

**PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the School District (as hereinafter defined), interest on the Refunding Bonds (as hereinafter defined) is included in gross income for Federal tax purposes. Interest on the Refunding Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently enacted and construed. See "TAX MATTERS" herein.

**\$5,670,000\***  
**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON**  
**IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**  
**TAXABLE SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020**  
**(Non-Callable)**

Dated: Date of Delivery

Due: March 1, as shown below

The \$5,670,000\* Taxable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 ("Refunding Bonds"), of The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body, and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board), shall be issued in fully registered book-entry-only form without coupons. The principal of the Refunding Bonds shall be paid on the respective maturity dates thereof upon presentation and surrender of the Refunding Bonds at the business offices of the School District, acting as paying agent. Interest on the Refunding Bonds is payable on March 1 and September 1, commencing on March 1, 2021, in each year until maturity. The Refunding Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity date.

Upon initial issuance, the Refunding Bonds will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as securities depository for the Refunding Bonds. So long as Cede & Co. is the registered owner of the Refunding Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds will be made directly to DTC or its nominee, Cede & Co., which will remit such payments to the DTC Participants (as herein defined) which will, in turn, remit such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Refunding Bonds. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in the Refunding Bonds purchased. For so long as any purchaser is a Beneficial Owner of a Refunding Bond, such purchaser must maintain an account with a broker or dealer who is, or acts through, a DTC participant to receive payment of the principal of and interest on such Refunding Bond.

The School District is issuing the Refunding Bonds pursuant to: (i) Title 18A, Chapter 24, of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented, N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq.; (ii) a refunding bond ordinance, duly and finally adopted by the Board on May 19, 2020; and (iii) a resolution duly adopted by the Board on August 25, 2020.

The Refunding Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) advance refund and redeem all of the School District's outstanding callable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, maturing on March 1 in the years 2023 through 2030, both dates inclusive; and (ii) pay certain costs and expenses related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds.

The full faith and credit of the School District are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds are general obligations of the School District payable as to principal and interest from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied upon all taxable property in the School District without limitation as to rate or amount. The Refunding Bonds are also entitled to the benefits of and are secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act, P.L. 1980 c.72, as amended.

**MATURITY SCHEDULE, INTEREST RATES AND YIELDS\***

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount*</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Yield</u>
2022	\$90,000	%	%	2027	\$700,000	%	%
2023	635,000			2028	735,000		
2024	665,000			2029	740,000		
2025	645,000			2030	735,000		
2026	725,000						

**This cover contains certain information for quick reference only. It is not a summary of this issue. Investors must read the entire Official Statement, including the Appendices attached hereto, to obtain information essential to their making of an informed investment decision.**

The Refunding Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the prior approval of legality by the law firm of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the School District, and certain other conditions described herein. Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has acted as Municipal Advisor to the School District in connection with the issuance of the Refunding Bonds. Certain legal matters will be passed upon for the School District by its Solicitor, Frank P. Cavallo Jr., Esquire, of the law firm Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey. It is anticipated that the Refunding Bonds in definitive form will be available for delivery through DTC in New York, New York, on or about October 15, 2020.



\* Preliminary, subject to change.

This Preliminary Official Statement and the information contained herein are subject to completion and amendment without notice. Under no circumstances shall this Preliminary Official Statement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, nor shall there be any sale of the within described Refunding Bonds in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration, qualification or the availability of an appropriate exception under the laws of such jurisdiction.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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

References in this Official Statement to laws, rules, regulations, resolutions, agreements, reports and other documents do not purport to be comprehensive or definitive. All references to such documents are qualified in their entirety by references to the particular document, the full text of which may contain qualifications of and exceptions to statements made herein, and copies of which may be obtained from the School District during normal business hours.

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

**IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING, THE UNDERWRITER MAY OVER-ALLOT OR EFFECT TRANSACTIONS THAT STABILIZE OR MAINTAIN THE MARKET PRICE OF THE REFUNDING BONDS AT A LEVEL ABOVE THAT WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE PREVAIL IN THE OPEN MARKET. SUCH STABILIZING, IF COMMENCED, MAY BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.**

The Underwriter has reviewed the information in this Official Statement pursuant to its responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, but the Underwriter does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

The order and placement of materials in this Official Statement, including the Appendices, are not to be deemed to be a determination of relevance, materiality or importance, and this Official Statement, including the Appendices, must be considered in its entirety.

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## OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Relating to

**\$5,670,000\***

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY  
TAXABLE SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020  
(Non-Callable)**

### INTRODUCTION

This Official Statement, including the cover page hereof and the appendices attached hereto, sets forth certain information relating to The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) and the issuance of its \$5,670,000\* aggregate principal amount of Taxable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 ("Refunding Bonds"), pursuant to a refunding bond ordinance and the resolution of the Board described below.

The information contained herein relating to the School District including, *inter alia*, existing facilities, enrollment and other data was furnished by the School District unless otherwise indicated.

All financial and other information presented herein has been provided by the Board from its records, except for information expressly attributed to other sources. The presentation of information is intended to show recent historic information and, but only to the extent specifically provided herein, certain projections into the immediate future, and is not necessarily indicative of future or continuing trends in the financial position of the School District.

### AUTHORIZATION FOR THE REFUNDING BONDS

The School District is issuing the Refunding Bonds pursuant to: (i) Title 18A, Chapter 24, of the New Jersey ("State") Statutes, as amended and supplemented, *N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq.* ("School Bond Law"); (ii) a refunding bond ordinance, duly and finally adopted by the Board on May 19, 2020 ("Refunding Bond Ordinance"); and (iii) a resolution, duly adopted by the Board on August 25, 2020 ("Resolution").

### PURPOSE OF THE REFUNDING BOND ISSUE

The Refunding Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) advance refund and redeem on March 1, 2022 ("Redemption Date") at a price of 100% ("Redemption Price") all of the School District's outstanding callable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, maturing on March 1 in the years 2023 through and including 2030, both dates inclusive ("Refunded Bonds"); and (ii) pay certain costs and expenses incidental to the issuance and delivery of the Refunding Bonds.

Pursuant to an Escrow Deposit Agreement ("Escrow Agreement"), dated the date of issuance of the Refunding Bonds, by and between the School District and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, Iselin, New Jersey ("Escrow Agent"), a portion of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds will be deposited with the Escrow Agent and such proceeds will be invested in direct non-callable obligations of the United States of America ("Government Obligations"), the principal of which, together with investment earnings thereon and cash on deposit, will be sufficient to make full and timely payments of the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date and interest on the Refunded Bonds up to the Redemption Date. The School District will give irrevocable instructions to the Escrow Agent on the delivery date to have the Refunded Bonds called for redemption on the Redemption Date.

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\* Preliminary, subject to change.

The mathematical calculations and adequacy of the deposit provided for the Refunded Bonds will be verified by Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, certified public accountants ("Verification Agent"), at the time of the delivery of the Refunding Bonds. All moneys and Government Obligations deposited for the payment of the Refunded Bonds, including interest thereon, are pledged solely and irrevocably for the benefit of the owners of the Refunded Bonds.

## SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS

The following table sets forth the estimated sources and uses of funds with respect to the Refunding Bonds.

### Sources of Funds:

Principal Amount of Refunding Bonds	\$
Debt Service Funds on Hand	
 Total Sources of Funds	 \$

### Uses of Funds:

Deposit into Escrow Fund	\$
Costs of Issuance <sup>(1)</sup>	
Underwriter's Discount	
 Total Uses of Funds	 \$

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(1) Includes legal fees, municipal advisory fee, accounting fee, escrow agent fee, printing costs, rating agency fee, verification agent fee, additional proceeds, and miscellaneous issuance expenses.

## THE REFUNDING BONDS

### General Description

The Refunding Bonds will be issued in the aggregate principal amount shown on the front cover page hereof, will be dated the date of delivery and will bear interest from that date. Interest on the Refunding Bonds will be payable on March 1 and September 1 ("Interest Payment Dates"), commencing March 1, 2021, in each year until maturity. The Refunding Bonds will mature on March 1, in the years and in the principal amounts, as shown on the front cover page of this Official Statement. The Refunding Bonds are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates.

The Refunding Bonds will be issued in fully registered book-entry only form without coupons in the principal denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof. The principal of the Refunding Bonds will be payable to the registered owners at maturity upon presentation and surrender of the Refunding Bonds at the business office of the School District, or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. Interest on each Refunding Bond shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date of such Refunding Bond to the registered owner of record thereof appearing on the registration books kept by the School District for such purpose at the business office of the School District, as of the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day of the calendar month next preceding an Interest Payment Date ("Record Date").

So long as The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), or its nominee, Cede & Co., is the registered owner of the Refunding Bonds, payments of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds will be made directly to Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Disbursements of such

payments to the DTC Participants (as herein defined) is the responsibility of DTC and disbursements of such payments to the Beneficial Owners (as herein defined) of the Refunding Bonds is the responsibility of the DTC Participants and not the School District or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. See "THE REFUNDING BONDS--Book-Entry Only System" herein.

### **Book-Entry Only System(1)**

The description which follows of the procedures and record keeping with respect to beneficial ownership interests in the Refunding Bonds, payment of principal and interest, and other payments on the Refunding Bonds to DTC Participants or Beneficial Owners, confirmation and transfer of beneficial ownership interests in the Refunding Bonds and other related transactions by and between DTC, DTC Participants and Beneficial Owners, is based on certain information furnished by DTC to the School District. Accordingly, the School District does not make any representations as to the completeness or accuracy of such information.

DTC will act as securities depository for the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding 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 Refunding Bonds, each in the aggregate principal amount of such issue, 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 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](http://www.dtcc.com).

Purchases of the Refunding Bonds under the DTC system must be made by or through Direct Participants, which will receive a credit for the Refunding 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.

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(1) Source: The Depository Trust Company



Transfers of ownership interests in the Refunding 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 Refunding Bonds, except in the event that use of the book-entry system for the Refunding Bonds is discontinued.

To facilitate subsequent transfers, all Refunding 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 Refunding 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 Refunding Bonds; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the Direct Participants to whose accounts such Refunding 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.

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

Neither DTC nor Cede & Co. (nor any other DTC nominee) will consent or vote with respect to the Refunding 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 or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, as soon as possible after the record date. The Omnibus Proxy assigns Cede & Co.'s consenting or voting rights to those Direct Participants to whose accounts the Refunding Bonds are credited on the record date (identified in a listing attached to the Omnibus Proxy).

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

DTC may discontinue providing its services as depository with respect to the Refunding Bonds at any time by giving reasonable notice to the School District or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor depository is not obtained, Refunding 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, Refunding Bond certificates will be printed and delivered to DTC.

The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book-entry system has been obtained from sources that the School District believes to be reliable, but neither the School District nor the Underwriter take any responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

**NEITHER THE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOR ITS HEREAFTER DESIGNATED PAYING AGENT, IF ANY, WILL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY OR OBLIGATION TO SUCH DTC PARTICIPANTS OR THE PERSONS FOR WHOM THEY ACT AS NOMINEES WITH RESPECT TO THE PAYMENTS TO OR PROVIDING OF NOTICE FOR THE DTC PARTICIPANTS, OR THE INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS, OR BENEFICIAL OWNERS.**

**SO LONG AS CEDE & CO. IS THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE REFUNDING BONDS, AS NOMINEE OF DTC, REFERENCES HEREIN TO THE BONDHOLDERS OR REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS (OTHER THAN UNDER THE CAPTION "TAX MATTERS") SHALL MEAN CEDE & CO. AND SHALL NOT MEAN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS.**

### **Discontinuance of Book-Entry Only System**

In the event that the book-entry only system is discontinued and the Beneficial Owners become registered owners of the Refunding Bonds, the following provisions would apply: (i) the Refunding Bonds may be exchanged for an equal aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds in other authorized denominations and of the same maturity, upon surrender thereof at the business office of the School District; (ii) the transfer of any Refunding Bonds may be registered on the books maintained by the School District or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, for such purpose only upon the surrender thereof to the School District together with the duly executed assignment in form satisfactory to the School District; and (iii) for every exchange or registration of transfer of Refunding Bonds, the School District or its hereafter designated paying agent, if any, may make a charge sufficient to reimburse for any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to such exchange or registration of transfer of the Refunding Bonds. Interest on the Refunding Bonds will be payable by check or draft, mailed on each Interest Payment Date to the registered owners thereof as of the close of business on the Record Date.

## **SECURITY AND SOURCES OF PAYMENT FOR THE REFUNDING BONDS**

### **Taxing Power**

The Refunding Bonds are general obligations of the School District and the full faith and credit of the School District are irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds. The Refunding Bonds are payable, if payment is not provided in any other manner, from *ad valorem* taxes to be levied upon all taxable real property located within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement of such payment may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").

In accordance with Section 56 of the School Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 18A:24-56*, the Refunding Bonds shall be a lien upon the real estate situated in the School District, the personal estates of the inhabitants of the School District and the property of the School District, and such estates and property shall be liable for the payment of the Refunding Bonds.

### **New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act**

The Refunding Bonds will be secured under the provisions of the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act of 1980, Chapter 56 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented, *N.J.S.A. 18A:56-17 et seq.* ("School Bond Reserve Act"). Pursuant to the School Bond Reserve Act, there shall be a reserve comprised of two accounts, one in an amount equal to at least one

and one-half percent (1.5%) of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued before July 1, 2003 ("Old Reserve Account") and another in an amount equal to at least one percent (1%) of the aggregate issued and outstanding bonded indebtedness of counties, municipalities or school districts for school purposes issued on or after July 1, 2003 ("New Reserve Account", together with the Old Reserve Account, the "School Bond Reserve"). The amount to be held within the State Fund ("Fund") for the Support of Free Public Schools as the School Bond Reserve pledged by law to secure payments of principal and interest due on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make payment shall be determined on June 30 of each fiscal year by the State Treasurer and shall be funded in the amount determined by the State Treasurer on September 15 of the ensuing fiscal year. If the Old Reserve Account exceeds the amount determined to be required, the State Treasurer may transfer the excess to the New Reserve Account. The School Bond Reserve is required to be composed entirely of direct obligations of the United States Government or obligations guaranteed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. The amount of the School Bond Reserve may not exceed the moneys available in the Fund. If a county, municipality or school district is unable to meet payment of principal or interest on any of its bonds issued for school purposes, it shall certify such liability to the Commissioner of Education ("Commissioner") and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services ("Director") at least ten (10) days prior to the date any such payment is due. If the Commissioner and Director approve the certification, they shall certify the same to the trustees of the Fund. The trustees of the Fund will purchase such bonds at par value or will pay to the bondholders the interest due or to become due within the limit of funds available in either account of the School Bond Reserve in accordance with the provisions of the School Bond Reserve Act. Payment by the trustees of the Fund on behalf of any county, municipality or school district shall be deducted from the appropriation or apportionment of State aid which may otherwise be payable to the school district, county or municipality, and shall not obligate the State or entitle the school district, county or municipality to the payment of any additional appropriation or apportionment. To date, there has been no occasion to call upon this Fund.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

### **State's Role in Public Education**

The responsibilities of the State of New Jersey ("State") with respect to the general supervision and control of public education have been delegated to the State Department of Education ("Department") which is a part of the executive branch of the State government. The Department is governed by the State Board of Education ("State Board"). The State Board is responsible for the general supervision and control of public education and is obligated to formulate plans and to make recommendations for the unified, continuous and efficient development of public education of all people of all ages within the State. To fulfill these responsibilities, the State Board has the power, *inter alia*, to adopt rules and regulations that are binding upon school districts, to acquire land and other property and to decide appeals from decisions of the Commissioner on matters of school law or State Board regulations.

The Commissioner is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Department. The Commissioner is appointed by the Governor of the State, with the advice and consent of the State Senate, for a five (5) year, salaried term. The Commissioner is responsible for the supervision of all school districts in the State and obligated to enforce the rules and regulations of the State Board. The Commissioner's consent is required for authorization to sell school bonds that exceed the statutory debt limits, and the Commissioner may also set the amount to be raised by taxation in a school district in a fiscal year, if a school budget has not been approved by the voters of the school district or by a board of school estimate, as the case may be, or by the governing body of the municipality.

The Executive County Superintendent of Schools ("County Superintendent") is appointed in each county in the State by the Commissioner with the approval of the State Board. The Executive

County Superintendent is the local representative of the Commissioner and is responsible for the daily supervision of the school districts in the county.

### **Structure of New Jersey School Districts**

School districts are generally coterminous with the boundaries of the municipalities they serve. They are characterized by the manner in which the governing body takes office. Type I school districts, most commonly found in cities, have a board of education appointed by the mayor or chief executive officer of the municipality. In Type II districts, the board of education is elected by the voters of the school district. Almost all regional and consolidated school districts operate as Type II school districts. The School District is a Type II school district.

There is a procedure whereby a school district may change from one type to the other after an approving public referendum. Such a public referendum must be held whenever directed by the municipal governing body or board of education in a Type I school district, or the board of education in a Type II school district, or when petitioned for by fifteen percent (15%) of the voters of any school district.

## **STATE AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

### **General**

In 1973, the State Supreme Court ("Supreme Court") ruled that the existing method of financing school costs primarily through property taxation was unconstitutional. Pursuant to the Supreme Court's ruling, the State Legislature enacted the Public School Education Act of 1975 (P.L. 1975, c. 212) ("Act"), which required funding of the State's school aid through the State Gross Income Tax Act (P.L. 1976, c. 47). The Act also intended to provide property tax relief. A new formula (*N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 et seq.*), which took into account a local school district's ability to pay for its operating costs, was made available commencing July 1, 1976.

On June 5, 1990, the Supreme Court ruled in *Abbott v. Burke* that the school aid formula described above did not distribute funds fairly. The Supreme Court found that poorer urban districts were significantly disadvantaged under the then funding formula because revenues were derived primarily from property taxes. The Supreme Court found that wealthy districts were able to spend more, yet tax less for educational purposes. In urban areas, on the other hand, the Supreme Court found the opposite to be true.

### **The Quality Education Act of 1990**

The Legislative response to *Abbott v. Burke* was the passage of the Quality Education Act of 1990 ("Quality Education Act"), (P.L. 1990, c. 52), which was signed into law on July 3, 1990. This law established a new formula for the distribution of state aid for public education commencing with the 1991-92 fiscal year. The law provided a formula that took into account property value and personal income to determine a district's capacity to raise money for public education. A budgetary limitation or "CAP" on expenditures was also provided in the law. The "CAP" was intended to control the growth in local property taxes. The Quality Education Act was amended and revised by Chapter 62 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1991 of the State, effective March 14, 1991, and further amended by Chapter 7 of the Pamphlet Laws of 1993, effective January 14, 1993.

On July 12, 1994, the Supreme Court declared the school aid formula under the Quality Education Act of 1990, as amended, unconstitutional on several grounds as it applied to the 30 special needs districts designated by the State in ongoing litigation commonly known as *Abbott v. Burke II*. No specific remediation was ordered, but the Supreme Court ultimately held that the Legislature and the

Governor were required to have a new funding formula in effect by December 31, 1996 so that the new formula would be implemented in the 1997-98 fiscal year.

### **Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996**

In keeping with the Supreme Court's deadline, then Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed into law on December 20, 1996, the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 ("CEIFA" or "Comprehensive Plan"). The Comprehensive Plan affects how public schools are funded by the State, beginning in the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The Comprehensive Plan departs from other funding formulas adopted in the State in defining what constitutes a "thorough and efficient" education, which is what the State Constitution requires every public school student to receive. The Comprehensive Plan further establishes the costs to provide each student with a "thorough and efficient" education.

In defining what constitutes a "thorough" education, the State Board adopted a set of Core Curriculum Content Standards. The purpose of these standards is to provide all students with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to be productive citizens when they graduate from any State high school, regardless of the school's location or socioeconomic condition. The Comprehensive Plan provides state aid assistance in the form of Core Curriculum Standards Aid based on a school district's financial ability to raise sufficient tax revenue for its students to achieve the Core Curriculum Contents Standards.

The definition of an "efficient" education under the Comprehensive Plan determines the cost to provide each student with an education that fulfills the requirements for the Core Curriculum Content Standards. The efficiency standard defines such things as optimal class size, administrator/teachers per student, schools per district, and the types and amount of classroom supplies, services, and materials. The Comprehensive Plan establishes an approximate amount per student to educate each student at various grade levels in the Core Curriculum Content Standards. This amount will be adjusted biennially for inflation by the consumer price index.

In determining how much Core Curriculum Standards Aid a school district will receive, the Comprehensive Plan considers each school district's financial ability to fund such a level of education. This component of the Comprehensive Plan is referred to as the local share requirement, namely, the amount of taxes that a school district can raise relative to other school districts based on property wealth and income levels. The purpose of the Core Curriculum Standards Aid is to provide school districts with adequate State assistance that is proportionate to their ability to pay. The purpose of this type of aid is to ensure that all school districts have the economic ability to provide their students with the ability to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards. In addition to the Core Curriculum Standards Aid, the Comprehensive Plan also provides per pupil assistance from the State for special education, early childhood programs, demonstrably effective programs, instructional supplement, bilingual education, county vocational schools and distance learning network.

Another form of aid that is provided by CEIFA is school facilities aid. During the 1997-98 fiscal period, this type of aid was provided to those school districts that qualified for aid under the Quality Education Act. The amount of school facilities aid that the State provided during the 1997-98 fiscal year was determined by the amount budgeted in the approved State budget.

Beginning in the 1998-99 fiscal year, State aid for school facilities consisted of a ratio that divides (i) the amount of debt service or the amount of facilities rent for lease terms that exceed five years required to be budgeted for a fiscal year period into (ii) the costs that are approved by the Department for a proposed building or renovation project. The approved facility costs under the Comprehensive Plan have not yet been determined. The Comprehensive Plan requires the Governor to submit to the legislature criteria for determining approved facilities costs, State support levels and maintenance incentives applicable to the fiscal year.

The Comprehensive Plan also limits the amount school districts can increase their annual current expense and capital outlay budgets. Generally, these budgets can increase by either two and one-half percent (2.5%) or the consumer price index, whichever is greater. Recent amendments to the Comprehensive Plan lowered the budget CAP to two and one-half percent (2.5%) from three percent (3%). Budgets can also increase because of certain adjustments for enrollment increases, certain capital outlay expenditures, pupil transportation costs, and special education costs that exceed \$40,000 per pupil. Waivers are available from the Commissioner based on increasing enrollments and other fairly narrow grounds or by approval of the voters at the annual school election.

Under the Comprehensive Plan, rent payments made pursuant to a facilities lease purchase agreement for a term that exceeds five years are treated as debt service for accounting purposes. These rent payments will be eligible for aid in an amount determined in the State budget for the respective fiscal year. Rent payments under a facilities lease with a term not exceeding five years and under equipment leases are budgeted in the general fund and are subject to the school district's spending growth limitations under the Comprehensive Plan.

On May 14, 1997, the Supreme Court held that the Comprehensive Plan was unconstitutional as applied to the 28 special needs districts ("Abbott Districts") because: (1) its funding provisions fail to assure that students in such districts will receive a thorough and efficient education; and (2) supplemental programs to increase student performance in such districts have neither been adequately identified nor funded. They recognized the Core Curriculum Content Standards as a valid means of identifying what is a "thorough and efficient" education under the State Constitution, but found that the State did not adequately determine or provide the adequate funding level to allow those standards to be met in the Abbott Districts. The Comprehensive Plan was not held unconstitutional as applied to the non-Abbott Districts. The School District is not an Abbott District.

The Supreme Court ordered the State: (1) to increase State aid to the Abbott Districts for the 1997-98 school year to a level such that the per-pupil expenditure in such districts is equivalent to the average per-pupil expenditure in wealthy suburban districts; (2) through the Commissioner, to manage the additional spending to assure that it will be used to allow the students to meet the education content standards; and (3) under the supervision of the Superior Court, Chancery Division, to determine a plan to provide supplemental educational and facilities programs in the Abbott Districts.

Provisions for the additional amounts of money were appropriated in the State budgets. The Supreme Court then ruled that the Commissioner and the Department will be responsible for maintaining the educational system in accordance with the orders of the Supreme Court. In response to the order, the State enacted the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act discussed below.

### **Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act**

In response to the Supreme Court's order under CEIFA, then Governor Whitman signed into law on July 18, 2000, the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act ("Facilities Act"). The Facilities Act provides for full funding of the qualified costs of school facilities required in the Abbott Districts and for the funding of the qualified costs of school facilities for all other school districts in an amount equal to the ratio between their core curriculum facilities aid and their thorough and efficient budget times 115% or 40% of the qualified costs, whichever is greater. In lieu of debt service aid, school districts may elect to receive grants for the State's share of the capital project and authorize bonds only for the local share of the capital project. School districts may receive debt service aid under the same formula for certain capital projects which were begun prior to the effective date of the Facilities Act.

A challenge was made to have the Facilities Act declared unconstitutional because it authorizes the issuance of debt paid out of the State's General Fund without voter approval. On

August 21, 2002, the Supreme Court upheld the Facilities Act as constitutional advancing the guarantee of a "thorough and efficient" education.

### **School Funding Reform Act of 2008**

On January 7, 2008, the New Jersey Legislature adopted Senate Bill No. 4000 (companion Assembly Bill No. 500) entitled the "School Funding Reform Act of 2008" ("School Funding Reform Act"), which establishes a new system for the funding of public school districts. The intent of the School Funding Reform Act is to create a fair, equitable, and predictable funding formula based on student characteristics, regardless of the community in which a student resides.

This legislation was signed into law by Governor Corzine on January 13, 2008.

The School Funding Reform Act maintains the requirements for the establishment and update by the State Board of the core curriculum content standards that define the substance of a thorough education; however it repeals certain sections of the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996, P.L.1996, c.138, which established the State aid formulas that supported school district programs to implement such standards. In addition, the School Funding Reform Act establishes revised formulas for calculating such State aid.

The School Funding Reform Act also establishes two categorical State aid programs. The first categorical aid program will support the cost of providing services to general special education students that is not supported through the adequacy budget. The second categorical aid program will support security costs for school districts. The School Funding Reform Act also includes preschool education State aid, which will fund a significant expansion of early childhood programs. The School Funding Reform Act continues extraordinary special education aid, but with a number of revisions. In addition, the School Funding Reform Act establishes the State aid category of educational adequacy aid for certain school districts that received education opportunity aid in the 2007-2008 school year and are spending below adequacy.

Moreover, the School Funding Reform Act provides a new formula for determining the amount of State aid received by a school district or county vocational school district for transportation aid.

The School Funding Reform Act also addresses issues associated with the funding of charter school students, as well as remaining choice students. The School Funding Reform Act also amends the Facilities Act to establish the category of a "SDA" district, which is a district that received education opportunity aid or preschool expansion aid in the 2007-2008 school year. For these "SDA" districts, the State share for their school facilities projects will remain at 100% and they will be constructed by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. The School Funding Reform Act also revises numerous sections of law that are related to school funding and school budgeting procedures.

In the Supreme Court's most recent decision in *Abbott v. Burke* (decided on May 28, 2009), it was determined that the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 is constitutional as applied to the State's 31 Abbott Districts. The Supreme Court ordered the State to provide school funding to all districts during this and the next two (2) years in accordance with the School Funding Reform Act's funding formula, subject further to mandated review after three years of implementation.

### **Recent Developments in State Aid**

The State provides aid to school districts in accordance with amounts provided annually in the State budget. Such aid includes equalization aid, special education categorical aid, transportation aid, preschool education aid, supplemental core curriculum standards aid, choice aid, education adequacy aid, security aid, adjustment aid and other aid as determined in the discretion of the Commissioner.

The State has reduced debt service aid by fifteen percent (15%) since 2011. As a result of the debt service aid reduction for such years, school districts received eighty-five percent (85%) of the debt service aid that they would have otherwise received. In addition, for such years, school districts which received grants under the EFCFA, which grants were financed through the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (the "EDA"), were assessed an amount in such years' budgets representing fifteen percent (15%) of the school district's proportionate share of such respective years' principal and interest payments on the outstanding EDA bonds issued to fund such grants.

## **FEDERAL AID TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

Federal funds are available for certain programs approved by the federal government with allocation decided by the State, which assigns a proportion to each local school district. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 *U.S.C.A.* § 6301 *et seq.* ("NCLB") is a federal assistance program for which a school district qualifies to receive aid. Under the NCLB, states and local educational agencies have been given flexibility with regard to the use of federal funds for education. Federal aid is generally received in the form of block grants.

## **SUMMARY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND SCHOOL DEBT**

### **Levy and Collection of Taxes**

School districts in the State do not levy or collect taxes to pay for those budgeted amounts which are not provided by the State. The municipalities within which a school district is situated levy and collect the required taxes and must remit them in full to the school district.

In response to the outbreak of the Coronavirus, the Governor of the State of New Jersey signed Executive Order 130, authorizing municipalities in the State to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on June 1, 2020 for: (i) the payment of second quarter taxes for municipalities on a calendar year budget cycle; and (ii) the payment of fourth quarter taxes for municipalities on a fiscal year budget cycle. The Township of Eastampton did not opt to pass to adopt this resolution. As this was not a requirement, it was merely an option for towns. See "CERTAIN RISK FACTORS – Recent Healthcare Developments" below for additional information on temporary changes made to property tax laws and regulations in response to the Coronavirus.

### **School Budgets**

On January 17, 2012, Governor Christopher J. Christie signed into law S-3148 which allows a school district to hold its annual school election in either April or on the same day as the General Election in November. The change in election date can be made by resolution of the board of education or the municipality or municipalities that are members of a regional board of education, or by citizen petition.

In a Type II school district holding its annual election in April, the elected board of education develops the budget proposal and, after a public hearing, submits it for voter approval. Debt service provisions are not subject to a voter approval. If approved, the budget goes into effect. If defeated, the municipal governing body has until May 19 to fix the amount to be raised by taxation and certify that amount to the County Board of Taxation. The board of education may then appeal the action of the governing body to the Commissioner.

In a Type II school district holding its annual election in November, the elected board of education develops the budget proposal in a timeframe identical to that described above. If the budget



is at or below the state cap, voter approval is not required and the budget immediately goes into effect. If the budget exceeds the state mandated cap, the budget becomes temporary and the portion exceeding the cap is then submitted for voter approval in November.

The Commissioner must also review every proposed local school district budget for the then current school year. The Commissioner has the power to increase or decrease individual line items in a budget. Any amendments in the school district's budget must be approved by the board of the school district.

### **Limitation of Increase in the Net Current Expense Budget**

Annual increases in a school district budget are limited by law subject to certain limited exceptions. Specifically, P.L. 2007, c. 62, which became effective April 3, 2007, amended the prior limitations on a school district's ability to increase its net budget under CEIFA by placing a four percent (4%) cap on the amount that can be raised by property taxation in a given year for school district purposes (excluding debt service payments) over the prior budget year's tax levy. Appropriations for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes and lease obligations over five (5) years approved by the Commissioner were not subject to such limitations and were required to be included in full in a school district's budget.

Although P.L. 2007, c. 62 allowed for certain adjustments to the four percent (4%) tax levy cap for increases in enrollment, reductions in state aid and increases in health care costs, the bill also granted to the Commissioner discretion to grant waivers from the cap for increases in special education costs, capital outlay, and tuition charges for sending districts. During the first school budget year following the enactment of P.L. 2007, c. 62 (i.e., for the school year 2007-2008), school districts were permitted to seek voter approval to exceed the four percent (4%) levy cap. Such approval had to be obtained by a simple majority of those voting. After the first year, however, school districts were required to receive approval by at least sixty percent (60%) of the voters to exceed the levy cap. In addition, the Commissioner was given the ability to grant certain extraordinary waivers to the tax levy cap for certain other cost increases beginning in fiscal year 2009 through 2012.

Legislation constituting P.L. 2010, c. 44 ("Chapter 44"), was adopted on July 13, 2010 and is applicable to the next local budget year following enactment. Chapter 44 provides limitation on school district spending by limiting the amount a school district can raise for school district purposes through the property tax levy by two percent (2%) over the prior year's tax levy; with exceptions only for enrollment increases, increases for certain normal and accrued liability for pension contributions in excess of two percent (2%), certain healthcare increases, and amounts approved by a simple majority of voters voting at a special election. The process for obtaining waivers from the Commissioner for additional increases over the tax levy or spending limitations has been eliminated under Chapter 44.

The restrictions under Chapter 44 solely apply to the property tax levy related to a school district's general fund and are not applicable to a school district's debt service fund. Accordingly, there are no restrictions imposed by Chapter 44 on a local school district's ability to raise funds through its property tax levy for debt service, and nothing contained in Chapter 44 limits the obligation of a school district to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property within the district to pay debt service on its bonds or notes.

### **Uniform System of Bookkeeping**

Effective July 1, 1993, the State mandated that all school districts develop and implement accounting practices consistent with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). In addition, the school districts are required to comply with the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts (Federal Handbook 2R2) for their internal accounting reporting systems. The School District's financial statements since the above effective date have been prepared in accordance with the GAAP requirements.

## **Annual Audits**

The board of education of each school district annually shall have a licensed public school accountant perform an audit of a school district's accounts and financial transactions. Within five months after the end of the school fiscal year, the Commissioner shall receive certified copies of each school district's audit. In addition, the audit must be summarized and discussed at a regular public meeting of the local board of education within thirty (30) days of its completion.

## **Debt Limitation**

Except as provided below, no additional debt shall be authorized by a local school district if the principal amount, when added to the net debt previously authorized, exceeds a statutory percentage of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in a school district. As a grade kindergarten through grade eight school district, the School District can borrow up to three percent (3%) of the average equalized valuation of taxable property in the School District. The School District is within its debt capacity.

## **Bonds and Notes**

School district bonds and bond anticipation notes are required to be issued in conformity with the School Bond Law, which establishes debt limits on the issuance of bonds or notes. The debt limits vary depending on the type of school system.

The School District is a Type II school district. All authorizations of debt in a Type II school district not having a board of school estimate require an approving referendum. The Local Finance Board and the Commissioner must approve any proposed authorization of debt that exceeds the combined statutory debt limitations of a Type II school district and the municipality or municipalities coterminous therewith. When such obligations are issued, they are issued in the name of the school district.

Prior to final approval, all authorizations of debt must be reported by a supplemental debt statement to the Division of Local Government Services, a State agency having regulatory responsibility for all state and local debt incurrence in the State.

Temporary notes may be issued in anticipation of the issuance of permanent bonds for a capital improvement or capital project. Such temporary notes may not exceed in the aggregate the amount of bonds authorized for such improvement or project. A school district's temporary notes may be issued for one year periods, with the final maturity not exceeding five years from the date of original issuance; provided, however, that no such notes shall be renewed beyond the third anniversary date of the original notes unless an amount of such notes, at least equal to the first legally payable installment of the bonds in anticipation of which said notes are issued, is paid and retired in each year subsequent to said third anniversary date.

## **Exceptions to the Requirements for the Issuance of Bonds and Notes**

School districts may authorize and issue refunding bonds pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq.* without a voter referendum for the purpose of paying for the redemption of a series of bonds previously issued by the school district, together with the costs of issuing the refunding bonds.

Additionally, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.6*, school districts may issue "energy savings obligations" (in the same manner as refunding bonds) without voter approval to fund the costs of certain improvements that result in reduced energy use, including, but not limited to, installation of energy efficient equipment; demand response equipment; combined heat and power systems; facilities for the production of renewable energy; water conservation measures, fixtures or facilities; building

envelope improvements that are part of an energy savings improvement program; and related control systems for each of the foregoing (collectively, "Energy Conservation Measures"); provided that the amount of the savings resulting from reduced energy usage will cover the cost of such Energy Conservation Measures. Energy savings obligations require the approval of the Local Finance Board prior to issuance.

### **Capital Lease Financing**

School districts are permitted to enter into lease purchase agreements: (i) for the acquisition of equipment; (ii) for the acquisition of land and school buildings; and (iii) for the construction or the improvement of the school buildings. Generally, lease purchase agreements for equipment cannot exceed five (5) years without the approval of the Commissioner. Lease purchase agreements for Energy Conservation Measures may be for a term of up to fifteen (15) years (twenty (20) years for the lease of combined heat and power equipment); provided that the amount of the savings resulting from reduced energy usage will cover the cost of such improvements. The Facilities Act repealed the authorization to enter into facilities leases in excess of five (5) years other than for Energy Conservation Measures. Lease purchase agreements involving a ground lease of school facilities for a term of five (5) years or less must be approved by the Commissioner. The payment of rent on a lease not in excess of five (5) years (other than for Energy Conservation Measures) is treated as a current expense and is within the CAP on the school district's budget. Under CEIFA, lease purchase payments on leases in excess of five years (other than for Energy Conservation Measures) will be treated as debt service payments and, therefore, will receive debt service aid if the school district is entitled and will be outside the school district's spending limitation on the General Fund.

### **Related Constitutional and Statutory Provisions**

In the general election of November 2, 1976, as amended by the general election of November 6, 1984, the following Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph 7, in respect of a state income tax, was added to the State Constitution:

No tax shall be levied on personal incomes of individuals, estates and trusts of this State unless the entire net receipts therefrom shall be received into the treasury, placed in a perpetual fund and be annually appropriated, pursuant to formulas established from time to time by the Legislature, to the several counties, municipalities and school districts of this State exclusively for the purpose of reducing or offsetting property taxes. In no event, however, shall a tax so levied on personal income be levied on payments received under the federal Social Security Act, the federal Railroad Retirement Act, or any federal law which substantially reenacts the provisions of either of those laws.

A progressive state income tax is currently in effect in the State. Interest payable on the Refunding Bonds is exempt therefrom.

The State Constitution may only be amended after: (i) approval of a proposed amendment by three-fifths of all of the members of each house of the Legislature and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum; or (ii) approval in two successive legislative years by a majority of all of the members of each house and approval by a majority vote in a statewide referendum. Amendments failing to receive voter approval may not be resubmitted for voter approval before the third succeeding general election after such disaffirmance.

## **Rights and Remedies of Owners of Refunding Bonds**

The New Jersey Municipal Finance Commission Act, Chapter 27 of Title 52 of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented ("Municipal Finance Commission Act"), provides that when it has been established by court proceeding that a municipality has defaulted for over sixty (60) days in the payment of the principal of or interest on any of its outstanding bonds or notes, the Local Finance Board of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (which, pursuant to the Municipal Finance Commission Act, is constituted the Municipal Finance Commission and shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Commission") shall take control of the fiscal affairs of the defaulting municipality.

The Municipal Finance Commission Act provides that the Commission shall remain in control in the municipality until all bonds or notes of the municipality that have become due and all bonds or notes that will become due within one year, and the interest thereon, have been paid, funded or refunded, or the payment thereof in cash shall have been adequately provided for by a cash reserve.

The Municipal Finance Commission Act empowers the Commission to direct the school district coterminous with the municipality to provide for the funding of bonds or notes of the school district and the interest thereon, which the Commission shall have found to be outstanding and unpaid and to be due or become due. The Municipal Finance Commission Act further authorizes the Commission to bring and maintain an appropriate proceeding for the levy or collection of taxes for the payment of principal of or interest on such indebtedness, which special tax shall be levied upon all the real and personal property in the school district subject to taxation.

Under Article 6 of the Municipal Finance Commission Act, while the Commission functions in a municipality having a school district coterminous therewith, no judgment, levy, or execution against the school district or its property for the recovery of the amount due on any bonds, notes or other obligations of the school district in the payment of which it has defaulted, shall be enforced unless otherwise directed by court order. However, Article 6 of the Municipal Finance Commission Act also provides that upon application of any creditor made upon notice to the school district and the Commission, a court may vacate, modify, or restrict any such statutory stay contained therein.

## **Limitation of Remedies Under Federal Bankruptcy Code**

The undertakings of the School District should be considered with reference to Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Act, 11 U.S.C. Section 901 *et seq.*, as amended by Public Law 94-260, approved May 8, 1976 ("Chapter 9"), the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, effective November 1, 1979, Public Law 100-597, effective November 3, 1988, the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, effective November 22, 1994, and other bankruptcy laws affecting creditors' rights and municipalities in general. The amendments of P.L. 94-260 replace former Chapter 9 and permit the State or any political subdivision, public agency, or instrumentality that is insolvent or unable to meet its debts to file a petition in a court of bankruptcy for the purpose of effecting a plan to adjust its debts; directs such a petitioner to file with the court a list of petitioner's creditors; provides that a petition filed under Chapter 9 shall operate as a stay of the commencement or continuation of any judicial or other proceeding against the petitioner; grants priority to debt owed for services or materials actually provided within three (3) months of the filing of the petition; directs a petitioner to file a plan for the adjustment of its debts; and provides that the plan must be accepted in writing by or on behalf of creditors holding at least two-thirds in amount or more than one-half in number of the listed creditors. The 1976 Amendments were incorporated into the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978 with only minor changes.

Reference should also be made to *N.J.S.A. 52:27-40 et seq.* ("State Bankruptcy Statute"), which provides that a municipality or school district has the power to file a petition in bankruptcy provided the approval of the New Jersey Municipal Finance Commission has been obtained. The powers of the New Jersey Municipal Finance Commission have been vested in the Local Finance Board. The Bankruptcy Act specifically provides that Chapter 9 does not limit or impair the power of a

state to control, by legislation or otherwise, the procedures that a municipality or school district must follow in order to take advantage of the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act.

**THE ABOVE REFERENCES TO CHAPTER 9 AND THE STATE BANKRUPTCY STATUTE ARE NOT TO BE CONSTRUED AS AN INDICATION THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXPECTS TO RESORT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 9 AND THE STATE BANKRUPTCY STATUTE OR THAT, IF IT DID, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE APPROVED BY THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD, OR THAT ANY PROPOSED PLAN WOULD INCLUDE A DILUTION OF THE SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF AND SECURITY FOR THE REFUNDING BONDS.**

## **INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

### **General**

General information concerning the School District, including statistical, demographic and other relevant data, is set forth in Appendix "A" to this Official Statement.

### **Financial**

Appendix "B" to this Official Statement contains audited financial statements of the School District for the Fiscal Years 2019 and 2018. A copy of the 2019 audit prepared by Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, containing the financial statements and complete Reports of Audit may be obtained upon request to the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

## **LITIGATION**

Upon delivery of the Refunding Bonds, the School District shall furnish an opinion of Frank P. Cavallo Jr., Esquire, of the law firm Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, the School District's solicitor ("Solicitor"), dated the date of delivery of the Refunding Bonds, to the effect that there is no litigation of any nature pending or threatened to restrain or enjoin the issuance, sale, execution or delivery of the Refunding Bonds, or in any way contesting or affecting the validity of the Refunding Bonds or any of the proceedings taken with respect to the issuance and sale thereof or the application of moneys to the payment of the Refunding Bonds. In addition, such opinion shall state that there is no litigation of any nature now pending or threatened by or against the School District wherein an adverse judgment or ruling could have a material and adverse impact on the financial condition of the School District or adversely affect the power to levy, collect and enforce the collection of taxes and other revenues for the payment of its Refunding Bonds.

## **APPROVAL OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

All legal matters incident to the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds are subject to the approval of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the School District, whose approving legal opinion will be delivered with the Refunding Bonds substantially in the form set forth as Appendix "C" hereto. Certain legal matters will be passed on for the School District by the Solicitor.

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

## **TAX MATTERS**

### **Federal**

In the opinion of Parker McCay P.A., Mount Laurel, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the School District ("Bond Counsel"), interest on the Refunding Bonds is included in gross income for Federal tax purposes.

### **New Jersey**

Bond Counsel is also of the opinion that interest on the Refunding Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently enacted and construed.

### **Changes in Federal and State Tax Law**

From time to time, there are legislative proposals in the United States Congress and in the states that, if enacted, could alter or amend the Federal and State tax matters referred to above or adversely affect the market value of the Refunding Bonds. It cannot be predicted whether or in what form any such proposals might be enacted or whether, if enacted, it would apply to bonds or notes issued prior to enactment. In addition, regulatory actions are from time to time announced or proposed and litigation is threatened or commenced which, if implemented or concluded in a particular manner, could adversely affect the market value of the Refunding Bonds.

**PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE REFUNDING BONDS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN TAX ADVISORS REGARDING ANY FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX LEGISLATION, WHETHER CURRENTLY PENDING OR PROPOSED, REGULATORY INITIATIVES OR LITIGATION. THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY BOND COUNSEL ARE BASED UPON EXISTING LAW AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY RELEVANT JUDICIAL AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AS OF THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF THE REFUNDING BONDS AND BOND COUNSEL HAS EXPRESSED NO OPINION AS OF ANY DATE SUBSEQUENT THERETO OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY PENDING LEGISLATION, REGULATORY INITIATIVES OR LITIGATION.**

## **CONTINUING DISCLOSURE**

In accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), the School District will, prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, enter into an agreement substantially in the form set forth in Appendix "D" ("Continuing Disclosure Agreement").

The Board has previously entered into continuing disclosure undertakings under the Rule. The Board appointed Phoenix Advisors, LLC in May of 2015 to act as Continuing Disclosure Agent to assist in the filing of certain information on the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access website ("EMMA") as required under its obligations.

## **CERTAIN RISK FACTORS**

### **Recent Healthcare Developments**

The outbreak of COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by a new strain of coronavirus ("Coronavirus"), which was first detected in China and has spread to other countries, including the United States, has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, a national emergency

by the President of the United States ("President") and a state of emergency by the Governor of the State ("Governor"). The spread of the Coronavirus has affected global economics and financial markets, which has led to volatility and reduced liquidity. Virtually all sectors of the United States economy, with the exception of essential services, have been reduced or shutdown resulting in significant reductions in the GDP. Additionally, unemployment in the United States has reached historic levels.

In response, and as noted above, the President declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020, which made available federal resources to combat the spread of the virus. Subsequently, the federal government has adopted multiple bills authorizing various forms of aid including, but not limited to, Medicaid expansion, unemployment benefits and paid emergency leave, immediate cash relief for individuals and a broad lending program for businesses and governmental entities. The Federal Reserve has also lowered its benchmark interest rate to nearly zero, introduced a large bond-buying program and established emergency lending and liquidity programs to banks, money market mutual funds, businesses and certain governmental entities.

The State has also taken action to assist residents effected by the Coronavirus. In particular, on March 28, 2020, the Governor announced a ninety (90) day forbearance program for mortgage payments for borrowers economically impacted by the Coronavirus. Additionally, the income tax filing deadline and the corporation business tax filing deadline has been extended from April 15 to July 15 and the State fiscal year has been extended to September 30, 2020. Further, pursuant to Executive Order 130, the Governor authorized municipalities in the State to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on June 1, 2020 for: (i) the payment of second quarter taxes for municipalities on a calendar year budget cycle; and (ii) the payment of fourth quarter taxes for municipalities on a fiscal year budget cycle. As the School District is not the primary public body responsible for the collection of taxes, it cannot control the extent to which these grace periods will be granted by the constituent municipalities within the School District, if at all. If instituted, the impact of these changes could result in short and long-term reductions in available tax and other miscellaneous revenue for the School District. As part of a planned multi-stage approach to restart the State's economy, the Governor has signed a series of executive orders beginning on April 29, 2020 permitting the resumption of certain activities. On June 9, 2020, the Governor signed Executive Orders 151 and 152, explicitly rescinding Paragraph 2 of Executive Order 107, thereby lifting the "stay-at-home" order, lifting the limits on indoor and outdoor gatherings and providing for the opening of certain outdoor recreational businesses. Additional executive orders relating to the resumption of certain activities may be executed by the Governor in the future as part of the planned multi-stage approach to restart the State's economy.

The School District cannot predict, and does not predict, the duration, severity or ultimate impact of the Coronavirus, or the intervening legislative and gubernatorial measures in response thereto, upon global, State-wide and local economies and operations, including that of the School District.

The School District is closely monitoring the spread and effects of the Coronavirus and interacts regularly with other appropriate governmental agencies in this regard, including taking such actions as it deems beneficial to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus.

## **Cyber Security**

The School District relies on a large and complex technology environment to conduct its various operations. As a result, the School District faces certain cyber security threats at various times including, but not limited to, hacking, phishing, viruses, malware and other attacks on its computing and digital networks and systems. To mitigate the risks of business operations impact and/or damage from cybersecurity incidents or cyber-attacks, the School District has invested in multiple forms of cybersecurity and operational safeguards. Specifically, the School District has an extensive security system in place, including network firewalls and established administrative rights and restrictions, with varying level of approvals, implemented entity-wide, for access to network drives and applications that

are reviewed regularly to ensure proper internal control and protections and provide relevant employees and staff with cyberattack training. The School District is currently looking into getting a better system in place. The School District has installed specific application software to train and assist employees in identifying suspicious emails. In addition, the School District maintains insurance coverage for cyberattacks and related events.

## **UNDERWRITING**

The Refunding Bonds are being purchased from the School District by PNC Capital Markets, LLC ("Underwriter"), pursuant to a bond purchase contract dated September \_\_, 2020, at a purchase price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ("Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price of the Refunding Bonds reflects a par amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_, and less an Underwriter's discount in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. The Underwriter is obligated to purchase all of the Refunding Bonds if any Refunding Bonds are purchased.

The Underwriter intends to offer the Refunding Bonds to the public initially at the offering yields set forth on the cover page of this Official Statement, which may subsequently change without any requirement of prior notice. The Underwriter reserves the right to join with dealers and other underwriters in offering the Refunding Bonds to the public. The Underwriter may offer and sell the Refunding Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing Refunding Bonds into investment trusts) at yields higher than the public offering yields set forth on the cover page, and such yields may be changed, from time to time, by the Underwriter without prior notice.

## **NO DEFAULT**

There is no record of default in the payment of the principal of or interest on the bonds or notes of the School District.

## **MUNICIPAL ADVISOR**

Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, has served as municipal advisor to the School District with respect to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds ("Municipal Advisor"). The Municipal Advisor is not obligated to undertake, and has not undertaken, either to make an independent verification of or to assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness, or fairness of the information contained in this Official Statement and the appendices hereto. The Municipal Advisor is an independent firm and is not engaged in the business of underwriting, trading or distributing municipal securities or other public securities.

## **VERIFICATION OF MATHEMATICAL COMPUTATIONS**

The accuracy of the arithmetic computations supporting the conclusion that the principal amounts of, and interest earned on, the Government Obligations to be acquired with a portion of the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds, are sufficient to pay the Redemption Price on the Redemption Date and interest on the Refunded Bonds up to the Redemption Date will be independently verified by Bowman & Company LLP, certified public accountants, Voorhees, New Jersey.

## **RATING**

S&P Global Ratings, acting through Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business ("Rating Agency"), has assigned a rating of "A" (positive outlook) to the Refunding Bonds based on the



creditworthiness of the School District. The Refunding Bonds are further secured by the New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act.

The rating reflects only the views of the Rating Agency and an explanation of the significance of such rating may only be obtained from the Rating Agency. The School District furnished to the Rating Agency certain information and materials concerning the Refunding Bonds and the School District. There can be no assurance that the rating will be maintained for any given period of time or that it may not be raised, lowered or withdrawn entirely if, in the Rating Agency's judgment, circumstances so warrant. Any downward change in or withdrawal of such rating may have an adverse effect on the marketability or market price of the Refunding Bonds.

### **PREPARATION OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

The School District hereby states that the descriptions and statements herein, including financial statements, are true and correct in all material respects and it will confirm same to the Underwriter by certificates signed by various School District officials.

All other information has been obtained from sources that the School District considers to be reliable and it makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information.

Neither Bond Counsel nor the Financial Advisor has participated in the preparation of this Official Statement, nor have such firms verified the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained herein (except under the heading "TAX MATTERS" for Bond Counsel) and, accordingly, will express no opinion with respect thereto.

Bowman & Company LLP, Voorhees, New Jersey, compiled this Official Statement from information obtained from School District management and other various sources they consider to be reliable and makes no warranty, guaranty or other representation with respect to the accuracy and completeness of such information. Bowman & Company LLP does take responsibility for the financial statements, appearing in Appendix "B" hereto, to the extent specified in the Independent Auditor's Reports.

### **LEGALITY FOR INVESTMENT**

Applicable laws of the State provide that the Refunding Bonds are legal investments for funds held by, *inter alia*, banks, savings banks, trust companies, insurance companies or associations and fiduciaries.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Inquiries regarding this Official Statement may be directed to Patricia Austin, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Eastampton Township School District, at (609) 267-9172 or the Municipal Advisor at (609) 291-0130.

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

All quotations from and summaries and explanations of provisions of laws of the State herein do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the official compilation thereof.

This Official Statement has been duly executed and delivered by the School District.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
EASTAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON,  
NEW JERSEY**

**By: \_\_\_\_\_  
PATRICIA AUSTIN,  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

**Dated: September \_\_, 2020**

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**APPENDIX A**

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**ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION RELATING TO THE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON, NEW JERSEY**

## INFORMATION ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT(1)

### History and Education

The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton (“School District”) operates under the provisions of Title 18A, of the State Statutes. It functions independently through a seven-member board, elected by the citizens in alternate three-year terms. There is presently one elementary and one middle school in use for grades kindergarten through eighth, both of which are located in one building.

Township high school students attend the Rancocas Valley Regional School District (“Regional School District”), which presently operates a high school for grades 9 through 12.

The Regional School District functions through a nine (9) member board, elected by the citizens in alternate three-year terms. The Regional School District comprises the Townships of Eastampton, Westampton, Mt. Holly, Lumberton and Hainesport. Taxes for the support of the Regional School District, are levied on the valuations in the five municipalities as equalized by the County.

### Local School District School Enrollments (10/15 of year)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
K	49	64	46	60	64
1	58	50	58	50	56
2	41	53	50	59	55
3	49	57	56	55	56
4	51	56	55	51	45
5	55	49	56	46	44
6	48	54	44	47	55
7	56	47	43	59	61
8	55	45	59	62	60
Sp. Ed.	<u>115</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>112</u>
Totals	<u>577</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>608</u>

### Present School Facilities, Enrollment and Capacity

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Date Constructed</u>	<u>Renovations/ Additions</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Enrollment 10/15/19</u>	<u>Functional Capacity</u>
Eastampton Community School	2005/06	N/A	K-8	<u>577</u>	<u>771</u>

### Local Budget History

<u>Budget Year</u>	<u>Outcome of Election</u>	<u>Amount of Current Expense</u>
2020-2021	(2)	\$9,472,285
2019-2020	(2)	9,523,831
2018-2019	(2)	9,348,104
2017-2018	(2)	9,250,008
2016-2017	(2)	9,148,967

(1) Source: Local School District Officials.

(2) Current Expense Levy was within the 2.0% State CAP, therefore an election was not required.

**Local School District Employees(1)**

	<u>June 30,</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Permanent Employees	<u>86</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>95</u>

**Local School District Employee Collective Bargaining Units(1)**

<u>Collective Bargaining Unit</u>	<u>Employees Represented</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
Education Association	73	June 30, 2021

**Compensated Absences**

School District employees who are employed for ten months are entitled to ten paid sick leave days per fiscal school year. School District employees who are employed for twelve months are entitled to twelve paid sick leave days per fiscal school year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent years. School District employees are entitled to three personal days and various vacation days per their contract which may be carried forward to subsequent years. Benefits paid in any future year will be calculated according to formulas outlined in the School Districts' agreements with the various employee unions and included in the current years' budget.

**Pension Plans**

Those School District employees who are eligible for pension coverage are enrolled in one of two pension systems established for school districts by acts of the State Legislature. Benefits, contributions, means of funding and the manner of administration are determined by the State.

**Regional High School District Enrollments(2)**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Oct. 15,</u>				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Totals	<u>2,048</u>	<u>2,047</u>	<u>2,059</u>	<u>2,086</u>	<u>2,019</u>

**HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES**

**Rowan College at Burlington County (Formerly Burlington County College)**

Rowan College at Burlington County (formerly Burlington County College) ("RCBC" or the "County College") is a comprehensive, publicly supported, coeducational, two-year institution developed by the County and the State and accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The County College was founded in October 1965 and opened in September 1969. The 225-acre main campus is located on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road in Pemberton Township, while the Mount Laurel campus opened in July 1995. The Freeholder Board sponsors the College, appointing nine of the twelve Trustees.

(1) Source: Local School District Officials.

(2) Source: Regional School District On Roll Advertised Enrollments.

In June 2015, the Rowan University Board of Trustees approved a resolution to partner with the County College thereby allowing students to obtain a bachelor's degree from Rowan University on the County College's Mount Laurel Campus. The unique partnership provides students the opportunity to seamlessly transition from the community college to the university. RCBC is the first community college in the region to offer junior-level courses as part of the "3+1" program in which students complete 75 percent of a Rowan University degree with the community college before completing their senior year at the university.

In July 2015, RCBC announced a transition from its original Pemberton Campus to the more accessible and modern Mount Laurel Campus. All of the academic programs have been moved to Mount Laurel. Located at the intersection of Route 38 and I-295, the 100-acre Mount Laurel campus is already home to the Technology and Engineering Center. Joining it as part of the transformed Mount Laurel campus is a new Health Sciences Center as well as a new Student Success Center - a 78,000 square foot, \$25.4 million state-of-the-art building that will feature a one-stop shop for student services from enrollment to academic planning, knowledge commons library, bookstore, dining area and state-of-the-art technology. This building will serve as the gateway to the newly transformed Mount Laurel campus with a total investment of \$55 million and renovation of 240,000 square feet.

RCBC's fall 2019 enrollment in academic courses was 8,493 students. In addition, the County College serves thousands of other County residents each semester through youth programs, Learning is for Everyone, workforce development, theatrical productions, guest speakers, and art exhibitions.

The Board of Trustees governs the County College and certain fiscal matters are subject to review by the Board of School Estimate. The County College is not permitted to borrow for capital expenditures. Instead, the Board of Trustees and the Board of School Estimate certify the need for funding to the Board, which either currently appropriates the amount certified or authorizes the issuance of County debt, generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law.

### **Burlington County Institute of Technology**

The Burlington County Board of Vocational Education was created by the Board in 1962 after a favorable referendum. The enrollment for the two campuses, Westampton and Medford, is 2,092 students as of June 30, 2019.

The Burlington County Institute of Technology ("BCIT") is governed by a consolidated Board of Education of the Special Services School District and the Vocational School District of the County of Burlington and certain fiscal matters are subject to the review of the Board of School Estimate. BCIT is not permitted to borrow for capital expenditures. Instead, the Board of Education and the Board of School Estimate certify the need for funding to the Board which either currently appropriates the amount certified or authorizes the issuance of County debt, generally in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law except that no down payment is required.

BCIT contributes to the County workforce each year an average of 462 high school seniors certified in one of thirty-three career and technical programs and, through its Adult School Division, approximately 760 adults who have completed either a certification or licensing program in one of the thirty-five career programs offered. The Superintendent of BCIT is the liaison between the education community of the County and business and industry.

### **Burlington County Special Services School District**

The Burlington County Special Services School District ("Special Services School District") was created by the Board in June 1972. The Special Services School District is comprised of state-of-the-art facilities located in the Townships of Westampton, Lumberton, Medford, and Mount Laurel and programs are provided for: (1) the orthopedically handicapped, the multiple handicapped, autistic and deaf and hard of hearing; (2) elementary school students with severe emotional and social problems;

(3) students ages fourteen (14) through twenty-one (21) with educational needs which are beyond the capabilities of existing local school boards and regions; and (4) trainable mentally retarded young people from ages fourteen (14) to twenty-one (21). The enrollment for the Special Services School District for the 2018-19 academic year is 590 students.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS**

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
General Fund:		
Revenues from Local Sources:		
Local Tax Levy	\$5,026,853	\$4,900,600
Tuition	13,000	13,000
Rents and Royalties	5,000	5,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	425	325
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	375	275
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues	13,800	13,000
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Subtotal	5,059,453	4,932,200
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Revenues from Intermediate Sources:		
Pilot Payments to School District	84,710	68,483
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Revenues from Federal Sources:		
Medicaid Reimbursement	19,809	19,809
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Revenues from State Sources:		
Equalization Aid	3,912,825	4,107,851
Categorical Special Education Aid	389,996	389,996
Categorical Security Aid	5,492	5,492
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Subtotal	4,308,313	4,503,339
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Total General Fund	9,472,285	9,523,831
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Special Revenue Funds:		
State Aid	21,000	21,700
Federal Aid	240,000	250,000
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Total Revenues from Federal and State Sources	261,000	271,700
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Total Special Revenue Funds	261,000	271,700
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Debt Service:		
Local Tax Levy	781,400	776,400
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Total Debt Service	781,400	776,400
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Total Revenues/Sources	<u>\$10,514,685</u>	<u>\$10,571,931</u>



## SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS

	<u>2020-2021</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
<b>Appropriations:</b>		
General Current Expense:		
Regular Programs--Instruction	\$2,680,852	\$2,655,211
Special Education-Instruction	1,194,376	1,210,624
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	36,776	106,563
School-Spon. Co-curricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	46,405	40,500
School Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	29,670	27,500
Undistributed Expenditures:		
Instruction	450,120	448,884
Health Services	143,263	136,478
Other Support Services--OT, PT and Related Services	222,393	251,570
Other Support Services--Students - Extraordinary Services	100,800	50,000
Other Support Services-Students-Guidance	147,710	135,190
Other Support Services-Students-Child Study Teams	240,625	135,051
Improvement of Instructional Services	104,817	84,048
Education Media Services - School Library	69,343	64,869
Support Services-General Administration	261,315	241,271
Support Services-School Administration	247,735	224,233
Central Services	284,617	276,117
Admin, Info Technology	147,267	137,502
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	681,138	751,905
Student Transportation Services	366,016	386,910
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	1,922,109	2,064,667
Total Undistributed Expenditures	5,389,268	5,388,695
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	375	275
Total General Current Expenses	9,377,722	9,429,368
Capital Outlay:		
Facilities, Acquisition and Construction Services	94,138	94,138
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	425	325
Total Capital Outlay	94,563	94,463
General Fund Grand Total	9,472,285	9,523,831
Special Revenue Funds:		
State Projects	21,000	21,700
Federal Projects	240,000	250,000
Total Special Revenue Funds	261,000	271,700
Debt Service Funds:		
Debt Service-Regular	781,400	776,400
Total Debt Service Funds	781,400	776,400
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	\$10,514,685	\$10,571,931

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

	Fiscal Year Ended June 30,				
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>REVENUES:</b>					
Tax Levy	\$ 5,469,459.00	\$ 5,351,631.00	\$ 5,249,440.00	\$ 5,048,261.00	\$ 4,904,377.00
Other Local Revenue	119,039.60	83,495.32	162,144.77	126,462.83	3,105.10
State Sources	6,135,897.30	6,141,786.03	5,813,707.80	5,810,707.14	5,630,615.88
Federal Sources	310,182.87	305,203.76	317,647.05	297,223.55	301,348.49
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>12,034,578.77</u>	<u>11,882,116.11</u>	<u>11,542,939.62</u>	<u>11,282,654.52</u>	<u>10,839,446.47</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>					
Instruction:					
Regular Instruction	2,609,918.73	2,569,248.02	2,542,318.00	2,674,561.52	2,554,918.41
Special Education Instruction	1,638,631.71	1,787,136.18	1,508,163.24	1,431,597.63	1,186,652.49
Other Special Instruction	68,631.16	55,883.19	54,786.36	45,125.68	145,516.92
Support Services:					
Tuition	444,979.07	416,395.50	438,963.52	448,946.70	486,044.06
Student and Instruction Related Services	977,628.56	970,349.42	974,613.93	912,092.40	960,294.91
School Administrative Services	226,974.56	217,488.82	211,267.43	221,136.71	226,039.38
Other Administrative Services	671,483.75	711,431.30	698,965.43	698,566.97	564,777.88
Plant Operations and Maintenance	708,385.92	778,947.90	772,816.74	765,931.51	862,258.19
Pupil Transportation	343,377.14	325,741.48	296,080.03	315,282.26	289,779.08
Unallocated Benefits	3,187,720.14	3,055,550.78	2,814,224.61	2,881,562.97	2,806,409.04
Debt Service:					
Principal	500,000.00	460,000.00	465,000.00	415,000.00	420,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	390,538.00	404,338.00	418,288.00	430,738.00	351,075.00
Capital Outlay	63,473.00				112,518.74
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>11,831,741.74</u>	<u>11,752,510.59</u>	<u>11,195,487.29</u>	<u>11,240,542.35</u>	<u>10,966,284.10</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>202,837.03</u>	<u>129,605.52</u>	<u>347,452.33</u>	<u>42,112.17</u>	<u>(126,837.63)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Capital Leases (Non-budgeted)					
Transfers In					0.60
Transfers Out					(0.60)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	202,837.03	129,605.52	347,452.33	42,112.17	(126,837.63)
Fund Balance - July 1	435,489.15	305,883.63	(41,568.70)	(83,680.87)	43,156.76
Fund Balance - June 30	<u>\$ 638,326.18</u>	<u>\$ 435,489.15</u>	<u>\$ 305,883.63</u>	<u>\$ (41,568.70)</u>	<u>\$ (83,680.87)</u>

Source: District Records

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HISTORICAL REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN  
NET POSITION--ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES**

	<b>For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30,</b>				
	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>					
Charges for Services:					
Daily Sales:					
Non-reimbursable Programs	\$ 61,805.45	\$ 60,101.49	\$ 64,314.07	\$ 63,936.30	\$ 67,112.72
Reimbursable Program -- School Lunch	65,048.21	71,487.55	77,294.75	75,062.42	75,987.24
Child Care Fees					25,820.00
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>126,853.66</b>	<b>131,589.04</b>	<b>141,608.82</b>	<b>138,998.72</b>	<b>168,919.96</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>					
Salaries	88,585.36	84,329.48	87,102.46	107,890.17	141,185.44
Employee Benefits	26,256.50	24,768.11	25,748.75	603.67	3,278.24
Management Fee	13,626.09	12,447.17	14,687.14	14,810.87	15,896.18
General Supplies	11,544.09	5,825.28	6,366.47	7,984.26	13,495.14
Direct Expenses				5,948.12	5,690.77
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,916.82	12,185.61	7,838.77		
Depreciation	7,541.65	7,541.67	7,541.67	7,541.67	22,721.53
Other Professional and Technical Services	23,438.52	18,261.69	16,059.37	11,489.74	10,830.39
Cost of Sales - Reimbursable Programs	52,489.63	60,056.84	62,250.79	79,820.27	91,710.91
Cost of Sales - Non-reimbursable Programs	22,685.00	14,349.00	23,599.00	15,491.00	
Activities					3,255.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>259,083.66</b>	<b>239,764.85</b>	<b>251,194.42</b>	<b>251,579.77</b>	<b>308,063.60</b>
<b>Operating Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>(132,230.00)</b>	<b>(108,175.81)</b>	<b>(109,585.60)</b>	<b>(112,581.05)</b>	<b>(139,143.64)</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>					
State Sources:					
State School Lunch Program	2,108.26	2,137.59	2,213.35	2,425.20	2,580.57
Federal Sources:					
National School Lunch Program	66,921.81	61,234.02	72,417.52	96,707.42	92,945.32
National School Breakfast Program	15,299.80	14,759.50	18,708.12		
National School Lunch Program - Commodities	12,591.13				
Food Distribution Program		15,315.61	19,860.36	21,777.73	18,471.68
Interest Revenue	645.37	667.38	252.75	79.11	22.64
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>97,566.37</b>	<b>94,114.10</b>	<b>113,452.10</b>	<b>120,989.46</b>	<b>114,020.21</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(34,663.63)</b>	<b>(14,061.71)</b>	<b>3,866.50</b>	<b>8,408.41</b>	<b>(25,123.43)</b>
<b>Net Position -- July 1</b>	<b>58,036.82</b>	<b>72,098.53</b>	<b>68,232.03</b>	<b>59,823.62</b>	<b>84,947.05</b>
<b>Net Position -- June 30</b>	<b>\$ 23,373.19</b>	<b>\$ 58,036.82</b>	<b>\$ 72,098.53</b>	<b>\$ 68,232.03</b>	<b>\$ 59,823.62</b>

Source: District Records

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE (1)**  
**BONDED DEBT ONLY**

<u>Year</u>	<u>General</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020-21	\$ 525,000	\$ 256,400	\$ 781,400
2021-22	550,000	235,400	785,400
2022-23	545,000	213,400	758,400
2023-24	595,000	191,600	786,600
2024-25	590,000	167,800	757,800
2025-26	685,000	144,200	829,200
2026-27	680,000	116,800	796,800
2027-28	730,000	89,600	819,600
2028-29	750,000	60,400	810,400
2028-29	760,000	30,400	790,400
	<u>\$ 6,410,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,506,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,916,000</u>

(1) As of June 30, 2020

Source: Township

## GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE TOWNSHIP

The Township, of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, was created by an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey on February 11, 1880. The Township was formed primarily from neighboring Westampton Township. The new municipality consisted of farmland with an industrial village called Smithville and a hamlet called Unionville. Smithville was named after its owner at the time, Hezekiah Smith, who was the principal force behind the creation of the new Township.

On December 6, 1865 Mr. Smith bought, for a sum of \$23,000, a 40+/- acre milling and cotton cloth manufacturing site known as Shreveville. The site's name was soon changed to Smithville and slowly emerged as a village with a school, store, barns, stables, smoke and slaughterhouses, workers' houses and a mansion. Surrounding farmland supplied the needs of village residents.

Between 1865 and 1878 Smithville expanded rapidly to include more offices, shops, an opera house and a lyceum. Mr. Smith's goal was to create a national industrial center and a unique workers' village.

The H.B. Smith Machine Company (incorporated 1878) would eventually manufacture 150 different styles of machines, hold patents for some 30 inventions and produce one quarter of the nation's woodworking machinery. One of its greatest successes was the "Star" bicycle. Hezekiah Smith was elected to the United States Congress in 1878. He died on November 3, 1887 at 71 years of age.

Through the second and third generations of the Smith family Smithville continued to flourish as a company town until the Great Depression. The industrial village never recovered from this downturn. The village was acquired in 1975 by the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders and became Burlington County's first park. The mansion, the annex and the village, all of which are listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, are a popular destination for County and state residents. As one example, the annual Earth Day fair draws 10,000 to 12,000 visitors.

In the 1940's the Township began to develop as a suburban community. The first wave of suburban development resulted in the construction of 230 homes between 1940 and 1959. In the period between 1960 and 1979, there were 1,014 additional homes built in the Township. In the most recent past, 1980-2000, the Township saw the construction of 975 more dwellings. It is unlikely that the Township will experience more single family residential development at this scale in the future, which is attributable to the Township's smart growth strategy including its open space and farmland preservation efforts through 1998-2004. The Township's focus will be on a mixed-use development along the Woodlane Corridor resulting in modest residential growth.

Situated in the interior of Burlington County, Eastampton is bounded on the east by Pemberton, on the south by Southampton and Lumberton, on the west by Lumberton, Mt. Holly, and Westampton, and on the north by Springfield Township. The Township's land area is 5.86 square miles. Eastampton is 20 miles south of Trenton, 30 miles east of Philadelphia and 40 miles west of the famous New Jersey shore.

The Philadelphia International Airport is within a 40-minute commute on nearby I-295.

### Township Population

2010 Federal Census	6,069
2000 Federal Census	6,202
1990 Federal Census	4,962
1980 Federal Census	3,814

**Selected Census 2018 Data(1)**

Median household income	\$100,365
Per capita income	\$38,773

**Labor Force(2)**

The following table discloses current labor force data for the Township, County and State.

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Township</b>					
Labor Force	3,449	3,404	3,423	3,418	3,436
Employment	3,344	3,285	3,282	3,278	3,258
Unemployment	105	119	141	140	178
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	3.5%	4.1%	4.1%	5.2%
<b>County</b>					
Labor Force	230,589	227,612	229,971	229,949	229,689
Employment	223,049	219,125	220,557	219,677	217,394
Unemployment	7,540	8,487	9,414	10,272	12,295
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%	5.4%
<b>State</b>					
Labor Force	4,493,100	4,432,500	4,454,700	4,473,800	4,487,300
Employment	4,333,300	4,250,800	4,248,700	4,251,200	4,227,600
Unemployment	159,800	181,700	205,900	222,600	259,700
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.1%	4.6%	5.0%	5.8%

**Business and Industry**

There is, at present, modest industrial activity in the Township. However, there are approximately 400 acres zoned for business use. Non-residential uses make up seven percent of the Township's tax base.

Most commercial activity is located in the Village Center District. Business activity in the area includes a 10,000 square foot CVS Pharmacy retail facility opened in 1999. The largest commercial property, known as the Gregories Center (70,000 +/- sq. ft.) was recently purchased and will be redeveloped into a mixed-use (retail and residential) project.

There is an industrial park in the center of the Township with improvements (road and utilities) that is subdivided into four lots. One lot is developed with a 7,000 square foot warehouse that houses a regional plumbing distributor. Applications are pending for the development of two other lots totaling 30,000 square feet of flex space.

The bulk of land available for large-scale industrial and commercial development in the Township is located along Route 206. Although the past fifteen years has seen some development in the form of warehouse space, interest in development is expected to accelerate once sewer service is available to the area.

A variety of other commercial properties are scattered throughout the municipality. The more significant of these includes a regional restaurant and banquet hall called O'Connor's and a co-generation plant powered by methane captured from a closed landfill.

(1) Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

(2) Source: New Jersey Department of Labor

As host to the aforementioned Smithville Park, the Township is working with Burlington County to on a tourism program around the historic area that will link preserved agricultural lands and local businesses.

Village Center District zoning and architectural/site design standards adopted in 2003 have resulted in applications for approximately 35,000 square feet of office, warehouse and mixed-use development in the Township.

Eastampton Place has five residential buildings containing one hundred thirty high end efficiency apartments with 5,600 square feet of commercial space.

Eastampton Place West has six residential buildings containing two hundred forty-four high end efficiency apartments, with 10,000 square feet of retail space and a 4,303 square foot clubhouse and pool.

Lennar is an age restricted community with 452 homes being building built with a 10,493 square foot clubhouse and 1,500 square foot pool. The commercial space consists of \$15,500 square feet.

Holgate is a family neighborhood consisting of fifty five townhomes and eight single family cottages.

### **Building, Zoning and Development Codes**

The Township has established development regulations governing the size of lots for various types of construction. The land requirements are based on the type and nature of the building.

The Township’s building codes conform to standards of the Uniform Construction Code of the State of New Jersey. These codes and other municipal codes are codified as a basis for improved administration and regulation.

The Township has adopted the State of New Jersey’s Municipal Land Use Law, which provides the Township’s Land Use Planning Board authority to regulate most land uses. In this way, the Township is able to guide the approximate use or development of land to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare. In 2002, the Township Council merged the Planning Board and Zoning Board into a more efficient Land Use Planning Board that could handle both development applications and variances.

### **Building Permits(1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Value of Construction</u>
2020(2)	129	\$10,020,500.00
2019	257	21,429,350.00
2018	271	7,617,225.00
2017	320	5,102,441.00
2016	327	5,059,017.01
2015	260	5,925,088.00

(1) Source: Township Construction Office.

(2) As of June 15, 2020

**TEN LARGEST NON-GOVERMENTAL EMPLOYERS IN THE TOWNSHIP**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>Employees</u>
O'Connors Bar & Grille	Restaurant	61
John & Molly's Tavern	Tavern	35
CVS	Store and Pharmacy	23
Olde World Bakery	Bakery	20
Growmark	Farming Services	17
Russo's	Restaurant	15
Michael Risoldi's Auto Repair	Auto Services	10
Epicore	Biological Laboratory	8
Boilermakers Local 28	Union	7
Flynn's Towing	Towing	7

**CERTAIN TAX INFORMATION  
TEN LARGEST REAL PROPERTY TAXPAYERS(1)**

<u>Name of Taxpayer</u>	<u>Nature of Business</u>	<u>2020 Assessed Valuation</u>
East Coast Sherwood Village, LLC	Apartment Complex	\$ 19,282,600
East Coast Eastampton Apts, LLC	Apartment Complex	14,189,500
US Home Corporation	Real Estate	2,031,400
Eastampton Place Urban Renewal LLC	Landfill Closure and Methane Production	1,952,500
Eastampton Place West Urban Renewal	Apartment Complex	1,500,000
Infosino Inc.	Restaurant	1,460,800
Pharmacy Dev-East LLC (CVS)	Retail Pharmacy	1,435,900
Inter Bro of Boilermaker Local 28, LLC	Boilermaker	1,319,500
Delorenzo Paper Stock Inc.	Rental Condos and Townhouses	1,287,200
GMK Holdings LLC	Cross Industry Business	1,272,300

**CURRENT TAX COLLECTIONS (2)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	<u>Collected in Year of Levy</u>		<u>Outstanding December 31</u>	
		<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
2019 (3) \$	14,093,432	\$ 13,988,302	99.25%	\$ 15,771	0.11%
2018	13,952,984	13,898,989	99.61%	4,588	0.03%
2017	13,380,719	13,339,236	99.69%	5,101	0.04%
2016	13,168,378	13,080,594	99.33%	9,933	0.08%
2015	13,162,557	13,104,873	99.56%	6,754	0.05%

(1) Source: Assessor's Office.

(2) Source: Annual Report of Audit, unless other indicated

(3) Source: Annual Compiled Financial Statement



**DELINQUENT TAXES (1)**

<u>Year</u>		<u>Outstanding January 1</u>	<u>Added</u>	<u>Collected</u>		<u>Other Credits</u>	<u>Outstanding December 31</u>
				<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage</u>		
2019	(3)	\$ 12,014	\$ 3,266				\$ 15,280
2018		9,575	1,750	\$ 3,899	34.43%		7,426
2017		11,480	1,000	7,756	62.14%	\$ 250	4,474
2016		6,754	250	5,457	100.00%		1,547
2015		3,382	1,025	3,118	71.72%	1,289	2,238

**TAX TITLE LIENS (1)**

<u>Year</u>		<u>Balance January 1</u>	<u>Added by Sales and Transfers</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Cancellations/ Foreclosures</u>	<u>Balance December 31</u>
2018		597,464	31,817	\$ 5,350		623,931
2017		572,995	38,180	13,711		597,464
2016		543,363	38,954	4,451	\$ 4,871	572,995
2015		510,535	34,616	1,788		543,363

**FORECLOSED PROPERTY (1)**

The Township has held no foreclosed property for the last five years.

**NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS AND  
ANNUAL TAX RATES (3)**

**Tax Rate (4)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Valuation Taxable</u>	<u>Total Rate</u>	<u>County</u>							<u>Local School</u>	<u>Regional High School District</u>
			<u>Municipal</u>	<u>Municipal Open Space</u>	<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Library</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Open Space</u>	<u>Open Space</u>		
2020	\$ 449,612,105	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2019	449,825,422	\$ 3.115	\$ 0.831	\$ 0.050	\$ 0.066	\$ 0.034	\$ 0.363	\$ 0.033	\$ 1.307	\$ 0.431	
2018	433,302,554	3.122	0.851	0.052	0.066	0.032	0.363	0.027	1.263	0.468	
2017	430,270,904	3.092	0.851	0.052	0.065	0.033	0.352	0.042	1.244	0.453	
2016	428,795,214	3.065	0.851	0.052	0.066	0.034	0.357	0.042	1.224	0.439	
2015	428,042,701	3.071	0.851	0.051	0.066	0.035	0.371	0.044	1.180	0.473	

- (1) Source: Annual Report of Audit, unless otherwise indicated
- (2) Source: Annual Compiled Financial Statement
- (3) Source: Township Tax Collector
- (4) Per \$100 of assessed valuation

**RATIO OF ASSESSED VALUATION TO TRUE VALUE  
AND TRUE VALUE PER CAPITA (1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Real Property Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of True Value</u>	<u>True Value</u>	<u>True Value per Capita</u>	<u>Population</u>	
2020	\$ 449,150,498	89.33%	\$ 502,799,169	\$ 81,836	6,144	(6) 2019 Est
2019	449,353,998	89.33%	503,026,976	81,873	6,144	(6) 2019 Est
2018	432,831,798	92.97%	465,560,716	78,259	5,949	(7) 2018 Est
2017	429,798,700	95.12%	451,848,928	75,636	5,974	(8) 2016 Est
2016	428,323,700	95.11%	450,345,600	75,384	5,974	(8) 2016 Est

**REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFICATION (1)**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Value of Land and Improvements</u>	<u>Vacant Land</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Farm</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Apartments</u>
2020	\$ 449,150,498	\$ 5,352,200	\$ 375,185,600	\$ 2,340,500	\$ 24,885,898	\$ 3,863,400	\$ 37,522,900
2019	449,353,998	7,482,200	377,053,400	2,279,100	24,632,198	3,624,400	34,282,700
2018	432,831,798	8,242,300	363,390,000	2,365,300	20,927,098	3,624,400	34,282,700
2017	429,798,700	8,248,200	361,696,500	2,374,400	19,572,500	3,624,400	34,282,700
2016	428,323,700	4,752,400	363,860,200	1,280,100	20,523,900	3,624,400	34,282,700

- (1) Source: State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation  
(2) Based on Estimated Census 2019  
(3) Based on Estimated Census 2018  
(4) Based on Estimated Census 2016  
(5) Source: Township Tax Assessor

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON  
STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

The following table summarizes the direct debt of the Township of Eastampton as of December 31, 2019 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey (N.J.S.A. 40A:2-2- et.seq.). The gross debt comprises short and long-term debt issued and debt authorized but not issued, including General debt and debt of the Township of Eastampton School District and Rancocas Valley Regional High School District. Deductions from gross debt to arrive at net debt include deductible school debt. The resulting net debt of \$7,391,360 represents 1.56% of the average of equalized valuations for the Township for the last three years, within the 3.5% limit imposed by N.J.S.A. 40A:2-6.

	Debt Issued		Deductions		
	<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Gross Debt</u>	<u>School Debt</u>	<u>Net Debt</u>
General	\$ 3,780,000	\$ 3,611,360	\$ 7,391,360		\$ 7,391,360
School - Local	6,910,000		6,910,000	\$ 6,910,000	
School - Regional	3,409,427		3,409,427	3,409,427	
	<u>\$ 14,099,427</u>	<u>\$ 3,611,360</u>	<u>\$ 17,710,787</u>	<u>\$ 10,319,427</u>	<u>\$ 7,391,360</u>

Source: Township Chief Financial Officer  
As of: December 31, 2019

## DEBT RATIOS AND VALUATIONS (1) (2)

Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2017, 2018 and 2019	\$ 473,478,873
Statutory Net Debt as a Percentage of the Average of Equalized Valuations of Real Property with Improvements for 2017, 2018 and 2019	1.56%
2020 Net Valuation Taxable	\$ 449,612,105
2020 Equalized Valuation of Real Property and Taxable Persona Property Used in Communications	\$ 503,260,776
Gross Debt (3):	
As a percentage of 2020 Net Valuation Taxable	3.94%
As a percentage of 2020 Equalized Valuations	3.52%
Net Debt (3):	
As a percentage of 2020 Net Valuation Taxable	1.64%
As a percentage of 2020 Equalized Valuations	1.47%
Gross Debt Per Capita (4)	\$ 2,883
Net Debt Per Capita (4)	1,203

## TOWNSHIP BORROWING CAPACITY(1) (2)

3.5% of Averaged (2017-2019) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$473,478,873)	\$ 16,571,761
Net Debt	<u>7,391,360</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u><u>\$ 9,180,401</u></u>

## LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BORROWING CAPACITY(1) (2)

3% of Averaged (2017-2019) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$473,478,873)	\$ 14,204,366
Local School Debt	<u>6,910,000</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u><u>\$ 7,294,366</u></u>

## REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT(1) (2)

3% of Averaged (2017-2019) Equalized Valuation of Real Property including Improvements (\$4,516,303,542)	\$ 135,489,106
Regional School Debt (5)	<u>32,521,981</u>
Remaining Borrowing Capacity	<u><u>\$ 102,967,125</u></u>

(1) As of December 31, 2019

(2) Source: Township Audit Report

(3) Excluding overlapping debt

(4) Based on 2019 Estimate from New Jersey Department of Labor of 6,144

(5) Debt portion allocated to the Township is \$3,409,427

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON  
OVERLAPPING DEBT  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019**

	<u>Debt Issued</u>				<b>Debt Authorized but not Issued</b>
	<u>Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding</u>	<u>Net Debt Outstanding Allocated to the Issuer</u>	
County of Burlington:					
General	\$ 225,498,573	\$ 20,051,390 (1)	\$ 205,447,183	\$ 2,075,017 (2)	\$ 15,863,827
Bonds Issued by Other Public Bodies Guaranteed by the County	409,610,800	409,610,800 (3)			
Solid Waste Utility	43,985,000	43,985,000			2,526,193
	<u>\$ 679,094,373</u>	<u>\$ 473,647,190</u>	<u>\$ 205,447,183</u>	<u>\$ 2,075,017</u>	<u>\$ 18,390,020</u>

- (1) Includes cash on hand, accounts receivable and County College Bonds paid with State Aid.  
(2) Such debt is allocated as a proportion of the Issuer's share of the total 2019 Net Valuations on which County taxes are apportioned, which is 1.01%.  
(3) Deductible in accordance with N.J.S. 40:37A-80.

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**APPENDIX B**

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON,  
IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

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**FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Township of Eastampton School District  
Eastampton, New Jersey 08060

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Eastampton School District, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Eastampton School District, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



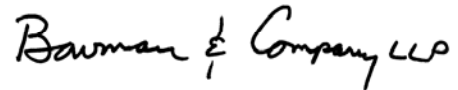
## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the School District's pension contributions, and schedule of changes in the School District's total OPEB liability and related ratios, as listed 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.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Eastampton School District's basic financial statements. The School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, includes certain required supplementary information and other information, that is not included with this presentation of the basic financial statements.



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## TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2019

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 497,076.05	\$ 18,399.29	\$ 515,475.34
Receivables, net	141,250.05	5,542.86	146,792.91
Inventory		5,987.36	5,987.36
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	23,890.12		23,890.12
Capital Assets, net (Note 6)	<u>19,642,252.49</u>		<u>19,642,252.49</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>20,304,468.71</u>	<u>29,929.51</u>	<u>20,334,398.22</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Related to Pensions (Note 9)	<u>587,764.00</u>		<u>587,764.00</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>Accounts Payable:</b>			
Related to Pensions	113,534.00		113,534.00
Payable to State Government	20,906.28		20,906.28
Accrued Interest	93,668.89		93,668.89
Unearned Revenue	2,983.76	6,556.32	9,540.08
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 7):</b>			
Due within One Year	528,700.81		528,700.81
Due beyond One Year	<u>8,962,610.91</u>		<u>8,962,610.91</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>9,722,404.65</u>	<u>6,556.32</u>	<u>9,728,960.97</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Related to Pensions (Note 9)	<u>1,355,972.00</u>		<u>1,355,972.00</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	12,732,252.49		12,732,252.49
<b>Restricted for:</b>			
Debt Service	0.08		0.08
Capital Projects	361,079.12		361,079.12
Maintenance	355,066.59		355,066.59
Other	4,619.39		4,619.39
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(3,639,161.61)</u>	<u>23,373.19</u>	<u>(3,615,788.42)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 9,813,856.06</u>	<u>\$ 23,373.19</u>	<u>\$ 9,837,229.25</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 3,164,507.13	\$ 64,526.68	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,099,980.45)	\$ -	\$ (3,099,980.45)
Special Education	1,638,631.71		273,576.00		(1,365,055.71)		(1,365,055.71)
Other Special Instruction	68,631.16				(68,631.16)		(68,631.16)
Support Services:							
Tuition	444,979.07				(444,979.07)		(444,979.07)
Student and Instruction Related Services	977,628.56		77,648.20		(899,980.36)		(899,980.36)
School Administrative Services	226,974.56				(226,974.56)		(226,974.56)
General and Business Administrative Services	702,156.65				(702,156.65)		(702,156.65)
Plant Operations and Maintenance	749,107.06				(749,107.06)		(749,107.06)
Pupil Transportation	343,377.14				(343,377.14)		(343,377.14)
Unallocated Benefits	4,433,190.71		2,839,442.58		(1,593,748.13)		(1,593,748.13)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	383,760.22				(383,760.22)		(383,760.22)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>13,132,943.97</b>	<b>64,526.68</b>	<b>3,190,666.78</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,877,750.51)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(9,877,750.51)</b>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>							
Food Service	259,083.66	126,853.66	96,921.00			(35,309.00)	(35,309.00)
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>259,083.66</b>	<b>126,853.66</b>	<b>96,921.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(35,309.00)</b>	<b>(35,309.00)</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>\$ 13,392,027.63</b>	<b>\$ 191,380.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,287,587.78</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(9,877,750.51)</b>	<b>(35,309.00)</b>	<b>(9,913,059.51)</b>
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, net					4,673,060.00		4,673,060.00
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service					796,399.00		796,399.00
Federal and State Aid not Restricted					4,642,821.39		4,642,821.39
Miscellaneous Income					54,512.92	645.37	55,158.29
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>10,166,793.31</b>	<b>645.37</b>	<b>10,167,438.68</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>					<b>289,042.80</b>	<b>(34,663.63)</b>	<b>254,379.17</b>
<b>Net Position -- July 1</b>					<b>9,524,813.26</b>	<b>58,036.82</b>	<b>9,582,850.08</b>
<b>Net Position -- June 30</b>					<b>\$ 9,813,856.06</b>	<b>\$ 23,373.19</b>	<b>\$ 9,837,229.25</b>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Governmental Funds  
 Balance Sheet  
 June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 497,076.05	\$ 23,890.04	\$ 0.08	\$ 520,966.17
Receivables, net:				
Interfunds Receivable:				
Fiduciary Fund - Payroll	14,269.44			14,269.44
Receivables from Other Governments:				
State of NJ -- FICA	14,581.93			14,581.93
State of NJ -- Homeless Tuition	21,062.00			21,062.00
State of NJ -- Transportation Aid	3,770.00			3,770.00
State of NJ -- Extraordinary Aid	84,809.00			84,809.00
Other Receivables	<u>2,757.68</u>			<u>2,757.68</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 638,326.10</u>	<u>\$ 23,890.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 662,216.22</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Unearned Revenue		2,983.76		2,983.76
Payable to Federal and State Government		<u>20,906.28</u>		<u>20,906.28</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,890.04</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,890.04</u>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Restricted:</b>				
Capital Reserve	361,079.12			361,079.12
Maintenance Reserve	355,066.59			355,066.59
Debt Service			0.08	0.08
Federal Impact Aid Reserve	4,619.39			4,619.39
<b>Assigned:</b>				
Other Purposes	1,970.00			1,970.00
<b>Unassigned:</b>				
General Fund (Deficit)	<u>(84,409.00)</u>			<u>(84,409.00)</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>638,326.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>638,326.18</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 638,326.10</u>	<u>\$ 23,890.04</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$31,746,055.72, and the accumulated depreciation is \$12,103,803.23.				19,642,252.49
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.				(7,101,338.72)
Interest on long term debt is accrued on the Statement of Net Position regardless when due.				(93,668.89)
Net Pension Liability				(2,389,973.00)
Accounts Payable related to the April 1, 2020 Required PERS pension contribution that is not to be liquidated with current financial resources.				(113,534.00)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to Pensions				587,764.00
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to Pensions				<u>(1,355,972.00)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities				<u>\$ 9,813,856.06</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Governmental Funds  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	\$ 4,673,060.00	\$ -	\$ 796,399.00	\$ 5,469,459.00
Miscellaneous	119,039.60			119,039.60
State Sources	6,090,236.58	45,660.72		6,135,897.30
Federal Sources	4,619.39	305,563.48		310,182.87
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,886,955.57</b>	<b>351,224.20</b>	<b>796,399.00</b>	<b>12,034,578.77</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Regular Instruction	2,609,918.73			2,609,918.73
Special Education Instruction	1,365,055.71	273,576.00		1,638,631.71
Other Special Instruction	68,631.16			68,631.16
Support Services and Undistributed Costs:				
Tuition	444,979.07			444,979.07
Student and Instruction Related Services	899,980.36	77,648.20		977,628.56
School Administrative Services	226,974.56			226,974.56
Other Administrative Services	671,483.75			671,483.75
Plant Operations and Maintenance	708,385.92			708,385.92
Pupil Transportation	343,377.14			343,377.14
Unallocated Benefits	3,187,720.14			3,187,720.14
Debt Service:				
Principal			500,000.00	500,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	94,138.00		296,400.00	390,538.00
Capital Outlay	63,473.00			63,473.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>10,684,117.54</b>	<b>351,224.20</b>	<b>796,400.00</b>	<b>11,831,741.74</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>202,838.03</b>		<b>(1.00)</b>	<b>202,837.03</b>
Fund Balance -- July 1	435,488.07	-	1.08	435,489.15
Fund Balance -- June 30	<u>\$ 638,326.10</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 0.08</u>	<u>\$ 638,326.18</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
 and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	202,837.03
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:		
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.</p>		
Deprecation Expense	\$	(625,982.44)
Capital Outlays	<u>63,473.00</u>	<u>\$ (562,509.44)</u>
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities		500,000.00
In the statement of activities, interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities is accrued, regardless of when due. In the governmental funds, interest is reported when due. The decrease in accrued interest is an addition in the reconciliation. (+)		6,777.78
In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is reduction in the reconciliation (-);when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).		(8,746.56)
Governmental funds report School District pension contributions as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned is reported as pension expense. This is the amount by which pension benefits earned exceeded the School District's pension contributions in the current period.		<u>150,683.99</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$</u>	<u>289,042.80</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Net Position  
 June 30, 2019

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 18,399.29
Accounts Receivable:	
State	135.06
Federal	5,407.80
Inventories	5,987.36
Total Current Assets	29,929.51
Noncurrent Assets:	
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	96,106.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(96,106.00)
Total Noncurrent Assets	-
Total Assets	29,929.51
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Unearned Revenue - Commodities	2,733.73
Unearned Revenue - Student Deposits	3,822.59
Total Current Liabilities	6,556.32
<b>NET POSITION:</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 23,373.19

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	
Charges for Services:	
Daily Sales:	
Non-reimbursable Programs	\$ 61,805.45
Reimbursable Program -- School Lunch	65,048.21
	65,048.21
Total Operating Revenues	126,853.66
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Salaries	88,585.36
Employee Benefits	26,256.50
Management Fee	13,626.09
General Supplies	11,544.09
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,916.82
Depreciation	7,541.65
Other Professional and Technical Services	23,438.52
Cost of Sales - Reimbursable Programs	52,489.63
Cost of Sales - Non-reimbursable Programs	22,685.00
	22,685.00
Total Operating Expenses	259,083.66
Operating Income / (Loss)	(132,230.00)
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>	
State Sources:	
State School Lunch Program	2,108.26
Federal Sources:	
National School Lunch Program	66,921.81
National School Breakfast Program	15,299.80
National School Lunch Program - Commodities	12,591.13
Interest Revenue	645.37
	645.37
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	97,566.37
Change in Net Position	(34,663.63)
Net Position -- July 1	58,036.82
Net Position -- June 30	\$ 23,373.19

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Cash Flows  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 127,242.93
Payments to Management Company	(114,841.86)
Payments to Employees	(120,694.16)
	(108,293.09)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
State Sources	2,135.13
Federal Sources	83,063.13
	85,198.26
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Interest Revenue	645.37
	(22,449.46)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(22,449.46)
Cash and Cash Equivalents -- July 1	40,848.75
	\$ 18,399.29
	\$ 18,399.29
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (132,230.00)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and Net Amortization	7,541.65
Food Distribution Program	12,591.13
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	681.13
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	3,123.00
	23,936.91
Total Adjustments	23,936.91
Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities	\$ (108,293.09)

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Fiduciary Funds  
 Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
 June 30, 2019

	Agency Funds	
	Student Activity	Payroll
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 7,734.92	\$ 21,298.23
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Interfund Accounts Payable:		
Due General Fund	\$ -	\$ 14,269.44
Payable to Student Groups	7,734.92	
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		7,028.79
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,734.92	\$ 21,298.23

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019

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**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Township of Eastampton School District (the "School District") have been prepared to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant of these policies.

**Description of the Financial Reporting Entity**

The School District is a Type II district located in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. As a Type II district, the School District functions independently through a Board of Education (the "Board"). The Board is comprised of nine members elected to three-year terms. These terms are staggered so that three member's terms expire each year. The Superintendent is appointed by the Board to act as executive officer of the School District. The purpose of the School District is to educate students in grades K through 8 at its one school. The School District has an approximate enrollment at June 30, 2019 of 593.

The primary criterion for including activities within the School District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the School District. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The financial statements include all funds of the School District over which the Board exercises operating control.

**Component Units**

In evaluating how to define the School District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statements No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, and GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in-substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and / or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Component Units (Cont'd)**

Based upon the application of these criteria, the School District has no component units.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. It is the policy of the School District to not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

In regards to the fund financial statements, the School District segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. The Burlington County Board of Taxation is responsible for the assessment of properties, and the respective municipal tax collector is responsible for the collection of property taxes. Assessments are certified and property taxes are levied on January 1. Property tax payments are due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Unpaid property taxes are considered delinquent the following January 1 and are then subject to municipal lien. In accordance with New Jersey State Statute, the School District is entitled to receive moneys under an established payment schedule, and any unpaid amount is considered as an accounts receivable. The governing body of each municipality is required to pay over to the School District, within forty (40) days after the beginning of the school year, twenty percent (20%) of the moneys from school tax due. Thereafter, but prior to the last day of the school year, the municipality must pay the balance of moneys from school tax due for school purposes in such amounts as requested, with certain limitations, from time to time by the School District, within thirty days after each request.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are deemed both available and measurable. Available means when revenues are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty (60) days of the end of the current fiscal year. Measurable means that the amount of revenue can be determined. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, tuition, reimbursable-type grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal year. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School District.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The general fund is the primary operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment classified in the capital outlay sub-fund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the School District includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as they pertain to governmental entities, state that general fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey aid, ad valorem tax revenues, and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those which result in the acquisition of or additions to capital assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to, or remodeling of buildings, and the purchase of built-in equipment.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The special revenue fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**Debt Service Fund** - The debt service fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing organizations and activities, which are operated and financed in a manner similar to those found in the private sector. The measurement focus is upon the determination of net income. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All items not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

The School District reports the following major proprietary funds:

**Enterprise Funds**

**Food Service Fund** - This fund accounts for the financial transactions related to the food service operations of the School District.

Additionally, the School District reports the following fund types.

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School District on behalf of outside related organizations or on behalf of other funds within the School District. The fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds.

The School District maintains the following fiduciary funds:

**Agency Funds** - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and / or other funds (i.e., payroll and student activities). The School District retains no equity interest in these funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District maintains the following agency funds: student activity fund and payroll fund.

As a general rule, the effect of internal/interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all property taxes.

**Budgets / Budgetary Control**

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each fiscal year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds, and are submitted to the county office of education. In accordance with P.L. 2011, c. 202, the School District passed a resolution to move the school board election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, starting in November of 2012, to be held simultaneously with the general election. As a result, a vote is not required on the School District's general fund tax levy for the budget year, other than the general fund tax levy required to support a proposal for additional funds, if any. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by school board resolution at any time during the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Budgets / Budgetary Control (Cont'd)**

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the one or more June state aid payments for budgetary purposes only, and the special revenue fund. N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, school districts must record the delayed one or more June state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The bill provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the budgetary basis. The budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The budget, as detailed on exhibit C-1, exhibit C-2, and exhibit I-3, includes all amendments to the adopted budget, if any.

Exhibit C-3 presents a reconciliation of the general fund revenues and special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting, as presented in the general fund budgetary comparison schedule and the special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedule, to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. Note that the School District does not report encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end as expenditures in the general fund since the general fund budget follows the modified accrual basis of accounting, with the exception of the aforementioned revenue recognition policy for the one or more June state aid payments.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to assign a portion of the applicable appropriation, is utilized for budgetary control purposes. Encumbrances are a component of fund balance at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities, but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Open encumbrances in the governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, which have not been previously restricted, committed, or assigned, should be included within committed or assigned fund balance, as appropriate.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, however, for which the School District has received advances of grant awards, are reflected on the balance sheet as unearned revenues at fiscal year-end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

**Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents, for all funds, include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Such is the definition of cash and cash equivalents used in the statement of cash flows for the proprietary funds. U.S. treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments (Cont'd)**

New Jersey school districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

**Inventories**

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market. The costs are determined on a first-in, first-out method.

The cost of inventories in the governmental fund financial statements is recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Inventories recorded on the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

**Tuition Receivable**

Tuition charges were established by the School District based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs are determined.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid expenses recorded on the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2019. The School District had no prepaid expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

In the governmental fund financial statements, however, payments for prepaid items are fully recognized as expenditures in the fiscal year of payment. No asset for the prepayment is created, and no expenditure allocation to future accounting periods is required (*non-allocation method*). This is consistent with the basic governmental concept that only expendable financial resources are reported by a specific fund.

**Short-Term Interfund Receivables / Payables**

Short-term interfund receivables / payables (internal balances) represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to / from a particular fund within the School District, and that are due within one year. Such balances are eliminated in the statement of net position to minimize the grossing up of internal balances, thus leaving a net amount due between the governmental and business-type activities that are eliminated in the total government column. Balances with fiduciary activities are not considered to be internal balances; therefore, such balances appear on the statement of net position as accounts receivable.



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Capital Assets**

Capital assets represent the cumulative amount of capital assets owned by the School District. Purchased capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements and are capitalized at cost on the government-wide statement of net position and proprietary fund statement of net position. In the case of gifts or contributions, such capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the time received.

The School District's capitalization threshold is \$2,000.00. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred. All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 15 Years
Buildings and Improvements	50 Years
Land Improvements	20 Years

The School District does not possess any infrastructure assets.

**Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The statement of net position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, reported after total assets, represents a reduction of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) at that time. Deferred inflows of resources, reported after total liabilities, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) at that time.

Transactions are classified as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources only when specifically prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. The School District is required to report the following as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources: defined benefit pension plans.

**Tuition Payable**

Tuition charges for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018 were based on rates established by the receiving district. These rates are subject to change when the actual costs have been determined.

**Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied and is recorded as a liability until the revenue is both measurable and the School District is eligible to realize the revenue.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences are payments to employees for accumulated time such as paid vacation, paid holidays, sick pay, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that is attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the School District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the School District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

The School District uses the vesting to calculate the compensated absences amount. The entire compensated absence liability, including the employer's share of applicable taxes, is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The portion related to employees in the proprietary funds is recorded at the fund level. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following fiscal year. Expenditures are recognized in the governmental funds as payments come due each period, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Compensated absences not recorded at the fund level represent a reconciling item between the fund level and government-wide presentations.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner, and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

**Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between the summation of assets and deferred outflows of resources, and the summation of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is classified into the following three components:

***Net Investment in Capital Assets*** - This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

***Restricted*** - Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

***Unrestricted*** - Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

The School District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Fund Balance**

The School District reports fund balance in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The School District's classifications, and policies for determining such classifications, are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as inventories and prepaid amounts.

***Restricted*** - The restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources either by being (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

***Committed*** - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, which, for the School District, is the Board of Education. Such formal action consists of an affirmative vote by the Board of Education, memorialized by the adoption of a resolution. Once committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes, or changes, the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

***Assigned*** - The assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. *Intent* is expressed by either the Board of Education or by the business administrator, to which the Board of Education has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Such authority of the business administrator is established by way of a formal job description for the position and standard operating procedures, approved by the Board of Education

***Unassigned*** - The unassigned fund balance classification is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, it is the policy of the School District to spend restricted fund balances first. Moreover, when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, it is the policy of the School District to spend fund balances, if appropriate, in the following order: committed, assigned, then unassigned.

**Interfund Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures / expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources / uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues / expenses in proprietary funds. Reimbursements from funds responsible for particular expenditures / expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Accounting 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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles****Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

The GASB has issued the following Statements that will become effective for the School District for fiscal years ending after June 30, 2019:

Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The Statement will become effective for the School District in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the basic financial statements of the School District.

Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The Statement will become effective for the School District in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the basic financial statements of the School District

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits might not be recovered. Although the School District does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000.00 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the School District in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled agency funds such as salary withholdings, and student activity funds, or funds that may pass to the School District relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized.

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (CONT'D)**

As of June 30, 2019, the School District's bank balances of \$776,546.25 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 727,705.45
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>48,840.80</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 776,546.25</u></u>

**Note 3: CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

A capital reserve account was established by the School District by inclusion of \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 1999 for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the capital reserve account are restricted to capital projects in the School District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP"). Upon submission of the LRFP to the Department, a school district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at fiscal year-end (June 1 to June 30) of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts, or both. A school district may also appropriate additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained by either a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(g), the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2018	\$ 314,477.59
Increased by:	
Interest Earnings	\$ 548.15
Deposits:	
Board Resolution June 18, 2019	<u>46,053.38</u>
	<u>46,601.53</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2019	<u><u>\$ 361,079.12</u></u>

The June 30, 2019 LRFP balance of local support costs of uncompleted projects at June 30, 2019 is \$761,000.00. The withdrawals from the capital reserve were for use in a Department of Education approved facilities projects, consistent with the School District's LRFP.

**Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2019 consisted of accounts (fees for services) and intergovernmental awards / grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of federal and state programs, the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds, and the regulated budgetary control of governmental entities in New Jersey.

**Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE (CONT'D)**

Accounts receivable as of fiscal year end for the School District's individual major and fiduciary funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>		<u>Proprietary Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Food Service Fund</u>	<u>Total Business-Type Activities</u>	
Federal Awards	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,407.80	\$ 5,407.80	\$ 5,407.80
State Awards	124,222.93	124,222.93	135.06	135.06	124,357.99
Tuition Charges	2,757.68	2,757.68			2,757.68
Fiduciary Fund	14,269.44	14,269.44			14,269.44
	<u>\$ 141,250.05</u>	<u>\$ 141,250.05</u>	<u>\$ 5,542.86</u>	<u>\$ 5,542.86</u>	<u>\$ 146,792.91</u>

**Note 5: INVENTORY**

Inventory recorded at June 30, 2019 in business-type activities on the government-wide statement of net position, and on the food service enterprise fund statement of net position, consisted of the following:

Food	\$ 4,800.03
Supplies	<u>1,187.33</u>
	<u>\$ 5,987.36</u>

**Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 is as follows:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2019</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 624,780.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 624,780.00
Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated	<u>624,780.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624,780.00</u>
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	97,244.80	63,473.00	(3,000.00)	157,717.80
Buildings and Improvements	30,672,897.05			30,672,897.05
Land Improvements	290,660.87			290,660.87
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	<u>31,060,802.72</u>	<u>63,473.00</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>	<u>31,121,275.72</u>
Total Capital Assets, Cost	<u>31,685,582.72</u>	<u>63,473.00</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>	<u>31,746,055.72</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(93,462.31)	(10,912.31)	3,000.00	(101,374.62)
Buildings and Improvements	(11,118,527.40)	(613,457.94)		(11,731,985.34)
Land Improvements	(268,831.08)	(1,612.19)		(270,443.27)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(11,480,820.79)</u>	<u>(625,982.44)</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>(12,103,803.23)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, Net	<u>19,579,981.93</u>	<u>(562,509.44)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,017,472.49</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 20,204,761.93</u>	<u>\$ (562,509.44)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 19,642,252.49</u>
	<u><b>Balance July 1, 2018</b></u>	<u><b>Increases</b></u>	<u><b>Decreases</b></u>	<u><b>Balance June 30, 2019</b></u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 96,106.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,106.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(88,564.34)	(7,541.66)		(96,106.00)
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 7,541.66</u>	<u>\$ (7,541.66)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT'D)**

Depreciation expense was charged to functions / programs of the School District as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
Regular Instruction	\$ 554,588.40
Other Administrative Services	30,672.90
Plant Operations and Maintenance	<u>40,721.14</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 625,982.44</u>
 <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>	
Food Service	<u>\$ 7,541.66</u>

**Note 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations for governmental activities:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>Due within</u> <u>One Year</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Bonds Payable:					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,410,000.00	\$ -	\$ (500,000.00)	\$ 6,910,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Other Liabilities:					
Compensated Absences	182,592.15	130,405.77	(121,659.20)	191,338.72	28,700.81
Net Pension Liability (note 9)	<u>2,981,864.00</u>	<u>1,635,089.00</u>	<u>(2,226,980.00)</u>	<u>2,389,973.00</u>	
Total Other Liabilities	<u>3,164,456.15</u>	<u>1,765,494.77</u>	<u>(2,348,639.20)</u>	<u>2,581,311.72</u>	<u>28,700.81</u>
Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 10,574,456.15</u>	<u>\$ 1,765,494.77</u>	<u>\$ (2,848,639.20)</u>	<u>\$ 9,491,311.72</u>	<u>\$ 528,700.81</u>

The bonds payable are generally liquidated by the debt service fund, while the, compensated absences, net pension liability, are liquidated by the general fund.

**Bonds Payable** - Bonds and loans are authorized in accordance with State law by the voters of the municipality through referendums. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the School District are general obligation bonds.

On March 3, 2005, the School District issued \$11,130,000.00 general obligation bonds at interest rates varying from 4.25% to 4.50% for various construction and renovation projects. However, these bonds were refunded on June 20, 2012 at interest rates varying from 2.00% to 4.00%. The final maturity of these bonds is March 1, 2030. The bonds will be paid from property taxes.



**Note 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**

**Bonds Payable (Cont'd)** - Principal and interest due on bonds outstanding is as follows:

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>Ending June 30,</u></b>	<b><u>Principal</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2020	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 276,400.00	\$ 776,400.00
2021	525,000.00	256,400.00	781,400.00
2022	550,000.00	235,400.00	785,400.00
2023	545,000.00	213,400.00	758,400.00
2024	595,000.00	191,600.00	786,600.00
2025-2029	3,435,000.00	578,800.00	4,013,800.00
2030	<u>760,000.00</u>	<u>30,400.00</u>	<u>790,400.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 6,910,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,782,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,692,400.00</u>

**Compensated Absences** - As previously stated, compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. Refer to note 13 for a description of the School District's policy.

**Net Pension Liability** - For details on the net pension liability, refer to note 9. The School District's annual required contribution to the Public Employees' Retirement System is budgeted and paid from the general fund on an annual basis.

**Note 8: OPERATING LEASES**

At June 30, 2019, the School District had operating lease agreements in effect for copy machines, the phone system, and a postage meter. The present value of the future minimum rental payments under the operating lease agreements are as follows:

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>Ending June 30,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2020	\$ 25,662.63
2021	<u>432.00</u>
	<u>\$ 26,094.63</u>

Rental payments under operating leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were \$62,292.55.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS**

A substantial number of the School District's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). In addition, several School District employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, which is a defined contribution pension plan. This Plan is administered by Prudential Financial for the Division. Each Plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about the PERS and TPAF plan's fiduciary net position which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
P.O. Box 295  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295  
<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

**General Information about the Pension Plans****Plan Descriptions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a special funding situation, which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66. The State of New Jersey (the "State") is responsible to fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. The TPAF's designated purpose is to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the TPAF is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified. The TPAF's Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the TPAF.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS' designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the School District, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pensions fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. The PERS Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PERS.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007, and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are employees enrolled in TPAF or PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees enrolled in New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually; and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts. The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

**Tier Definition**

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 21, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll after May 21, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 before age 65 with 30 years or more of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for his/her respective tier.

Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of the PERS.

The membership tiers for PERS are the same as previously noted for TPAF.

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more service credit before age 62 and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Cont'd)**

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and nonforfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and nonforfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

**Contributions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years beginning in July 2012. The member contribution rate was 7.50% in State fiscal year 2019. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rate takes place in July of each subsequent State fiscal year. The State's contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2018, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

Under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on-behalf of the School District and all other related non-contributing employers. No normal or accrued liability contribution by the School District has been required over several preceding fiscal years. These on-behalf contributions by the State of New Jersey are considered a special funding situation, under the definition of GASB 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*.

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was 15.66% of the School District's covered payroll, of which 0.00% of payroll was required from the School District and 100.00% of payroll was required from the State of New Jersey. The School District was not required to make any contributions to the pension plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 because of the 100.00% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey.

Based on the most recent TPAF measurement date of June 30, 2018, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the School District, to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was \$642,344.00, and was paid by April 1, 2019. School District employee contributions to the Plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were \$311,424.70.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Members contribute at a uniform rate. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over seven years beginning in July 2012. The member contribution rate was 7.50% in State fiscal year 2019. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rate takes place in July of each subsequent State fiscal year. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (Chapter 366, P.L. 2001) was 10%. Employer contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)** - The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was 14.51% of the School District's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2018, the School District's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 was \$120,737.00, and was paid by April 1, 2019. School District employee contributions to the Plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 were \$58,855.29.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, Plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the School District contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period, to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, employee contributions totaled \$1,215.18, and the School District recognized pension expense, which equaled the required contributions, of \$894.82. There were no forfeitures during the fiscal year.

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

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - At June 30, 2019, the School District was not required to report a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a 100% special funding situation by the State of New Jersey.

The State's proportionate share of net pension liability, attributable to the School District is as follows:

School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$	-
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the School District		27,033,027.00
	\$	<u>27,033,027.00</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2018. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the School District proportion was 0.00% due to the 100% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability associated with the School District was .0424928325%, which was an increase of .0030053216% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (Cont'd)** - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District recognized \$1,575,931.00 in pension expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State of New Jersey on-behalf TPAF pension contributions. This pension expense and revenue was based on the pension plans June 30, 2018 measurement date.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - At June 30, 2019, the School District reported a liability of \$2,389,973.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2018. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the School District's proportion was .0121383132%, which was a decrease of .0006712584% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District recognized pension expense of (\$29,945.00), in the government-wide financial statements. This pension expense was based on the pension plans June 30, 2018 measurement date.

At June 30, 2019, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 45,577.00	\$ 12,323.00
Changes of Assumptions	393,828.00	764,186.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	-	22,418.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	34,825.00	557,045.00
School District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	113,534.00	-
	<u>\$ 587,764.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,355,972.00</u>

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)** - \$113,534.00, included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending June 30,</b>	
2020	\$ (145,845.00)
2021	(188,358.00)
2022	(286,673.00)
2023	(198,213.00)
2024	<u>(62,653.00)</u>
	<u>\$ (881,742.00)</u>

The amortization of the above other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	5.48	-
June 30, 2018	-	5.63
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.48
June 30, 2018	-	5.63
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	5.00
June 30, 2015	5.00	-
June 30, 2016	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.00
June 30, 2018	-	5.00
Changes in Proportion and Differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	6.44
June 30, 2015	5.72	5.72
June 30, 2016	5.57	5.57
June 30, 2017	5.48	5.48
June 30, 2018	5.63	5.63

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2017. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2018. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<b><u>TPAF</u></b>	<b><u>PERS</u></b>
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%
Salary Increases:		
Through 2026	1.55% - 4.15% Based on Yrs. of Service	1.65% - 4.15% Based on Age
Thereafter	2.00% - 5.45% Based on Yrs. of Service	2.65% - 5.15% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014

For TPAF, pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Employee White Collar Mortality Tables, set back 3 years for males and 5 years for females, projected on a generational basis from a base year of 2006 using a 60-year average of improvement rates based on Social Security data from 1953 to 2013. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Healthy Annuitant White Collar Mortality Tables, with adjustments as described in the latest experience study, projected on a generational basis from a base year of 2006 using a 60-year average of improvement rates based on Social Security data from 1953 to 2013. Disability mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables with rates adjusted by 90%. No mortality improvement is assumed for disabled retiree mortality.

For PERS, preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Preretirement Mortality Table for male and female active participants. For State employees, mortality tables are set back 4 years for males and females. For local employees, mortality tables are set back 2 years for males and 7 years for females. In addition, the tables provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (set back 1 year for males and females) for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members. In addition, the tables for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members provide for future improvements in mortality from 2012 to 2013 using Projection Scale AA and using a generational approach based on the Conduent modified 2014 projection scale thereafter. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 3 years for males and set forward 1 year for females).

For TPAF and PERS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2018) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return 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.



**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)** - Best estimates of arithmetic rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's and PERS' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Risk Mitigation Strategies	5.00%	5.51%
Cash Equivalents	5.50%	1.00%
U.S. Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%
High Yield	2.50%	6.82%
Global Diversified Credit	5.00%	7.10%
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	1.00%	6.60%
Debt Related Private Equity	2.00%	10.63%
Debt Related Real Estate	1.00%	6.61%
Private Real Asset	2.50%	11.83%
Equity Related Real Estate	6.25%	9.23%
U.S. Equity	30.00%	8.19%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	11.50%	9.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.64%
Buyouts/Venture Capital	8.25%	13.08%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability at June 30, 2018 were 4.86% and 5.66% for TPAF and PERS, respectively. For TPAF and PERS, the respective single blended discount rates were based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension Plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.87% as of June 30, 2018, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates assumed that contributions from Plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers and the nonemployer contributing entity will be made based on the contribution rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 50% of the actuarially determined amount for TPAF and PERS and the local employers contributed 100% of the actuarially determined amount for PERS. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current Plan members through 2040 for TPAF and 2046 for PERS. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2040 for TPAF and 2046 for PERS, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Sensitivity of School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)** - As previously mentioned, TPAF, has a special funding situation where the State pays 100% of the School District's annual required contribution. As such, the proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, attributable to the School District is \$0, and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the School District, using a discount rate of 4.86%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	<b>TPAF</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease (3.86%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (4.86%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (5.86%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the School District	31,952,525.00	27,033,027.00	22,954,883.00
	<u>\$ 31,952,525.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,033,027.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,954,883.00</u>

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)** - The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability at June 30, 2018, the Plan's measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 5.66%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	<b>PERS</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease (4.66%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (5.66%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.66%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,005,116.00	\$ 2,389,973.00	\$ 1,873,908.00

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the TPAF and PERS and additions to/deductions from TPAF and PERS' respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about TPAF and PERS, please refer to the Plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>.

**Note 10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District has recognized as revenues and expenditures on-behalf payments made by the State for normal costs and post-retirement medical costs related to TPAF, in the fund financial statements. The amounts recognized as revenues and expenditures in the fund financial statements for normal costs, non-contributory insurance, post-retirement medical costs, and long-term disability insurance were \$779,575.00, \$16,319.00, \$361,016.00, and \$694.00, respectively.

**Note 11: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

**Joint Insurance Pool** - The School District is a member of the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides its members with the following coverage:

Property (Including Crime and Auto Physical Damage)  
 General and Automobile Liability  
 Workers' Compensation  
 Comprehensive Crime  
 Educator's Legal Liability  
 Boiler and Machinery  
 Pollution Legal Liability  
 Cyber Liability

Annual contributions to the Fund are determined by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The School District is jointly and personally liable for claims insured by the Fund and its members during the period of its membership, including liability for supplemental assessments, if necessary. The Fund's Board of Trustees may authorize refunds to its members in any fund year for which contributions exceed the amount necessary to fund its obligations for that year.

For more information regarding claims, coverages and deductibles, the Fund publishes its own financial report which can be obtained from:

Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund  
 P.O. Box 449  
 Marlton, New Jersey, 08053

**Note 12: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The School District offers its employees a choice of four deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457. The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permit participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plans are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The plan administrators are as follows:

ABCO – ING  
 AXA Equitable  
 Lincoln Investments Planning, Inc.  
 AIG/Valic

**Note 13: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The School District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

School District employees who are employed for ten months are entitled to ten paid sick leave days per fiscal school year. School District employees who are employed for twelve months are entitled to twelve paid sick leave days per fiscal school year. Unused sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward to the subsequent years. School District employees are entitled to two personal days which may be carried forward to subsequent years. Vacation days not used during the year may not be accumulated and carried forward. Benefits paid in any future year will be calculated according to formulas outlined in the School Districts' agreements with the various employee unions and included in the current years' budget.

The liability for vested compensated absences is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. At June 30, 2019, the liability for compensated absences reported on the government-wide statement of net position and on the proprietary fund statement of net position was \$191,338.72.

**Note 14: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

**Interfunds** - The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2019 is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
General	\$ 14,269.44	\$ -
Fiduciary		14,269.44
	<u>\$ 14,269.44</u>	<u>\$ 14,269.44</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. During the fiscal year 2020, the School District expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

**Note 15: CONTINGENCIES**

**Grantor Agencies** - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies could be subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the School District expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

**Litigation** - The School District is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. It is believed that the outcome, or exposure to the School District, from such litigation is either unknown or potential losses, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

**Note 16: CONCENTRATIONS**

The School District depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of New Jersey. As a result of this dependency, the School District is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations.

**Note 17: FEDERAL IMPACT AID RESERVE**

As permitted by P.L.2015, c.46 which amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 a federal impact reserve account was established by the School District by transfer of \$4,619.39 on June 18, 2019 by board resolution for the amount of federal impact aid funds - general fund - received during the current fiscal year for use as general fund expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The federal impact aid - general reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

**Note 18: DEFICIT FUND BALANCE**

The School District has a deficit fund balance of \$84,409.00 in the general fund as of June 30, 2019 as reported in the fund statements (modified accrual basis). N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, school districts must record the delayed one or more June state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The statute provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. For intergovernmental transactions, GASB Statement No. 33 requires that recognition (revenue, expenditure, asset, liability) should be in symmetry, i.e., if one government recognizes an asset, the other government recognizes a liability. Since the State is recording the June state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the School District cannot recognize the June state aid payment on the GAAP financial statements until the year the State records the payable. Due to the timing difference of recording the June state aid payments, the general and special revenue fund balance deficit does not alone indicate that the School District is facing financial difficulties.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 any negative unassigned general fund balance that is reported as a direct result from a delay in the June payments of state aid until the following fiscal year, is not considered in violation of New Jersey statute and regulation nor in need of corrective action. The School District deficit in the GAAP funds statements of \$84,409.00 is less than the June state aid payments.

**Note 19: FUND BALANCES****RESTRICTED**

As stated in note 1, the restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources by either of the following: (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Specific restrictions of the School District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**General Fund**

**For Capital Reserve Account** - As of June 30, 2019, the balance in the capital reserve account is \$361,079.12. These funds are restricted for future capital outlay expenditures for capital projects in the School District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP).

**For Maintenance Reserve Account** - As of June 30, 2019, the balance in the maintenance reserve account is \$355,066.59. These funds are restricted for the required maintenance of school facilities in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (EFCFA) (N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-9) as amended by P.L. 2004, c. 73 (S1701).

**Note 19: FUND BALANCES (CONT'D)****RESTRICTED (CONT'D)****General Fund (Cont'd)**

**For Federal Impact Aid** – As of June 30, 2019, the balance in the Federal Impact Aid Reserve Account is \$4,619.39. These funds can be withdrawn in any subsequent fiscal year to finance the School District's General Fund.

**Debt Service Fund** - In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.6, a district board of education shall appropriate annually all debt service fund balances in the budget certified for taxes unless expressly authorized and documented by the voters in a bond referendum. As a result, the School District has appropriated and included as an anticipated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 \$.08 of debt service fund balance at June 30, 2019.

**ASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Specific assignments of the School District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**General Fund**

**Other Purposes** - As of June 30, 2019, the School District had \$1,970.00 of encumbrances outstanding for purchase orders and contracts signed by the School District, but not completed, as of the close of the fiscal year.

**UNASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the unassigned fund balance classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. The School District's unassigned fund balance is summarized as follows:

**General Fund** - As of June 30, 2019, (\$84,409.00) of general fund balance (deficit) was unassigned.

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN****General Information about the OPEB Plan**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided** - The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan (the "OPEB Plan") is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan, with a special funding situation, that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The OPEB Plan is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division") and is part of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The Division issues a publically available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
P.O. Box 295  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295  
<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)(CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****General Information about the OPEB Plan (Cont'd)**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided (Cont'd)** - The OPEB Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

**Contributions** - The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey (the "State") in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms** - At June 30, 2018, the OPEB Plan's Measurement date, the entire State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees OPEB Plan consisted of the following members.

Active Plan Members	217,131
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	145,050
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>362,181</u></u>

**Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability**

The State of New Jersey, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the OPEB Plan for qualified retired TPAF, PERS, PFRS and ABP participants. The School District's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the School District did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position.

The State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District as of June 30, 2019 was \$20,268,460.00. Since the OPEB liability associated with the School District is 100% attributable to the State, the OPEB liability will be referred to as the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability.

The total Non-Employer OPEB Liability was measured as of June 30, 2018, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2017, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2018. For the June 30, 2018 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the Non-Employer OPEB Plan Liability associated with the School District was .0439559615%, which was an increase of .00215344833% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs** - The actuarial assumptions and other inputs vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan in which the member is enrolled. The actuarial valuation at June 30, 2017 used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)(CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)****Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs (Cont'd)****Salary Increases -**

	<u>TPAF/ABP (1)</u>	<u>PERS (2)</u>	<u>PFRS (2)</u>
Through 2026	1.55% - 4.55%	2.15% - 4.15%	2.10% - 8.98%
Thereafter	2.00% - 5.45%	3.15% - 5.15%	3.10% - 9.98%

(1) - Based on years of service

(2) - Based on age

**Inflation Rate - 2.50%.**

**Mortality Rates** - Preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Annuitant Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Disability mortality was based on the RP-2006 Headcount-Weighted Disabled Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale.

**Experience Studies** - The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015, July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014, and July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013 for TPAF, PERS and PFRS, respectively. 100% of all retirees who currently have healthcare coverage were assumed to continue with that coverage. 100% of active members were considered to participate in the Plan upon retirement, having a coverage blend of 85% and 15% in PPO and HMO, respectively.

**Health Care Trend Assumptions** - For pre-Medicare preferred provider organization (PPO) and health maintenance organization (HMO) medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.8% and decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after eight years. For self-insured post-65 PPO and HMO medical benefits, the trend rate is 4.5%. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 8.0% decreasing to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after seven years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%. The Medicare Advantage trend rate is 4.5% and will continue in all future years.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate for June 30, 2018 was 3.87%. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer GO 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.



**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)(CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Changes in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability**

The below table summarizes the State's proportionate share of the change in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability associated with the School District:

Balance at June 30, 2018		\$ 22,422,802.00
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost	\$ 762,939.00	
Interest Cost	820,766.00	
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	(888,900.00)	
Changes in Assumptions	(2,325,907.00)	
Gross Benefit Payments	(541,971.00)	
Member Contributions	18,731.00	
		<u>(2,154,342.00)</u>
Net Changes		
Balance at June 30, 2019		<u>\$ 20,268,460.00</u>

There were no changes in benefit terms between the June 30, 2017 measurement date and the June 30, 2018 measurement date.

Differences between expected and actual experience reflect a decrease in liability from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 is due to changes in the census, claims and premiums experience.

Changes of Assumptions reflect a decrease in the liability from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018 due to the increase in the assumed discount rate from 3.58% as of June 30, 2017 to 3.87% as of June 30, 2018; and a decrease in the assumed health care cost trend and excise tax assumptions.

**Sensitivity of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2018, associated with the School District, using a discount rate of 3.87%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate used is as follows:

	<b>1% Decrease (2.87%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (3.87%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (4.87%)</b>
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability Associated with the School District	<u>\$ 23,961,446.00</u>	<u>\$ 20,268,460.00</u>	<u>\$ 17,332,918.00</u>

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Changes in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)**

**Sensitivity of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates** - The State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2018, associated with the School District, using a healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate used is as follows:

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Healthcare Cost Trend Rates</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability Associated with the School District	\$ 16,753,063.00	\$ 20,268,460.00	\$ 24,917,708.00

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, the School District recognized \$968,387.00 in OPEB expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State's proportionate share of the OPEB Plan's OPEB Expense, associated with the School District. This expense and revenue was based on the OPEB Plan's June 30, 2018 measurement date.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the School District's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is zero. As such, there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources by the School District. However, at June 30, 2019, the State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, associated with School District, from the following sources are as follows:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Changes in Proportion	\$ 1,200,200.00	\$ -
Difference Between Expected and Actual Experience	-	1,967,507.00
Changes of Assumptions	-	4,543,279.00
	<u>\$ 1,200,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,510,786.00</u>

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)**

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability, associated with the School District, will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b>Year Ending <u>June 30,</u></b>	
2020	\$ (660,588.00)
2021	(660,588.00)
2022	(660,588.00)
2023	(660,588.00)
2024	(660,588.00)
Thereafter	<u>(2,007,646.00)</u>
	<u>\$ (5,310,586.00)</u>

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**FISCAL YEAR 2018**

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Township of Eastampton School District  
Eastampton, New Jersey 08060

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Eastampton School District, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

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

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; and in compliance with audit requirements as prescribed by the Division of Administration and Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Township of Eastampton School District, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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**Emphasis of Matter**

*Adoption of New Accounting Principles*

As discussed in note 1 to the financial statements, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits other than Pensions*. The adoption of this new accounting principle required the School District to recognize a revenue and expense on the government-wide statement of activities for the State's proportionate share of the postemployment expense associated with the School District. The related disclosures for the implementation of this new accounting pronouncement are included in note 20 in the notes to financial statements. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability and schedule of the School District's pension contributions, as listed 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.

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Township of Eastampton School District's basic financial statements. The School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, includes certain required supplementary information and other information, that is not included with this presentation of the basic financial statements.



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Voorhees, New Jersey  
February 7, 2019

## TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Statement of Net Position

June 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS:</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 305,634.45	\$ 40,848.75	\$ 346,483.20
Receivables, net	130,112.38	6,411.25	136,523.63
Inventory		6,668.49	6,668.49
Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,081.28		11,081.28
Capital Assets, net (Note 6)	<u>20,204,761.93</u>	<u>7,541.65</u>	<u>20,212,303.58</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>20,651,590.04</u>	<u>61,470.14</u>	<u>20,713,060.18</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Related to Pensions (Note 9)	<u>871,006.00</u>		<u>871,006.00</u>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>			
<b>Accounts Payable:</b>			
Related to Pensions	120,737.00		120,737.00
Payable to State Government	11,338.96		11,338.96
Accrued Interest	100,446.67		100,446.67
Unearned Revenue		3,433.32	3,433.32
<b>Noncurrent Liabilities (Note 7):</b>			
Due within One Year	527,388.82		527,388.82
Due beyond One Year	<u>10,047,067.33</u>		<u>10,047,067.33</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>10,806,978.78</u>	<u>3,433.32</u>	<u>10,810,412.10</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:</b>			
Related to Pensions (Note 9)	<u>1,190,804.00</u>		<u>1,190,804.00</u>
<b>NET POSITION:</b>			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	12,794,761.93	7,541.65	12,802,303.58
<b>Restricted for:</b>			
Debt Service	1.08		1.08
Capital Projects	314,477.59		314,477.59
Maintenance	204,709.77		204,709.77
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(3,789,137.11)</u>	<u>50,495.17</u>	<u>(3,738,641.94)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 9,524,813.26</u>	<u>\$ 58,036.82</u>	<u>\$ 9,582,850.08</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Statement of Activities  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

Functions / Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>							
Instruction:							
Regular	\$ 3,128,482.32	\$ 64,091.32	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (3,064,391.00)	\$ -	\$ (3,064,391.00)
Special Education	1,787,136.18		277,704.00		(1,509,432.18)		(1,509,432.18)
Other Special Instruction	55,883.19				(55,883.19)		(55,883.19)
Support Services:							
Tuition	416,395.50				(416,395.50)		(416,395.50)
Student and Instruction Related Services	970,349.42		69,534.43		(900,814.99)		(900,814.99)
School Administrative Services	217,488.82				(217,488.82)		(217,488.82)
General and Business Administrative Services	742,104.20				(742,104.20)		(742,104.20)
Plant Operations and Maintenance	810,361.74				(810,361.74)		(810,361.74)
Pupil Transportation	325,741.48				(325,741.48)		(325,741.48)
Unallocated Benefits	5,186,695.73		3,477,124.36		(1,709,571.37)		(1,709,571.37)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	399,661.34				(399,661.34)		(399,661.34)
<b>Total Governmental Activities</b>	<b>14,040,299.92</b>	<b>64,091.32</b>	<b>3,824,362.79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,151,845.81)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,151,845.81)</b>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>							
Food Service	239,764.85	131,589.04	93,446.72			(14,729.09)	(14,729.09)
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	<b>239,764.85</b>	<b>131,589.04</b>	<b>93,446.72</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(14,729.09)</b>	<b>(14,729.09)</b>
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>\$ 14,280,064.77</b>	<b>\$ 195,680.36</b>	<b>\$ 3,917,809.51</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>(10,151,845.81)</b>	<b>(14,729.09)</b>	<b>(10,166,574.90)</b>
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
Taxes:							
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes, net					4,581,431.00		4,581,431.00
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service					770,200.00		770,200.00
Federal and State Aid not Restricted					4,737,250.00		4,737,250.00
Miscellaneous Income					19,404.00	667.38	20,071.38
<b>Total General Revenues</b>					<b>10,108,285.00</b>	<b>667.38</b>	<b>10,108,952.38</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>					<b>(43,560.81)</b>	<b>(14,061.71)</b>	<b>(57,622.52)</b>
<b>Net Position -- July 1</b>					<b>9,568,374.07</b>	<b>72,098.53</b>	<b>9,640,472.60</b>
<b>Net Position -- June 30</b>					<b>\$ 9,524,813.26</b>	<b>\$ 58,036.82</b>	<b>\$ 9,582,850.08</b>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Governmental Funds  
 Balance Sheet  
 June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS:</b>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 305,634.45	\$ 11,080.20	\$ 1.08	\$ 316,715.73
Receivables, net:				
Interfunds Receivable:				
Fiduciary Fund - Payroll	14,269.44			14,269.44
Receivables from Other Governments:				
Federal -- ESEA		258.76		258.76
State of NJ -- FICA	14,866.18			14,866.18
State of NJ -- Transportation Aid	3,480.00			3,480.00
State of NJ -- Extraordinary Aid	83,748.00			83,748.00
Other Receivables	13,490.00			13,490.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 435,488.07</u>	<u>\$ 11,338.96</u>	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 446,828.11</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:</b>				
<b>Liabilities:</b>				
Payable to Federal and State Government	\$ -	\$ 11,338.96	\$ -	\$ 11,338.96
<b>Fund Balances:</b>				
<b>Restricted:</b>				
Capital Reserve	314,477.59			314,477.59
Maintenance Reserve	204,709.77			204,709.77
Debt Service			1.08	1.08
<b>Assigned:</b>				
Other Purposes	7,299.71			7,299.71
<b>Unassigned:</b>				
General Fund (Deficit)	(90,999.00)			(90,999.00)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<u>435,488.07</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1.08</u>	<u>435,489.15</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<u>\$ 435,488.07</u>	<u>\$ 11,338.96</u>	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	
Amounts reported for <i>governmental activities</i> in the statement of net position (A-1) are different because:				
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets is \$31,685,582.72, and the accumulated depreciation is \$11,480,820.79.				20,204,761.93
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds.				(7,592,592.15)
Interest on long term debt is accrued on the Statement of Net Position regardless when due.				(100,446.67)
Net Pension Liability				(2,981,864.00)
Accounts Payable related to the April 1, 2019 Required PERS pension contribution that is not to be liquidated with current financial resources.				(120,737.00)
Deferred Outflows of Resources - Related to Pensions				871,006.00
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Related to Pensions				(1,190,804.00)
Net Position of Governmental Activities				<u>\$ 9,524,813.26</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Governmental Funds  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	\$ 4,581,431.00	\$ -	\$ 770,200.00	\$ 5,351,631.00
Miscellaneous	83,495.32			83,495.32
State Sources	6,099,751.36	42,034.67		6,141,786.03
Federal Sources		305,203.76		305,203.76
	<u>10,764,677.68</u>	<u>347,238.43</u>	<u>770,200.00</u>	<u>11,882,116.11</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>				
Regular Instruction	2,569,248.02			2,569,248.02
Special Education Instruction	1,509,432.18	277,704.00		1,787,136.18
Other Special Instruction	55,883.19			55,883.19
Support Services and Undistributed Costs:				
Tuition	416,395.50			416,395.50
Student and Instruction Related Services	900,814.99	69,534.43		970,349.42
School Administrative Services	217,488.82			217,488.82
Other Administrative Services	711,431.30			711,431.30
Plant Operations and Maintenance	778,947.90			778,947.90
Pupil Transportation	325,741.48			325,741.48
Unallocated Benefits	3,055,550.78			3,055,550.78
Debt Service:				
Principal			460,000.00	460,000.00
Interest and Other Charges	94,138.00		310,200.00	404,338.00
	<u>10,635,072.16</u>	<u>347,238.43</u>	<u>770,200.00</u>	<u>11,752,510.59</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>				
Net Change in Fund Balances	129,605.52			129,605.52
Fund Balance -- July 1	305,882.55	-	1.08	305,883.63
Fund Balance -- June 30	<u>\$ 435,488.07</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1.08</u>	<u>\$ 435,489.15</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,  
 and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
 to the Statement of Activities  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

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Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$	129,605.52
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (A-2) are different because:</p>		
<p>Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the period.</p>		
Depreciation Expense		(621,321.04)
<p>Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position and is not reported in the statement of activities</p>		
		460,000.00
<p>In the statement of activities, interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities is accrued, regardless of when due. In the governmental funds, interest is reported when due. The decrease in accrued interest is an addition in the reconciliation. (+)</p>		
		4,676.66
<p>In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses, e.g., compensated absences (vacations) are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are reported in the amount of financial resources used (paid). When the earned amount exceeds the paid amount, the difference is reduction in the reconciliation (-); when the paid amount exceeds the earned amount the difference is an addition to the reconciliation (+).</p>		
		(55,654.95)
<p>Governmental funds report School District pension contributions as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of pension benefits earned is reported as pension expense. This is the amount by which pension benefits earned exceeded the School District's pension contributions in the current period.</p>		
		39,133.00
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	(43,560.81)

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Net Position  
 June 30, 2018

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 40,848.75
Accounts Receivable:	
State	161.93
Federal	6,249.32
Inventories	6,668.49
Total Current Assets	53,928.49
Noncurrent Assets:	
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	96,106.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(88,564.35)
Total Noncurrent Assets	7,541.65
Total Assets	61,470.14
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Unearned Revenue	3,433.32
<b>NET POSITION:</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,541.65
Unrestricted	50,495.17
Total Net Position	\$ 58,036.82

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES:</b>	
Charges for Services:	
Daily Sales:	
Non-reimbursable Programs	\$ 60,101.49
Reimbursable Program -- School Lunch	71,487.55
	131,589.04
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>131,589.04</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Salaries	84,329.48
Employee Benefits	24,768.11
Management Fee	12,447.17
General Supplies	5,825.28
Miscellaneous Expenses	12,185.61
Depreciation	7,541.67
Other Professional and Technical Services	18,261.69
Cost of Sales - Reimbursable Programs	60,056.84
Cost of Sales - Non-reimbursable Programs	14,349.00
	239,764.85
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>239,764.85</b>
<b>Operating Income / (Loss)</b>	<b>(108,175.81)</b>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):</b>	
State Sources:	
State School Lunch Program	2,137.59
Federal Sources:	
National School Lunch Program	61,234.02
National School Breakfast Program	14,759.50
Food Distribution Program	15,315.61
Interest Revenue	667.38
	94,114.10
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>94,114.10</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>(14,061.71)</b>
<b>Net Position -- July 1</b>	<b>72,098.53</b>
<b>Net Position -- June 30</b>	<b>\$ 58,036.82</b>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Proprietary Funds  
 Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund  
 Statement of Cash Flows  
 For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

	<u>Food Service</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Receipts from Customers	\$ 131,589.04
Payments to Management Company	(109,097.59)
Payments to Employees	(106,298.85)
	<u>(83,807.40)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
State Sources	2,121.08
Federal Sources	75,765.73
	<u>77,886.81</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>	
Interest Revenue	667.38
	<u>667.38</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(5,253.21)
Cash and Cash Equivalents -- July 1	46,101.96
	<u>46,101.96</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents -- June 30	\$ 40,848.75
	<u>40,848.75</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:</b>	
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (108,175.81)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities:	
Depreciation and Net Amortization	7,541.67
Food Distribution Program	15,315.61
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories	763.16
Increase (Decrease) in Unearned Revenue	747.97
	<u>24,368.41</u>
Total Adjustments	24,368.41
Net Cash Provided by (used for) Operating Activities	\$ (83,807.40)
	<u>(83,807.40)</u>

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 Fiduciary Funds  
 Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
 June 30, 2018

	Agency Funds	
	Student Activity	Payroll
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 12,700.31	\$ 22,178.44
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Interfund Accounts Payable:		
Due General Fund	\$ -	\$ 14,269.44
Payable to Student Groups	12,700.31	
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings		7,909.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,700.31	\$ 22,178.44

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**TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

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**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The financial statements of the Township of Eastampton School District (the "School District") have been prepared to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The following is a summary of the more significant of these policies.

**Description of the Financial Reporting Entity**

The School District is a Type II district located in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey. As a Type II district, the School District functions independently through a Board of Education (the "Board"). The Board is comprised of nine members elected to three-year terms. These terms are staggered so that three member's terms expire each year. The Superintendent is appointed by the Board to act as executive officer of the School District. The purpose of the School District is to educate students in grades K through 8 at its one school. The School District has an approximate enrollment at June 30, 2018 of 577.

The primary criterion for including activities within the School District's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, is the degree of oversight responsibility maintained by the School District. Oversight responsibility includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. The financial statements include all funds of the School District over which the Board exercises operating control.

**Component Units**

In evaluating how to define the School District for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include any potential component units in the financial reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in GASB Statements No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units*, GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34*, and GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*. Blended component units, although legally separate entities, are in-substance part of the government's operations. Each discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the government-wide financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the government.

The basic-but not the only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and / or its citizens.

A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Finally, the nature and significance of a potential component unit to the primary government could warrant its inclusion within the reporting entity.



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Component Units (Cont'd)**

Based upon the application of these criteria, the School District has no component units.

**Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and, therefore, clearly identifiable to a particular function. It is the policy of the School District to not allocate indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Property taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

In regards to the fund financial statements, the School District segregates transactions related to certain functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School District. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

**Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. The Burlington County Board of Taxation is responsible for the assessment of properties, and the respective municipal tax collector is responsible for the collection of property taxes. Assessments are certified and property taxes are levied on January 1. Property tax payments are due February 1, May 1, August 1 and November 1. Unpaid property taxes are considered delinquent the following January 1 and are then subject to municipal lien. In accordance with New Jersey State Statute, the School District is entitled to receive moneys under an established payment schedule, and any unpaid amount is considered as an accounts receivable. The governing body of each municipality is required to pay over to the School District, within forty (40) days after the beginning of the school year, twenty percent (20%) of the moneys from school tax due. Thereafter, but prior to the last day of the school year, the municipality must pay the balance of moneys from school tax due for school purposes in such amounts as requested, with certain limitations, from time to time by the School District, within thirty days after each request.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when they are deemed both available and measurable. Available means when revenues are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the School District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty (60) days of the end of the current fiscal year. Measurable means that the amount of revenue can be determined. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, tuition, reimbursable-type grants, and interest associated with the current fiscal year are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal year. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the School District.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

**General Fund** - The general fund is the primary operating fund of the School District. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Included are certain expenditures for vehicles and movable instructional or non-instructional equipment classified in the capital outlay sub-fund.

As required by the New Jersey State Department of Education, the School District includes budgeted capital outlay in this fund. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as they pertain to governmental entities, state that general fund resources may be used to directly finance capital outlays for long-lived improvements as long as the resources in such cases are derived exclusively from unrestricted revenues.

Resources for budgeted capital outlay purposes are normally derived from State of New Jersey aid, ad valorem tax revenues, and appropriated fund balance. Expenditures are those which result in the acquisition of or additions to capital assets for land, existing buildings, improvements of grounds, construction of buildings, additions to, or remodeling of buildings, and the purchase of built-in equipment.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The special revenue fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**Debt Service Fund** - The debt service fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest.

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing organizations and activities, which are operated and financed in a manner similar to those found in the private sector. The measurement focus is upon the determination of net income. Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All items not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Cont'd)**

The School District reports the following major proprietary funds:

**Enterprise Funds**

**Food Service Fund** - This fund accounts for the financial transactions related to the food service operations of the School District.

Additionally, the School District reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School District on behalf of outside related organizations or on behalf of other funds within the School District. The fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private-purpose trust funds, and agency funds.

The School District maintains the following fiduciary funds:

**Agency Funds** - Agency funds are used to account for assets held by the School District in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and / or other funds (i.e., payroll and student activities). The School District retains no equity interest in these funds. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District maintains the following agency funds: student activity fund and payroll fund.

As a general rule, the effect of internal/interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all property taxes.

**Budgets / Budgetary Control**

Annual appropriated budgets are prepared in the spring of each fiscal year for the general, special revenue, and debt service funds, and are submitted to the county office of education. In accordance with P.L. 2011, c. 202, the School District passed a resolution to move the school board election to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, starting in November of 2012, to be held simultaneously with the general election. As a result, a vote is not required on the School District's general fund tax levy for the budget year, other than the general fund tax levy required to support a proposal for additional funds, if any. Budgets are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The legal level of budgetary control is established at line item accounts within each fund. Line item accounts are defined as the lowest (most specific) level of detail as established pursuant to the minimum chart of accounts referenced in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.2(f)1. Transfers of appropriations may be made by school board resolution at any time during the fiscal year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Budgets / Budgetary Control (Cont'd)**

Formal budgetary integration into the accounting system is employed as a management control device during the year. For governmental funds there are no substantial differences between the budgetary basis of accounting and generally accepted accounting principles, with the exception of the legally mandated revenue recognition of the one or more June state aid payments for budgetary purposes only, and the special revenue fund. N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, school districts must record the delayed one or more June state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The bill provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. Encumbrance accounting is also employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in the governmental fund types. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end.

The accounting records of the special revenue fund are maintained on the budgetary basis. The budgetary basis differs from GAAP in that the budgetary basis recognizes encumbrances as expenditures and also recognizes the related revenues, whereas the GAAP basis does not. Sufficient supplemental records are maintained to allow for the presentation of GAAP basis financial reports.

The budget, as detailed on exhibit C-1, exhibit C-2, and exhibit I-3, includes all amendments to the adopted budget, if any.

Exhibit C-3 presents a reconciliation of the general fund revenues and special revenue fund revenues and expenditures from the budgetary basis of accounting, as presented in the general fund budgetary comparison schedule and the special revenue fund budgetary comparison schedule, to the GAAP basis of accounting as presented in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances - governmental funds. Note that the School District does not report encumbrances outstanding at fiscal year-end as expenditures in the general fund since the general fund budget follows the modified accrual basis of accounting, with the exception of the aforementioned revenue recognition policy for the one or more June state aid payments.

**Encumbrances**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to assign a portion of the applicable appropriation, is utilized for budgetary control purposes. Encumbrances are a component of fund balance at fiscal year-end as they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities, but rather commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services. Open encumbrances in the governmental funds, other than the special revenue fund, which have not been previously restricted, committed, or assigned, should be included within committed or assigned fund balance, as appropriate.

Open encumbrances in the special revenue fund, however, for which the School District has received advances of grant awards, are reflected on the balance sheet as unearned revenues at fiscal year-end.

The encumbered appropriation authority carries over into the next fiscal year. An entry will be made at the beginning of the next fiscal year to increase the appropriation reflected in the certified budget by the outstanding encumbrance amount as of the current fiscal year end.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents, for all funds, include petty cash, change funds, cash in banks and all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase and are stated at cost plus accrued interest. Such is the definition of cash and cash equivalents used in the statement of cash flows for the proprietary funds. U.S. treasury and agency obligations and certificates of deposit with maturities of one year or less when purchased are stated at cost. All other investments are stated at fair value.

New Jersey school districts are limited as to the types of investments and types of financial institutions they may invest in. N.J.S.A. 18A:20-37 provides a list of permissible investments that may be purchased by New Jersey school districts.

N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. establishes the requirements for the security of deposits of governmental units. The statute requires that no governmental unit shall deposit public funds in a public depository unless such funds are secured in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act ("GUDPA"), a multiple financial institutional collateral pool, which was enacted in 1970 to protect governmental units from a loss of funds on deposit with a failed banking institution in New Jersey. Public depositories include State or federally chartered banks, savings banks or associations located in or having a branch office in the State of New Jersey, the deposits of which are federally insured. All public depositories must pledge collateral, having a market value at least equal to five percent of the average daily balance of collected public funds, to secure the deposits of governmental units. If a public depository fails, the collateral it has pledged, plus the collateral of all other public depositories, is available to pay the amount of their deposits to the governmental units.

**Inventories**

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market. The costs are determined on a first-in, first-out method.

The cost of inventories in the governmental fund financial statements is recorded as expenditures when purchased rather than when consumed.

Inventories recorded on the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

**Tuition Receivable**

Tuition charges were established by the School District based on estimated costs. The charges are subject to adjustment when the final costs are determined.

**Prepaid Expenses**

Prepaid expenses recorded on the government-wide financial statements and in the proprietary fund types represent payments made to vendors for services that will benefit periods beyond June 30, 2018. The School District had no prepaid expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

In the governmental fund financial statements, however, payments for prepaid items are fully recognized as expenditures in the fiscal year of payment. No asset for the prepayment is created, and no expenditure allocation to future accounting periods is required (*non-allocation method*). This is consistent with the basic governmental concept that only expendable financial resources are reported by a specific fund.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Short-Term Interfund Receivables / Payables**

Short-term interfund receivables / payables (internal balances) represent amounts that are owed, other than charges for goods or services rendered to / from a particular fund within the School District, and that are due within one year. Such balances are eliminated in the statement of net position to minimize the grossing up of internal balances, thus leaving a net amount due between the governmental and business-type activities that are eliminated in the total government column. Balances with fiduciary activities are not considered to be internal balances; therefore, such balances appear on the statement of net position as accounts receivable.

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets represent the cumulative amount of capital assets owned by the School District. Purchased capital assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund financial statements and are capitalized at cost on the government-wide statement of net position and proprietary fund statement of net position. In the case of gifts or contributions, such capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the time received.

The School District's capitalization threshold is \$2,000.00. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance is expensed as incurred. All reported capital assets, except land and construction in progress, are depreciated. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	5 - 15 Years
Buildings and Improvements	50 Years
Land Improvements	20 Years

The School District does not possess any infrastructure assets.

**Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The statement of net position reports separate sections for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources, reported after total assets, represents a reduction of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) at that time. Deferred inflows of resources, reported after total liabilities, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) at that time.

Transactions are classified as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources only when specifically prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) standards. The School District is required to report the following as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources: defined benefit pension plans, and postemployment benefit plans.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Tuition Payable**

Tuition charges for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 were based on rates established by the receiving district. These rates are subject to change when the actual costs have been determined.

**Unearned Revenue**

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied and is recorded as a liability until the revenue is both measurable and the School District is eligible to realize the revenue.

**Compensated Absences**

Compensated absences are payments to employees for accumulated time such as paid vacation, paid holidays, sick pay, and sabbatical leave. A liability for compensated absences that is attributable to services already rendered, and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the School District and its employees, is accrued as the employees earn the rights to the benefits. Compensated absences that relate to future services, or that are contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the School District and its employees, are accounted for in the period in which such services are rendered or in which such events take place.

The School District uses the vesting method to calculate the compensated absences amount. The entire compensated absence liability, including the employer's share of applicable taxes, is reported on the government-wide financial statements. The portion related to employees in the proprietary funds is recorded at the fund level. The current portion is the amount estimated to be used in the following fiscal year. Expenditures are recognized in the governmental funds as payments come due each period, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements. Compensated absences not recorded at the fund level represent a reconciling item between the fund level and government-wide presentations.

**Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations**

All payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements, and all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations payable from proprietary funds are reported on the proprietary fund financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner, and in full from current financial resources, are reported as obligations of the funds. However, claims and judgments, compensated absences, special termination benefits, and contractually required pension contributions that will be paid from governmental funds, are reported as a liability in the fund financial statements only to the extent that they are normally expected to be paid with expendable available financial resources. Bonds are recognized as a liability on the governmental fund financial statements when due.

**Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), and additions to/deductions from TPAF's and PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Net Position**

Net position represents the difference between the summation of assets and deferred outflows of resources, and the summation of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is classified into the following three components:

***Net Investment in Capital Assets*** - This component represents capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding balances of borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

***Restricted*** - Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the School District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

***Unrestricted*** - Net position is reported as unrestricted when it does not meet the criteria of the other two components of net position.

The School District applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**Fund Balance**

The School District reports fund balance in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. The School District's classifications, and policies for determining such classifications, are as follows:

***Nonspendable*** - The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either not in spendable form or are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, such as inventories and prepaid amounts.

***Restricted*** - The restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources either by being (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

***Committed*** - The committed fund balance classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision-making authority, which, for the School District, is the Board of Education. Such formal action consists of an affirmative vote by the Board of Education, memorialized by the adoption of a resolution. Once committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes, or changes, the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts.

***Assigned*** - The assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. *Intent* is expressed by either the Board of Education or by the business administrator, to which the Board of Education has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Such authority of the business administrator is established by way of a formal job description for the position and standard operating procedures, approved by the Board of Education.



**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Fund Balance (Cont'd)**

**Unassigned** - The unassigned fund balance classification is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceed the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available, it is the policy of the School District to spend restricted fund balances first. Moreover, when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, it is the policy of the School District to spend fund balances, if appropriate, in the following order: committed, assigned, then unassigned.

**Interfund Activity**

Transfers between governmental and business-type activities on the government-wide statements are reported in the same manner as general revenues. Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures / expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources / uses in governmental funds and after non-operating revenues / expenses in proprietary funds. Reimbursements from funds responsible for particular expenditures / expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**Accounting 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 amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

**Impact of Recently Issued Accounting Principles****Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

The School District implemented the following GASB Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018:

Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments for postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB). It also improves information provided by state and local governmental employers about financial support for OPEB that is provided by other entities. The adoption of this Statement required the School District to recognize a revenue and expense on the government-wide statement of activities for the State's proportionate share of the postemployment expense associated with the School District. In addition, the School District was required to include additional note disclosures (see note 20) and required supplementary information related to postemployment benefits

Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*. This Statement addresses practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The adoption of this Statement had no impact on the basic financial statements of the School District.

**Note 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)****Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

The GASB has issued the following Statements that will become effective for the School District for fiscal years ending after June 30, 2018:

Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. Separate criteria are included to identify fiduciary component units and postemployment benefit arrangements that are fiduciary activities. The Statement will become effective for the School District in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the basic financial statements of the School District.

Statement No. 87, *Leases*. The objective of this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. This Statement increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The Statement will become effective for the School District in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Management is currently evaluating whether or not this Statement will have an impact on the basic financial statements of the School District.

**Note 2: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

**Custodial Credit Risk Related to Deposits** - Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits might not be recovered. Although the School District does not have a formal policy regarding custodial credit risk, N.J.S.A. 17:9-41 et seq. requires that governmental units shall deposit public funds in public depositories protected from loss under the provisions of the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act (GUDPA). Under the Act, the first \$250,000.00 of governmental deposits in each insured depository is protected by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Public funds owned by the School District in excess of FDIC insured amounts are protected by GUDPA. However, GUDPA does not protect intermingled agency funds such as salary withholdings, and student activity funds, or funds that may pass to the School District relative to the happening of a future condition. Such funds are classified as uninsured and uncollateralized.

As of June 30, 2018, the School District's bank balances of \$635,245.94 were exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Insured by FDIC and GUDPA	\$ 568,555.34
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>66,690.60</u>
Total	<u>\$ 635,245.94</u>

**Note 3: CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

A capital reserve account was established by the School District by inclusion of \$150,000.00 in fiscal year 1999 for the accumulation of funds for use as capital outlay expenditures in subsequent fiscal years. The capital reserve account is maintained in the general fund and its activity is included in the general fund annual budget.

Funds placed in the capital reserve account are restricted to capital projects in the School District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan ("LRFP"). Upon submission of the LRFP to the Department, a school district may increase the balance in the capital reserve by appropriating funds in the annual general fund budget certified for taxes or by transfer by board resolution at fiscal year-end (June 1 to June 30) of any unanticipated revenue or unexpended line-item appropriation amounts, or both. A school district may also appropriate additional amounts when the express approval of the voters has been obtained by either a separate proposal at budget time or by a special question at one of the four special elections authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:60-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1(g), the balance in the account cannot at any time exceed the local support costs of uncompleted capital projects in its approved LRFP.

The activity of the capital reserve for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 fiscal year is as follows:

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2017		\$ 274,000.00
Increased by:		
Interest Earnings	\$ 477.59	
Deposits:		
Board Resolution June 19, 2018	<u>40,000.00</u>	
		<u>40,477.59</u>
Ending Balance, June 30, 2018		<u><u>\$ 314,477.59</u></u>

The June 30, 2018 LRFP balance of local support costs of uncompleted projects at June 30, 2018 is \$456,000.00.

**Note 4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2018 consisted of accounts (fees for services), intergovernmental awards / grants. All receivables are considered collectible in full due to the stable condition of federal and state programs, the current fiscal year guarantee of federal funds, and the regulated budgetary control of governmental entities in New Jersey.

Accounts receivable as of fiscal year end for the School District's individual major and fiduciary funds, in the aggregate, are as follows:

Description	Governmental Funds		Proprietary Funds			Total
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Total Governmental Activities	Food Service Fund	Total Business-Type Activities	
Federal Awards		\$ 258.76	\$ 258.76	\$ 6,249.32	\$ 6,249.32	\$ 6,508.08
State Awards	\$ 102,094.18		102,094.18	161.93	161.93	102,256.11
Tuition Charges	13,490.00		13,490.00			13,490.00
Fiduciary Fund	14,269.44		14,269.44			14,269.44
	<u>\$ 129,853.62</u>	<u>\$ 258.76</u>	<u>\$ 130,112.38</u>	<u>\$ 6,411.25</u>	<u>\$ 6,411.25</u>	<u>\$ 136,523.63</u>

**Note 5: INVENTORY**

Inventory recorded at June 30, 2018 in business-type activities on the government-wide statement of net position, and on the food service enterprise fund statement of net position, consisted of the following:

Food	\$	5,706.18
Supplies		<u>962.31</u>
	\$	<u><u>6,668.49</u></u>

**Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2018</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets, not being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 624,780.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 624,780.00
Total Capital Assets, not being Depreciated	<u>624,780.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624,780.00</u>
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	97,244.80			97,244.80
Buildings and Improvements	30,672,897.05			30,672,897.05
Land Improvements	290,660.87			290,660.87
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated	<u>31,060,802.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,060,802.72</u>
Total Capital Assets, Cost	<u>31,685,582.72</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,685,582.72</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(87,211.40)	(6,250.91)		(93,462.31)
Buildings and Improvements	(10,505,069.46)	(613,457.94)		(11,118,527.40)
Land Improvements	(267,218.89)	(1,612.19)		(268,831.08)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(10,859,499.75)</u>	<u>(621,321.04)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,480,820.79)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being Depreciated, Net	<u>20,201,302.97</u>	<u>(621,321.04)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,579,981.93</u>
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 20,826,082.97</u>	<u>\$ (621,321.04)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 20,204,761.93</u>
	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2018</u>
<b>Business-Type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets, being Depreciated:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$ 96,106.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 96,106.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	(81,022.68)	(7,541.66)		(88,564.34)
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 15,083.32</u>	<u>\$ (7,541.66)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,541.66</u>

**Note 6: CAPITAL ASSETS (CONT'D)**

Depreciation expense was charged to functions / programs of the School District as follows:

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	
Regular Instruction	\$ 559,234.30
Other Administrative Services	30,672.90
Plant Operations and Maintenance	<u>31,413.84</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 621,321.04</u>
 <b>Business-Type Activities:</b>	
Food Service	<u>\$ 7,541.67</u>

**Note 7: LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the following changes occurred in long-term obligations for governmental activities:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>Due within</u> <u>One Year</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
Bonds Payable:					
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,870,000.00	\$ -	\$ (460,000.00)	\$ 7,410,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
Other Liabilities:					
Compensated Absences	126,937.20	163,904.09	(108,249.14)	182,592.15	27,388.82
Net Pension Liability (note 9)	<u>4,236,978.00</u>	<u>1,255,581.00</u>	<u>(2,510,695.00)</u>	<u>2,981,864.00</u>	<u>27,388.82</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>4,363,915.20</u>	<u>1,419,485.09</u>	<u>(2,618,944.14)</u>	<u>3,164,456.15</u>	<u>27,388.82</u>
Governmental Activities Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 12,233,915.20</u>	<u>\$ 1,419,485.09</u>	<u>\$ (3,078,944.14)</u>	<u>\$ 10,574,456.15</u>	<u>\$ 527,388.82</u>

The bonds payable are generally liquidated by the debt service fund, while compensated absences and net pension liability are liquidated by the general fund.

**Bonds Payable** - Bonds and loans are authorized in accordance with State law by the voters of the municipality through referendums. All bonds are retired in serial installments within the statutory period of usefulness. Bonds issued by the School District are general obligation bonds.

On March 3, 2005, the School District issued \$11,130,000.00 general obligation bonds at interest rates varying from 4.25% to 4.50% for various construction and renovation projects. However, these bonds were refunded on June 20, 2012 at interest rates varying from 2.00% to 4.00%. The final maturity of these bonds is March 1, 2030. The bonds will be paid from property taxes.

**Note 7 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONT'D)**

**Bonds Payable (Cont'd)** - Principal and interest due on bonds outstanding is as follows:

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>Ending June 30,</u></b>	<b><u>Principal</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
2019	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 296,400.00	\$ 796,400.00
2020	500,000.00	276,400.00	776,400.00
2021	525,000.00	256,400.00	781,400.00
2022	550,000.00	235,400.00	785,400.00
2023	545,000.00	213,400.00	758,400.00
2024-2028	3,280,000.00	710,000.00	3,990,000.00
2029-2030	1,510,000.00	90,800.00	1,600,800.00
Total	<u>\$ 7,410,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,078,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 9,488,800.00</u>

**Compensated Absences** - As previously stated, compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries are paid. Refer to note 13 for a description of the School District's policy.

**Bonds Authorized but not Issued** - As of June 30, 2018, the School District had no authorizations to issue additional bonded debt.

**Net Pension Liability** - For details on the net pension liability, refer to note 9. The School District's annual required contribution to the Public Employees' Retirement System is budgeted and paid from the general fund on an annual basis.

**Note 8: OPERATING LEASES**

At June 30, 2018, the School District had operating lease agreements in effect for copy machines, networking ports and servers, mail machines, and the phone system. The present value of the future minimum rental payments under the operating lease agreements are as follows:

<b><u>Fiscal Year</u></b> <b><u>Ending June 30,</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
2019	\$ 62,292.55
2020	25,662.63
2021	432.00
	<u>\$ 88,387.18</u>

Rental payments under operating leases for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 were \$62,262.55.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS**

A substantial number of the School District's employees participate in one of the following defined benefit pension plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund ("TPAF") and the Public Employees' Retirement System ("PERS"), which are administered by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division"). In addition, several School District employees participate in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, which is a defined contribution pension plan. This plan is administered by Prudential Financial for the Division. Each plan has a Board of Trustees that is primarily responsible for its administration. The Division issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information and detailed information about the PERS and TPAF plan's fiduciary net position which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
P.O. Box 295  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295  
<http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices.shtml>

**General Information about the Pension Plans****Plan Descriptions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a special funding situation, which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:66. The State of New Jersey (the "State") is responsible to fund 100% of the employer contributions, excluding any local employer early retirement incentive (ERI) contributions. The TPAF's designated purpose is to provide retirement benefits, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the TPAF is mandatory for substantially all teachers or members of the professional staff certified by the State Board of Examiners, who have titles that are unclassified, professional and certified. The TPAF's Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the TPAF.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The Public Employees' Retirement System is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan which was established as of January 1, 1955, under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 43:15A. The PERS's designated purpose is to provide retirement, death, disability and medical benefits to certain qualified members. Membership in the PERS is mandatory for substantially all full-time employees of the School District, provided the employee is not required to be a member of another state-administered retirement system or other state pensions fund or local jurisdiction's pension fund. The PERS's Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for the administration of the PERS.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - The Defined Contribution Retirement Program is a multiple-employer defined contribution pension fund established on July 1, 2007 under the provisions of Chapter 92, P.L. 2007, and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007 (N.J.S.A. 43:15C-1 et. seq.). The DCRP is a tax-qualified defined contribution money purchase pension plan under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) § 401(a) et seq., and is a "governmental plan" within the meaning of IRC § 414(d). The DCRP provides retirement benefits for eligible employees and their beneficiaries. Individuals covered under DCRP are employees enrolled in TPAF or PERS on or after July 1, 2007, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees enrolled in New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) after May 21, 2010, who earn salary in excess of established "maximum compensation" limits; employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS on or after November 2, 2008, who do not earn the minimum annual salary for tier 3 enrollment but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually; and employees otherwise eligible to enroll in TPAF or PERS after May 21, 2010 who do not work the minimum number of hours per week required for tiers 4 or 5 enrollment, but who earn salary of at least \$5,000.00 annually.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66. TPAF provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of TPAF. Members are always fully vested for their own contributions and, after three years of service credit, become vested for 2% of related interest earned on the contributions. In the case of death before retirement, members' beneficiaries are entitled to full interest credited to the members' accounts.

The following represents the membership tiers for TPAF:

**Tier Definition**

- 1 Members who were enrolled prior to July 1, 2007
- 2 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after July 1, 2007 and prior to November 2, 2008
- 3 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after November 2, 2008 and prior to May 21, 2010
- 4 Members who were eligible to enroll after May 21, 2010 and prior to June 28, 2011
- 5 Members who were eligible to enroll on or after June 28, 2011

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more of service credit before age 62, and tier 5 before age 65 with 30 years or more of service credit. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the retirement age for his/her respective tier.

Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The vesting and benefit provisions are set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A. PERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. All benefits vest after ten years of service, except for medical benefits, which vest after 25 years of service or under the disability provisions of the PERS.

The membership tiers for PERS are the same as previously noted for TPAF.

Service retirement benefits of 1/55<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tiers 1 and 2 members upon reaching age 60 and to tier 3 members upon reaching age 62. Service retirement benefits of 1/60<sup>th</sup> of final average salary for each year of service credit is available to tier 4 members upon reaching age 62 and tier 5 members upon reaching age 65. Early retirement benefits are available to tiers 1 and 2 members before reaching age 60, tiers 3 and 4 with 25 years or more service credit before age 62 and tier 5 with 30 or more years of service credit before age 65. Benefits are reduced by a fraction of a percent for each month that a member retires prior to the age at which a member can receive full early retirement benefits in accordance with their respective tier. Tier 1 members can receive an unreduced benefit from age 55 to age 60 if they have at least 25 years of service. Deferred retirement is available to members who have at least 10 years of service credit and have not reached the service retirement age for the respective tier.



**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information about the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Vesting and Benefit Provisions (Cont'd)**

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - Eligible members are provided with a defined contribution retirement plan intended to qualify for favorable Federal income tax treatment under IRC Section 401(a), a noncontributory group life insurance plan and a noncontributory group disability benefit plan. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employee contributions shall immediately become and shall at all times remain fully vested and nonforfeitable. A participant's interest in that portion of his or her defined contribution retirement plan account attributable to employer contributions shall be vested and nonforfeitable on the date the participant commences the second year of employment or upon his or her attainment of age 65, while employed by an employer, whichever occurs first.

**Contributions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 18A:66 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over 7 years beginning in July 2012. The member contribution rate was 7.34% in State fiscal year 2018. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rate takes place in July of each subsequent State fiscal year. The State's contribution is based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability. For fiscal year 2017, the State's pension contribution was less than the actuarial determined amount.

Under current statute, all employer contributions are made by the State of New Jersey on-behalf of the School District and all other related non-contributing employers. No normal or accrued liability contribution by the School District has been required over several preceding fiscal years. These on-behalf contributions by the State of New Jersey are considered a special funding situation, under the definition of GASB 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*.

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was 10.48% of the School District's covered payroll, of which 0.00% of payroll was required from the School District and 100.00% of payroll was required from the State of New Jersey. The School District was not required to make any contributions to the pension plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 because of the 100.00% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey.

Based on the most recent TPAF measurement date of June 30, 2017, the State's contractually required contribution, on-behalf of the School District, to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was \$443,410.00, and was paid by April 1, 2018. School District employee contributions to the pension plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 were \$315,547.54.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****General Information About the Pension Plans (Cont'd)****Contributions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15A and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. Members contribute at a uniform rate. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, the active member contribution rate increased from 5.5% of annual compensation to 6.5% plus an additional 1% phased-in over seven years beginning in July 2012. The member contribution rate was 7.34% in State fiscal year 2018. The phase-in of the additional incremental member contribution rate takes place in July of each subsequent State fiscal year. The rate for members who are eligible for the Prosecutors Part of PERS (Chapter 366, P.L. 2001) was 10%. Employer contribution amounts are based on an actuarially determined amount, which includes the normal cost and unfunded accrued liability.

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was 14.95% of the School District's covered payroll. This amount was actuarially determined as the amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, including an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Based on the most recent PERS measurement date of June 30, 2017, the School District's contractually required contribution to the pension plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was \$118,667.00, and was paid by April 1, 2018. School District employee contributions to the pension plan during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 were \$59,288.56.

**Defined Contribution Retirement Program** - The contribution policy is set by N.J.S.A. 43:15C-3 and requires contributions by active members and contributing employers. In accordance with Chapter 92, P.L. 2007 and Chapter 103, P.L. 2007, plan members are required to contribute 5.5% of their annual covered salary. In addition to the employee contributions, the School District contributes 3% of the employees' base salary, for each pay period, to Prudential Financial not later than the fifth business day after the date on which the employee is paid for that pay period.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, employee contributions totaled \$501.40, and the School District recognized pension expense, which equaled the required contributions, of \$734.12. There were no forfeitures during the fiscal year.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund** - At June 30, 2018, the School District was not required to report a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability because of a 100% special funding situation by the State of New Jersey.

The State's proportionate share of net pension liability, attributable to the School District is as follows:

School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the School District	26,623,904.00
	<u>\$ 26,623,904.00</u>

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2017. For the June 30, 2017 measurement date, the School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers and the State of New Jersey, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2017, the School District proportion was 0.00% due to the 100% special funding situation with the State of New Jersey. For the June 30, 2017 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the TPAF net pension liability associated with the School District was .03394875109%, which was a decrease of .0056275864% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized \$1,844,369.00 in pension expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State of New Jersey on-behalf TPAF pension contributions. This pension expense and revenue was based on the pension plans June 30, 2017 measurement date.

**Public Employees' Retirement System** - At June 30, 2018, the School District reported a liability of \$2,981,864.00 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2017. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the School District's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. For the June 30, 2017 measurement date, the School District's proportion was .0128095716%, which was a decrease of .0014962640% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized pension expense of \$80,681.00, in the government-wide financial statements. This pension expense was based on the pension plans June 30, 2017 measurement date.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)** - At June 30, 2018, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to PERS from the following sources:

	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 70,213.00	\$ -
Changes of Assumptions	600,743.00	598,540.00
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	20,304.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	59,009.00	592,264.00
School District Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	120,737.00	-
	<u>\$ 871,006.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,804.00</u>

\$120,737.00, included in deferred outflows of resources, will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<b><u>Year Ending June 30,</u></b>	
2019	\$ (65,346.00)
2020	(29,615.00)
2021	(74,314.00)
2022	(180,466.00)
2023	(90,794.00)
	<u>\$ (440,535.00)</u>

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Cont'd)**

**Public Employees' Retirement System (Cont'd)** - The amortization of the above other deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be over the following number of years:

	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	5.48	-
Changes of Assumptions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	-
June 30, 2015	5.72	-
June 30, 2016	5.57	-
June 30, 2017	-	5.48
Net Difference between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	-	5.00
June 30, 2015	-	5.00
June 30, 2016	5.00	-
June 30, 2017	5.00	-
Changes in Proportion and Differences between School District Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		
Year of Pension Plan Deferral:		
June 30, 2014	6.44	6.44
June 30, 2015	5.72	5.72
June 30, 2016	5.57	5.57
June 30, 2017	5.48	5.48

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2016. The total pension liability was calculated through the use of updated procedures to roll forward from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date of June 30, 2017. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	<b><u>TPAF</u></b>	<b><u>PERS</u></b>
Inflation	2.25%	2.25%
Salary Increases:		
2012-2021	Varies Based on Experience	-
Through 2026	-	1.65% - 4.15% Based on Age
Thereafter	Varies Based on Experience	2.65% - 5.15% Based on Age
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%	7.00%
Period of Actuarial Experience		
Study upon which Actuarial		
Assumptions were Based	July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015	July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014

For TPAF, pre-retirement, post-retirement and disabled mortality rates were based on the experience of TPAF members reflecting mortality improvement on a generational basis based on a 60-year average of Social Security data from 1953 to 2013.

For PERS, pre-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Preretirement Mortality Table for male and female active participants. Mortality tables are set back 2 years for males and 7 years for females. In addition, the tables provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Post-retirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Male and Female Mortality Tables (set back 1 year for males and females) for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members and a one-year static projection based on mortality improvement Scale AA. In addition, the tables for service retirements and beneficiaries of former members provide for future improvements in mortality from the base year of 2013 using a generational approach based on the plan actuary's modified MP-2014 projection scale. Disability retirement rates used to value disabled retirees were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 3 years for males and set forward 1 year for females).

For TPAF and PERS, in accordance with State statute, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments (7.00% at June 30, 2017) is determined by the State Treasurer, after consultation with the Directors of the Division of Investments and Division of Pensions and Benefits, the board of trustees and the actuaries. The long-term expected rate of return 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 rates of return for each major asset class included in TPAF's and PERS's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2017 are summarized in the following table:

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Actuarial Assumptions (Cont'd)**

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Absolute Return/Risk Mitigation	5.00%	5.51%
Cash Equivalents	5.50%	1.00%
U.S. Treasuries	3.00%	1.87%
Investment Grade Credit	10.00%	3.78%
Public High Yield	2.50%	6.82%
Global Diversified Credit	5.00%	7.10%
Credit Oriented Hedge Funds	1.00%	6.60%
Debt Related Private Equity	2.00%	10.63%
Debt Related Real Estate	1.00%	6.61%
Private Real Asset	2.50%	11.83%
Equity Related Real Estate	6.25%	9.23%
U.S. Equity	30.00%	8.19%
Non-U.S. Developed Markets Equity	11.50%	9.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	6.50%	11.64%
Buyouts/Venture Capital	<u>8.25%</u>	13.08%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

**Discount Rate** - The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability at June 30, 2017 were 4.25% and 5.00% for TPAF and PERS, respectively. For TPAF and PERS, the respective single blended discount rates were based on the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.00%, and a municipal bond rate of 3.58% as of June 30, 2017, based on the Bond Buyer Go 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rates for TPAF and PERS assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current member contribution rates and that contributions from employers will be made based on the contribution rate in the most recent fiscal year. The State employer contributed 40% of the actuarially determined amount for TPAF and PERS and the local employers contributed 100% of the actuarially determined amount for PERS. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members through 2036 for TPAF and 2040 for PERS. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through 2036 for TPAF and 2040 for PERS, and the municipal bond rate was applied to projected benefit payments after that date in determining the total pension liability.

**Note 9: PENSION PLANS (CONT'D)****Sensitivity of School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

**Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF)** - As previously mentioned, TPAF, has a special funding situation where the State pays 100% of the School District's annual required contribution. As such, the proportionate share of the net pension liability as of June 30, 2017, the pension plans measurement date, attributable to the School District is \$0, and the State of New Jersey's proportionate share of the net pension liability, attributable to the School District, using a discount rate of 4.25%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used is as follows:

	<b>TPAF</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease (3.25%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (4.25%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (5.25%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability associated with the School District	31,630,033.00	26,623,904.00	22,499,833.00
	<u>\$ 31,630,033.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,623,904.00</u>	<u>\$ 22,499,833.00</u>

**Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS)** - The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability at June 30, 2017, the plans measurement date, calculated using a discount rate of 5.00%, as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rates used:

	<b>PERS</b>		
	<b>1% Decrease (4.00%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (5.00%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.00%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,699,204.00	\$ 2,981,864.00	\$ 2,384,230.00

**Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the respective fiduciary net position of the TPAF and PERS and additions to/deductions from TPAF and PERS's respective fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TPAF and PERS. Accordingly, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. For additional information about TPAF and PERS, please refer to the plan's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/gasb-notices.shtml>.



**Note 10: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the School District has recognized as revenues and expenditures on-behalf payments made by the State for normal costs and post-retirement medical costs related to TPAF, in the fund financial statements. The amounts recognized as revenues and expenditures in the fund financial statements for normal costs, non-contributory insurance, post-retirement medical costs, and long-term disability insurance were \$625,769.00, \$15,186.00, \$413,979.00 and \$808.00, respectively.

**Note 11: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

**Joint Insurance Pool** - The School District is a member of the Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund. The Fund provides its members with the following coverage:

Property (Including Crime and Auto Physical Damage)  
 General and Automobile Liability  
 Workers' Compensation  
 Comprehensive Crime  
 Educator's Legal Liability  
 Boiler and Machinery  
 Pollution Legal Liability  
 Cyber Liability

Annual contributions to the Fund are determined by the Fund's Board of Trustees. The School District is jointly and personally liable for claims insured by the Fund and its members during the period of its membership, including liability for supplemental assessments, if necessary. The Fund's Board of Trustees may authorize refunds to its members in any fund year for which contributions exceed the amount necessary to fund its obligations for that year.

For more information regarding claims, coverages and deductibles, the Fund publishes its own financial report which can be obtained from:

Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund  
 P.O. Box 449  
 Marlton, New Jersey, 08053

**Note 12: DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

The School District offers its employees a choice of four deferred compensation plans created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Sections 403(b) and 457. The plans, which are administered by the entities listed below, permit participants to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Amounts deferred under the plans are not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. The plan administrators are as follows:

ABCO – ING  
 AXA Equitable  
 Lincoln Investments Planning, Inc.  
 AIG/Valic

**Note 13: COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The School District accounts for compensated absences (e.g., unused vacation, sick leave) as directed by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 16 (GASB 16), *Accounting for Compensated Absences*. A liability for compensated absences attributable to services already rendered and not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee is accrued as employees earn the rights to the benefits.

School District employees are granted varying amounts of vacation and sick leave in accordance with the School District's personnel policies and bargaining agreements. Upon termination, employees are paid for accrued vacation. The School District's policy permits employees to accumulate unused sick leave and carry forward the full amount to subsequent years. Upon retirement, employees shall be paid by the School District for the unused sick leave in accordance with the School District's agreements with the various employee unions.

The liability for vested compensated absences is recorded within those funds as the benefits accrue to employees. At June 30, 2018, the liability for compensated absences reported on the government-wide statement of net position was \$182,592.15.

**Note 14: INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS**

The composition of interfund balances as of June 30, 2018 is as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfunds Receivable</u>	<u>Interfunds Payable</u>
General	\$ 14,269.44	\$ -
Fiduciary	<u>                    </u>	<u>14,269.44</u>
	<u>\$ 14,269.44</u>	<u>\$ 14,269.44</u>

The interfund receivables and payables above predominately resulted from payments made by certain funds on behalf of other funds. During the fiscal year 2019, the School District expects to liquidate such interfunds, depending upon the availability of cash flow.

**Note 15: CONTINGENCIES**

**Grantor Agencies** - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies could be subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the School District expects such amount, if any, to be immaterial.

**Litigation** - The School District is a defendant in several legal proceedings that are in various stages of litigation. It is believed that the outcome, or exposure to the School District, from such litigation is either unknown or potential losses, if any, would not be material to the financial statements.

**Note 16: CONCENTRATIONS**

The School District depends on financial resources flowing from, or associated with, both the federal government and the State of New Jersey. As a result of this dependency, the School District is subject to changes in specific flows of intergovernmental revenues based on modifications to federal and State laws and federal and State appropriations.

**Note 17: DEFICIT FUND BALANCES**

The School District has a deficit fund balance of \$90,999.00 in the general fund as of June 30, 2018 as reported in the fund statements (modified accrual basis). N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 provides that in the event a state school aid payment is not made until the following school budget year, school districts must record the delayed one or more June state aid payments as revenue, for budget purposes only, in the current school budget year. The statute provides legal authority for school districts to recognize this revenue in the current budget year. For intergovernmental transactions, GASB Statement No. 33 requires that recognition (revenue, expenditure, asset, liability) should be in symmetry, i.e., if one government recognizes an asset, the other government recognizes a liability. Since the State is recording the June state aid payments in the subsequent fiscal year, the School District cannot recognize the June state aid payment on the GAAP financial statements until the year the State records the payable. Due to the timing difference of recording the June state aid payments, the general and special revenue fund balance deficit does not alone indicate that the School District is facing financial difficulties.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2 any negative unassigned general fund balance that is reported as a direct result from a delay in the June payments of state aid until the following fiscal year, is not considered in violation of New Jersey statute and regulation nor in need of corrective action. The School District deficit in the GAAP funds statements of \$90,999.00 is less than the June state aid payments.

**Note 18: FUND BALANCES****RESTRICTED**

As stated in note 1, the restricted fund balance classification includes amounts that are restricted to specific purposes. Such restrictions, or constraints, are placed on the use of resources by either of the following: (1) externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Specific restrictions of the School District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**General Fund**

**For Capital Reserve Account** - As of June 30, 2018, the balance in the capital reserve account is \$314,477.59. These funds are restricted for future capital outlay expenditures for capital projects in the School District's approved Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP).

**For Maintenance Reserve Account** - As of June 30, 2018, the balance in the maintenance reserve account is \$204,709.77. These funds are restricted for the required maintenance of school facilities in accordance with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act (EFCFA) (N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-9) as amended by P.L. 2004, c. 73 (S1701).

**Debt Service Fund** - In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.6, a district board of education shall appropriate annually all debt service fund balances in the budget certified for taxes unless expressly authorized and documented by the voters in a bond referendum. As a result, the School District has not appropriated and included as an anticipated revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 because the debt service balance at June 30, 2018 is \$1.08.

**Note 18: FUND BALANCES (CONT'D)****ASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the assigned fund balance classification includes amounts that are constrained by the School District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Specific assignments of the School District's fund balance are summarized as follows:

**Other Purposes** - As of June 30, 2018, the School District had \$7,299.71 of encumbrances outstanding for purchase orders and contracts signed by the School District, but not completed, as of the close of the fiscal year.

**UNASSIGNED**

As stated in note 1, the unassigned fund balance classification represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes. The School District's unassigned fund balance is summarized as follows:

**General Fund** - As of June 30, 2018, \$(90,999.00) of general fund balance was unassigned.

**Note 19: TAX ABATEMENTS**

As defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), a tax abatement is an agreement between a government and an individual or entity in which the government promises to forgo tax revenues and the individual or entity promises to subsequently take a specific action that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the government or its citizens. School districts are not authorized by New Jersey statute to enter into tax abatement agreements. However, the county or municipality in which the school district is situated may have entered into tax abatement agreements, and that potential must be disclosed in these financial statements. If the county or municipality entered into tax abatement agreements, those agreements will not directly affect the school district's local tax revenue because N.J.S.A. 54:4-75 and N.J.S.A. 54:4-76 require that amounts so forgiven must effectively be recouped from other taxpayers and remitted to the school district.

The Township of Eastampton has entered into various property tax abatement agreements with properties having aggregate assessed valuations of \$8,395,300.00. Based on the School District's 2018 certified tax rate of 1.263%, abated taxes totaled \$106,032.64.

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN****General Information about the OPEB Plan**

**Plan Description and Benefits Provided** - The State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees Plan (the "OPEB Plan") is a multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan, with a special funding situation, that is administered on a pay-as-you-go basis. Accordingly, no assets are accumulated in a qualifying trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for the Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. The OPEB Plan is administered by the State of New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits (the "Division") and is part of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (SHBP). The Division issues a publically available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information which can be obtained by writing to or at the following website:

State of New Jersey  
Division of Pensions and Benefits  
P.O. Box 295  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0295  
<https://www.nj.gov/treasury/pensions/financial-reports.shtml>

The OPEB Plan provides medical, prescription drug, and Medicare Part B reimbursement to retirees and their covered dependents of local education employers.

**Contributions** - The employer contributions for the participating local education employers are legally required to be funded by the State of New Jersey (the "State") in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f. According to N.J.S.A 52:14-17.32f, the State provides employer-paid coverage to employees who retire from a board of education or county college with 25 years or more of service credit in, or retires on a disability pension from, one or more of the following plans: the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), the Police and Firemen Retirement System (PFRS), or the Alternate Benefit Program (ABP). Pursuant to Chapter 78, P.L. 2011, future retirees eligible for postretirement medical coverage who have less than 20 years of creditable service on June 28, 2011 will be required to pay a percentage of the cost of their health care coverage in retirement provided they retire with 25 or more years of pension service credit. The percentage of the premium for which the retiree will be responsible will be determined based on the retiree's annual retirement benefit and level of coverage.

**Employees Covered by Benefit Terms** - At June 30, 2018, the entire State Health Benefit Local Education Retired Employees OPEB Plan consisted of the following members.

Active Plan Members	223,747
Inactive Plan Members or Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	142,331
Inactive Plan Members Entitled to but Not Yet Receiving Benefit Payments	-
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	<u>366,078</u>

**Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability**

The State of New Jersey, a non-employer contributing entity, is the only entity that has a legal obligation to make employer contributions to the OPEB Plan for qualified retired TPAF, PERS, PFRS and ABP participants. The School District's proportionate share percentage determined under paragraphs 193 and 203 through 205 of GASBS No. 75 is zero percent. Accordingly, the School District did not recognize any portion of the collective net OPEB liability on the Statement of Net Position. The State's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability associated with the School District as of June 30, 2018 was \$22,422,802.00. Since the OPEB liability associated with the School District is 100% attributable to the State, the OPEB liability will be referred to as the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability.

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)**

The total Non-Employer OPEB Liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016, which was rolled forward to June 30, 2017. The total Non-Employer OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2016 was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2016. For the June 30, 2017 measurement date, the State's proportionate share of the Non-Employer OPEB Plan Liability associated with the School District was .0418025133%, which was an increase of .0001098258% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2016.

**Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs** - The actuarial assumptions and other inputs vary for each plan member depending on the pension plan in which the member is enrolled. The actuarial valuation at June 30, 2016 used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

**Salary Increases -**

	<b><u>TPAF/ABP (1)</u></b>	<b><u>PERS (2)</u></b>	<b><u>PFRS (2)</u></b>
Through 2026	1.55% - 4.55%	2.15% - 4.15%	2.10% - 8.98%
Thereafter	2.00% - 5.45%	3.15% - 5.15%	3.10% - 9.98%

(1) - Based on years of service

(2) - Based on age

**Inflation Rate** - 2.50%.

**Mortality Rates** - Preretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Employee Male/Female mortality table with fully generational mortality improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Postretirement mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Headcount-Weighted Healthy Annuitant Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale. Disability mortality was based on the RP-2014 Headcount-Weighted Disabled Male/Female mortality table with fully generational improvement projections from the central year using the MP-2017 scale.

**Experience Studies** - The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of actuarial experience studies for the periods July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2015, July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2013, and July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2014 for TPAF, PFRS and PERS, respectively.

**Health Care Trend Assumptions** - For pre-Medicare preferred provider organization (PPO) medical benefits, this amount initially is 5.9% and decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after nine years. For self-insured post-65 PPO medical benefits, the trend rate is 4.5%. For health maintenance organization (HMO) medical benefits, the trend rate is initially 5.9% and decreases to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after nine years. For prescription drug benefits, the initial trend rate is 10.5% decreasing to a 5.0% long-term trend rate after eight years. For the Medicare Part B reimbursement, the trend rate is 5.0%. The Medicare Advantage trend rate is 4.5% and will continue in all future years.

**Discount Rate** - The discount rate for June 30, 2017 and 2016 was 3.58% and 2.85%, respectively. This represents the municipal bond return rate as chosen by the Division. The source is the Bond Buyer GO 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index, which includes tax-exempt general obligation municipal bonds with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher.

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) (CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)**

**Changes in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability** - The below table summarizes the State's proportionate share of the change in the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability associated with the School District:

Balance at June 30, 2017		\$ 24,111,625.00
Changes for the Year:		
Service Cost	\$ 919,424.00	
Interest Cost	706,307.00	
Changes in Assumptions	(2,814,318.00)	
Gross Benefit Payments	(519,360.00)	
Member Contributions	19,124.00	
Net Changes		(1,688,823.00)
Balance at June 30, 2018		\$ 22,422,802.00

There were no changes in benefit terms between the June 30, 2016 measurement date and the June 30, 2017 measurement date.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 2.85% for the June 30, 2016 measurement date to 3.58% for the June 30, 2017 measurement date.

**Sensitivity of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate** - The State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2017, associated with the School District, using a discount rate of 3.58%, as well as using a discount rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher than the current rate used is as follows:

	1% Decrease <u>(2.58%)</u>	Current Discount Rate <u>(3.58%)</u>	1% Increase <u>(4.58%)</u>
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability Associated with the School District	\$ 26,617,483.70	\$ 22,422,802.00	\$ 19,095,540.61

**Sensitivity of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates** - The State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2017, associated with the School District, using a healthcare cost trend rates that are 1% lower or 1% higher than the current healthcare cost trend rate used is as follows:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
State of New Jersey's Proportionate Share of the Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability Associated with the School District	\$ 18,440,587.03	\$ 22,422,802.00	\$ 27,711,136.62

**Note 20: POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS (OPEB) - (CONT'D)****STATE HEALTH BENEFIT LOCAL EDUCATION RETIRED EMPLOYEES PLAN (CONT'D)****Total Non-Employer OPEB Liability (Cont'd)**

**OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Non-Employer OPEB Liability** - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, the School District recognized \$1,325,188.00 in OPEB expense and revenue, in the government-wide financial statements, for the State's proportionate share of the OPEB Plan's OPEB Expense, associated with the School District. This expense and revenue was based on the OPEB Plan's June 30, 2017 measurement date.

In accordance with GASBS No. 75, the School District's proportionate share of the OPEB liability is zero. As such, there is no recognition of the allocation of proportionate share of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources by the School District. However, at June 30, 2018, the State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, associated with School District, from the following sources are as follows:

	<b><u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u></b>	<b><u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u></b>
Changes in Proportion	\$ 50,188.00	\$ -
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	<u>-</u>	<u>2,651,855.00</u>
	<b><u>\$ 50,188.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,651,855.00</u></b>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the State's proportionate share of the total Non-Employer OPEB Liability, associated with the School District, will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

<b><u>Year Ending June 30,</u></b>	
2019	\$ (304,644.65)
2020	(304,644.65)
2021	(304,644.65)
2022	(304,644.65)
2023	(304,644.65)
Thereafter	<u>(1,078,443.75)</u>
	<b><u>\$ (2,601,667.00)</u></b>



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**APPENDIX C**

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**FORM OF BOND COUNSEL'S OPINION**



October \_\_, 2020

The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton,  
in the County of Burlington, New Jersey  
1 Student Drive  
Eastampton, New Jersey

**RE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
EASTAMPTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY,  
TAXABLE SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as Bond Counsel in connection with the authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the above-referenced obligations ("Refunding Bonds") by The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board).

The Refunding Bonds are being issued pursuant to: (i) Chapter 24 of Title 18A, Education, of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented ("School Bond Law"); (ii) a refunding bond ordinance, duly and finally adopted by the Board on May 19, 2020 ("Refunding Bond Ordinance"); and (iii) a resolution, duly adopted by the Board on August 25, 2020 ("Resolution"). The Refunding Bonds are entitled to the benefits of the School Bond Reserve Act, Chapter 56 of Title 18A, Education, of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented.

The Refunding Bonds are being issued to provide funds which will be used to: (i) advance refund and redeem all of the School District's outstanding callable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, maturing on March 1 in the years 2023 through 2030, both dates inclusive; and (ii) pay the costs and expenses related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds.

The Refunding Bonds are dated their date of delivery, and mature on March 1 in each of the years and in the respective principal amounts set opposite each such year in the table below and bear interest at the rates per annum below, payable initially on March 1, 2021 and semi-annually thereafter on September 1 and March 1 in each year until maturity.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$	%	2026	\$	%
2022			2027		
2023			2028		
2024			2029		
2025			2030		

**COUNSEL WHEN IT MATTERS.<sup>SM</sup>**



The Refunding Bonds are issuable in fully registered book-entry form without coupons and are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturity dates.

As the basis for the opinion set forth below, we have examined such matters of law as we have deemed necessary including, *inter alia*, the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), and the School Bond Law. We have also examined such documents, certifications and instruments as we have deemed necessary, including, without limitation, the Refunding Bond Ordinance, the Resolution, and the other certifications, opinions and instruments listed in the closing agenda prepared in connection with the settlement for the Refunding Bonds.

In rendering the following opinion, we have relied upon the authenticity, truthfulness and completeness of all documents, certifications and instruments examined.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the following opinion:

1. The Refunding Bonds are legal, valid and binding obligations of the School District enforceable in accordance with the terms thereof, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium or other laws or equitable principles affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally ("Creditors' Rights Limitations").

2. For the payment of principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds, the School District has the power and is obligated, to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all taxable real property located within the School District without limitation as to rate or amount, except to the extent that enforcement thereof may be affected by Creditors' Rights Limitations.

3. Interest on the Refunding Bonds is included in gross income for Federal tax purposes.

4. Interest on the Refunding Bonds and any gain from the sale thereof is not included in the gross income of the owners thereof under the New Jersey Gross Income Tax Act, as presently enacted and construed.

We express no opinion as to any matter not set forth in the numbered paragraphs above including, without limitation, any financial or other information which has been or may be supplied to purchasers of the Refunding Bonds.

The opinions expressed in the numbered paragraphs above are being rendered on the basis of federal law and the laws of the State of New Jersey, as presently enacted and construed, and we assume no responsibility to advise any party as to any changes in law or fact subsequent to the date hereof.



**PARKER McCAY**

The Board of Education of the  
Township of Eastampton,  
in the County of Burlington, New Jersey  
October \_\_, 2020  
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This is only an opinion letter and not a warranty or guaranty of the matters discussed above.

This letter is being provided solely for the benefit of the School District and may not be relied upon by any other person, party, firm or organization without our prior written consent.

Very truly yours,

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**APPENDIX D**

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**FORM OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT**

## CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

**THIS CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT** ("Disclosure Agreement") is made on this 15th day of October, 2020 between The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton, in the County of Burlington, New Jersey ("Board" when referring to the governing body and "School District" when referring to the legal entity governed by the Board) and the Dissemination Agent (hereinafter defined). This Disclosure Agreement is entered into in connection with the issuance and sale by the School District of its Taxable School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 ("Refunding Bonds"), in the aggregate principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Agreement.** This Disclosure Agreement is being executed and delivered for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Refunding Bonds (collectively, the "Bondholders") and in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12(b)(5), promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as it may be amended from time to time, including administrative or judicial interpretations thereof, as it applies to the Refunding Bonds ("Rule").

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** Capitalized terms, not otherwise defined herein, shall, for purposes of this Disclosure Agreement, have the following meanings:

**"Annual Report"** shall mean, the School District's Annual Report provided pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Agreement.

**"Commission"** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 of this Disclosure Agreement

**"Business Day"** shall mean any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the School District or the Dissemination Agent is authorized by law or contract to remain closed.

**"Continuing Disclosure Information"** shall mean: (i) the Annual Report; (ii) any notice required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 5 hereof; and (iii) any notice of an event required to be filed with the National Repository pursuant to Section 3(c) hereof.

**"Dissemination Agent"** shall mean Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, New Jersey, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the School District and which has filed with the School District a written acceptance of such designation.

**"EMMA"** shall mean the Electronic Municipal Market Access System, an internet based filing system created and maintained by the MSRB in accordance with Release No. 34-59062 of the Commission, dated December 5, 2008, pursuant to which issuers of tax-exempt bonds, including the Refunding Bonds, and other filers on behalf of such issuers shall upload Continuing Disclosure Information to assist underwriters in complying with the Rule and to provide the general public with access to such Continuing Disclosure Information.

**"Listed Events"** shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5(a) of this Disclosure Agreement.

**"MSRB"** shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

**"National Repository"** shall mean the MSRB, through the internet facilities of EMMA, or any other public or private repository or entity that shall hereafter be designated by the Commission as a repository for purposes of the Rule.

**"Official Statement"** shall mean the Official Statement of the School District dated September \_\_\_, 2020 relating to the Refunding Bonds.

**"Opinion of Counsel"** shall mean a written opinion of counsel expert in federal securities law acceptable to the School District.

**"Rule"** shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 of this Disclosure Agreement.

### **SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Report.**

(a) The School District shall not later than two hundred seventy (270) days after the end of its fiscal year (currently June 30) for each fiscal year until termination of the School District's reporting obligations under this Disclosure Agreement pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 hereof provide to the Dissemination Agent the Annual Report prepared for the preceding fiscal year of the School District (commencing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020). Each Annual Report provided to the Dissemination Agent by the School District shall comply with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Agreement but may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package and may cross-reference other information submitted to the National Repository. Any and all items that must be included in the Annual Report may be incorporated by reference from other information that is available to the public on EMMA, or that has been filed with the Commission.

(b) The Dissemination Agent, promptly (within fifteen (15) Business Days) after receiving the Annual Report from the School District shall submit each Annual Report received by it to the National Repository and thereafter shall file a written report with the School District certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Agreement to the National Repository and stating the date it was provided to the National Repository.

(c) If the School District fails to provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent by the date required in subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall send a notice to the School District advising of such failure. Whether or not such notice is given or received, if the School District thereafter fails to submit the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Annual Report was due pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this Section 3, the Dissemination Agent shall promptly send a notice (with a copy of said notice to the School District) to the National Repository in substantially the form attached as EXHIBIT "A" hereto.

**SECTION 4. Contents of Annual Report.** Annual Report shall mean: (i) the School District's annual financial statements, substantially in the form set forth in Appendix B to the Official Statement, audited by an independent certified public accountant, provided that the annual audited financial statements of the School District may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report and later than the date required in Section 3(a) hereof for the filing of the Annual Report if the annual audited financial statements are not available by that date, but only if the unaudited financial statements of the School District are included in the Annual Report; and (ii) certain financial information and operating data of the Board consisting of Board indebtedness,

property valuation information, and tax rate, levy and collection data. Each annual audited financial statements will conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to governmental units or will be prepared in accordance with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and requirements of the New Jersey Department of Education as such principles, standards and requirements exist at the time of the filing of the particular annual audited financial statements.

#### **SECTION 5. Reporting of Significant Events.**

(a) This Section 5 shall govern the giving of notices of the occurrence of any of the following listed events ("Listed Events"):

- (1) principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- (2) non-payment related defaults, if material;
- (3) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- (4) unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- (5) substitution of credit or liquidity providers or their failure to perform;
- (6) adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB) or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Refunding Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Refunding Bonds;
- (7) modifications to the rights of Refunding Bondholders, if material;
- (8) Refunding Bond calls (excluding mandatory sinking fund redemptions), if material, or tender offers;
- (9) defeasances;
- (10) release, substitution, or sale of property securing repayment of the Refunding Bonds, if material;
- (11) rating changes;
- (12) bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the obligated person;
- (13) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving an obligated person or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the 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<sup>1</sup> of the obligated person, if material, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which affect security holders, if material; and

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<sup>1</sup> The term "financial obligation" means a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation; or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term financial obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board consistent with Rule 15c2-12.



- (16) default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a financial obligation of the obligated person, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

(b) The School District shall within eight (8) Business Days of the occurrence of any of the Listed Events, notify the Dissemination Agent in writing to report the event pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section 5. In determining the materiality of a Listed Event specified clauses (2), (7), (8), (10), (13), (14) or (15) of subsection (a) of this Section 5, the School District may, but shall not be required to, rely conclusively on an Opinion of Counsel.

(c) If the Dissemination Agent has been instructed by the School District to report the occurrence of a Listed Event, the Dissemination Agent shall file a notice of such occurrence with the National Repository within two (2) Business Days of the receipt of such instruction, with a copy of such notice provided by the Dissemination Agent to the School District.

**SECTION 6. Termination of Reporting Obligations.** The reporting obligations of the School District under this Disclosure Agreement shall terminate upon the defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Refunding Bonds or when the School District is no longer an Obligated Person (as defined in the Rule) with respect to the Refunding Bonds.

**SECTION 7. Amendment; Waiver.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the School District may amend this Disclosure Agreement and any provision of this Disclosure Agreement may be waived, if such amendment or waiver is supported by an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment or waiver will not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein to violate the Rule. No amendment to this Disclosure Agreement shall change or modify the rights or obligations of the Dissemination Agent without its written assent thereto. The School District shall give notice of such amendment or waiver to this Disclosure Agreement to the Dissemination Agent and the Dissemination Agent shall file such notice with the National Repository.

**SECTION 8. Additional Information.** Nothing in this Disclosure Agreement shall be deemed to prevent the School District from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure 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 Disclosure Agreement. If the School District 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 Disclosure Agreement, it shall not have any obligation under this Disclosure Agreement to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Listed Event.

**SECTION 9. Prior Compliance With the Rule.** Except as disclosed in the Official Statement, the School District covenants that it has never failed to comply with any previous undertakings to provide secondary market disclosure pursuant to the Rule.

**SECTION 10. Default and Remedies.** In the event of a failure of the School District to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, the Dissemination Agent may (and, at the request of the Bondholders of at least twenty-five percent (25%) in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Refunding Bonds and provision of indemnity and security for expenses satisfactory to it, shall), or any beneficial owner of the Refunding Bonds may, take such actions as

may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance by court order, to cause the School District to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Agreement. A failure of the School District to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Agreement shall not be deemed to be a default under the Refunding Bonds. The sole remedy under this Disclosure Agreement in the event of any failure of the School District to comply with this Disclosure Agreement shall be an action to compel performance.

**SECTION 11. Notices.** All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Disclosure Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given, made and received only when delivered (personally, by recognized national or regional courier service, or by other messenger, for delivery to the intended addressee) or when deposited in the United States mail, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, addressed as set forth below:

If to the School District:

The Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton,  
County of Burlington, New Jersey  
1 Student Drive  
Eastampton, New Jersey 08060  
Attention: Patricia Austin,  
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

If to the Dissemination Agent:

Phoenix Advisors LLC  
625 Farnsworth Avenue  
Bordentown, New Jersey 08505  
Attention: Sherry L. Tracey, Senior Managing Director

Any party may alter the address to which communications are to be sent by giving notice of such change of address in conformity with the provision of this Section 11 for the giving of notice.

**SECTION 12. Beneficiaries.** This Disclosure Agreement shall inure solely to the benefit of the School Board, the Dissemination Agent and the Bondholders and nothing herein contained shall confer any right upon any other person.

**SECTION 13. Submission of Information to MSRB.** Any Continuing Disclosure Information filed with the MSRB in accordance with this Disclosure Agreement shall be in electronic format as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or such other format as the Rule may require or permit, and shall be accompanied by such identifying information as shall be prescribed by the MSRB or as may otherwise be required by the Rule.

**SECTION 14. Compensation.** The School Board shall pay the Dissemination Agent from time to time reasonable compensation for all services rendered under this Disclosure Agreement, and also all reasonable expenses, charges, counsel fees and other disbursements, including those of its attorneys, agents and employees, incurred in and about the performance of its powers and duties under this Disclosure Agreement.

**SECTION 15. Successors and Assigns.** All of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Disclosure Agreement by or on behalf of the School District or the Dissemination Agent shall bind and inure to the benefit of their respective successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

**SECTION 16. Headings for Convenience Only.** The descriptive headings in this Disclosure Agreement are inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not control or affect the meaning or construction of any of the provisions hereof.

**SECTION 17. Counterparts.** This Disclosure Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

**SECTION 18. Severability.** If any provision of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of any such provision in any jurisdiction or to any person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Disclosure Agreement, or the application of such provision as is held invalid or unenforceable in jurisdictions or to persons or circumstances other than those in or as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 19. Governing Law.** This Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto executed this Disclosure Agreement as of the date first above written.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON, COUNTY OF  
BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**PATRICIA AUSTIN, Interim Business  
Administrator/Board Secretary**

**PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC,  
as Dissemination Agent**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHERRY L. TRACEY,  
Senior Managing Director**

**EXHIBIT A**

**NOTICE TO NATIONAL REPOSITORY OF FAILURE TO FILE AN ANNUAL REPORT**

Name of Issuer: Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton,  
County of Burlington, New Jersey

Name of Bond Issues Affected: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Taxable School Refunding Bonds, Series  
2020

Date of Issuance of the Affected  
Bond Issue: October 15, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above named Refunding Bond issue as required by Section 3 of the Continuing Disclosure Agreement, dated October 15, 2020, between the School District and the Dissemination Agent. [TO BE INCLUDED ONLY IF THE DISSEMINATION AGENT HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE EXPECTED FILING DATE - The Issuer anticipates that such Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.]

Dated:

PHOENIX ADVISORS, LLC,  
as Dissemination Agent

cc: Board of Education of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, New Jersey