 42,093,818	\$ 8,353,103

* Balances restated. See Note 14.

The annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations outstanding as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Bond Issues and Installment Notes		Notes & Loans Payable		Teachers Vested Sick and Vacation	Pension & OPEB Liability	Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest			
2026	2,610,000	810,357	\$ 5,365,699	\$ 930,291	\$377,404	\$ -	\$ 10,093,751
2027	800,000	742,150	-	-	-	-	1,542,150
2028	800,000	711,500	-	-	-	-	1,511,500
2029	795,000	678,550	-	-	-	-	1,473,550
2030	680,000	645,750	-	-	79,289	-	1,405,039
2031-2035	3,850,000	2,688,750	-	-	-	-	6,538,750
2036-2040	4,615,000	1,651,000	-	-	-	-	6,266,000
2041-2045	3,770,000	499,000	-	-	-	18,351,426	22,620,426
TOTALS	\$ 17,920,000	\$ 8,427,057	\$ 5,365,699	\$ 930,291	\$ 456,693	\$ 18,351,426	\$ 51,451,166

Interest expense for the year ended June 30, 2025 was \$689,070.

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NOTE 6 - FUND BALANCES

Portions of fund balances are restricted, non-spendable, or assigned and not available for general purposes other than fund usage as follows:

Debt Service – Restricted for debt service	\$130,640
Food Service – Non-spendable inventory	\$89,931
Restricted for food service	\$508,295
Student Activities – Restricted for student groups	\$155,659
Community Service – Restricted for community outreach	\$343,057
Capital Projects – Restricted for sinking fund	\$381,030
Non-Spendable for sinking fund	\$18,500
Restricted for capital improvements	\$4,154,294

NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members - eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's pension plan was established by the State to provide retirement, survivor and disability benefits to public school employees. In addition, the System's health plan provides all retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the defined benefit pension plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions for the defined benefit (DB) pension plan. Depending on the plan option selected, member retirement benefits for are determined by final average compensation, years of service, and a pension factor ranging from 1.25 percent to 1.50 percent. DB members are eligible to receive a monthly benefit when they meet certain age and service requirements. The System also provides disability and survivor benefits to DB plan members.

A DB member plan member who leaves Michigan public school employment may request a refund of his or her member contributions to the retirement system account if applicable. A refund cancels a former member's rights to future benefits. However, returning members who previously received a refund of their contributions may reinstate their service through repayment of the refund upon satisfaction of certain requirements.

Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2023 valuation will be amortized over a 15-year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes pension contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Pension Contribution Rates		
Benefit Structure	Member	Employer
Basic	0.0 - 4.0%	23.03%
Member Investment Plan	3.0 - 7.0%	23.03%
Pension Plus	3.0 - 6.4%	19.17%
Pension Plus 2	6.2%	20.10 %
Defined Contribution	0.0%	13.90%

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

Required contributions to the pension plan from the District were \$3,133,917 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2025, the District reported a liability of \$18,351,426 for its proportionate share of the MPERS net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2022. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required pension contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of pension contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the District's proportion was .0007495880 percent, which was an increase of .0000234925 percent from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the District recognized pension expense of \$1,779,373. At June 30, 2025, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$497,887	\$199,391
Changes of Assumptions	1,913,245	1,344,579
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	3,502,230
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	760,890	120,326
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,007,780	-
Total	\$5,179,802	\$5,166,526

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as reported in the table on the following page:

Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year (To Be Recognized in Future Pension Expenses)	
Year Ending September 30	Amount
2025	\$1,649,093
2026	\$314,612
2027	\$(1,111,526)
2028	\$(838,903)

Actuarial Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows on the next page.

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return:	
- MIP and Basic Plans (Non-Hybrid):	6.00% net of investment expenses
- Pension Plus Plan:	6.00% net of investment expenses
- Pension Plus 2 Plan:	6.00% net of investment expenses
Projected Salary Increases:	2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%
Cost-of-Living Pension	3% Annual Non-Compounded for MIP Members
Adjustments:	
Mortality: Retirees:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Active Members:	PubT-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total pension liability as of September 30, 2024, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2023, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 4.4612 for non-university employers
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000
- Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2024 MPSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orschools.

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2024, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long Term Expected Real Rate of Return ^a
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.3%
% Alternative Investment Pools	16.0	9.0
International Equity	15.0	6.5
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	2.2
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	7.1
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	5.2
Real Return / Opportunistic Pools	10.0	6.9
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	1.4
TOTAL	100.0%	

^aLong term rate of return does not include 2.3% inflation

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NOTE 7 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN (Continued)

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investment, net of pension plan investment expense, was 15.47%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total pension liability (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan provided through non-university employers only). This discount rate was based on the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan). The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00% (6.00% for the Pension Plus plan, 6.0% for the Pension Plus 2 plan), as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

1% Decrease 5.0%	Current Single Discount Rate Assumption 6.0%	1% Increase 7.0%
\$26,903,388	\$18,351,426	\$11,230,272

Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (MPSERS) Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued MPSERS CAFR; available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orschools.

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)

Plan Description

The Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement System (System or MPSERS) is a cost-sharing, multiple employer, state-wide, defined benefit public employee retirement plan governed by the State of Michigan (State) originally created under Public Act 136 of 1945, recodified and currently operating under the provisions of Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended. Section 25 of this act establishes the board's authority to promulgate or amend the provisions of the System. The board consists of twelve members -- eleven appointed by the Governor and the State Superintendent of Instruction, who serves as an ex-officio member.

The System's health plan provides all eligible retirees with the option of receiving health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage under the Michigan Public School Employees' Retirement Act (1980 PA 300 as amended).

The System is administered by the Office of Retirement Services (ORS) within the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. The Department Director appoints the Office Director, with whom the general oversight of the System resides. The State Treasurer serves as the investment officer and custodian for the System.

The System's financial statements are available at www.michigan.gov/orsschools

Benefits Provided

Benefit provisions of the postemployment healthcare plan are established by State statute, which may be amended. Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, establishes eligibility and benefit provisions. Retirees have the option of health coverage, which, through 2012, was funded on a cash disbursement basis. Beginning fiscal year 2013, it is funded on a prefunded basis. The System has contracted to provide the comprehensive group medical, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage for retirees and beneficiaries. A subsidized portion of the premium is paid by the System with the balance deducted from the monthly pension of each retiree healthcare recipient. For members who first worked before July 1, 2008, (Basic, MIP-Fixed, and MIP Graded plan members) the subsidy is the maximum allowed by statute. To limit future liabilities of Other Postemployment Benefits, members who first worked on or after July 1, 2008 (MIP-Plus plan members) have a graded premium subsidy based on career length where they accrue credit towards their insurance premiums in retirement, not to exceed the maximum allowable by statute. Public Act 300 of 2012 sets the maximum subsidy at 80% beginning January 1, 2013; 90% for those Medicare eligible and enrolled in the insurances as of that date. Dependents are eligible for healthcare coverage if they meet the dependency requirements set forth in Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended.

Public Act 300 of 2012 granted all active members of the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System, who earned service credit in the 12 months ending September 3, 2012 or were on an approved professional services or military leave of absence on September 3, 2012, a voluntary election regarding their retirement healthcare. Any changes to a member's healthcare benefit are effective as of the member's transition date, which is defined as the first day of the pay period that begins on or after February 1, 2013.

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

Under Public Act 300 of 2012, members were given the choice between continuing the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare and keeping the premium subsidy benefit described above, or choosing not to pay the 3% contribution and instead opting out of the subsidy benefit and becoming a participant in the Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF), a portable, tax-deferred fund that can be used to pay healthcare expenses in retirement. Participants in the PHF are automatically enrolled in a 2% employee contribution into their 457 account as of their transition date, earning them a 2% employer match into a 401(k) account. Members who selected this option stop paying the 3% contribution to retiree healthcare as of the day before their transition date, and their prior contributions were deposited into their 401(k) account.

Contributions

Employers are required by Public Act 300 of 1980, as amended, to contribute amounts necessary to finance the coverage of active and retired members. Contribution provisions are specified by State statute and may be amended only by action of the State Legislature.

Employer OPEB contributions to the System are determined on an actuarial basis using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the actuarial valuation is allocated on a level basis over the service of the individual between entry age and assumed exit age. The portion of this cost allocated to the current valuation year is called the normal cost. The remainder is called the actuarial accrued liability. Normal cost is funded on a current basis. The unfunded (overfunded) actuarial accrued liability as of the September 30, 2023, valuation will be amortized over a 15-year period Beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2038.

The schedule below summarizes OPEB contribution rates in effect for fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

Benefit Structure	OPEB Contribution Rates		
	Member	Employer	
		Universities	Non-Universities
Premium Subsidy	3.00%	1.53%	8.31%
Personal Healthcare Fund (PHF)	0.00%	0.00%	7.06%

Required contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$626,800 for the year ended September 30, 2024.

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2025, the District reported an asset of \$(3,245,882) for its proportionate share of the MPSERS net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of September 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation rolled forward from September 2023. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was determined by dividing each employer's statutorily required OPEB contributions to the system during the measurement period by the percent of OPEB contributions required from all applicable employers during the measurement period. At September 30, 2024, the District's proportion was .0007540850 percent, which was an increase of .0000204355 percent from its proportion measured as of October 1, 2023.

For the year ending June 30, 2025, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$(1,124,668). At June 30, 2025, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between actual and expected experience	\$-	\$3,439,643
Changes of Assumptions	708,947	81,488
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	-	614,483
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	211,590	83,184
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	60,461	-
Total	\$980,998	\$4,218,798

Contributions subsequent to the measurement date reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense follows on the next page.

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

**Deferred (Inflow) and Deferred Outflow of Resources by Year
(To Be Recognized in Future OPEB Expenses)**

2025	\$(1,017,288)
2026	\$(628,109)
2027	\$(650,699)
2028	\$(576,336)
2029	\$(306,997)
Thereafter	\$(58,371)

Actuarial Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows:

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age, Normal
Wage Inflation Rate:	2.75%
Investment Rate of Return:	6.00%
Projected Salary Increases:	2.75-11.55%, including wage inflation at 2.75%
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	Pre- 65: 7.25% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:	Post- 65: 6.50% Year 1 graded to 3.5% Year 15
Mortality:	Retirees: Pub1-2010 Male and Female Retiree Mortality Tables scaled by 116% for males and 116% for females and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
	Active Members: Pub1-2010 Male and Female Employee Mortality Tables scaled 100% and adjusted for mortality improvements using projection scale MP-2021 from 2010.
Other Assumptions:	
Opt-Out Assumptions	21% of eligible participants hired before July 1, 2008 and 30% of those hired after June 30, 2008 are assumed to opt out of the retiree health plan
Survivor Coverage	80% of male retirees and 67% of female retirees are assumed to have coverages continuing after the retiree's death
Coverage Election at Retirement	75% of male and 60% of female future retirees are assumed to elect coverage for 1 or more dependents.

Notes:

- Assumption changes as a result of an experience study for the period 2017 through 2022 have been adopted by the System for use in the annual pension valuations beginning with the September 30, 2023 valuation. The total OPEB liability as of September 30, 2024, is based on the results of an actuarial valuation date of September 30, 2023, and rolled forward using generally accepted actuarial procedures, including the experience study.
- Recognition period for liabilities is the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees in years: 6.2834 for non-university employers
- Recognition period for assets in years is 5.0000

Full actuarial assumptions are available in the 2024 MPERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report found on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Long-Term Expected Return on Plan Assets

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of OPEB plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the OPEB plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return ¹
Domestic Equity Pools	25.0%	5.3%
% Alternative Investment Pools	16.0	9.0
International Equity	15.0	6.5
Fixed Income Pools	13.0	2.0
Real Estate and Infrastructure Pools	10.0	7.1
Absolute Return Pools	9.0	5.2
Real Return / Opportunistic Pools	10.0	6.9
Short Term Investment Pools	2.0	1.4
TOTAL	100.0%	

**Long-term rates of return are net of administrative expenses and 2.3% inflation.*

Rate of Return

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investment, net of OPEB plan investment expense, was 15.45%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 8 – POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (Continued)

Discount Rate

A discount rate of 6.00% was used to measure the total OPEB liability. This discount rate was based on the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments of 6.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage higher:

1% Decrease 5.00%	Current Discount Rate 6.00%	1% Increase 7.00%
\$(2,508,444)	\$(3,245,882)	\$(3,883,474)

Sensitivity of the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using assumed trend rates, as well as what the District's proportionate share of net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

1% Decrease	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	1% Increase
\$(3,883,481)	\$(3,245,882)	\$(2,562,060)

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued 2024 MPSERS CAFR, available on the ORS website at www.michigan.gov/orsschools.

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NOTE 9 – 403(b) RETIREMENT PLAN

The District has a 403(b) plan which is a qualified tax sheltered annuity plan for the benefit of eligible employees. The plan itself is administered by the District with a plan year ending December 31. Participants can invest in annuity contracts or custodial accounts which invest in mutual funds. The District is not required to make contributions. Distributions are governed by IRS regulations.

NOTE 10 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District participated in two distinct pools of educational institutions within the State of Michigan for self-insuring property and casualty and workers' disability compensation. The pools are considered public entity risk pools. The District pays annual premiums to each pool for the respective insurance coverage. In the event a pool's total claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said year, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessment to make up the deficiency. Each of the pools maintain reinsurance for claims in excess of \$500,000 for each occurrence with the overall maximum coverage being unlimited. The District has not been informed of any special assessments being required. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The District continues to carry commercial insurance for other risks of loss, including employee health and accident insurance.

NOTE 11 - USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 12 - SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES

Included in Notes 7 & 8 is a summary of the employee retirement plan and OPEB provisions and actuarial assumptions. The actuarial assumptions are very critical to the computation of the actuarial determined liabilities of the plan. If the assumptions differ from actual results annual contributions to the defined benefit plan and OPEB can substantially change.

NOTE 13 - SINKING FUND COMPLIANCE

The Capital Projects Fund includes activities funded with sinking fund tax dollars issued after May 1, 1994. For this capital project, the District has complied with the applicable provisions of §1351a of the Revised School Code.

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NOTE 14 – CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPALS & PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 101, Compensated Absences, is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. This statement establishes the requirement for compensated absences be recognized for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid in cash or settled through noncash means.

Beginning net position as previously reported	\$ (11,506,215)
Adjustment for GASB 101	<u>(216,055)</u>
Beginning net position as corrected	\$ <u>(11,722,270)</u>

NOTE 15 – EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

Public Act 621 of 1978, as amended, provides that a District shall not incur expenditures in excess of amounts appropriated. The District budgeted expenditures on a functional basis.

During the year ended June 30, 2025, the District's General Fund incurred expenditures which were in excess of the amounts appropriated.

	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over</u>
Instruction	\$ <u>11,904,760</u>	\$ <u>12,472,227</u>	\$ <u>567,467</u>



REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis) (Note 1)
REVENUES:			
Local sources	\$ 2,369,080	\$ 2,434,530	\$ 2,514,537
State sources	14,718,360	14,677,575	15,268,436
Federal sources	281,000	232,000	253,839
TOTAL REVENUES	17,368,440	17,344,105	18,036,812
EXPENDITURES:			
Instruction	12,249,881	11,904,760	12,472,227
Supporting services	4,747,096	5,057,311	5,100,119
School service	661,020	782,747	824,877
Community services	16,500	23,500	20,189
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,674,497	17,768,318	18,417,412
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(306,057)	(424,213)	(380,600)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Payments received from other governmental units	20,000	10,000	9,244
Other sources	10,000	3,000	3,000
Transfers out	(3,000)	(3,000)	(4,750)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	27,000	10,000	7,494
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(279,057)	(414,213)	(373,106)
FUND BALANCE, JULY 1	5,837,119	5,837,119	5,837,119
FUND BALANCE, JUNE 30	\$ 5,558,062	\$ 5,422,906	\$ 5,464,013

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The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of each fiscal year)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
A. Reporting unit's proportion of net pension liability (%)	0.07496%	0.07261%	0.07163%	0.07244%	0.07093%	0.07073%	0.06963%	0.06864%	0.06649%	0.06718%
B. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$ 18,351,426	\$ 23,500,855	\$ 26,940,009	\$ 17,151,650	\$ 24,366,893	\$ 23,422,616	\$ 20,930,968	\$ 17,786,625	\$ 16,589,587	\$ 16,407,695
C. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,900,128	\$ 7,294,107	\$ 6,872,687	\$ 6,611,192	\$ 6,317,858	\$ 6,201,450	\$ 5,939,070	\$ 5,843,073	\$ 5,587,386	\$ 5,596,975
D. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll (%)	232.29%	322.19%	391.99%	259.43%	385.68%	377.70%	352.43%	304.41%	296.91%	293.15%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	74.83%	66.30%	60.77%	72.60%	59.72%	60.31%	62.36%	64.21%	63.27%	63.17%

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HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S CONTRIBUTIONS
MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 6/30 of each fiscal year)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
A. Statutorily required contributions	\$ 3,133,917	\$ 2,616,929	\$ 2,438,069	\$ 2,175,249	\$ 1,949,382	\$ 1,153,763	\$ 1,093,747	\$ 1,056,446	\$ 1,096,926	\$ 1,078,310
B. Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*	\$ 3,133,917	\$ 2,616,929	\$ 2,438,069	\$ 2,175,249	\$ 1,949,382	\$ 1,153,763	\$ 1,093,747	\$ 1,056,446	\$ 1,096,926	\$ 1,078,310
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll	\$ 8,426,781	\$ 7,729,101	\$ 7,223,422	\$ 6,879,712	\$ 6,317,858	\$ 6,184,057	\$ 6,121,834	\$ 5,952,095	\$ 5,828,170	\$ 5,605,074
E. Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	37.19%	33.86%	33.75%	31.62%	30.86%	18.66%	17.87%	17.75%	18.82%	19.24%

* Contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions are the contributions an employer actually made to the System, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.

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HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET OPEB LIABILITY
 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
 LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 9/30 of each fiscal year)

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
A. Reporting unit's proportion of net OPEB liability (%)			0.07540850%	0.07336495%	0.07132257%	0.07371295%	0.07051564%	0.071066%	0.06986%	0.6848%
B. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net OPEB liability			\$ (3,245,882)	\$ (415,024)	\$ 1,510,657	\$ 1,125,138	\$ 3,777,711	\$ 5,100,572	\$ 5,553,189	\$ 6,064,028
C. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll			\$ 7,900,128	\$ 7,294,107	\$ 6,872,687	\$ 6,611,192	\$ 6,317,858	\$ 6,201,450	\$ 5,939,070	\$ 5,843,073
D. Reporting unit's proportionate share of net OPEB liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll (%)			-41.09%	-5.69%	21.98%	17.02%	59.79%	82.25%	93.50%	103.78%
E. Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total OPEB liability			143.96%	105.72%	83.00%	87.33%	59.44%	48.46%	42.95%	36.39%

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE REPORTING UNIT'S OPEB CONTRIBUTIONS
 MICHIGAN PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN
 LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS (Amounts were determined as of 6/30 of each fiscal year)

	<u>2027</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
A. Statutorily required OPEB contributions			\$ 626,800	\$ 571,510	\$ 543,288	\$ 547,204	\$ 498,211	\$ 493,727	\$ 480,575	\$ 442,406
B. OPEB contributions in relation to statutorily required contributions*			\$ 626,800	\$ 571,510	\$ 543,288	\$ 547,204	\$ 498,211	\$ 493,727	\$ 480,575	\$ 442,406
C. Contribution deficiency (excess)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
D. Reporting unit's covered-employee payroll			\$ 8,426,781	\$ 7,729,101	\$ 7,223,422	\$ 6,879,712	\$ 6,317,858	\$ 6,184,057	\$ 6,121,834	\$ 5,952,095
E. OPEB contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll			7.44%	7.39%	7.52%	7.95%	7.89%	7.98%	7.85%	7.43%

* Contributions in relation to statutorily required OPEB contributions are the contributions an employer actual made to the OPEB Plans, as distinct from the statutorily required contributions.

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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APPENDIX E
FORM OF LEGAL OPINION

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DRAFT LEGAL OPINION

Houghton-Portage Township School District
County of Houghton
State of Michigan

We have acted as bond counsel in connection with the issuance by Houghton-Portage Township School District, County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), of its bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$_____ designated 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax) (the "Bonds"). The Bonds are in fully registered form and issued without coupons, are dated _____, 2026, are of \$5,000 denomination or any integral multiple thereof, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer in the manner and at the times as set forth in the Bonds, mature on May 1 of each year, and bear interest payable on November 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter on May 1 and November 1 of each year in the amounts and at the rates as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Rate</u>
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The Bonds maturing on May 1, 20___, are term Bonds subject to mandatory redemption in part, by lot, on the redemption dates and at the redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof as provided in the Bonds.

We have examined the documents which we deem authentic and pertinent to the validity of the Bonds, including the certified record evidencing the authorization of the Bonds by the electors and board of education of the Issuer, a copy of the approval of the Department of Treasury of the State of Michigan to issue the Bonds, a signed copy of the certificate of the Treasurer of the State of Michigan qualifying the Bonds for purposes of Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution, and a specimen of the Bond certificates.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that under existing law:

- (1) the Bonds have been lawfully authorized and issued and are enforceable obligations of the Issuer in accordance with their terms;
- (2) the Bonds are the general obligation of the Issuer for which its full faith, credit and resources have been irrevocably pledged;



Houghton-Portage Township School District
County of Houghton
State of Michigan

_____, 2026

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(3) the Issuer has the power, and is obligated, to levy taxes on all taxable property now situated within the corporate boundaries of the Issuer, without limitation as to rate or amount, sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds;

(4) the Bonds have been fully qualified pursuant to Act 92, Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended, enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the Issuer will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due, then the Issuer shall borrow, and the State of Michigan shall lend to it, an amount sufficient to enable the Issuer to make the payment;

(5) the Issuer has designated the Bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations” within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”);

(6) the Bonds and the interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan, except inheritance and estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof; and

(7) the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes and is not an item of tax preference for purposes of the federal alternative minimum tax imposed on individuals; however, interest on the Bonds held by an “applicable corporation” as defined in Section 59(k) of the Code is included in annual “adjusted financial statement income” for purposes of calculating the alternative minimum tax imposed on an applicable corporation. The opinions set forth in the preceding sentence are subject to the condition that the Issuer comply with all requirements of the Code that must be satisfied subsequent to the issuance of the Bonds in order that interest thereon be, or continue to be, excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Issuer has covenanted to comply with such requirements. Failure to comply with certain of such requirements may cause the inclusion of interest on the Bonds in gross income for federal income tax purposes to be retroactive to the date of issuance of the Bonds. We express no opinion regarding other federal tax consequences arising with respect to the Bonds.

The rights of the owners of the Bonds and the enforceability thereof may be subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors’ rights heretofore or hereafter enacted to the extent constitutionally applicable and that their enforcement of such rights may also be subject to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases.

THRUN LAW FIRM, P.C.

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APPENDIX F
FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

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**FORM OF
CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

\$ _____

**HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN
2026 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE (SERIES II) AND REFUNDING BONDS
(GENERAL OBLIGATION - UNLIMITED TAX)**

This Continuing Disclosure Agreement (the “Agreement”) is executed and delivered by Houghton-Portage Township School District, County of Houghton, State of Michigan (the “Issuer”), in connection with the issuance of its \$_____ 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax) (the “Bonds”). The Bonds are being issued pursuant to resolutions adopted by the Board of Education of the Issuer on January 19, 2026 and _____, 2026 (together, the “Resolution”). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement. This Agreement is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the Bondholders and in order to assist the Participating Underwriter in complying with the Rule. The Issuer acknowledges that this Agreement does not address the scope of any application of Rule 10b-5 promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act to the Annual Reports or notices of the Listed Events provided or required to be provided by the Issuer pursuant to this Agreement.

SECTION 2. Definitions. In addition to the definitions set forth in the Resolution, which apply to any capitalized term used in this Agreement unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Agreement.

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

“Dissemination Agent” means any agent designated as such in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation, and such agent’s successors and assigns.

“EMMA” shall mean the MSRB’s Electronic Municipal Market Access which provides continuing disclosure services for the receipt and public availability of continuing disclosure documents and related information required by Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean (a) a debt obligation, (b) a derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned



debt obligation, or (c) a guarantee of (a) or (b) provided; however, that a “Financial Obligation” shall not include any municipal security for which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB consistent with the Rule.

“Listed Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Agreement.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

“1934 Act” shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“Official Statement” shall mean the final Official Statement for the Bonds dated _____, 2026.

“Participating Underwriter” shall mean any of the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with the offering of the Bonds.

“Resolution” shall mean the resolutions duly adopted by the Issuer authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the SEC pursuant to the 1934 Act, as the same may be amended from time to time.

“SEC” shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission.

“State” shall mean the State of Michigan.

SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

(a) Each year, the Issuer shall provide, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to provide, on or prior to the end of the sixth month after the end of the fiscal year of the Issuer commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, to EMMA an Annual Report for the preceding fiscal year which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Agreement. Currently, the Issuer’s fiscal year ends on June 30. In each case, the Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may include by specific reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Agreement; provided, however, that if the audited financial statements of the Issuer are not available by the deadline for filing the Annual Report, they shall be provided when and if available, and unaudited financial statements in a format similar to the financial statements contained in the Official Statement shall be included in the Annual Report.

(b) The Annual Report shall be submitted to EMMA either through a web-based electronic submission interface or through electronic computer-to-computer data connections with EMMA in accordance with the submission process, document format and configuration requirements established by the MSRB. The Annual Report shall also include all related information required by MSRB to accurately identify: (i) the category of information being provided; (ii) the period covered by the Annual Report; (iii) the issues or specific securities to which the Annual Report is related (including CUSIP number, Issuer name, state, issue description/securities name, dated date, maturity date, and/or coupon rate); (iv) the name of any obligated person other than the Issuer; (v) the name and date of the document; and (vi) contact information for the Dissemination Agent or the Issuer’s submitter.

(c) If the Issuer is unable to provide to EMMA an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall send a notice in a timely manner to the MSRB in substantially the form attached as Appendix A.

(d) If the Issuer's fiscal year changes, the Issuer shall send a notice of such change to the MSRB in substantially the form attached as Appendix B. If such change will result in the Issuer's fiscal year ending on a date later than the ending date prior to such change, the Issuer shall provide notice of such change to the MSRB on or prior to the deadline for filing the Annual Report in effect when the Issuer operated under its prior fiscal year. Such notice may be provided to the MSRB along with the Annual Report, provided that it is filed at or prior to the deadline described above.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Issuer's Annual Report shall contain or include by reference the following:

(a) audited financial statements of the Issuer prepared pursuant to State laws, administrative rules and guidelines and pursuant to accounting and reporting policies conforming in all material respects to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units as such principles are prescribed, in part, by the Financial Accounting Standards Board and modified by the Government Accounting Standards Board and in effect from time to time; and

(b) additional annual financial information and operating data as set forth in the Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE".

Any or all of the items listed above may be included by specific reference to other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which previously have been provided to each of the Repositories or filed with the SEC. If the document included by specific reference is a final official statement, it must be available from the MSRB. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such other document so included by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.

(a) The Issuer covenants to provide, or cause to be provided, notice in a timely manner not in excess of ten business days of the occurrence of any of the following events with respect to the Bonds in accordance with the Rule:

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security;
- (7) modifications to rights of security holders, if material;
- (8) bond calls, if material, and tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;

- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer or other obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or other obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer or other obligated person, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, if material;
- (14) appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, if material;
- (15) incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer or other obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer or other obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material;
- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer or other obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) Whenever the Issuer obtains knowledge of the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Issuer shall as soon as possible determine if such event would constitute material information for the Bondholders, provided that any event other than those listed under Section 5(a)(2), (6), (7), (8), (10), (13), (14) or (15) above will always be deemed to be material. Events listed under Section 5(a)(6) and (8) above will always be deemed to be material except with respect to that portion of those events which must be determined to be material.

(c) The Issuer shall promptly cause a notice of the occurrence of a Listed Event, determined to be material in accordance with the Rule, to be electronically filed with EMMA, together with a significant event notice cover sheet substantially in the form attached as Appendix C. In connection with providing a notice of the occurrence of a Listed Event described in Section 5(a)(9) above, the Issuer shall include in the notice explicit disclosure as to whether the Bonds have been escrowed to maturity or escrowed to call, as well as appropriate disclosure of the timing of maturity or call.

(d) The Issuer acknowledges that the “rating changes” referred to above in Section 5(a)(11) of this Agreement may include, without limitation, any change in any rating on the Bonds or other indebtedness for which the Issuer is liable, or on any indebtedness for which the State is liable.

(e) The Issuer acknowledges that it is not required to provide a notice of a Listed Event with respect to credit enhancement when the credit enhancement is added after the primary offering of the Bonds, the Issuer does not apply for or participate in obtaining such credit enhancement, and such credit enhancement is not described in the Official Statement.

SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligation.

(a) The Issuer's obligations under this Agreement shall terminate upon the legal defeasance of the Resolution or the prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds.

(b) This Agreement, or any provision hereof, shall be null and void in the event that the Issuer (i) receives an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel, addressed to the Issuer, to the effect that those portions of the Rule, which require such provisions of this Agreement, do not or no longer apply to the Bonds, whether because such portions of the Rule are invalid, have been repealed, amended or modified, or are otherwise deemed to be inapplicable to the Bonds, as shall be specified in such opinion, and (ii) delivers notice to such effect to the MSRB.

SECTION 7. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer, from time to time, may appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist it in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

SECTION 8. Amendment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may be amended, and any provision of this Agreement may be waived to the effect that:

(a) such amendment or waiver is made in connection with a change in circumstances that arises from a change in legal requirements, a change in law or a change in the identity, nature or status of the Issuer, or the types of business in which the Issuer is engaged;

(b) this Agreement as so amended or taking into account such waiver, would have complied with the requirements of the Rule at the time of the primary offering of the Bonds, after taking into account any amendments or interpretations of the Rule, as well as any change in circumstances, in the opinion of independent legal counsel; and

(c) such amendment or waiver does not materially impair the interests of the Bondholders, in the opinion of independent legal counsel.

If the amendment or waiver results in a change to the annual financial information required to be included in the Annual Report pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement, the first Annual Report that contains the amended operating data or financial information shall explain, in narrative form, the reasons for the amendment and the impact of such change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided. If the amendment or waiver involves a change in the accounting principles to be followed in preparing financial statements, the Annual Report for the year in which the change is made shall present a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared based on the new accounting principles and those prepared based on the former accounting principles. The comparison should include a qualitative discussion of such differences and the impact of the changes on the presentation of the financial information. To the extent reasonably feasible, the comparison should also be quantitative. A notice of the change in the accounting principles should be sent by the Issuer to the MSRB. Further, if the annual financial information required to be provided in the Annual Report can no longer be generated because the operations to which it related have been materially changed or discontinued, a statement to that effect shall be included in the first Annual Report that does not include such information.

SECTION 9. Additional Information. Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Agreement or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event, in addition to that which is required by this Agreement. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Agreement, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

SECTION 10. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Agreement, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Agreement. A default under this Agreement shall not be deemed an Event of Default under the Resolution or the Bonds, and the sole remedy under this Agreement in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with the Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 11. Duties of Dissemination Agent. The Dissemination Agent shall have only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement.

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

SECTION 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State, and any suits and actions arising out of this Agreement shall be instituted in a court of competent jurisdiction in the State. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent this Agreement addresses matters of federal securities laws, including the Rule, this Agreement shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with such federal securities laws and official interpretations thereof.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: _____
Its: Superintendent

Dated: _____, 2026

APPENDIX A

NOTICE TO THE MSRB OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT

Name of Issuer: Houghton-Portage Township School District, Houghton County,
Michigan

Name of Bond Issue: 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds
(General Obligation - Unlimited Tax)

Date of Bonds: _____, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3 of its Continuing Disclosure Agreement with respect to the Bonds. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by _____.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: _____
Its: Superintendent

Dated: _____



APPENDIX B

NOTICE TO THE MSRB OF CHANGE IN ISSUER'S FISCAL YEAR

Name of Issuer: Houghton-Portage Township School District, Houghton County, Michigan

Name of Bond Issue: 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (General Obligation - Unlimited Tax)

Date of Bonds: _____, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer's fiscal year has changed. Previously, the Issuer's fiscal year ended on _____. It now ends on _____.

HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN

By: _____
Its: Superintendent

Dated: _____



APPENDIX C

SIGNIFICANT EVENT NOTICE COVER SHEET

This cover sheet and significant event notice should be provided in an electronic format to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12(b)(5)(i)(C) and (D).

Issuer's and/or other Obligated Person's Name: _____

Issuer's Six-Digit CUSIP Number(s): _____

or Nine-Digit CUSIP Number(s) to which this significant event notice relates: _____

Number of pages of attached significant event notice: _____

Description of Significant Events Notice (Check One):

1. _____ Principal and interest payment delinquencies
2. _____ Non-payment related defaults
3. _____ Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties
4. _____ Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties
5. _____ Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform
6. _____ Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the security, or other material events affecting the tax status of the security
7. _____ Modifications to rights of security holders
8. _____ Bond calls
9. _____ Tender offers
10. _____ Defeasances
11. _____ Release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the securities
12. _____ Rating changes
13. _____ Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer or other obligated person
14. _____ The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or other obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer or other obligated person, 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
15. _____ Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee
16. _____ Incurrence of a financial obligation of the Issuer or other obligated person
17. _____ Agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation that affect security holders
18. _____ Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the Issuer or other obligated person that reflect financial difficulties
19. _____ Other significant event notice (specify) _____

I hereby represent that I am authorized by the issuer or its agent to distribute this information publicly:

Signature: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Employer: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Voice Telephone Number: (_____) _____

The MSRB Gateway is www.msrb.org or through the EMMA portal at emma.msrb.org/submission/Submission_Portal.aspx. Contact the MSRB at (703) 797-6600 with questions regarding this form or the dissemination of this notice. The cover sheet and notice may also be faxed to the MAC at (313) 963-0943.



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APPENDIX G
DRAFT OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

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OPTIONAL DTC BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY

FORM OF OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE

\$8,650,000

**HOUGHTON-PORTAGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF HOUGHTON
STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**2026 SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE (SERIES II) AND REFUNDING BONDS
(GENERAL OBLIGATION - UNLIMITED TAX)**

BIDS for the purchase of the above 2026 School Building and Site (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (the “Bond” or “Bonds”) will be received electronically on behalf of Houghton-Portage Township School District, Houghton County, Michigan (the “Issuer”), on Wednesday, the 25th day of February, 2026, until 11:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, by the Municipal Advisory Council of Michigan (the “MAC”) via email at munibids@macmi.com. The bids will be opened and read at the MAC at that time. Award of the bid will be made on behalf of the Issuer by an authorized officer of the Issuer by 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on that date.

ELECTRONIC BIDS: Bidders submitting signed bids electronically must ensure their bids are received prior to the time and date fixed for receipt of bids. Bidders submitting bids electronically bear the full risk of failed or untimely transmission of their bids, and bidders are encouraged to confirm the timely receipt of their full and complete bids by telephoning the MAC at (313) 963-0420.

PARITY: Bids may be presented via *PARITY* on the date and at the time shown above. To the extent any instructions or directions set forth in *PARITY* conflict with this Notice, the terms of this Notice shall control. For further information about *PARITY*, potential bidders may contact PFM Financial Advisors LLC, at (734) 994-9700 or *PARITY* at (212) 849-5021.

PURPOSE AND SECURITY: The Bonds are being issued for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new early childhood center and an addition to the elementary school; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring, installing, equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and acquiring, preparing, developing, improving and equipping playgrounds and sites (the “Project”) and refunding all or a portion of a certain prior bond issue of the Issuer (the “Refunded Bonds”). The Bonds will pledge the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer for payment of the principal and interest thereon, and will be payable from ad valorem taxes, which may be levied without limitation as to rate or amount as provided by Article IX, Section 6, and Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

STATE QUALIFICATION: The Bonds are expected to be fully qualified pursuant to Act 92, Public Acts of Michigan, 2005, as amended, enacted pursuant to Article IX, Section 16, of the Michigan Constitution of 1963. Under the terms of said constitutional and statutory provisions, if for any reason the Issuer will be or is unable to pay the principal and interest on the Bonds when due, then the Issuer shall borrow, and the State of Michigan shall lend to it, an amount sufficient to enable the Issuer to make the payment.

OPTIONAL DTC BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY: Unless otherwise requested by the winning bidder (the “Purchaser”), the Bonds will be initially offered as registered in the name of Cede & Co., as registered owner and nominee for The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (“DTC”) under DTC’s Book-Entry-Only system of registration. If DTC Book-Entry-Only is used, purchasers of interests in the Bonds (the “Beneficial Owners”) will not receive physical delivery of bond certificates, and ownership by the Beneficial Owners of the Bonds will be evidenced by book-entry-only. As long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Bonds as nominee of DTC, payments of principal and interest payments will be made directly to such registered owner which will in turn remit such payments to the DTC participants for subsequent disbursement to the Beneficial Owners.

BOND DETAILS: Said Bonds will be fully registered Bonds, of the denomination of \$5,000 each or multiples thereof up to the amount of a single maturity, dated the date of delivery, numbered in order of issue from 1 upwards and will bear interest from their dated date payable on November 1, 2026, and semiannually thereafter.

The Bonds will mature on May 1 as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2027	\$685,000	2041	\$260,000
2028	695,000	2042	275,000
2029	695,000	2043	410,000
2032	115,000	2044	425,000
2033	140,000	2045	445,000
2034	155,000	2046	460,000
2035	170,000	2047	485,000
2036	185,000	2048	505,000
2037	200,000	2049	525,000
2038	215,000	2050	555,000
2039	230,000	2051	575,000
2040	245,000		

TERM BOND OPTION: Bidders shall have the option of designating bonds maturing in any year as serial bonds or term bonds, or both. The bidder must designate whether each of the principal amounts shown above represent a serial maturity or a mandatory redemption requirement for a term bond maturity. There may be more than one term bond maturity. In any event, the above principal amount schedule shall be represented by either serial bond maturities or mandatory redemption requirements, or a combination of both. Any such designation must be made within one (1) hour after the Bond sale.

MATURITY ADJUSTMENT: The aggregate principal amount of this issue is believed to be the amount necessary to provide, in part, adequate funds to retire the Refunded Bonds and pay transactional costs. The Issuer reserves the right to increase or decrease the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds after receipt of the bids and prior to final award. Such adjustment, if necessary, will be made in increments of \$5,000, and may be made in any maturity.

ADJUSTMENT TO PURCHASE PRICE: In the event of a maturity adjustment, the purchase price of the Bonds will be adjusted proportionately to the adjustment in principal amount

of the Bonds and in such manner as to maintain as comparable an underwriter spread as possible to the winning bid.

PAYING AGENT: Principal and interest shall be payable at a bank or trust company qualified to act as a paying agent and bond registrar in Michigan (the “Paying Agent”), or such other Paying Agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to any change in Paying Agent. In the event the Bonds cease to be held in book entry form only, the Paying Agent will serve as bond registrar and transfer agent, interest shall be paid by check mailed to the owner as shown by the registration books of the Issuer as of the close of business on the 15th day of the month preceding any interest payment date and the Bonds will be transferable only upon the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Paying Agent. See “Optional DTC Book-Entry-Only” above.

PRIOR REDEMPTION:

A. Mandatory Redemption – Term Bonds.

Principal designated by the Purchaser as a term maturity shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in part, by lot, at par and accrued interest on the redemption dates corresponding to the maturities hereinbefore scheduled. When term Bonds are purchased by the Issuer and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term Bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Bonds so redeemed or purchased in the order determined by the Issuer.

B. Optional Redemption.

The Bonds or portions of Bonds maturing on or after May 1, 2037, are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the Issuer in multiples of \$5,000 in such order as the Issuer may determine, by lot within any maturity, on any date occurring on or after May 1, 2036, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of redemption of any Bond shall be given not less than thirty (30) days and not more than sixty (60) days prior to the date fixed for redemption by mail to the Registered Owner at the registered address shown on the registration books kept by the Paying Agent. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and Bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of Bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the Bond by \$5,000 and such Bonds may be redeemed in part. The notice of redemption for Bonds redeemed in part shall state that upon surrender of the Bond to be redeemed a new Bond or Bonds in an aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Bond surrendered shall be issued to the Registered Owner thereof. No further interest payment on the Bonds or portions of Bonds called for redemption shall accrue after the date fixed for redemption, whether presented for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the Paying Agent to redeem the same.

If less than all of the Bonds of any maturity shall be called for redemption prior to maturity, unless otherwise provided, the particular Bonds or portions of Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Paying Agent, in such manner as the Paying Agent in its discretion may deem proper, in the principal amounts designated by the Issuer. Upon presentation and surrender of such Bonds at the corporate trust office of the Paying Agent, such Bonds shall be paid and redeemed.

INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS: The Bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding five and twenty-five hundredths percent (5.25%) per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/100 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one Bond shall be at one rate only. All Bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the Bonds or at an aggregate Bond purchase price less than 100% or greater than 115% of the par value, or at a price which will cause the true interest cost on the Bonds to exceed five and twenty-five hundredths percent (5.25%) per annum, will be considered. Additionally, no single bond maturity shall have an initial offering price to the public of less than 98.5% of par for that maturity.

AWARD OF BONDS: The Bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost which is the rate that will discount all future cash payments so that the sum of the present value of all cash flows will equal the Bond proceeds computed from March 26, 2026 (the anticipated date of delivery).

LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the unqualified approving opinion of Thrun Law Firm, P.C., East Lansing, Michigan, bond counsel, the original of which will be furnished without expense to the Purchaser of the Bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinion are expected to be paid from Bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its approving opinion as to the validity of the above Bonds, Thrun Law Firm, P.C. has not been requested to examine or review, and has not examined or reviewed, any financial documents, statements or other materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, marketing or issuance of the Bonds and, therefore, has not expressed and will not express an opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials.

TAX MATTERS: In the opinion of bond counsel, assuming continued compliance by the Issuer with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, and the Bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan, except inheritance and estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. The Issuer will designate and/or deem designated the Bonds as "**QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS**" within the meaning of the Code, and has covenanted to comply with those requirements of the Code necessary to continue the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT: Upon the sale of the Bonds, the Issuer will publish an Official Statement in substantially the same form as the Preliminary Official Statement, subject to minor additions, deletions and revisions as required to complete the Preliminary Official Statement. Promptly after the sales date, but in no event later than seven (7) business days after such date, the Issuer will provide the Purchaser with either a reasonable number of final Official Statements or a reasonably available electronic version of the same. The Issuer will determine which format will be provided. The Purchaser agrees to supply to the Issuer all necessary pricing information and any underwriter identification necessary to complete the Official Statement within twenty-four (24) hours after the award of Bonds. Additional copies of the final Official Statement may be obtained up to three months following the sale of the Bonds by a request and payment of costs to the financial consultant. The Issuer agrees to provide to the Purchaser at closing a certificate executed by appropriate officers of the Issuer acting in their official capacities, to the effect that as

of the date of delivery the information contained in the Official Statement, and any supplement to the Official Statement, relating to the Issuer and the Bonds are true and correct in all material respects, and that the Official Statement does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

CONTINUING DISCLOSURE: As more particularly described in the Official Statement, the Issuer will agree in the bond resolution or sales resolution to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission, (i) on or prior to the end of the sixth month after the end of the fiscal year of the Issuer, commencing with the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain significant events with respect to the Bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Issuer to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above.

BOND INSURANCE: In the event the Purchaser elects to obtain bond insurance for the Bonds, all costs and expenses related to such bond insurance shall be the responsibility of the Purchaser. The failure of such bond insurance to be issued at or before delivery of the Bonds shall not be a basis for the Purchaser to refuse to accept delivery of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser obtains bond insurance, the bond insurer shall not be entitled to be designated as an addressee of any bond counsel opinion related to the Bonds, nor shall the bond insurer be entitled to a reliance letter associated with the same. If the Purchaser obtains bond insurance, the Issuer agrees only to insert any reasonable and necessary insurance language in the Bonds.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING “ISSUE PRICE”: Please see Appendix H to the Preliminary Official Statement for the Bonds, dated February 17, 2026, for information and requirements concerning establishing the issue price for the Bonds.

CLOSING DOCUMENTS: Drafts of all closing documents, including the form of Bond and bond counsel’s legal opinion, may be requested from Thrun Law Firm, P.C. Final closing documents will be in substantially the same form as the drafts provided. Closing documents will not be modified at the request of a bidder, regardless of whether the bidder’s proposal is accepted.

DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Issuer will furnish Bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the Purchaser at a place to be mutually agreed upon with the Purchaser. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the Bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the Bonds. If the Bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o’clock, noon, prevailing Eastern Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if the 45th day is not a business day, the Purchaser may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the Bonds, withdraw the proposal by serving notice of cancellation in writing, on the undersigned. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of the Bonds shall be paid by the Purchaser at the time of delivery. Payment for the Bonds shall be made in federal reserve funds. Unless the Purchaser furnishes the Paying Agent with a list giving the denominations and names in which it wishes to have the certificates issued at least five (5) business days prior to delivery of the Bonds, the Bonds

will be delivered in the form of a single certificate for each maturity registered in the name of the Purchaser, subject to the election under the “Optional DTC Book-Entry-Only” provisions herein.

CUSIP NUMBERS: CUSIP numbers will be printed on the Bonds at the option of the Purchaser; however, neither the failure to print CUSIP numbers nor any improperly printed CUSIP numbers shall be cause for the Purchaser to refuse to take delivery of and pay the purchase price for the Bonds. Application for CUSIP numbers will be made by PFM Financial Advisors LLC, municipal advisor to the Issuer. The CUSIP Service Bureau’s charge for the assignment of CUSIP identification numbers shall be paid by the Purchaser.

BIDDER CERTIFICATION - NOT “IRAN-LINKED BUSINESS”: By submitting a bid, the bidder shall be deemed to have certified that it is not an “Iran-Linked Business” as defined in Act 517, Public Acts of Michigan, 2012; MCL 129.311, et seq.

FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from PFM Financial Advisors LLC, 555 Briarwood Circle, Suite 333, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, telephone: (734) 994-9700.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

Mike Salmi
Secretary, Board of Education

APPENDIX H
CERTIFICATION REGARDING "ISSUE PRICE"

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING “ISSUE PRICE”: The initial Purchaser of the Bonds (the “Purchaser”) must assist the Issuer in establishing the issue price of the Bonds and will be required to furnish, at least ten (10) days prior to the delivery of the Bonds, a certificate in a form acceptable to bond counsel as to the “issue price” of the Bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The certificate will set forth the reasonably expected initial offering price to the public or the sales price or prices of the Bonds, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary in the sole judgment of bond counsel. The Issuer intends that the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) (defining “competitive sale” for purposes of establishing the issue price of the Bonds) will apply to the initial sale of the Bonds (the “competitive sale requirements”) because:

- (i) the Issuer shall disseminate the Notice of Sale to potential underwriters in a manner that is reasonably designed to reach potential underwriters;
- (ii) all bidders shall have an equal opportunity to bid;
- (iii) the Issuer may receive bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds; and
- (iv) the Issuer anticipates awarding the sale of the Bonds to the bidder who submits a firm offer to purchase the Bonds at the highest price (or lowest interest cost), as set forth in the Notice of Sale.

Any bid submitted pursuant to the Notice of Sale shall be considered a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid. Bids will not be subject to cancellation in the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied. Unless the bidder intends to hold the Bonds for its own account with no intention to offer the Bonds to the public, the bidder, by submitting a bid, represents to the Issuer that the bidder has an established industry reputation for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds.

In the event that the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied, the Issuer shall so advise the Purchaser. In that case, the Purchaser shall have the option to designate whether the issue price will be calculated upon either (a) the first price at which 10% of each maturity of the Bonds (the “10% test”) is sold to the public as the issue price of that maturity, applied on a maturity-by-maturity basis, or (b) a commitment to neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of any maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price referenced in the Purchaser’s bid (the “initial offering price”) during the holding period as defined herein.

If the 10% test is selected, the Purchaser shall advise the Issuer if any maturity of the Bonds satisfies the 10% test as of the date and time of the award of the Bonds, and bidders should prepare their bids on the assumption that all of the maturities of the Bonds will be subject to the 10% test in order to establish the issue price of the Bonds. If the competitive sale requirements are not satisfied and the 10% test is selected, then until the 10% test has been satisfied as to each maturity of the Bonds, the Purchaser agrees to promptly report to the Issuer the prices at which the unsold Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public. That reporting obligation shall continue, whether or not the Closing Date has occurred, until the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or until all Bonds of that maturity have been sold.

In the event the “hold-the-offering-price” method is selected, for each maturity of the Bonds the Purchaser shall (a) neither offer nor sell any of the Bonds of such maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price for such maturity during the holding period for such maturity (the “hold-the-offering-price rule”), and (b) verify that any selling group agreement shall contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement shall contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, to comply with the hold-the-offering-price rule. Pursuant to such agreement, no underwriter (as defined below) shall offer or sell any maturity of the Bonds at a price that is higher than the respective initial offering price for that maturity of the Bonds during the holding period.

By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to either abide by the hold-the-offering-price limitations stated herein or to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the Purchaser that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public, if and for so long as directed by the Purchaser and as set forth in the related pricing wires, depending on whether the hold-the-offering-price method or the 10% test is selected by the Purchaser, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to either abide by the hold-the-offering-price limitations stated herein or to report the prices at which it sells to the public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the Purchaser or such underwriter that the 10% test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the public, if and for so long as directed by the Purchaser or such underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires, depending on whether the hold-the-offering-price method or the 10% test is selected by the Purchaser.

Sales of any Bonds to any person who is a related party to an underwriter shall not constitute sales to the public for purposes of the Notice of Sale. Further, for purposes of this section of the Notice of Sale:

- (i) “public” means any person other than an underwriter or a related party,
- (ii) “underwriter” means (A) any person who agrees pursuant to a written contract with the Issuer (or with the lead underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public and (B) any person who agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the public),
- (iii) a purchaser of any of the Bonds is a “related party” to an underwriter if the underwriter and the purchaser are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) at least 50%

common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profit interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other),

- (iv) “sale date” means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the Issuer to the Purchaser,
- (v) “holding period” means, for each maturity of the Bonds, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date, or (ii) the date on which the Underwriter has sold at least 10% of each maturity to the Public at prices that are no higher than the Initial Offering Price for such maturity, and
- (vi) “maturity” means Bonds with the same credit and payment terms. Bonds with different maturity dates, or Bonds with the same maturity date but different stated interest rates, are treated as separate maturities.

In addition, if the Purchaser will obtain a municipal bond insurance policy or other credit enhancement for the Bonds in connection with their original issuance, the Purchaser will be required, as a condition of delivery of the Bonds, to certify whether the premium therefor representing the transfer of credit risk will be less than the present value of the interest expected to be saved as a result of such insurance or other credit enhancement. The form of an acceptable certificate will be provided by bond counsel.

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BID FORM

To: Secretary, Board of Education
 Houghton-Portage Township School District
 c/o Municipal Advisory Council
munibids@macmi.com
 Phone: (800) 337-0696

Sale Date: February 25, 2026
 11:00 AM, ET

RE: \$8,650,000* Houghton-Portage Township School District, County of Houghton, State of Michigan, 2026 School Building and Site Bonds (Series II) and Refunding Bonds (General Obligation – Unlimited Tax)

For all or none of the above Bonds, in accordance with the Official Notice of Sale, we will pay you \$8,650,000* plus a premium of \$_____ for fully registered bonds bearing interest rates and maturing in the stated years as follows:

2027 _____	2040 _____
2028 _____	2041 _____
2029 _____	2042 _____
2030 _____	2043 _____
2031 _____	2044 _____
2032 _____	2045 _____
2033 _____	2046 _____
2034 _____	2047 _____
2035 _____	2048 _____
2036 _____	2049 _____
2037 _____	2050 _____
2038 _____	2051 _____
2039 _____	_____

The following maturities have been designated as Term Bonds:

<u>Mandatory Redemption</u>	<u>Mandatory Redemption</u>
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____
From: _____ to _____	From: _____ to _____

In making this offer, we accept all of the terms and conditions of the Official Notice of Sale published in The Bond Buyer.

Not as a part of our offer, the above quoted prices being controlling, but only as an aid for the verification of the offer, we have made the following computations:

TRUE INTEREST COST: _____% (calculated from March 26, 2026)

Account Manager: _____ By: _____

Account Members: _____

The foregoing offer is hereby accepted by and on behalf of Houghton-Portage Township School District, County of Houghton, State of Michigan on the 25th day of February, 2026.

Attest: _____ By: _____

Title: _____ Title: _____

*Preliminary, subject to change.



Additional information relative to this Bond issue may be obtained from:
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